

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **November 24, 2020** at 7:39 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Per the Agenda:

“The Township Committee of the Township of Cranford will conduct the November 24th Official Meeting in person. For members of the public who wish to attend the Township Committee Meetings, please enter the Township Building at the Police Dispatch entrance.”

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 will be taken at this meeting.

PRESENT: Mayor Patrick F. Giblin
Deputy Mayor Kathleen Prunty
Commissioner Jean-Albert Maisonneuve
Commissioner Mary O’Connor
Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

ABSENT: None

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

The invocation was led by Deputy Mayor Prunty, followed by the flag salute.

MINUTE APPROVAL

On motion of Commissioner O’Connor, seconded by Commissioner Maisonneuve and passed, the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of November 10, 2020 and the Official Meeting of November 10, 2020, were approved by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Giblin, Deputy Mayor Prunty, Commissioners Hannen, Maisonneuve and O’Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Deputy Mayor Prunty, seconded by Commissioner O’Connor and passed, the Bill List dated November 24, 2020, totaling \$399,497.67 was approved for payment by indicated vote of the Township Committee and is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Giblin, Deputy Mayor Prunty, Commissioners Hannen, Maisonneuve and O’Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Day of Thanksgiving

WHEREAS, Thanksgiving, a long cherished American tradition for which George Washington issued the first proclamation, was affirmed by Congress as a day to be set aside for public Thanksgiving and prayer; and

WHEREAS, ever since those early days, in peace and in war, in abundance and in need, in harmony and in disagreement, we pause to offer our thanks for the freedom and opportunities with which our nation has been blessed; and

WHEREAS, though we are no longer a fledgling democracy, having survived for over 200 years, we are aware that we have a long way to go in countless areas, and thank God for the independence this nation epitomizes; and

WHEREAS, we pause in our Thanksgiving festivities to acknowledge the many kindnesses God has shown to us, and indeed the very gift of life itself, we do so in all humility.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patrick Giblin, Mayor of the Township of Cranford, on the National Day of Thanksgiving, along with all Cranford residents gathered in homes and places of worship, do once again affirm by our prayers and our gratitude those blessings that have enriched us, praying that the spirit of unity prevail throughout the world this coming year.

Small Business Saturday

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey, celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 30.2 million small businesses in the United States, they represent more than 99.7 percent of American employer firms and are responsible for creating 65.9 percent of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2017; and

WHEREAS, small businesses employ 47.5 percent of employees in the private sector in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 90 percent of all consumers believe that supporting small, independently-owned restaurants and bars will have a positive impact on their community; and

WHEREAS, 83 percent of all consumers who are aware of Small Business Saturday said the day encourages them to Shop Small all year long; and

WHEREAS, 42 percent of consumers who reportedly Shopped Small at independently-owned retailers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday did so with friends or family; and

WHEREAS, the most reported reason for consumers aware of the day to shop and dine at small, independently-owned businesses was to support their community; and

WHEREAS, The Township of Cranford, State of New Jersey supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our communities; and

WHEREAS, advocacy groups as well as public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey does hereby proclaim, November 28, 2020, as *SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY* and urge the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

INFORMAL MEETING

Mayor Giblin opened the informal meeting 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.

ORDINANCE – Final Reading and Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 2020-16:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2020-16 entitled, “CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO A RECREATION FACILITY IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$733,653.41 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS OF THE TOWNSHIP”

Said ordinance having been advertised and posted in accordance with law, Deputy Mayor Prunty opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, Deputy Mayor Prunty closed the public hearing. On motion of Deputy Mayor Prunty seconded by Commissioner Maisonneuve and passed, said ordinance was adopted by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Giblin, Deputy Mayor Prunty, Commissioners Hannen, Maisonneuve and O’Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda

On motion of Commissioner Maisonneuve, seconded by Commissioner Hannen and passed, the following resolutions were adopted by consent agenda:

Resolution No. 2020-366:

WHEREAS, Jason D’Agostino, a Detective within the Cranford Police Department, is qualified for a leave of absence pursuant to the Federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), New Jersey Family Leave Act (NJFLA) and the New Jersey Paid Family Leave Act (NJPFLA) for the care of his wife and child.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Committee of the Township of Cranford that Jason D’Agostino is approved for a FMLA/NJFLA/NJPFLA leave of absence beginning January 1, 2021, using accumulated time as available as employee so elects;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jason D’Agostino shall comply with all provisions of law during the FMLA/NJFLA/NJPLA leave of absence, including providing all required medical proofs

Resolution No. 2020-367:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 24th day of November 2020 that the Tax Collector has been authorized to refund tax payments for the reason noted:

Resident Tax Overpayment

Block 324 Lot 16 (12 Carol Ct)
 Sunnyside Title Agency
 1 Kinderkamack Road
 Hackensack, NJ 07601

Refund \$ 3,800.10
 (0-01-55-000-010-025)

Block 238 Lot 12
 Montana, George & Linda
 105 Oak Lane
 Cranford, NJ 07016

Refund \$ 2,830.67
 (0-01-55-000-010-025)

Block 332 Lot 1 Qual. C016D
 Bellante, Michael, Robert & Marc
 16D Parkway Village
 Cranford, NJ 07016

Refund \$ 1,929.65
 (0-01-55-000-010-025)

Block 466 Lot 7
 Phelps, Catherine & Edward
 16 Dorchester Ave
 Cranford, NJ 07016

Refund \$ 614.40
 (0-01-55-000-010-025)

Resolution No. 2020-368:

WHEREAS, Thomas Feeney, a Sergeant within the Cranford Police Department, is qualified for a leave of absence pursuant to the Federal Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), New Jersey Family Leave Act (NJFLA) and the New Jersey Paid Family Leave Act (NJPFLA) for the care of his wife and child.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Committee of the Township of Cranford that Thomas Feeney is approved for a FMLA/NJFLA/NJPFLA leave of absence beginning November 6, 2020, using accumulated time as available as employee so elects;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Thomas Feeney shall comply with all provisions of law during the FMLA/NJFLA/NJPLA leave of absence, including providing all required medical proofs

Resolution No. 2020-369:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held November 24, 2020, that the resignation of Tracy Wenskoski, as a Technical Assistant to the Code Enforcement Official within the Building Department be and hereby is accepted, with regrets, effective November 30, 2020.

Resolution No. 2020-370:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
– N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an appropriation for the equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford in the County of Union, New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2020 in the sum of \$6,657.56 which is now available as a revenue from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the 2020 Federal Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant, pursuant to the provision of the statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$6,657.56 is hereby appropriated under the caption “Federal Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant;” and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is a result of a grant of \$6,657.56 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Resolution No. 2020-371:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford required an expert to provide tax appeal legal services to the Township of Cranford; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for tax appeal legal services through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held January 2, 2020, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2020-14, authorizing an award of contract to Renaud DeAppolonio, LLC for the aforementioned service at a fee not to exceed \$30,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend said contract for an additional amount not to exceed \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified to the availability of funds which is on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford,

be and hereby amends the contract awarded to **Renaud DeAppolonio, LLC, 190 North Avenue East, Cranford, NJ 07016** for tax appeal legal services via issuance of purchase orders in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. 0-01-20-155-100-214.

Resolution No. 2020-372:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford required an expert to provide affordable housing legal services to the Township of Cranford; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) for affordable housing legal services through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held January 2, 2020, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2020-13, authorizing an award of contract to Jeffrey Surenian, Esq. for the aforementioned service at a fee not to exceed \$50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend said contract for an additional amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified to the availability of funds which is on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, be and hereby amends the contract awarded to **Jeffrey R. Surenian & Assoc., LLC, 707 Union Ave., Suite 301, Brielle, NJ 08730** for affordable housing legal services via issuance of purchase orders in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. 0-01-20-155-100-214.

Resolution No. 2020-373:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford required an expert to provide labor attorney services to the Township of Cranford; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for labor attorney services through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held January 2, 2020, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2020-02, authorizing an award of contract to Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro and Murphy, P.C. for the aforementioned service at a fee not to exceed \$25,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend said contract for an additional amount not to exceed \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified to the availability of funds which is on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, be and hereby amends the contract awarded to **Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro and Murphy, P.C., 25 Independence Boulevard., P.O. Box 112, Liberty Corner, N.J. 07938** for labor attorney services via issuance of purchase orders in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. 0-01-20-155-100-214.

Resolution No. 2020-374:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held November 24, 2020, that Tamikia Rowe is hereby appointed as a full-time Finance/Tax Clerk in the Tax Department, effective November 16, 2020.

Resolution No. 2020-375:

WHEREAS, at its regularly scheduled meeting of November 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Council Chambers, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, Union County, New Jersey, held discussion regarding the proposal for funding Community Development Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (Year 47) programs; and

WHEREAS, said meeting was advertised in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act"; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford agrees with the prioritization of proposed programs as presented; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held November 24, 2020, that the Mayor and Township Clerk be, and hereby are, authorized to sign the Community Development Block Grant applications for funding Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (Year 47) projects.

Resolution No. 2020-376:

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2020-346 AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF EASTMAN STREET BETWEEN NORTH AVENUE AND MILN STREET

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Downtown Management Corporation is authorized to close Eastman Street between North Avenue and Miln Street, from 3 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25th to 8

a.m. on Monday, November 30th to assist downtown business dealing with operating restrictions from the on-going public health emergency.

Resolution No. 2020-377:

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING SALARY STEP PROGRESSION
FOR EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO THE TOWNSHIP’S SALARY ORDINANCE**
WHEREAS, at a meeting held May 24, 2016, the Township Committee adopted Ordinance No. 2016-06, which established ranges with minimum and maximum salaries and progressive salary steps for certain job titles within the Township of Cranford; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2016-06, the Township Committee reserves the right and discretion to make salary adjustments at any time as it deems it to be in the public interest and in the interests of good management; and
WHEREAS, the Township has appropriated funds in the 2020 municipal budget sufficient to offset the costs of any salary adjustments effectuated hereby.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee be and hereby approves the progression in steps and/or salary increases for the following employees in the following job titles as recommended by the Township Administrator:

Effective November 1, 2020:				
Name	Title	Range #	Step #	Salary
Melissa Bongiorno	Executive Secretary	12	N/A	\$66,300.00
Carol Cole	Executive Secretary	12	N/A	\$69,382.96
Jamie Haynes	Financial Specialist	11	MAX.	\$73,000.00
Karyn Kinane	Tax Collector	10	2	\$65,652.00
Ellen O'Donnell	Payroll Specialist	11	2.5	\$60,268.00
Michael Robinson	Purchasing Agent	11	N/A	\$75,949.20

Resolution No. 2020-378:

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford reserves the right and discretion to make salary adjustments and title changes at any time as it deems it to be in the public interest and in the interests of good management; and
WHEREAS, the Township Committee is appreciative of the hard work of all of its Township Employees and is desirous of retaining dependable and experienced employees; and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford do hereby approve the salary adjustments for the employees listed below:

Effective 11/1/2020		
Name	Title	Salary
Babkowski, William	Maintenance/Rec Dept.	\$45,450.91
Donnelly, Lori	Sr. Citizen Coord.	\$31,979.56
Fedorchak, Gerry	Admin. Asst./Rec	\$34,800.67
Kennedy, Arthur S	Parking Attendant	\$40,640.42
LaFontant, Laurent	Lead Maintenance – Pool	\$39,109.86
Lenahan, Kathy	Land Use Administrator	\$76,882.06
Matousek, Jenna	Asst. Mgr./Pool	\$47,219.26
McComb, Jean H	Sr. Records Clerk	\$47,438.56
Nicholas, Ruth	Zoning Office Assistant	\$44,441.40
Spricigo, Janet L	Records Clerk	\$38,291.20
Welsh, Suzanne	Admin Sec./Clerk	\$50,734.36
Hourly Employees		
Kozlowski, Patricia	Rec. Admin.	\$17.00
Neyra, Jenny	Registration	\$19.25
Wichelns, Aaryn	Admin. Asst./Park and Rec.	\$17.00
Effective 1/1/2021		
Blank, Matthew	Communication Officer	Step 5 \$47,273.72
Davis, Michael	Communication Officer	Step 5 \$47,273.72
Jones, Sandanna	Communication Officer	Step 5 \$48,357.47

Merrill, Robert	Communication Officer	Step 5 \$48,357.47
Powell, Liam	Communication Officer	Step 4 \$44,538.87
Taggart, Chapin	Communication Officer	Step 3 \$43,958.94
Thorn, Stacy	Communication Officer	Max. Step \$57,248.92

Resolution No. 2020-379:

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2019, pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, the Township of Cranford engaged the firm **Nassau Capital Advisors, LLC**, with offices located at 12 Vandeventer Avenue, Princeton, New Jersey 08542, as an expert in financial planning services to assist with the preparation of an amended Master Plan Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held January 7, 2020, the Township of Cranford adopted Resolution 2020-102, approving a contract between Nassau Capital Advisors and the Township of Cranford, for the 2020 budget year not to exceed \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held April 14, 2020, the Township of Cranford adopted Resolution 2020-189, authorizing an amendment to said contract for an additional amount of \$10,000.00 not to exceed \$20,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend said contract for an additional amount not to exceed \$20,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and Finance Director have certified as to the availability of funds which is on file in the office of the Township Clerk; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, be and hereby amends the contract awarded to **Nassau Capital Advisors, LLC** to provide expert financial planning services in an amount for the 2020 budget year not to exceed \$40,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. 0-01-20-100-100-214.

Recorded vote:
Aye: Mayor Giblin, Deputy Mayor Prunty, Commissioners Hannen, Maisonneuve and O’Connor
Nay: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

RESOLUTION – By Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution No. 2020-380:

WHEREAS, H. Edward Davenport has dedicated himself to filming Township of Cranford public meetings and important Cranford events for many years; and

WHEREAS, H. Edward Davenport has worked to provide current technology for the Township’s meeting spaces and television studio; and

WHEREAS, H. Edward Davenport directed the renovation of the Council Chambers and Room 108; and

WHEREAS, H. Edward Davenport began working as volunteer in TV Studio 35 in 1986. He began working as a part-time employee in 1993. Mr. Davenport has provided the Township residents and members of the public with access to important Township events and information and has served with distinction for over thirty-four (34) years; and

WHEREAS, H. Edward Davenport has been recognized for his hard work and dedication during his career with the Township of Cranford; and

WHEREAS, TV Studio 35 is to be named and dedicated as the “H. Edward Davenport TV 35 Studio” in recognition of his tireless efforts and dedication to our community; and

WHEREAS, the renaming of the TV 35 studio, located on the first floor of the Municipal Building, will serve as a fitting and appropriate recognition of Mr. Davenport’s vision and leadership.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes the placement of a placard for TV Studio 35 to be dedicated as the “H. Edward Davenport TV 35 Studio.”

Recorded vote:
Aye: Mayor Giblin, Deputy Mayor Prunty and Commissioners Hannen, Maisonneuve and O’Connor
Nay: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

James Carvalho, 9 Orange Avenue, Addressed comments made at the November 10, 2020 Official Meeting regarding the social gathering held by the Jaycees at the Cranford Canoe Club during the COVID-19 pandemic on July 16, 2020. Feels if residents participated in this type of behavior on private property the parties would be shut down by the authorities with punishment. Discussed the fact that the Canoe Club is public property and not privately owned making the Jaycees trespassers. Feels there is no irony in the comments he made at the previous Township Committee meeting. Stated that the social gathering was irresponsible as the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines were not being followed. Mentioned that he is a witness that is willing to testify under oath and that he wears the title “Party Crasher” as a badge of honor.

Mayor Giblin wished Mr. Carvalho a Happy Thanksgiving.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Giblin closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS

Township Clerk Patricia Donahue

- Congratulated Mr. H. Edward Davenport on the dedication of the TV35 Studio.

Township Administrator Jamie Cryan

- Congratulated Mr. H. Edward Davenport on the dedication of the TV35 Studio and thanked the Township Committee for their efforts with this initiative;
- Thanked the Township Committee for approving the hiring of Tamika Rowe as a Finance/Tax Clerk in the Tax Collector’s Office;
- Congratulated Tax Assessor Bryan Flynn on becoming President of the Union County Chapter of AMANJ;
- Congratulated Commissioner-elect Andrews and Commissioner-elect Gareis. Looks forward to working with them both;
- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Township Attorney Ryan Cooper

- Congratulated Mr. Davenport on his recognition with the dedication of the TV35 Studio;
- Stated that a virtual Town Hall meeting was held regarding negotiations with Hartz Mountain for the 750 Walnut Avenue property. Announced that there have been no updates since that meeting. Explained that if a settlement was reached with Hartz Mountain it would conclusively address the future status of the entire 750 Walnut Avenue property. Mentioned that Hartz Mountain requested a Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) but has yet to propose a structure that’s acceptable to the Township and assured the residents that there is no scenario where Hartz Mountain would not pay taxes for any year under a PILOT. The conventional taxes remain in effect until the project is completed with a payment every year in lieu of taxes which would be substantial.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Mary O’Connor

- Congratulated and welcomed Commissioner-elect Andrews and Commissioner-elect Gareis. Looks forward to working with both of them;
- Thanked Chrissa Stulpin and Gina Black for running a great campaign. Stated that it is not easy running for public office and is grateful for committed candidates that are dedicated to Cranford;
- Congratulated Kathy Willis on her retirement from Cranford Family Care;
- Congratulated H. Edward Davenport on the dedication of the TV35 studio. It is such a well-deserved honor. His commitment to Cranford has been unwavering which is so deeply appreciated;
- Discussed the Sixth (6th) Annual Decorating Contest that is approaching. Provided contact information for those interested in participating;
- Discussed the celebration of Thanksgiving this year during the pandemic. Urged people to remain careful and wear their masks and practice social distancing. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen

- Echoed Commissioner O’Connor’s comments regarding the H. Edward Davenport dedication of the TV35 Studio;

- Encouraged everyone to wear a mask;
- Congratulated Mr. Ambrosio on his efforts on the Rutgers Football Team. Is proud of him and thanked him for his hard work and for representing Cranford;
- Discussed the retirement of Kathy Willis from Cranford Family Care. Congratulated her and wished her all the best in her future endeavors;
- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Jean-Albert Maisonneuve

- Talked about a new introduction for the Township Committee meetings on TV35 in light of the H. Edward Davenport dedication of the TV35 Studio;
- Thanked the candidates that ran in the General Election. Mentioned that it is an honor to serve the community;
- Congratulated Commissioner-elect Andrews and Commissioner-elect Gareis;
- Encouraged the public to visit Cranford's downtown for Small Business Saturday. Stated that there some amazing new restaurants and stores. Thanked the residents for supporting the local businesses;
- Discussed hard times people are going through. Encouraged people to help those in need especially during the holiday season;
- Wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Deputy Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty

- Discussed the retirement of Kathy Willis from Cranford Family Care. Stated that she is the embodiment of giving, kindness and generosity. Congratulated her on her retirement;
- Congratulated H. Edward Davenport on the dedication of TV35 Studio. Stated that he is a real gentleman and thanked him for all that he does;
- Announced that the Cranford Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Santa's arrival in the downtown on November 27, 2020 and the virtual Holiday Tree Lighting;
- Announced that Martin Jewelers will be celebrating its 75th anniversary as well as Martin Jewelers' contribution to the Holiday Tree Lighting;
- Feels grateful for being able to live in Cranford and serve the Cranford community;
- Congratulated Commissioner-elect Andrews and Commissioner-elect Gareis;
- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and urged everyone to protect themselves.

Mayor Patrick Giblin

- Congratulated and welcomed Commissioner-elect Andrews and Commissioner-elect Gareis. Stated that it is a lot of work but is incredibly rewarding. Feels they have great potential;
- Commended Chrissa Stulpin and Regina Black for campaigning;
- Announced that the Christmas Tree Lighting will be virtual this year;
- Congratulated the Cranford Girls Soccer Team for winning the State Championship;
- Discussed the Board of Health meeting that took place the night before. Mentioned that the positive cases of COVID-19 are on the rise and are matching the numbers from March and April. Urged everyone to be extra vigilant, especially with the Thanksgiving holiday approaching. Discussed the CDC Guidelines for celebrating Thanksgiving this year;
- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Prunty and passed, the Township Committee adjourned the Official Meeting at 8:22 p.m. and moved back to Closed Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 24, 2020

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk