

The Minutes of the **Conference Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **March 10, 2015** at 7:30 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 FAXING THE ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS TO THE CRANFORD CHRONICLE, UNION COUNTY LOCAL SOURCE, AND THE STAR LEDGER, 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 Andis Kalnins
Deputy Mayor Lisa M. Adubato
Commissioner Robert D'Ambola
Commissioner Mary O'Connor
Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Late Starter – 2015 Municipal Budget

Deputy Mayor Adubato distributed a handout that compared the 2014 municipal budget to the proposed 2015 municipal budget.

Mayor Kalnins discussed the proposed tax increase for 2015.

Discussion held regarding the impact to the budget if additional per diem Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) were hired.

Commissioner Hannen seeking if there are any grants available for Cranford to match regarding the planting of trees.

Review Official Meeting Agenda

Fire Department resolutions:

Discussion held regarding the resolutions pertaining to the Fire Department. The Township Committee agreed to move the resolutions from roll call vote to the consent agenda.

All items were approved for action.

Late Starter - Peppridge Tree

Commissioner D'Ambola provided a handout regarding the Pepperidge Tree. Feels the tree is a liability to the Township and should be taken down.

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CLOSED SESSION

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

Resolution No. 2015-105.9:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee will go into closed session to discuss personnel matters in the Police and Fire Departments, the minutes of which will be released at some time in the future at the discretion of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Deputy Mayor Adubato, Commissioners D'Ambola, O'Connor and Hannen

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adubato and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at 7:56 PM.

The Township Committee moved to Council Chambers at 8:00 PM to conduct the Official Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 10, 2015

Heather Capone, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk