

The Minutes of the **Conference Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **June 27, 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 Andis Kalnins  
Commissioner Mary O’Connor

Absent: Commissioner Ann Dooley

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

James Rhatican, Hartz Mountain, discussed the application submitted to rezone the Hartz Mountain property. Discussed a request to meet with the Township Committee and the community to discuss the development of the property. Also discussed signs posted in the community in opposition to the development, and the community meeting being held tonight by residents.

Deputy Mayor Giblin discussed the community meeting being held tonight at the Community Center and explained that it is not associated with the Township Committee.

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

### **Late Starter – Energy Audit**

Commissioner Kalnins informed the Township Committee that he contacted an individual from NJ Clean Energy and informed him of the proposal presented by Jeffery Berger of Willdan during the June 26, 2017 Workshop Meeting. The individual he contacted feels Willdan is a reputable company.

Township Administrator Wall explained that an energy audit could be conducted at no cost to the community.

Mayor Hannen feels it was unclear as to whether a cost would be incurred.

Commissioner Kalnins confirmed that the cost would be covered through a surcharge on utility bills by the Board of Public Utilities.

Mayor Hannen suggested a subcommittee be designated to handle this matter.

The Township Committee was agreeable to Mayor Hannen’s suggestion.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

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

### **Resolution No. 2017-91.24**

**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**

- Township Attorney Update

### **Recorded vote:**

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Commissioner Dooley

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Giblin and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at 8:15 PM.

The Township Committee moved to Council Chambers at 8:15 PM to conduct the Official Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 27, 2017

Tara Rowley, RMC  
Municipal Clerk