

The Minutes of the **Conference Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **April 11, 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. Hearing no comments, Mayor Hannen closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Late Starter-2017 Capital Budget

Township Administrator Wall discussed the revised 2017 Capital Budget. Informed the Township Committee that the total is \$3,843,500.

Commissioner Kalnins discussed possible reductions that would provide for a total budget of approximately \$3.5 million.

Discussion was held as to the potential reduction of a request for playground improvements and reallocating those funds to road resurfacing.

Commissioner O’Connor feels that if the Township Committee reduces funding for certain projects, she prefers to reduce the total budget to reduce debt rather than reallocating to road resurfacing.

Discussion held regarding the Police Department request for Zodiac Boat.

Township Committee agreeable to reducing park improvements by \$100,000 for a total Capital Budget of \$3,743,500.

Tentative introduction on April 25, 2017.

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CLOSED SESSION

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

Resolution No. 2017-91.12:

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 Matter

- Affordable Housing Obligation

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 Deputy Mayor Giblin and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at 7:45 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 28, 2017

Tara Rowley, RMC
Municipal Clerk