

The Minutes of the **Conference Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **February 28, 2017** 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 Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.
Deputy Mayor Patrick F. Giblin
Commissioner Ann Dooley
Commissioner Andis Kalnins
Commissioner Mary O’Connor

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Hannen opened the public comments portion of the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments.

Barbara Krause, 20 Pittsfield Street, discussed the Historic Preservation Recognition Award to be presented to the Township by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution on March 11, 2017. Also discussed the different community groups that would be represented at this ceremony.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Hannen closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Review Official Meeting Agenda

All items were approved for action.

Late Starter – Union County Budget Meetings

Deputy Mayor Giblin discussed the Union County Budget hearings that have been scheduled and the proposed capital projects that would impact Cranford.

Late Starter – State budget

Commissioner Kalnins discussed the proposed State budget for fiscal year 2018, which includes flat funding for municipal aid.

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Barbara Krause, 20 Pittsfield Street, discussed her recent attendance at an elementary school and commended the students on their behavior.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Hannen closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Resolution No. 2017-91.8:

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:

Contractual

- Planning services-MDTV property

Personnel

- Swim Pool Utility
- Health Department

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Hannen, Deputy Mayor Giblin, Commissioners Dooley, Kalnins and O’Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Dooley and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at 7:50 PM.

Late Starter – signage

Commissioner Dooley discussed the signs that were installed at the gateways to the Township and a comment she received from a resident expressing concern with the slogan that was selected. Feels the Township Committee needs to address this issue.

Commissioner O'Connor informed the Township Committee that she spoke with the Municipal Alliance Chairperson concerning this matter. Explained that there was a misunderstanding as to the approval process by the Township Committee and the Municipal Alliance would handle the removal of the signs.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Rowley, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Dated: February 28, 2017