

The following notice appeared on the Township Committee's June 9, 2020 Conference and Official Meeting Agendas

**TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
SUNSHINE NOTICE
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
June 9, 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 Page](#).

Residents who wish to participate in the virtual meeting for purposes of making a public comment or to participate in any scheduled public hearing should follow the instructions and complete the registration form available at the Township of Cranford's website at <https://www.cranfordnj.org/minutes-and-agendas>.

The Minutes of the **Conference Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **June 9, 2020** at **7:02 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 video/telephone conference (as per the public notice, remotely and by electronic means.)

*Commissioner Hannen arrived to the Conference Meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Administrator Jamie Cryan, Township Attorneys Ryan Cooper and Francine Kaplan and Township Clerk Patricia Donahue were present.

Police Chief Ryan Greco was present.

Public Comments

Mayor Giblin opened the public comments portion of the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments. Township Attorney Ryan Cooper 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.

Review Official Meeting Agenda

Mayor Giblin inquired whether there were any questions regarding the evening's Official Meeting Agenda. Members of the Township Committee had no feedback.

Police Department Personnel – Promotion Process

Chief Greco stated that the Department had planned to conduct both a promotion process for a new Sergeant and a selection process for a Probationary Patrol Officer. Chief Greco noted that due to the Coronavirus, the Probationary Patrol Officer hiring could not occur at this time. However, he stated, with an upcoming employee retirement scheduled for August 31st, the Sergeant selection process was underway. Chief Greco noted that he planned to submit a

Sergeant recommendation for promotion and accompanying resolution for the Township Committee's July 14th Official Meeting.

Mayor Giblin thanked the Chief and the Police Department for their work. Commissioner Maisonneuve stated that Chief Greco and he had discussed diversity issues and he appreciated the Chief's insights and work in the community as well as Chief Greco's thoughts on how to move forward.

Late Starter – Commuter Parking

Chief Greco stated that Commuter Parking was discussed at the previous evening's Workshop Meeting and he could now discuss follow-up questions and comments with the Committee.

Mayor Giblin stated that he would like to review two (2) issues from the previous evening, specifically, Commuter Parking Permit renewal extensions and reimbursements. Commissioner Maisonneuve stated that he had experienced a "change of heart" and now felt that it was not fair for commuters who were currently on the parking permit wait list to continue to wait with a proposed extension to the parking permit renewal period. He stated that he was now opposed to extending the renewal period for parking permits. Commissioner O'Connor inquired about how the Police Department would handle a hypothetical parking permit cancel situation, i.e., a commuter surrendered their parking permit half way through the six (6) month parking period. Chief Greco responded that the Police department would most likely bridge the person surrendering their permit with the person on the wait list to work out the financials of the remaining months of the parking permit period. Chief Greco noted that this situation rarely occurs.

Chief Greco stated that the Township was nine (9) days into the renewal process and provided figures on both the twelve (12) hour and nine (9) hour permit renewals.

Commissioner O'Connor stated that the commuters who were renewing their commuter parking permits deserved some consideration (in light of the Coronavirus and the number of years they had renewed their parking permit.) She stated that some of the commuters still did not know their employers' return-to-the-workplace plans. Commissioner Hannen stated that he was "okay" with the June 30th permit renewal deadline. Further discussion ensued. While Commissioner O'Connor was in favor of extending the parking permit renewal deadline of June 30th, Committee consensus was reached to keep the June 30th parking permit renewal deadline.

Late Starter – Youth Police Academy

Mayor Giblin stated that he was disappointed to learn that the Police Department's Youth Academy had been cancelled for the summer (due to the Coronavirus.) Chief Greco noted that the Youth Academy had operated for fourteen (14) consecutive years. He stated that he was also disappointed.

Municipal Building Re-opening

Referring to the previous evening's discussion of the Municipal Building Re-opening, Administrator Jamie Cryan spoke about a proposed Municipal Building "soft opening" on June 15th and a "full opening" on June 29th. Mr. Cryan briefly spoke about employee telecommuting.

Public Comments

Mayor Giblin opened the public comments portion of the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments. Township Attorney Ryan Cooper 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.

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Hannen and passed, the Township Committee moved to conduct the Official Meeting at 7:23 p.m. (as per the public notice, remotely and by electronic means.)

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Donahue
Township Clerk

Dated: June 9, 2020