

The Minutes of the **Conference Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **September 13, 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 Patrick F. Giblin  
Commissioner John Mallon  
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 approved for action.

### **Landscaping for North Avenue Station Pedestrian area**

Discussion was held regarding the funding mechanism for landscaping of the North Avenue Station Pedestrian area.

Commissioner Mallon requested an accounting of funds remaining from capital projects.

Mayor Kalnins explained that an accounting of these funds is included in the annual audit.

Commissioner Giblin discussed the 2009 bond ordinance that was referenced as a funding source for the landscaping project.

Commissioner Hannen discussed roadways included in the 2016 Paving Program, such as Bloomingdale Avenue, and feels remaining funds from a previous bond could have been used for the paving of this roadway during the summer months when school was not in session, had the Township Committee been made aware of the availability of these funds.

Township Administrator Wall feels this project should not be charged against the bond ordinance from 2009 because the purpose of the ordinance is too specific and does not apply to landscaping. Discussed alternative funding mechanisms that are available that could be used for this project.

Commissioner Hannen discussed the auditor's recommendation to fund this project against the bond ordinance from 2009 and asked that it be forwarded to him. Expressed concern that information concerning the funding of this project was not provided to all members of the Township Committee, and stated that he is not comfortable supporting the resolution related to this project because he was not provided with information prior to the meeting.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

On motion of Deputy Mayor O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Mallon and passed, the following resolution was adopted by roll call vote:

### **Resolution No. 2016-98.21:**

**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:

### **Personnel**

- DMC

### **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 Deputy Mayor O'Connor and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at 7:54 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 13, 2016

Tara Rowley, RMC  
Municipal Clerk