

The Minutes of the **Conference Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **May 24, 2016** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 108.

THIS MEETING IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT" AS ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY MAILING THE ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS TO THE WESTFIELD LEADER, THE UNION COUNTY LOCAL SOURCE, THE STAR LEDGER, AND TAP INTO CRANFORD, BY POSTING SUCH ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE ON A BULLETIN BOARD IN THE TOWN HALL RESERVED FOR SUCH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE FILING OF SAID NOTICE WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK OF CRANFORD. FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING.

Present: Mayor Andis Kalnins
Deputy Mayor Mary O'Connor
Commissioner John Mallon
Commissioner Patrick F. Giblin
Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Kalnins opened the public comments portion of the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing no comments, Mayor Kalnins closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Review Official Meeting Agenda

All items were approved for official action.

Noise Ordinance

Township Attorney Dabulas discussed the Township's current noise ordinance and the restricted uses and activities for commercial landscapers. Discussed options to the Township as to amendments to the ordinance that might be permitted.

Commissioner Hannen suggested that commercial landscapers be prohibited from operating before 8:00 AM on weekdays.

Discussion was held as to a noise enforcement officer.

The Township Committee was agreeable to changing the hours for restricted use from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM on weekdays for commercial landscapers.

Ordinance authorizing the amendment to be introduced June 14, 2016.

Change in meeting location during upgrades to Council Chambers

Mayor Kalnins discussed the need to change the location for the Township Committee's Official Meetings when Council Chambers is being upgraded/renovated. Explained that the meetings could continue to be recorded but they could not be broadcasted live.

The Township Committee was agreeable to changing the location of the Official Meetings to Room 108 during renovations to Council Chambers. Dates to be determined.

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CLOSED SESSION

On motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Commissioner Mallon and passed, the following resolution was adopted by roll call vote:

Resolution No. 2016-98.12:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee will go into closed session to discuss the following, the minutes of which will be released at some time in the future at the discretion of the Township Committee:

Legal

- CDA v. Township of Cranford

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Deputy Mayor O'Connor, Commissioners Mallon, Giblin and Hannen

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

On motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Commissioner Mallon and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at 8:00 PM.

The Township Committee moved to Council Chambers at 8:00 PM to conduct the Official Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 24, 2016

Tara Rowley, RMC
Municipal Clerk