

The Minutes of the **Conference Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **June 9, 2015** 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 FAXING THE ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS TO THE CRANFORD CHRONICLE, UNION COUNTY LOCAL SOURCE, AND THE STAR LEDGER, 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 Lisa M. Adubato  
Commissioner Robert D'Ambola  
Commissioner Mary O'Connor  
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**

Township Attorney Dabulas discussed a potential conflict of interest with the proposed appointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and informed the Township Committee that the resolution authorizing the appointment was not included on the agenda.

All items were approved for action.

### **Resolution No. 2015-220A:**

Deputy Mayor Adubato discussed funding for the North Avenue Station Pedestrian Improvement Project. Explained that there is approximately \$960,000 remaining in the 2014 paving program because the bids received for paving were under the cost estimate and some roads included in the program were paved by the gas company. Approximately \$485,000 of these unused funds would be used for the North Avenue Station Pedestrian Project.

Discussion held.

Commissioner Hannen expressed concern that the cost of the North Avenue Station Pedestrian Improvement project has significantly increased since the original cost estimate. Discussed the potential for reducing the scope of work. Feels the project is too expensive.

Discussion held regarding grant funds awarded for the project and the potential for using these funds to pay down debt or reallocating them for additional road resurfacing.

### **Late Starter – Purchase of Aerial Apparatus**

Discussion held regarding potential financing for the replacement of Tower 1.

Further discussion to be held June 22, 2015.

### **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.

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

### **Resolution No. 2015-22:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee will go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter in connection with the Fire Department, the minutes of which will be released at some time in the future at the discretion of the Township Committee:

### **Recorded vote:**

Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Deputy Mayor Adubato, Commissioners D'Ambola, O'Connor and Hannen

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

On motion of Commissioner D'Ambola seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at 7:55 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 9, 2015

Tara Rowley, RMC  
Municipal Clerk