

The Minutes of the **Conference Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **October 23, 2018** at 7:04 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 Ann Dooley
Commissioner Patrick F. Giblin
Commissioner Jean-Albert Maisonneuve
Commissioner Mary O'Connor

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Hannen opened the public comment 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 – Best Practices Inventory

Municipal Clerk Patricia Donahue requested that members of the Committee sign a Group Affidavit form concerning "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964." Deputy Mayor Dooley spoke about her concerns on the matter. Township Attorney Ryan Cooper responded.

Minute Approval – Closed Session Minutes of May 22nd, September 24th, September 25th, October 2nd and October 9th

Committee consensus was reached to approved the Closed Session minutes of May 22nd, September 24th, September 25th, October 2nd and October 9th. Mayor Hannen then stated that he would not vote in favor of the approval of the September 24th Closed Session minutes. Deputy Mayor Dooley inquired if the Mayor had edits to the September 24th Closed Session minutes. Mayor Hannen responded he did not.

Late Starter – Alcoholic Beverage Control Inquiry

The Committee discussed a request made to the Clerk's office regarding a retail consumption (liquor) license. Discussion ensued regarding alcoholic beverage control (ABC) license legislation in Trenton, "bring your own bottle" establishments, the effect of ABC licenses on

North Union Avenue, evaluating how other towns move forward on the proposed legislation, barriers to entry and how this situation was similar to the marijuana issue. Mayor Hannen asked Mr. Cooper to work with Ms. Donahue on this issue and response to the public.

Review Official Meeting Agenda

Commissioner O'Connor provided an update on the previous evening's Workshop Agenda item, specifically the proposed ordinance regarding Sewer Payment late fees. Discussion ensued.

Resolution No. 2018-346:

Township Administrator Wall inquired whether the Official Meeting Agenda Resolution should be edited to "accepts, with regrets" the resignation of Mr. Wall. Mr. Cooper responded that the absence of those words was an oversight and the resolution would be updated.

Resolution No. 2018-347:

Discussion ensued as to whether the effective date of Chief Greco's tenure as the Interim Administrator should be included in the resolution. Mr. Cooper stated that the resolution would be updated to reflect the effective date as November 1st.

On motion of Commissioner Maisonneuve, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

The Township Committee moved to Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. to conduct the Official Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 23, 2018

Patricia Donahue
Municipal Clerk