

The Minutes of the **Conference Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **September 24, 2019** at 7:00 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 E-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 Mary O'Connor

Absent: Commissioner Jean-Albert Maisonneuve

### **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**

Township Clerk Patricia Donahue briefly summarized the two late-starter resolutions pertaining to 1) the Township Administrator's employment agreement and 2) the Birchwood Avenue milling and paving award of contract to Renda Roads. Discussion ensued including conversation regarding 1) proposed Resolution No. 2019-316 (i.e., the funding for the P & A Construction award;) the Birchwood milling and paving resolution (Resolution No. 2019-336) and Resolution No. 2019-318, the opening of a moratorium road on Mohawk Drive.

### **Memorial Field Complex - Potential Fieldhouse Donation**

Mr. Mike Dow of 242 Hillside Avenue, Mr. Brian McCarthy of 4 Lawn Terrace, Mr. William Hulse of 41 Keith Jeffries Avenue and Mr. Kurt Petschow, Jr. of Hawthorne Street stated that they wanted to present a proposal to the Township regarding a Fieldhouse donation.

Mr. Dow spoke about his years serving as the Track and Field Coach at Cranford High School. Mr. Dow proposed building a fieldhouse, using his own funds, on Board of Education property at the High School. Mr. Dow stated that he wanted to give back to the community. He stated that the proposed field house would store track equipment as well as allow the Track teams to conduct various types of track event and drill practice. Mr. Dow stated that he planned on donating \$75,000 for the field house construction. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed structure's lighting and garage door. Mr. Dow noted that the track team currently utilizes two trailers for storage. Commissioner Hannen inquired about bubble facilities and whether they were more expensive. Discussion ensued about the nearest training facility's location (i.e., 45

minutes away.) Commissioner Hannen inquired what the “ask” to the Township would be. Mr. Petschow responded that they would like the Township to cover the costs of insurance and electricity. Discussion ensued.

### **Late Starter Closed Session**

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

### **Resolution No. 2019-93.25**

**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 Matters**

- 6 Franklin Avenue

### **Recorded Vote:**

Aye: Mayor Giblin, Deputy Mayor Dooley, Commissioners Hannen and O’Connor  
Nay: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: Commissioner Maisonneuve

On motion of Commissioner Hannen seconded by Commissioner O’Connor and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at 7:22 p.m.

The Township Committee moved to Council Chambers at 7:23 p.m. to conduct the Official Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 24, 2019

Patricia Donahue  
Municipal Clerk