

The Minutes of the **Conference Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **July 9, 2019** at 7:03 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 Patrick Giblin
Deputy Mayor Ann Dooley
Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.
Commissioner Jean-Albert Maisonneuve
Commissioner Mary O'Connor

Absent: None

Public Comments

Mayor Giblin opened the public comment portion of the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing no comments, Mayor Giblin closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Review Official Meeting Agenda

Discussion ensued regarding the Township's need for financial services to assist with the Township's Affordable Housing responsibilities and two associated resolutions on the Official Meeting agenda which pertained to this matter (Resolution No.'s 2019-257 and Resolution No. 2019-259.)

Commissioner Hannen requested that the resolution (Resolution No. 2019-247) pertaining to the Fire Department's Call appointments be moved to Roll Call vote.

Room 108 Communications Technology Upgrade

Mr. Ed Davenport of the TV 35 department presented an overview of proposed technology upgrades for Room 108. Discussion ensued. The Mayor encouraged the Commissioners to reflect on the proposed upgrades and directed the Township Clerk to include this agenda topic on the August Workshop Meeting.

Consideration of the Bloomingdale Avenue R-6 District – Rezoning Proposal

Administrator Jamie Cryan stated that due to a family medical situation, Zoning Officer Jason Bottcher would not be in attendance to discuss a Rezoning proposal for the Bloomingdale Avenue R-6 district. Members of the Committee inquired as to whether an ordinance had been

drafted for the proposal. Township Clerk Patricia Donahue and Township Attorney Ryan Cooper responded that nothing had been received in their offices.

Review Official Meeting Agenda (continued)

The Commissioners reviewed the ordinances for consideration on the Official Meeting Agenda.

Proposed Logo for Downtown Cranford

Following up from the previous evening's Committee feedback pertaining to the proposed Downtown Cranford logo presentation, Commissioner Maisonneuve stated that he had reached out to the Downtown Management Corporation (DMC) for additional information. Discussion ensued regarding 1) whether the Committee should have oversight of the DMC in such decisions, or whether the DMC should be given autonomy on such issues, and 2) whether the public had been involved in the logo development and decision process. Mayor Giblin stated that the Commissioners would receive requested logo information from the DMC, and unless there was opposition from the Committee, the DMC could move forward with the proposed logo. Commissioner Hannen inquired how the decision would move forward if he objected to the proposed logo. Commissioner Maisonneuve and Mayor Giblin responded.

Minute Approval – Closed Session Minutes of May 13, May 14 and May 28 2019

Mayor Hannen motioned to approve the Closed Session Minutes of May 13th, May 14th and May 28, 2019. Commissioner O'Connor seconded the motion. Each member of the Committee voted in favor of approving these Closed Session Minutes.

Late Starter – Affordable Housing Subcommittee

Mayor Giblin spoke about a proposed resolution which would memorialize an Affordable Housing subcommittee. He proposed that Planning Board Chairperson Kathleen Murray, Commissioner Maisonneuve and Deputy Mayor Dooley meet on a regular basis to organize Affordable Housing matters. Discussion ensued. Deputy Mayor Dooley stated that the Township needed a vision on Affordable Housing matters. Commissioner Maisonneuve noted that such subcommittee was a way forward. Commissioner Hannen stated that he had some reservations. Commissioner O'Connor stated that 1) she was not prepared to think about the proposal and 2) she had some reservations about the proposal.

Review Official Meeting Agenda (continued)

Mayor Giblin directed Township Clerk Patricia Donahue to remove Resolution 2019-257 (pertaining to the award of financial planning services to assist with the Township's affordable housing responsibilities to Nassau Capital Advisors) from the Official Meeting Agenda.

The Township Committee moved to Council Chambers at 7:40 p.m. to conduct the Official Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Donahue
Municipal Clerk

Dated: July 9, 2019