

The following notice appeared on the Township Committee's March 31, 2020 Conference and Official Meeting Agendas

**TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
SUNSHINE NOTICE
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
March 31, 2020**

Due to the ongoing public health emergency, and the Governor's Executive Orders related to the same, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford will conduct all meetings remotely and by electronic means for the foreseeable future. The Township Committee will continue to meet on their regularly scheduled meeting dates and times. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 (the "Open Public Meetings Act") and consistent with the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services guidelines, the Township Committee Meetings will be open to the public by electronic means. Residents can view the meetings on TV-35, and via livestream on TV-35's Facebook and YouTube pages. Public comments can be submitted by emailing, after the start of the meeting, **j-cryan@cranfordnj.org**. Public comments must include the resident's name and address, and will be read during the two public comment portions of the meeting.

The Minutes of the **Conference Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **March 31, 2020 at 7:06 p.m.** remotely and by electronic means.

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 Prunty
Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.
Commissioner Jean-Albert Maisonneuve
Commissioner Mary O’Connor

Absent: None

The Township Committee held the Conference Meeting by telephone conference (as per the public notice, remotely and by electronic means.)

Administrator Jamie Cryan, Township Attorney Ryan Cooper and Township Clerk Patricia Donahue were present.

Public Comments

Mayor Giblin opened the public comments portion of the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments. Administrator Jamie Cryan stated that no emails had been received from members of the public. Hearing no comments, Mayor Giblin closed the public comments portion of the meeting.

2020 Capital Budget

Administrator Cryan reviewed the 2020 Capital Budget. He listed the department, item requested and cost. Mayor Giblin inquired whether the Township could move forward with this Capital Budget and send it to Bond Counsel for bond ordinance preparation. Each member of the Township Committee responded affirmatively.

Proposed Amendment to the Plastics Ordinance

Mayor Giblin stated that Township Attorney Ryan Cooper had emailed a “late starter” resolution (proposed Resolution No. 2020-185) that afternoon pertaining to extending the enforcement date of the “Single-Use Plastics” Ordinance (No. 2019-10.) Commissioner O’Connor stated that she was pleased that the enforcement date had been extended. Deputy Mayor Prunty stated that the extension was “good for peace of mind.” In light of the extra challenges faced by Cranford

businesses, the Deputy Mayor stated that the Green Team was in favor of the enforcement extension. Township Attorney Ryan Cooper clarified that the consensus from the Township Committee was to move the enforcement date from July 2020 to January 2021 (and not the September 7th date which had been included in that afternoon's version of the late starter resolution.) Committee consensus was reached to move the enforcement date to January 1, 2021.

Minute Approval - Closed Session Minutes of March 9th, March 10th, March 15th, March 16th and March 22nd

Commissioner O'Connor made a motion to adopt the Closed Session minutes of March 9th, March 10th, March 15th, March 16th and March 22nd. Deputy Mayor Prunty seconded the motion. Commissioner O'Connor stated that she would abstain on voting for the March 15th Closed Session minutes. Mayor Giblin, Deputy Mayor Prunty, Commissioners Hannen and Maisonneuve voted to approve the Closed Session minutes of March 9th, March 10th, March 15th, March 16th and March 22nd. Commissioner O'Connor voted to approve the Closed Session minutes of March 9th, March 10th, March 16th and March 22nd.

Closed Session

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

Resolution No. 2020-97.9

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:

Personnel

- Department of Public Works (DPW) Superintendent

Minute Review

- Closed Session Minutes of March 9th, March 10th, March 15th, March 16th and March 22nd

Recorded vote:

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

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Prunty and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at 7:36 p.m.

The Township Committee moved to conduct the Official Meeting at 7:40 p.m. (as per the public notice, remotely and by electronic means.)

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Donahue
Township Clerk

Dated: March 31, 2020