

The Minutes of the **Conference Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **December 17, 2019** at **7:05 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 Dooley\*  
Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr  
Commissioner Jean-Albert Maisonneuve  
Commissioner Mary O'Connor

**Absent:** None

\* Deputy Mayor Dooley arrived to the Conference Meeting in Room 108 at 7:06 p.m.

### **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.

### **Committee Volunteer Appointments**

Discussion was held regarding appointments to various committees, boards and commissions for 2020, including appointments to the Planning, Zoning and Housing Boards. Commissioner O'Connor stated her opposition to Mr. Kent Lucas' appointment to the Zoning Board. Mayor Giblin suggested and Committee consensus was then reached that the Bicycle Safety Board and the Pedestrian Safety Committees combine as one Committee. Further discussion ensued regarding Zoning Board and Planning Board appointments.

### **Review Official Meeting Agenda**

A brief discussion ensued regarding the proposed adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-14 pertaining to the annual service charge received from Birchwood Developers Urban Renewal Associates, LLC to the Cranford Public School District.

Further discussion ensued regarding proposed resolutions,, No. 2019-416 and No. 2019-417 which pertained to the State of New Jersey 'It Pays to Plug In: NJ's Electric Vehicle Charging

Grant – AQ20-073’ for electric car charging stations. Committee consensus was reached to remove these resolutions for consideration from the Official Meeting agenda.

### **Rish Manager Presentation – Joint Insurance Fund Comparison**

Administrator Cryan spoke about Risk Manager coverage for the Township and specifically spoke about two options, staying with State Insurance Fund or moving to Garden State. Mr. Cryan suggested that this decision would be memorialized that evening through a late starter resolution which the Township Clerk would read aloud from the dais. Discussion ensued including conversation pertaining to State Insurance Fund’s renewal rate, surplus, the Boro of New Providence’s positive experience with Garen State. Committee consensus was reached to add a new resolution, Resolution No. 2019-423 which would authorize the Township to renew their Risk Management coverage with the Statewide Insurance Fund effective 12 :01 a.m. on January 1, 2020.

### **Late Starter – Commissioner Reports**

Mayor Giblin stated that Administrator Jamie Cryan and he had met for coffee meetings (two separate meetings) with members of the P.B.A. and members of the F.M.B.A . He stated that he was looking forward to a productive year in 2020 with the Police and Fire Departments.

The Mayor also provided an update on his recent attendance at a meeting of the Rahway River Mayors Council.

### **Closed Session**

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

### **Resolution No. 2019-33.33**

**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:

### **Contractual**

- 2020 Professional Services

### **Recorded vote:**

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

On motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Commissioner O’Connor and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at 7:33 p.m.

The Township Committee moved to Council Chambers at 7:33 p.m. to conduct the Official Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 17, 2019

Patricia Donahue  
Township Clerk