

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **March 30, 2021** at 8:14 p.m. (via virtual teleconference.)

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 the March 30th Official Meeting remotely and by electronic means.

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 Meeting will be open to the public by electronic means. Residents can view the meetings on TV-35, YouTube CranfordTV35 and via livestream on [TV-35's Facebook Page](#).

Members of the public who wish to participate in the virtual meeting for purposes of making a public comment or to participate in any scheduled public hearing can access the videoconference at <https://meet.google.com/rkv-qdpj-nty>, or by telephone at 213-634-2478, with the access code: 367524470#

Members of the public may submit written comments in advance of a meeting, which will be read during the public portion of the meeting. Written public comments submitted prior to the meeting must identify the name and address of the commenter. No anonymous comments will be accepted. Written comments may be submitted via e-mail with the subject line "Public Comment-Township of Cranford Township Committee- Meeting Date of March 30, 2021" to the Clerk of the Township Committee, Patricia Donahue at clerk@cranfordnj.org or by mail addressed to: Patricia Donahue, Municipal Clerk, Township of Cranford, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016. E-mailed comments must be received at least eight (8) hours prior to the meeting. Mailed comments must be received by 12:00 p.m. the day before the meeting.

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 Kathleen Miller Prunty
Deputy Mayor Brian Andrews
Commissioner Jason Gareis
Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.
Commissioner Mary O'Connor

ABSENT: None

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

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

MINUTE APPROVAL

On motion of Commissioner Gareis, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and passed, the minutes of the Conference and Official Meetings of March 9, 2021 which were approved by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Andrews, Commissioners Gareis, Hannen and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andrews and passed, the Bill List dated March 30, 2021, totaling \$944,652.16 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 Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Andrews, Commissioners Gareis and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

No Vote: Commissioner Hannen*

*Commissioner Hannen's computer lost teleconference connection and he could not vote.

MAYORAL REMARKS

Mayor Miller Prunty spoke about Resolution No. 2021-164 which designates certain properties on South Avenue and Chestnut Street as areas in need of rehabilitation. Explained the difference between an area in need of rehabilitation and a redevelopment designation and how a municipality would benefit from both. Discussed additional public meetings she has held and will be holding regarding various projects for the members of the public feedback. Urged residents to contact her so she can arrange to meet with them. Feels confident that the Township Committee and professional staff are 100 per cent (%) committed to protect the best interests of Cranford.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Ann Darby, Ron Margulis and Christian Wurzberger as Associate Members for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021.

INFORMAL MEETING

Mayor Miller Prunty opened the informal meeting portion of the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments.

Rita LaBrutto, 104 Arlington Road, questioned if the public meetings the Mayor will be holding will include the discussion of the financial impact and the taxes associated with each project.

Mayor Miller Prunty answered yes. Also explained that there may be more than one meeting for each project.

Ms. LaBrutto expressed concern with property taxes. Questioned if the thirty-eight (38) Affordable Housing units for the 750 Walnut Avenue property were associated with a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program.

Township Attorney Cooper explained that Affordable Housing is completely independent from a PILOT.

Ms. LaBrutto inquired whether a five (5) year tax abatement for the Wells Fargo rehabilitation development had been approved. Mayor Miller Prunty stated that such approval had not occurred.

Township Attorney Cooper explained that the Affordable Housing obligation for the 750 Walnut Avenue project does not depend on a PILOT program and elaborated. Discussion held regarding Affordable Housing credits as well as the upcoming Fairness Hearing and Compliance Hearing.

Mayor Miller Prunty asked Township Clerk Patricia Donahue if she had received public comments correspondence. Township Clerk Patricia Donahue stated that no public comments mail had arrived via the U.S. Post Service or via the Clerk's email box. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Miller Prunty closed the informal meeting portion of the meeting.

ORDINANCE - Introduction

Ordinance No. 2021-07:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2021-07 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER 255, ARTICLE V, USE REGULATIONS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL ZONE"

Said ordinance was introduced and approved on first reading on motion of Deputy Mayor Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Hannen, and passed by the indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Andrews and Commissioners Gareis, Hannen and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Final Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2021-07 to be held April 27, 2021 and the publication will take place in the Westfield Leader on April 8, 2021.

ORDINANCE – Final Reading and Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 2021-01:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2021-01 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE XLIII, TO ESTABLISH AN ANTI-NEPOTISM POLICY"

Said ordinance having been advertised and posted in accordance with law, Deputy Mayor Andrews opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, Deputy Mayor Andrews closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner O'Connor does not support the adoption of this ordinance. Agrees that supervisors should not oversee relatives and people who are not qualified for positions should not be hired regardless of who they are and regardless of their relatives. Does not agree with the prohibition of hiring relatives of the Township Committee for seasonal positions. Stated that this has never been a problem and feels a child should not be discriminated against because their parent is on the Township Committee. Stated that the ordinance does not mention patronage, i.e., a Township Committee member can refer a friend or firm for a lucrative position. Feels there is a discrepancy. Stated that she feels residents give thought to and elect people who they believe will do the right thing for Cranford regardless of their party affiliation. Discussed the dynamic of the Township Committee. Feels the ordinance is an overreach.

Commissioner Hannen stated that this ordinance is a solution in search of a problem. Feels the ordinance is unnecessary and not good government. Explained that it does not matter if you are qualified, it only matters who you are related to. Mentioned that he will be voting against the adoption of this ordinance.

Deputy Mayor Andrews was hopeful that there would be an honest debate over the ordinance. Explained that the ordinance is about public trust and preventing corruption. Feels this is a good government measure which will not prevent family members from serving together but will rightly prevent a family member from supervising a relative. Stated that he will be voting in favor of the adoption.

On motion of Deputy Mayor Andrews seconded by Commissioner Gareis and passed, said ordinance was adopted by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Andrews and Commissioners Gareis

Nay: Commissioners Hannen and O'Connor

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Ordinance No. 2021-03:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2021-03 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER 255 LAND DEVELOPMENT, TO CREATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING OVERLAY DISTRICTS"

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

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Andrews and Commissioners Gareis, Hannen and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Ordinance No. 2021-04:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2021-04 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER 255 LAND DEVELOPMENT, SECTION 255-68 MANDATORY AFFORDABLE HOUSING SET-ASIDE REQUIREMENTS"

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

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Andrews and Commissioners Gareis, Hannen and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Ordinance No. 2021-05:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2021-05 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER A503, POLICE DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS"

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

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Andrews and Commissioners Gareis, Hannen and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Ordinance No. 2021-06:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2021-06 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER 374 AND TO CREATE CHAPTER 375, PERTAINING TO STORM WATER MANAGEMENT”

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

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Andrews and Commissioners Gareis, Hannen and O’Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda

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

Resolution No. 2021-156:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the salary for Janet Spricigo, Records Clerk within the Police Department, be and hereby is set at \$45,229.50 effective March 31, 2021.

Resolution No. 2021-157:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 30th day of March, 2021, that the Tax Collector has been authorized to refund tax overpayments for the reason noted:

County Board Judgement 2020 TAXES

Block 265 Lot 2 QC134C, 217 Prospect Ave, Apt 12A-4C
Diana Chaves & Joanne Muoio
217 Prospect Ave., Apt 12A-4C
Cranford, NJ 07016

Refund \$ 610.26
(1-01-55-000-010-028)

County Board Judgement 2020 TAXES

Block 267 Lot 11.01, 309 Casino Avenue
Brian & Maria Curry
c/o Frank Ferruggia, Jr, Esq.
2 University Plaza, Suite 100, PMB 1028
Hackensack, NJ 07601

Refund \$ 925.24
(1-01-55-000-010-028)

County Board Judgement 2019 TAXES

Block 267 Lot 11.01, 309 Casino Avenue
Brian & Maria Curry
c/o Frank Ferruggia, Jr, Esq.
2 University Plaza, Suite 100, PMB 1028
Hackensack, NJ 07601

Refund \$ 619.40
(1-01-55-000-010-028)

Resident Tax Overpayment

Block 220 Lot 10 11 Elmora Avenue
Arlene Gigon
11 Elmora Avenue
Cranford, NJ 07016

Refund \$ 324.17
(1-01-55-000-010-025)

Resolution No. 2021-158:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 30th day March, 2021, that the following checks will be refunded by the Tax Collector to the lien holder according to statutory requirements:

Redemption of Certificate# 16-00002

Block 138 Lot 41 – 3 Middlebury Lane
Solomon Rubin, Esq.
2077 Center Ave, Suite 6E
Fort Lee, NJ 07024

Refund: \$117,247.46
(1-01-55-000-010-029)
Premium: \$71,100.00
(T-15-00-000-106-000)

Redemption of Certificate# 20-00010

Block 265 Lot 2 Qual C131C-217 Prospect Ave 12A-1C
US Bank Cust ACTLIEN Holding
50 South 16th Street, Suite 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Refund: \$ 252.49
(1-01-55-000-010-029)
Premium: \$ 1,500.00
(T-15-00-000-106-000)

Redemption of Certificate# 20-00009

Block 246 Lot 19 – 207 Locust Drive
FIG CUST FIGNJ19LLC & SEC PTY

Refund: \$ 280.54
(1-01-55-000-010-029)

PO Box 54226
New Orleans, LA 70154
Redemption of Certificate# 20-00019
Block 499 Lot 11 – 15 Pine Street
ATCF II NJ LLC, TAXSERV AS CUST
PO Box 69239
Baltimore, MD 21264
Redemption of Certificate# 20-00022
Block 554 Lot 95– 339 Centennial Ave
FIG CUST FIGNJ19LLC & SEC PTY
PO Box 54226
New Orleans, LA 70154
Redemption of Certificate# 20-00023
Block 573 Lot 12.01 – 112 Bryant Ave
CHRISTIANA TC/F CE1/FIRSTTRUST
PO Box 5021
Philadelphia, PA 19111

Premium: \$1,200.00
(T-15-00-000-106-000)

Refund: \$ 25,396.08
(1-01-55-000-010-029)
Premium: \$58,800.00
(T-15-00-000-106-000)

Refund: \$ 559.08
(1-01-55-000-010-029)
Premium: \$1,200.00
(T-15-00-000-106-000)

Refund: \$ 16,135.00
(1-01-55-000-010-029)
Premium: 45,100.00
(T-15-00-000-106-000)

Resolution No. 2021-159:
WHEREAS, the Cranford Woman’s Club, has proposed a “Sip & Shop” event which will take place on Friday, May 7, 2021; and
WHEREAS, the Cranford Township Committee is in favor of allowing the event to be held on Alden Street, between North Union Avenue and Miln Street; and
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby approves the consumption of alcohol by the public, consistent with all applicable State laws and regulations, during said event.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford be and hereby authorizes the closure of Alden Street, between North Union Avenue and Miln Street from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday, May 7, 2021 for the Woman’s Club “Sip & Shop” event.

Resolution No. 2021-160:
A RESOLUTION TO UTILIZE THE THREE-YEAR AVERAGE METHOD IN COMPUTING CERTAIN REVENUES IN THE 2021 SWIM POOL UTILITY BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford previously received authorization from the State of New Jersey, Division of Local Government Services to appropriate a special emergency for the COVID-19 affected revenue losses that occurred in the 2020 budget year in the Swimming Pool Utility Operating Fund; and
WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Division of Local Government Services now requires a resolution, from municipalities that desire to use a three-year average for the calculation of affected revenues in other operating funds, as provided under Section 1 of P.L. 2020, c.74 which amended N.J.S.A. 40A:4-26, for the 2021 Swim Pool Utility Budget Year; and
WHEREAS, the need to use the three-year average method to compute certain dedicated revenues in the 2021 Budget Year is beneficial to the Township, as well as necessary; and
WHEREAS, the selected dedicated revenues, and the three-year average amounts, are as follows:

<u>Revenue from Swim Pool Utility:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Membership Fees:	\$956,468.21
Miscellaneous:	\$331,187.93

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, that it approves the utilization of the three-year average method in computing certain dedicated revenues in the Township’s 2021 Swim Pool Utility Budget; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution is to be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER’S CERTIFICATION

I, Lavona Patterson, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, hereby certify that the request, and need, to use the three-year average method for certain dedicated revenues in the 2021 Swim Pool Utility Budget is based on a true account of the revenue losses during the 2020 budget year.

Revenue realized in the last three budget years, 2018-2020, the average of the three-years and the amount to be used in the 2021 Swim Pool Utility Budget are as follows:

Swim Pool Utility Revenue Category	Revenue Realized			Three-Year Average	Amount in 2021 Budget
	2018	2019	2020		
Membership Fees	1,193,691.30	1,175,505.35	500,207.99	956,468.21	956,468.21
Miscellaneous	480,138.27	485,891.52	27,534.01	331,187.93	331,187.93
	1,673,829.57	1,661,396.87	527,742.00	1,287,656.15	1,287,656.14

Lavona Patterson, CMFO
Township Chief Financial Officer

Resolution No. 2021-161:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, that the Township Clerk be, and hereby is authorized to post advertisements to the Township's website and local newspaper for the solicitation of bids for services to be provided within the Township of Cranford for:

**“2021 CONCESSION RIGHTS FOR
THE ORANGE AVENUE POOL CONCESSION STAND”**

Resolution No. 2021-162:

WHEREAS, on or about March 14, 2019, the Township of Cranford entered into a contract with Circelli Construction for Concession Rights for the Cranford Canoe Club; and

WHEREAS, said contract provided for the Contractor to operate said concessions for the 2019 and 2020 seasons; and

WHEREAS, said contract further provided for the extension of the contract for the 2021 and 2022 seasons at the option of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wishes to extend said contract for the 2021 season;

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

1. Aforementioned contract dated March 14, 2019 between the Township of Cranford and Circelli Construction be, and hereby is, extended to include the 2021 season; and
2. Sum to be paid by the Contractor to the Township for the 2021 season shall be \$4,242.00 and;
3. The Township Administrator be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to notify the Contractor of the extension granted herein.

Resolution No. 2021-163:

**DESIGNATING STEVENS & LEE, P.C. AS EXPERTS TO BE ENGAGED FOR GENERAL
LITIGATION SERVICES**

WHEREAS, there exists a need to engage experts to provide General Litigation legal services for the Township of Cranford; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) for the Provision of Various 2021 Professional Services through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Robert Donovan, Esq., of the firm McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP, responded and was deemed to have the background, experience and qualifications of the respondents satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFQ/P; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2021-05, McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP, was designated as experts to be engaged for General Litigation Services; and

WHEREAS, effective February 15, 2021, Robert Donovan, Esq., separated from McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP and joined the firm Stevens & Lee, with offices at 669 River Road, Suite 201, Elmwood Park, New Jersey 07407; and

WHEREAS, Robert Donovan, Esq., and Stevens & Lee, have affirmed and ratified the terms and conditions of Robert Donovan, Esq.'s response to the Township's RFQ/P.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey that the firm Stevens & Lee, 669 River Road, Suite 201, Elmwood Park, New Jersey 07407, is approved to provide general litigation legal services in substitution for McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP.

Resolution No. 2021-164:

Moved to Roll Call Vote (see below)

Resolution No. 2021-165:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held March 30, 2021, that John Reyes be, and hereby is, appointed as an Intern in the Engineering Department, effective March 17, 2021 at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Resolution No. 2021-166:

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

Resolution No. 2021-167:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held March 30, 2021, that additional appointments of the following individuals be made to the River Maintenance

Committee for the year 2021 – Barbara Bilger, Kinney Clark, Andrew Cossa, Ann Dooley, Catherine Felegi, Tina Helmstetter, William Ilaria, William King, Paul LaCorte, Douglas Madsen, Michael Mason (Chair of River Heritage Walk Committee), Murielle Mason, Ronald Meeks, Nile Savino Mulcahy, Carolyn Pugliese, Hugh Welsh and Suzanne Welsh.

Resolution No. 2021-168:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held March 30, 2021, that William McClave be and hereby is appointed as Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, effective April 1, 2021 at a rate of \$100,000.00 per year.

Resolution No. 2021-169:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS NO. 1 AND NO. 2 FOR NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJ DOT) MUNICIPAL AID (MA) 2020 RETFORD AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2020-342, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford authorized and approved an award of contract to American Asphalt & Milling Services, LLC, 96 Midland Avenue, Kearny, NJ 07032, for the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJ DOT) Municipal Aid (MA) 2020 Retford Avenue Improvements Project with a total project price of \$372,609.70; and

WHEREAS, certain necessary items of extra work were required to be undertaken throughout the course of the project due to unforeseen field conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has reviewed and approved the construction item quantities and items of extra work as set forth in Change Order No. 1 and No. 2, a copy of which is attached to the original hereof; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 and No. 2 reflects an increase in the materials and work utilized in the amount of \$11,900.00 (3.19 per cent (%) increase); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available within the current and/or previously adopted budget for said purpose.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, Union County, New Jersey that the above referenced Change Orders No. 1 and No. 2 for the NJ DOT MA 2020 Retford Avenue Improvements Project is awarded to American Asphalt & Milling Services LLC with an amended contract amount of \$384,509.10.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. C-04-20-006-000-201.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 2021-170:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Township of Cranford to engage an expert to provide Planning services in connection with the preparation of a Redevelopment Plan for specific properties designated as an area in need of rehabilitation and known as 201 Walnut Avenue, Block 484, Lot 19.01; 100-126 South Avenue, Block 478, Lots 1.01, 1.02, 2, 3, 4, and 5; 32 High Street, Block 478, Lot 6; and 2 Chestnut Street, Block 483, Lot 18; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) for the Provision of Various 2021 Professional Services

through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2021-21, the Township of Cranford deemed that the background, experience, and qualifications of Topology NJ, LLC satisfied the criteria set forth in the RFQ/P, and designated Topology as a firm for providing the Township planning services; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2021 municipal budget which is on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey, as follows:

1. Topology NJ, LLC, 60 Union Street, #1N, Newark, New Jersey 07016, be and hereby is awarded a contract to provide planning services, at a cost not to exceed \$25,000, in connection with the preparation of a Redevelopment Plan for 201 Walnut Avenue, Block 484, Lot 19.01; 100-126 South Avenue, Block 478, Lots 1.01, 1.02, 2, 3, 4, and 5; 32 High Street, Block 478, Lot 6; and 2 Chestnut Street, Block 483, Lot 18; and
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Topology NJ, LLC; and
3. This contract is awarded pursuant to the “fair and open” process, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. 1-01-20-100-100-216.

Resolution No. 2021-171:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the 150th Anniversary Board be, and hereby is, permitted to post a sign/banner on municipal property in connection with Cranford's 150th Anniversary Celebration.

Resolution No. 2021-172:

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

Resolution No. 2021-173:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SPENDING PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2019, the Township of Cranford ("Township") signed a settlement agreement with Fair Share Housing Center ("FSHC") which established the Township's fair share obligation and preliminarily approved the Township's compliance mechanisms in accordance with the March 10, 2015 decision of the Supreme Court, which transferred responsibility to review and approve housing elements and fair share plans from the Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH") to designated Mount Laurel trial judges within the Superior Court; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, the Township of Cranford ("Township") approved an amended settlement agreement with FSHC; and

WHEREAS, the Township has prepared a Spending Plan, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:93-5.1 et., seq. and consistent with P.L.2008, c.46 Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH") which projects anticipated revenues to the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund and describes anticipated expenditures of funds through the end of the Third Round; and

WHEREAS, the Township requires approval of its Spending Plan in order to utilize any of the funds within the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to submit its Spending Plan to the Court in connection with the Compliance Action for review and approval.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, and the State of New Jersey hereby adopts the Spending Plan that is attached hereto as Exhibit A and requests that the Court review and approve the Township's Spending Plan, so that it can expend funds in its Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Resolution No. 2021-174:

**A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS OR BONDS IN THE EVENT OF A SHORTFALL IN FUNDING FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S SPENDING PLAN
(HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN)**

WHEREAS, pursuant to In re N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97, 221 N.J. 1 (2015) (Mount Laurel IV), on November 20, 2018, the Township of Cranford (hereinafter "Cranford" or the "Township") filed a Declaratory Judgment Complaint in Superior Court, Law Division, seeking, among other things, a judicial declaration that its Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, to be amended as necessary, satisfies its "fair share" of the regional need for low and moderate income housing pursuant to the "Mount Laurel doctrine;" and

WHEREAS, the Township simultaneously, and ultimately secured, a protective order providing Cranford immunity from all exclusionary zoning lawsuits while it pursues approval of its Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, which is still in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, the Township adopted its Housing Element and Fair Share Plan on or about March 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Township has prepared a Spending Plan consistent with N.J.A.C. 5:97-8.1 – 8.14 and P.L. 2008, c.46; and

WHEREAS, in the event the funding sources as identified in the Spending Plan prove inadequate to complete the affordable housing programs included in the Township's Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, and any future amendments thereof; and to the extent permitted by law, the Township shall provide sufficient funding to address any shortfalls;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford in the County of Union, and the State of New Jersey, that the Township does hereby agree to appropriate funds or authorize the issuance of debt to fund any shortfall in its Spending Plan that may arise whether due to inadequate funding from other sources or for any other reason; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township may repay debt through future collections of development fees and in-lieu contributions, as such funds become available; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Township Administrator, and Township Clerk are authorized and designated to execute any and all necessary documents in order to implement the intent of this Resolution.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Andrews, Commissioners Gareis, Hannen and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

RESOLUTION – By Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution No. 2021-175:

**RESOLUTION COMBINING SEVERAL AUTHORIZATIONS OF BONDS INTO A SINGLE
ISSUE AND PRESCRIBING THE DETAILS AND BOND FORM THEREOF FOR \$9,700,000
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS DATED MAY 1, 2021**

WHEREAS, the bond ordinances hereinafter described have been duly adopted and it is necessary to provide for the issuance of the bonds authorized by such bond ordinances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Township"), as follows:

Section 1. There shall be issued at this time \$1,559,675 of the bonds authorized pursuant to Bond Ordinance No. 2012-15 adopted by the Township Committee of said Township on June 12, 2012. The bonds are issued to finance the reconstruction of the lower level and other improvements to the Municipal Building due to damage caused by Hurricane Irene in, by and for the Township. The period of usefulness of the purpose to be financed by such bond ordinance is a period of 15 years computed from the date of such bonds.

Section 2. There shall be issued at this time \$155,125 of the bonds authorized pursuant to Bond Ordinance No. 2012-19 adopted by the Township Committee of said Township on June 26, 2012. The bonds are issued to finance the undertaking of the North Avenue Station Plaza Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project; and the reconstruction of West End Place (Section 2 - from Orchard Street to Norman Place) and Holly Street (Section 3 - from Eastman Street to Orchard Street), all in, by and for the Township. The average period of usefulness of the several purposes to be financed by such bond ordinance is a period of 10 years computed from the date of such bonds.

Section 3. There shall be issued at this time \$847,383 of the bonds authorized pursuant to Bond Ordinance No. 2012-21 adopted by the Township Committee of said Township on July 17, 2012. The bonds are issued to finance the acquisition of a radio system to meet Federal mandates for narrow band compliance for the use of various Township departments, offices and agencies and a radio transmitter for the use of the Fire Department; the undertaking of various improvements to public buildings and property consisting of underground storage tank remediation at the Fire Department, replacement of the reception desk at the Municipal Building, rehabilitation of Roosevelt Park and desilting the Rahway River in the vicinity of Crescent Place; the acquisition of a street sweeper for the use of the Department of Public Works ("DPW"); the reconstruction of Lincoln Park East (approximately 300 feet south from Centennial Avenue) and Winans Avenue (from Centennial Avenue to Meeker Avenue), replacement of curbs and sidewalks at various locations and replacement of brick pavers at various downtown locations; and the undertaking of improvements to the Carpenter Place Detention Basin and sanitary sewer improvements at various locations, all in, by and for the Township. The average period of usefulness of the several purposes to be financed by such bond ordinance is a period of 17.81 years computed from the date of such bonds.

Section 4. There shall be issued at this time \$36,663 of the bonds authorized pursuant to Bond Ordinance No. 2013-03 adopted by the Township Committee of said Township on March 26, 2013. The bonds are issued to finance the acquisition of computer equipment for the use of various Township departments, offices and agencies in, by and for the Township. The period of usefulness of the purpose to be financed by such bond ordinance is a period of 5 years computed from the date of such bonds.

Section 5. There shall be issued at this time \$410,976 of the bonds authorized pursuant to Bond Ordinance No. 2013-15 adopted by the Township Committee of said Township on July 16, 2013. The bonds are issued to finance the acquisition of utility vehicles/lawn mowers, a mason dump truck with plow, a dump body and pickup truck with plow for the use of the DPW, an ambulance for the use of the Fire Department and a copier for the use of the Municipal Clerk; the planting of shade trees at various locations; and the upgrading of the HVAC control system at the Community Center and Public Library and acquisition of 9-1-1 emergency communications equipment and digital fingerprint scanning equipment for the use of the Police Department, all in, by and for the Township. The average period of usefulness of the several purposes to be financed by such bond ordinance is a period of 6.86 years computed from the date of such bonds.

Section 6. There shall be issued at this time \$1,023,440 of the bonds authorized pursuant to Bond Ordinance No. 2013-16 adopted by the Township Committee of said Township on July 16, 2013. The bonds are issued to finance the resurfacing and reconstruction of Winans Avenue and South Union Avenue (Phase 1 - from Lincoln Avenue to Washington Place); the resurfacing and reconstruction of the following streets (entire lengths unless otherwise noted): Cayuga Road, Ramapo Road, Park Street, Park Terrace, Watchung Avenue (from cul-de-sac to Albany Avenue) and Herning Avenue (from Summit Avenue to Dunham Avenue); the desilting of the Rahway River at various locations; the undertaking of drainage and storm sewer improvements at Dietz Street; and the replacement of curbs and sidewalks at various locations, all in, by and for the Township. The average period of usefulness of the several purposes to be financed by such bond ordinance is a period of 12.04 years computed from the date of such bonds.

Section 7. There shall be issued at this time \$621,960 of the bonds authorized pursuant to Bond Ordinance No. 2014-06 adopted by the Township Committee of said Township on March 11, 2014. The bonds are issued to finance the supplemental funding for the undertaking of the North Avenue Station Plaza Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project; and the replacement of automated parking pay stations at various locations,

all in, by and for the Township. The average period of usefulness of the several purposes to be financed by such bond ordinance is a period of 13.22 years computed from the date of such bonds.

Section 8. There shall be issued at this time \$1,619,518 of the bonds authorized pursuant to Bond Ordinance No. 2014-14 adopted by the Township Committee of said Township on July 15, 2014. The bonds are issued to finance the resurfacing or reconstruction of various Township roads; the reconstruction of Lincoln Avenue (Section 3 - from the vicinity of Thomas Street to the vicinity of Walnut Avenue); the replacement of curbs and sidewalks at various locations; the replacement of the DPW Garage doors and acquisition of a street sweeper and manhole frames and covers and catch basins for the use of the DPW; the acquisition of a dump truck and a dump body for a vacuum sweeper for the use of the DPW and a bucket truck for the use of the Police Department; the acquisition of a dispatch system and an alarm panel for the use of the Police Department and various communications equipment for the use of the Fire Department; the undertaking of various improvements to the Train Station tunnel; and the undertaking of the following park improvements: removal of an old building foundation and regrading and seeding such area, and making other improvements, at Sherman Park, installation of playground equipment at Roosevelt Park and improvements to various parks, all in, by and for the Township. The average period of usefulness of the several purposes to be financed by such bond ordinance is a period of 10.03 years computed from the date of such bonds.

Section 9. There shall be issued at this time \$1,013,680 of the bonds authorized pursuant to Bond Ordinance No. 2015-24 adopted by the Township Committee of said Township on July 14, 2015. The bonds are issued to finance the resurfacing and reconstruction of various Township roads and the Centennial Avenue Pool parking lot; the reconstruction of Lincoln Avenue (Section 4 - from the vicinity of Mansion Terrace to the vicinity of Retford Avenue); the construction of handicapped access ramps at various locations; the replacement of curbs and sidewalks at various locations; the undertaking of the engineering design phase of the Orchard Brook Bank Stabilization Project; the undertaking of storm sewer improvements at various locations; the construction of a concession stand and rest rooms at Memorial Field; the undertaking of various improvements to public buildings consisting of replacement of the roll down gate with a clear window at the Health Department in the Municipal Building and replacement of the flooring at the Firehouse vehicle area; the acquisition of a dump truck for the use of the DPW, laptop computers for the use of the Fire Department and a zodiac boat, in-vehicle digital video system equipment, in-vehicle computer equipment and e-ticket system equipment for the use of the Police Department; the acquisition of an asphalt hot box and manhole frames and covers and catch basins for the use of the DPW; the installation of a generator at the Firehouse and acquisition of portable generators for the use of the Police Department; the acquisition of a replacement radio antenna for the use of TV-35; and the replacement of sidewalk pavers at various locations and Victorian lighting improvements at Eastman Plaza, all in, by and for the Township. The average period of usefulness of the several purposes to be financed by such bond ordinance is a period of 10.20 years computed from the date of such bonds.

Section 10. There shall be issued at this time \$190,963 of the bonds authorized pursuant to Bond Ordinance No. 2016-12 adopted by the Township Committee of said Township on June 14, 2016. The bonds are issued to finance the resurfacing or reconstruction of various Township roads; the reconstruction of Lincoln Avenue (Section 5 - from Denman Road to South Avenue); the construction of handicapped access ramps at various locations; the replacement of curbs and sidewalks at various locations; the undertaking of storm sewer improvements at various locations; the undertaking of various improvements to public buildings and property consisting of: replacement of the salt dome roof, lighting upgrade at the Cranford Crossing Parking Garage, installation of security cameras at various locations, rehabilitation of the basketball courts at Lincoln Park and renovation of the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building; the acquisition of computer equipment, a pickup truck with plow, a dump truck and milling attachment for a backhoe for the use of the DPW, computer equipment, bailout systems, turnout gear, a document management computer system and self-contained breathing apparatus equipment for the use of the Fire Department, a pickup truck and defibrillators for the use of the Police Department and a senior bus for the use of Parks and Recreation; the acquisition of a backhoe, a trailer with wet lines and a loader for the use of the DPW and a tire changer and wheeling balancing machine and a line painting machine for the use of the Police Department; the repainting of street lights and replacement of light fixtures on street lights; and the undertaking of the "paperless" document management and storage project for the use of various Township departments, offices and agencies and interior painting and acquisition of new additional furnishings at the Municipal Building, all in, by and for the Township. The average period of usefulness of the several purposes to be financed by such bond ordinance is a period of 10.26 years computed from the date of such bonds.

Section 11. There shall be issued at this time \$1,763,158 of the bonds authorized pursuant to Bond Ordinance No. 2017-05 adopted by the Township Committee of said Township on May 23, 2017, as amended by Bond Ordinance No. 2019-05 adopted by the Township Committee of said Township on May 28, 2019. The bonds are issued to finance the replacement of the traffic light at the intersection of Alden Street and North Union Avenue, improvements to various dams and resurfacing or reconstruction of various Township roads; the reconstruction of South Union Avenue (from Lincoln Avenue to the vicinity of James Avenue); the construction of handicapped access ramps at various locations; the replacement of curbs and sidewalks at various locations; the acquisition of a dump truck, digital equipment for a sewer inspection vehicle, salt spreaders, a pickup truck with plow and an uninterrupted power source ("UPS") system for the DPW Garage for the use of the DPW, an ambulance, self-contained breathing apparatus equipment and turnout gear for the use of the Fire Department, a UPS system, a rescue boat and traffic signs for the use of the Police Department and a computer server for the use of various departments; the acquisition of a

compressor, a wood chipper and a crack-sealing machine for the use of the DPW; the rehabilitation of basketball courts and renovation of the playground at Johnson Park; the replacement of the boiler at the Firehouse; the replacement of sidewalk pavers at various locations, replacement of light fixtures on street lights, painting light poles, various improvements to Eastman Clock Plaza and installation of a decorative Victorian light pole on Walnut Avenue near the train station passage; and the acquisition of upgraded technology and camera equipment for the use of TV-35 and technology and TV-35 upgrades to the Council Chambers, all in, by and for the Township. The average period of usefulness of the several purposes to be financed by such bond ordinance is a period of 9.34 years computed from the date of such bonds.

Section 12. There shall be issued at this time \$457,459 of the bonds authorized pursuant to Bond Ordinance No. 2019-05 adopted by the Township Committee of said Township on May 28, 2019. The bonds are issued to finance the resurfacing or reconstruction of various Township roads; the undertaking of drainage improvements at Brookside Place and the vicinity thereof; the construction of handicapped access ramps at various locations; the undertaking of flood control improvements at various locations; the acquisition of real property, including an existing structure, known as the MHS Tennis Academy, located at 375 Centennial Avenue (Block 602, Lot 27), for use as a recreation facility; the acquisition of a bucket truck and a hook lift truck with dump body and spreader for the use of the DPW; the acquisition of a digital fingerprint system for the use of the Police Department; the replacement of the radio system for various Township departments; the installation of security cameras at the Recreation Center; and the acquisition of upgraded technology and camera equipment for the use of TV-35, all in, by and for the Township. The average period of usefulness of the several purposes to be financed by such bond ordinance is a period of 25.03 years computed from the date of such bonds.

Section 13. The bonds authorized by said twelve bond ordinances described in Sections 1 to 12, inclusive, of this resolution shall be issued as a single issue of bonds, aggregating \$9,700,000 consisting of an issue of bonds of the denomination of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof, numbered in the order of their maturity. In the event that the purchaser of the bonds elects to take bonds in the last maturity which are not in multiples of \$5,000, or, if there are any such bonds herein, such bonds shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof, numbered upwards from the last numbered \$5,000 bond. The average period of usefulness within which the bonds authorized by said twelve bond ordinances mature, according to the respective reasonable lives of the purposes to be financed, as determined in said ordinances taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds authorized for the purposes to be financed as set forth in each of the bond ordinances hereinbefore set forth, is a period of 12.37 years computed from the date of such bonds. Said issue shall be payable in annual installments on November 1 in each year as follows:

- \$600,000 in each of the years 2021 and 2022,
- \$650,000 in the year 2023,
- \$700,000 in the year 2024,
- \$750,000 in the year 2025,
- \$800,000 in each of the years 2026 to 2028, inclusive, and
- \$1,000,000 in each of the years 2029 to 2032, inclusive.

Said bonds shall be designated "General Improvement Bonds". A portion of the indebtedness evidenced by each such bond shall be deemed to have been incurred for the purpose described in each bond ordinance authorizing bonds of the same maturity, and such portion of such indebtedness shall be in the same proportion to the principal amount of such bonds as the total amount of bonds of like maturity to be issued pursuant to such bond ordinance bears to the aggregate amount of bonds of like maturity to be issued pursuant to such twelve bond ordinances.

Section 14. All of said bonds shall be dated May 1, 2021, and shall bear interest from their date until their respective maturities at the rates per annum named in the proposal accepted. Such rates of interest shall be determined at the time said bonds are sold. Such interest shall be payable on each May 1 and November 1, commencing November 1, 2021 (each, an "Interest Payment Date"), in each year until maturity or prior redemption.

Section 15. The bonds maturing on or before November 1, 2028 are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. The bonds maturing on or after November 1, 2029 are subject to redemption at the option of the Township prior to maturity, in whole on any date or in part on any Interest Payment Date, on or after November 1, 2028, upon notice as hereinafter set forth at the redemption price of 100% of the principal amount being redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

If the Township determines to optionally redeem a portion of the bonds prior to maturity, such bonds so redeemed shall be in such maturities as determined by the Township, and within any maturity, by lot; *provided, however*, that the portion of any bond to be redeemed shall be in the principal amount of \$5,000 or some multiple thereof and that, in selecting bonds for redemption, the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent (as hereinafter defined) shall treat each bond as representing that number of bonds that is obtained by dividing the principal amount of such bond by \$5,000.

Section 16. Notice of redemption shall be given by first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid to the registered owners of the bonds at their respective addresses as they last appear on the registration books kept for that purpose by the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent at least thirty (30) but not more than sixty (60) days before the date fixed for redemption. Such mailing is not a condition precedent to redemption, and the failure to mail or to receive any redemption notice will not affect the validity of the redemption proceedings. If any bond subject to redemption is a part of a greater principal amount of the bonds not to be redeemed, such entire amount shall be surrendered to the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent and, for that

portion of the bond not to be redeemed, a new bond shall be issued in the name of the registered owner in an amount equal to the principal amount of the bond surrendered less the amount to be redeemed.

Section 17. The bonds will be issued in fully registered form by means of a book-entry system with no physical distribution of bond certificates made to the public. One bond certificate for each maturity will be issued to The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), and immobilized in its custody. The book-entry system will evidence ownership of the bonds in principal amounts of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof, with transfers of beneficial ownership effected on the records of DTC and its participants pursuant to rules and procedures established by DTC. Interest on the bonds will be payable at the times stated in Section 14 of this resolution, and principal of the bonds will be paid annually on November 1, as set forth in the maturity schedule hereinbefore stated, in immediately available funds to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the bonds. Transfer of principal and interest payments to participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of beneficial owners. Interest will be payable to owners of bonds shown on the records of DTC as of the fifteenth day of the month preceding the month in which such Interest Payment Date occurs. The Township will not be responsible or liable for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants.

In the event that (a) DTC determines not to continue to act as securities depository for the bonds, or (b) the Township determines that continuation of the book-entry system of evidence and transfer of ownership of the bonds would adversely affect the interests of the beneficial owners of the bonds, the Township will discontinue the book-entry system with DTC. If the Township fails to identify another qualified securities depository to replace DTC, the Township will authenticate and deliver replacement bonds in the form of fully registered certificates.

The principal of and the interest on the bonds shall be payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts on the respective dates of payment thereof.

Section 18. The Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-34, is hereby authorized to sell and award the bonds in accordance with the terms of the notice of sale, such terms to be determined by a resolution of the Township Committee to be hereafter adopted. The Chief Financial Officer shall report in writing to the Township Committee at the next meeting after the sale of the bonds as to the principal amount, interest rates and maturities of the bonds sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 19. All of said bonds shall be signed by the Mayor by manual or facsimile signature and by the Chief Financial Officer by manual or facsimile signature and the corporate seal of said Township shall be imprinted, affixed or reproduced thereon and such seal shall be attested by the Township Clerk by manual or facsimile signature. The bonds will be authenticated by the manual signature of the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent.

Section 20. Each of said bonds shall be issued in substantially the following form:

[Form of Bond]

Unless this certificate is presented by an authorized representative of The Depository Trust Company, a New York corporation ("DTC"), to the issuer or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange or payment, and any certificate issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or such other name as requested by an authorized representative of DTC (and any payment is made to Cede & Co. or to such other entity as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL inasmuch as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein.

No. R-_____ \$_____

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF UNION
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BOND

INTEREST
RATE PER
ANNUUM MATURITY DATE DATED DATE CUSIP

% NOVEMBER 1, 20__ MAY 1, 2021

REGISTERED OWNER: CEDE & CO.

PRINCIPAL SUM: -----DOLLARS

The Township of Cranford, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, located in the County of Union (hereinafter referred to as the "Township"), for value received hereby acknowledges

itself indebted and promises to pay to the REGISTERED OWNER named above, on the MATURITY DATE specified above, upon surrender hereof, the PRINCIPAL SUM stated above and to pay to the REGISTERED OWNER hereof interest thereon from the DATED DATE of this Bond until it shall mature at the INTEREST RATE PER ANNUM specified above, payable on each May 1 and November 1, commencing November 1, 2021 (each, an "Interest Payment Date"), of each year until maturity or prior redemption. The principal hereof is payable at the office of the Chief Financial Officer, Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016 (the "Bond Registrar/Paying Agent"). The interest so payable on any such Interest Payment Date will be paid to the person in whose name this Bond is registered on the record date for such interest, which shall be the fifteenth day of the month preceding the month in which such Interest Payment Date occurs. Both the principal of and the interest on this Bond shall be paid in any coin or currency of the United States of America that is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts on the respective dates of payment thereof.

This Bond is one of an issue of Bonds of like date and tenor, except as to number, denomination, interest rate and maturity, issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended) and pursuant to twelve bond ordinances adopted by the Township Committee of the Township on June 12, 2012 (Ord. No. 2012-15), June 26, 2012 (Ord. No. 2012-19), July 17, 2012 (Ord. No. 2012-21), March 26, 2013 (Ord. No. 2013-03), July 16, 2013 (two ordinances: Ord. Nos. 2013-15 and 2013-16), March 11, 2014 (Ord. No. 2014-06), July 15, 2014 (Ord. No. 2014-14), July 14, 2015 (Ord. No. 2015-24), June 14, 2016 (Ord. No. 2016-12), May 23, 2017 (Ord. No. 2017-05, as amended by Ord. No. 2019-05 adopted on May 28, 2019) and May 28, 2019 (Ord. No. 2019-05) and resolutions adopted by the Township Committee of the Township on March 30, 2021.

The Bonds maturing on or before November 1, 2028 are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. The Bonds maturing on or after November 1, 2029 are subject to redemption at the option of the Township prior to maturity, in whole on any date or in part on any Interest Payment Date, on or after November 1, 2028, upon notice as hereinafter set forth at the redemption price of 100% of the principal amount being redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

If the Township determines to optionally redeem a portion of the Bonds prior to maturity, such Bonds so redeemed shall be in such maturities as determined by the Township, and within any maturity, by lot; *provided, however*, that the portion of any Bond to be redeemed shall be in the principal amount of \$5,000 or some multiple thereof and that, in selecting Bonds for redemption, the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall treat each Bond as representing that number of Bonds that is obtained by dividing the principal amount of such Bond by \$5,000.

Notice of redemption shall be given by first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid to the registered owners of the Bonds at their respective addresses as they last appear on the registration books kept for that purpose by the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent at least thirty (30) but not more than sixty (60) days before the date fixed for redemption. Such mailing is not a condition precedent to redemption, and the failure to mail or to receive any redemption notice will not affect the validity of the redemption proceedings. If any Bond subject to redemption is a part of a greater principal amount of the Bonds not to be redeemed, such entire amount shall be surrendered to the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent and, for that portion of the Bond not to be redeemed, a new Bond shall be issued in the name of the registered owner in an amount equal to the principal amount of the Bond surrendered less the amount to be redeemed.

The Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall keep at its office the books of the Township for the registration of transfer of Bonds. The transfer of this Bond may be registered only upon such books and as otherwise provided in the resolution upon the surrender hereof to the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner hereof or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent. Upon any such registration of transfer, the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall deliver in exchange for this Bond a new bond or bonds, registered in the name of the transferee, of authorized denomination, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed principal amount of this Bond, of the same maturity and bearing interest at the same rate.

It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, acts and things required by the Constitution or statutes of the State of New Jersey, to exist, be performed or happen precedent to or in the issuance of this Bond exist, have been performed and have happened, and that this Bond together with all other indebtedness of the Township, is within every debt and other limit prescribed by the Constitution or statutes of said State.

The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged irrevocably to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on this Bond in accordance with its terms.

This Bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose until the Certification of Authentication hereon shall have been signed by the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Township has caused this Bond to be signed by its Mayor by manual or facsimile signature and by its Chief Financial Officer by manual or facsimile signature, and its seal to be impressed, affixed or reproduced hereon, and said seal to be attested by its Township Clerk by manual or facsimile signature and this Bond to be dated May 1, 2021.

[SEAL]

(manual or facsimile signature)
Mayor

ATTEST:

(manual or facsimile signature)
Township Clerk

(manual or facsimile signature)
Chief Financial Officer

AUTHENTICATION DATE: MAY 13, 2021

CERTIFICATION OF AUTHENTICATION

This Bond is one of the Bonds described in the within-mentioned resolutions and is one of the General Improvement Bonds dated May 1, 2021 of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey.

Chief Financial Officer,
as Bond Registrar/Paying Agent

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto _____,
the within Bond and irrevocably appoints _____,
attorney-in-fact, to transfer the within Bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of
substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

NOTICE: The signature to

this
assignment must correspond with the
name as it appears upon the face of
the within Bond in every particular,
without any alteration whatsoever.

Signature Guaranteed:

[End of Form of Bond]

Section 21. Bonds may, upon surrender thereof at the office of the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent and, at the option of the registered owner thereof, be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of bonds of the same maturity, of any denomination or denominations authorized by this resolution and bearing interest at the same rate.

The transfer of any bond may be registered only upon the registration books of the Township upon the surrender thereof to the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney or legal representative in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent. Upon any such registration of transfer, the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall authenticate and deliver in exchange for such bond a new bond or bonds, registered in the name of the transferee, of any denomination or denominations authorized by this resolution, in an aggregate principal

amount equal to the unredeemed principal amount of such bond so surrendered, of the same maturity and bearing interest at the same rate.

In all cases in which bonds shall be exchanged or the transfer of bonds shall be registered hereunder, the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall authenticate and deliver at the earliest practicable time bonds in accordance with the provisions of this resolution. All bonds surrendered in any such exchange or registration of transfer shall forthwith be canceled by the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent. The Township or the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent may make a charge for shipping and out-of-pocket costs for every such exchange or registration of transfer of bonds sufficient to reimburse it for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or registration of transfer, but no other charge shall be made for exchanging or registering the transfer of bonds under this resolution.

As to any bond, the person in whose name the same shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, and payment of or on account of the principal of any such bond and the interest on any such bond shall be made only to or upon the order of the registered owner thereof or his legal representative. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such bond, including interest thereon, to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

The Township shall appoint such registrars, transfer agents, depositories or other agents and make such other arrangements as may be necessary for the registration, registration of transfer and exchange of bonds within a reasonable time according to the then commercial standards and for the timely payment of principal and interest with respect to the bonds. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby appointed registrar and paying agent for the Bonds (the "Bond Registrar/Paying Agent") subject to the right of the Township Committee to appoint another Bond Registrar/Paying Agent, and, as such, shall keep at the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016, the books of the Township for the registration, registration of transfer, exchange and payment of the bonds.

Section 22. The Mayor, the Chief Financial Officer and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to cause said bonds to be prepared and to execute and deliver said bonds upon payment of the purchase price therefor.

Section 23. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Andrews and Commissioners Gareis, Hannen and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

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

Resolution No. 2021-176:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION, PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF A NOTICE OF SALE AND THE PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY NOTICE OF SALE AND PRESCRIBING THE FORMS THEREOF FOR \$9,700,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, DATED MAY 1, 2021, APPROVING THE PREPARATION, DISTRIBUTION AND EXECUTION OF A PRELIMINARY AND A FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENT FOR SUCH BONDS, UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION, COVENANTING TO COMPLY WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, DESIGNATING SUCH BONDS AS "QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS" FOR PURPOSES OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, AND AUTHORIZING VARIOUS MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH ELECTRONIC BIDDING FOR THE BONDS

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Township"), desires to make further provision for the issuance of \$9,700,000 General Improvement Bonds (the "Bonds"), which are to be issued pursuant to bond ordinances heretofore adopted by the Township Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, as follows:

Section 1. A Notice of Sale (the "Full Notice of Sale") shall be published and printed and inserted in the Preliminary Official Statement (as hereinafter defined) for distribution in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF SALE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD,
IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY
\$9,700,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS
(Book-Entry Only) (Bank-Qualified)
(Callable) (Parity Bid)
dated
May 1, 2021

The Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey (the "Township"), hereby invites ELECTRONIC BIDS VIA PARITY AND SEALED PROPOSALS for the purchase of its \$9,700,000 General Improvement Bonds, dated May 1, 2021 (the "Bonds").

ELECTRONIC BIDS VIA PARITY AND SEALED PROPOSALS will be received and publicly opened and announced by the Chief Financial Officer in the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016, on May 4, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock A.M. (local time).

The Bonds comprise an issue of bonds payable on November 1 in each year as follows:

\$600,000 in each of the years 2021 and 2022,

\$650,000 in the year 2023,

\$700,000 in the year 2024,

\$750,000 in the year 2025,

\$800,000 in each of the years 2026 to 2028, inclusive, and

\$1,000,000 in each of the years 2029 to 2032, inclusive.

To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in PARITY conflict with this Notice of Sale, the terms of this Notice of Sale shall control. For further information about PARITY, potential bidders may contact Ipreo at 1359 Broadway, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10018, telephone (212) 849-5021.

The Bonds shall be issued in registered form by means of a book-entry system with no physical distribution of bond certificates made to the public. One bond certificate for each maturity will be issued to The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC") and immobilized in its custody. The book-entry system will evidence ownership of the Bonds in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, with transfers of ownership effected on the records of DTC and its participants pursuant to rules and procedures established by DTC and its participants. The successful bidder, as a condition to delivery of the Bonds, shall be required to deposit the bond certificates with DTC, registered in the name of Cede & Co., its nominee. Interest on the Bonds will be payable on each May 1 and November 1, commencing November 1, 2021 (each, an "Interest Payment Date"), in each year until maturity or prior redemption, and principal of the Bonds will be payable, at maturity, by payment of immediately available funds by the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Bonds. Transfer of principal and interest to participants of DTC will be the responsibility of DTC. Transfer of principal and interest to beneficial owners will be the responsibility of the DTC participants and other nominees of the beneficial owners. The Township will not be responsible or liable for such transfers of payments or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants.

In the event (a) DTC determines not to continue to act as securities depository for the Bonds or (b) the Township determines that continuation of the book-entry system of evidence and transfer of ownership of the Bonds would adversely affect the interests of the beneficial owners of the Bonds, the Township will discontinue the book-entry system with DTC. If the Township fails to identify another qualified securities depository to replace DTC, the Township will deliver replacement bonds in the form of fully registered certificates.

The Bonds maturing on or before November 1, 2028 are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. The Bonds maturing on or after November 1, 2029 are subject to redemption at the option of the Township prior to maturity, in whole on any date or in part on any Interest Payment Date, on or after November 1, 2028, upon notice as hereinafter set forth at the redemption price of 100% of the principal amount being redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

If the Township determines to optionally redeem a portion of the Bonds prior to maturity, such Bonds so redeemed shall be in such maturities as determined by the Township, and within any maturity, by lot; *provided, however*, that the portion of any Bond to be redeemed shall be in the principal amount of \$5,000 or some multiple thereof and that, in selecting Bonds for redemption, the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent shall treat each Bond as representing that number of Bonds that is obtained by dividing the principal amount of such Bond by \$5,000.

Notice of redemption shall be given by first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid to the registered owners of the Bonds at their respective addresses as they last appear on the registration books kept for that purpose by the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent at least thirty (30) but not more than sixty (60) days before the date fixed for redemption. Such mailing is not a condition precedent to redemption, and the failure to mail or to receive any redemption notice will not affect the validity of the redemption proceedings. If any Bond subject to redemption is a part of a greater principal amount of the Bonds not to be redeemed, such entire amount shall be surrendered to the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent and, for that portion of the Bond not to be redeemed, a new Bond shall be issued in the name of the registered owner in an amount equal to the principal amount of the Bond surrendered less the amount to be redeemed.

The Bonds are general obligations of the Township and are secured by a pledge of the full faith and credit of the Township for the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The Bonds are payable, if not paid from other sources, from ad valorem taxes to be levied upon all the real property taxable within the Township without limitation as to rate or amount.

Each proposal submitted must name the rate or rates of interest per annum to be borne by the Bonds bid for, and the rate or rates named must be a multiple of 1/8th or 1/20th of one percentum (1%). The interest payable with respect to each Bond on any one date will be evidenced by a single rate of interest. Not more than one rate may be named for Bonds of the same maturity. There is no limitation on the number of rates that may be named. If more than one rate of interest is named, no interest rate named for any

maturity may be less than the interest rate named for any prior maturity. Each proposal submitted must be for all of the Bonds offered and the purchase price specified must not be less than \$9,700,000 nor more than \$9,797,000. The Bonds will be awarded to the bidder on whose bid the total loan may be made at the lowest net interest cost, such net interest cost shall be computed, as to each bid, by adding to the total principal amount of Bonds bid for (which shall be all of the Bonds offered) the total interest cost to maturity in accordance with such bid and by deducting therefrom the amount of premium, if any, bid, which premium shall not exceed \$97,000 (1% of par). No proposal shall be considered which offers to pay an amount less than the principal amount of Bonds offered for sale or under which the total loan is made at an interest cost higher than the lowest net interest cost to the Township under any legally acceptable proposal. The Township reserves its right to reject all bids, and any bid not complying with the material terms of this notice will be rejected. The Township reserves the right to waive defects it deems non-material, in its sole discretion.

The successful bidder must pay accrued interest from the date of the Bonds to the date of delivery. No interest will be paid upon the deposit made by the successful bidder. The Bonds will be authenticated by the Chief Financial Officer, acting as Bond Registrar/Paying Agent for the Bonds.

Sealed proposals should be addressed to the undersigned Chief Financial Officer, and enclosed in a sealed envelope marked on the outside "Proposal for Bonds". A good faith deposit (the "Deposit") in the form of a cash wire or a certified, treasurer's or cashier's check drawn upon a bank or trust company in the amount of \$194,000, payable to the order of the TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, is required for each bid to be considered. If a cash wire is used, the wire must be received by the Township no later than 11:00 A.M. on May 4, 2021. If a cash wire is utilized, each bidder must notify the Township of its intent to use such cash wire prior to 11:00 A.M. on May 4, 2021, and must provide proof of electronic transfer of such cash wire prior to 11:00 A.M. on May 4, 2021 (with return wiring instructions). Wire instructions for the Township can be obtained by contacting the Township's Bond Counsel (Steven Rogut or Thomas Bace (908) 931-1150). If a check is used, it must accompany the bid or be received by the undersigned Chief Financial Officer prior to the opening of bids. Each bidder accepts responsibility for delivering such cash wire or check on time and the Township is not responsible for any cash wire or check that is not received on time. Checks or wires of unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon the award of the Bonds. No interest on the Deposit will accrue to the successful bidder. The Deposit will be applied in part payment for the Bonds or to partially secure the Township from any loss resulting from the failure of the successful bidder to comply with the terms of its bid.

Award of the Bonds to the successful bidder or rejection of all bids is expected to be made within two hours after opening of the bids, but such successful bidder may not withdraw its proposal until after 3:00 p.m. (local time) of the day of such bid-opening and then only if such award has not been made prior to the withdrawal.

It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Bonds, but neither the failure to print such number on any Bond nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the successful bidder thereof to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds in accordance with its contractual obligations arising from the acceptance of its proposal for the purchase of the Bonds. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds shall be paid for by the Township; provided, however, that the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of said numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the successful bidder. CUSIP numbers must be communicated to Bond Counsel within 24 hours of the award of the Bonds in order to have the CUSIP numbers printed on the Bonds.

The Bonds shall be delivered on or about May 13, 2021 at the office of Rogut McCarthy LLC, Cranford, New Jersey ("Bond Counsel"), or at such other place as may be determined by the successful bidder and the Township. **PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS AT THE TIME OF ORIGINAL ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY SHALL BE IN IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FUNDS.**

A preliminary Official Statement has been prepared and is available at www.i-DealProspectus.com or may be obtained from the undersigned, Chief Financial Officer, Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016, Telephone No. (908) 709-7250. The preliminary Official Statement is deemed to be a "final official statement", as of its date, within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Rule 15c2-12"), but is subject to (a) completion with certain pricing and other information to be made available by the successful bidder for the Bonds and (b) amendment. The preliminary Official Statement, as so revised, will constitute the "final official statement". By the submission of a bid for the Bonds, the successful bidder contracts for the receipt of a reasonable number of copies of the final Official Statement within seven business days of the award of the Bonds. In order to complete the final Official Statement, the successful bidder must furnish on behalf of the underwriters of the Bonds the following information to Bond Counsel and the Township by facsimile transmission or overnight delivery received by Bond Counsel and the Township within 24 hours after the award of the Bonds: (a) initial offering prices or yields (expressed as percentages), (b) selling compensation (aggregate total anticipated compensation to the underwriters expressed in dollars), (c) the identity of the underwriters if the successful bidder is part of a group or syndicate and (d) any other material information necessary for the final Official Statement, but not known to the Township (such as the bidder's purchase of credit enhancement). It shall also be the obligation of the successful bidder to furnish to DTC an underwriter's questionnaire and the denominations of the Bonds not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the delivery of the Bonds.

Concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds, the officials of the Township who will have executed the final Official Statement will deliver to the purchaser of the Bonds a certificate stating that, to the best of their knowledge, the preliminary Official Statement did not as of its date and as of the sale date, and the final Official Statement did not as of its date and does not as of the date of delivery of the Bonds, contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be included therein for the purpose for which the preliminary Official Statement or the final Official Statement is to be used or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, provided such certificate shall not include consideration of information supplied by, or which should have been supplied by, the successful bidder for the Bonds.

The Township has agreed in its bond resolution adopted on March 30, 2021 to provide or cause to be provided, in accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12, (i) not later than seven months after the end of the Township's fiscal year (presently December 31) certain annual financial information and operating data, including audited financial statements for the preceding fiscal year (commencing with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020), (ii) timely notice of the occurrence of certain material events with respect to the Bonds and financial obligations of the Township and (iii) timely notice of a failure by the Township to provide the required annual financial information on or before the date specified in (i) above.

The successful bidder's obligation to purchase the Bonds shall be conditioned upon its receiving, at or prior to the delivery of the Bonds, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the successful bidder, evidence that the Township has made the continuing disclosure undertaking set forth above in a written agreement or contract for the benefit of the Bondholders and the beneficial owners of the Bonds.

The approving legal opinion of Bond Counsel will be furnished without cost to the purchaser. The preliminary Official Statement contains a discussion of the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), with respect to the exclusion from gross income for Federal income tax purposes of the interest on the Bonds and a description of the opinion of Bond Counsel with respect thereto. The Township has covenanted, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of New Jersey, to comply with the provisions of the Code required to preserve the exclusion from gross income of interest on the Bonds for Federal income tax purposes. There will also be furnished the usual closing papers.

The Township has designated the Bonds "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code and will represent that it reasonably expects that neither it nor its subordinate entities will issue more than \$10,000,000 of new money tax-exempt obligations in the current calendar year.

If the Bonds qualify for issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance or commitment therefor at the option of a bidder, any purchase of such insurance or commitment therefor shall be at the sole option and expense of the bidder and any increased costs of issuance of the Bonds resulting by reason of such insurance, unless otherwise paid, shall also be paid by such bidder. Any failure of the Bonds to be so insured or of any such policy of insurance to be issued, shall not in any way relieve the purchaser of its contractual obligations arising from the acceptance of its proposal for the purchase of the Bonds.

ISSUE PRICE DETERMINATION UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE CODE

If the "competitive sale requirements" are not satisfied, the winning bidder shall have the option to designate whether the "10% test" or the "hold-the-offering-price rule" shall apply to all the Bonds.

The following paragraphs contain the terms for the determination of issue price.

(a) The winning bidder shall assist the Township in establishing the issue price of the Bonds and shall execute and deliver to the Township at closing an "issue price" or similar certificate setting forth the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public or the sales price or prices of the Bonds, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications. A form of issue price certificate is available upon request to Steven L. Rogut, Bond Counsel, (908) 931-1150 or slr@rogutmccarthy.com.

(b) The Township intends that the provisions of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining "competitive sale" for purposes of establishing the issue price of the Bonds) will apply to the initial sale of the Bonds (the "competitive sale requirements") because:

- (1) the Township shall disseminate this Notice of Sale to potential underwriters in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential underwriters;
- (2) all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to bid;
- (3) the Township may receive bids from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds; and
- (4) the Township anticipates awarding the sale of the Bonds to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the Bonds at the highest price (or lowest interest cost), as set forth in this Notice of Sale.

Any bid submitted pursuant to this Notice of Sale shall be considered a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds, as specified in the bid. Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied. Unless the bidder intends to hold the Bonds for its own account with no intention to offer the Bonds to the public, the bidder, by submitting a bid, represents to the Township that the bidder has an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds.

(c) In the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, the Township shall so advise the winning bidder. In that case, the winning bidder shall have the option to designate (by 5:00 P.M. Prevailing Time on the sale date) whether the issue price will be calculated upon either (a) the first price at

which 10% of each maturity of the Bonds (the "10% test") is sold to the public as the issue price of that maturity, applied on a maturity-by-maturity basis, or (b) a commitment to neither offer nor sell any of the Bonds of any maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price to the public as of the sale date (the "initial offering price") during the holding period (as defined herein).

(d) If the 10% test is selected, the winning bidder shall advise the Township if any maturity of the Bonds satisfies the 10% test as of the date and time of the award of the Bonds, and bidders should prepare their bids on the assumption that all of the maturities of the Bonds will be subject to the 10% test in order to establish the issue price of the Bonds. If the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied and the 10% test is selected, then until the 10% test has been satisfied as to each maturity of the Bonds, the winning bidder agrees to promptly report to the Township the prices at which the unsold Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public. That reporting obligation shall continue, whether or not the Closing Date has occurred, until either (i) all Bonds of that maturity have been sold or (ii) the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity, provided that, the winning bidder's reporting obligation after the Closing Date may be at reasonable periodic intervals or otherwise upon request of the Township or Bond Counsel.

(e) In the event the "hold-the-offering-price" method is selected, for each maturity of the Bonds the winning bidder shall (a) neither offer nor sell any of the Bonds of such maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price for such maturity during the holding period for such maturity (the "hold-the-offering-price rule"), and (b) verify that any selling group agreement shall contain the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and any third-party distribution agreement shall contain the agreement of each broker-dealer who is a party to the third-party distribution agreement, to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule. Pursuant to such agreement, no underwriter (as defined below) shall offer or sell any maturity of the Bonds at a price that is higher than the respective initial offering price for that maturity of the Bonds during the holding period.

(f) By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that: (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each third-party distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement, as applicable, (A) to either comply with the hold-the-offering-price limitations stated herein or to report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allocated to it, whether or not the Closing Date has occurred, until either all Bonds of that maturity allocated to it have been sold or it is notified by the winning bidder that the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity, provided that, the reporting obligation after the Closing Date may be at reasonable periodic intervals or otherwise upon request of the winning bidder, depending upon whether the hold-the-offering-price method or the 10% test is selected by the winning bidder, (B) to promptly notify the winning bidder of any sales of Bonds that, to its knowledge, are made to a purchaser who is a related party to an underwriter participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (each such term being used as defined below), and (C) to acknowledge that, unless otherwise advised by the underwriter, dealer or broker-dealer, the winning bidder shall assume that each order submitted by the underwriter, dealer or broker-dealer is a sale to the public, and (ii) any agreement among underwriters or selling group agreement relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter or dealer that is a party to a third-party distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement to either comply with the hold-the-offering-price limitations stated herein or to report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allocated to it, whether or not the Closing Date has occurred, until either all Bonds of that maturity allocated to it have been sold or it is notified by the winning bidder or such underwriter that the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity, provided that, the reporting obligation after the Closing Date may be at reasonable periodic intervals or otherwise upon request of the winning bidder or such underwriter, depending upon whether the hold-the-offering-price method or the 10% test is selected by the winning bidder.

(g) Sales of any Bonds to any person that is a related party to an underwriter participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (each such term being used as defined below) shall not constitute sales to the public for purposes of this Notice of Sale. Further, for purposes of this Notice of Sale:

- (i) "public" means any person other than an underwriter or a related party,
- (ii) "underwriter" means (A) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract or otherwise with the Township (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public and (B) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (A) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a third-party distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public),
- (iii) a purchaser of any of the Bonds is a "related party" to an underwriter if the underwriter and the purchaser are subject, directly or indirectly, to (A) more than 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (B) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by

- one partnership of another), or (C) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other),
- (iv) "sale date" means the date that the Bonds are awarded by the Township to the winning bidder,
 - (v) "holding period" means, for each maturity of the Bonds, the period starting on the sale date and ending on the earlier of (i) the close of the fifth business day after the sale date, or (ii) the date on which the Underwriter has sold at least 10% of each maturity to the Public at prices that are no higher than the Initial Offering Price for such maturity, and
 - (vi) "maturity" means Bonds with the same credit and payment terms. Bonds with different maturity dates, or Bonds with the same maturity date but different stated interest rates, are treated as separate maturities.

By order of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, New Jersey.

Dated: April 15, 2021

/s/ Lavona Patterson
Chief Financial Officer
Township of Cranford
County of Union, New Jersey

Section 2. A Summary Notice of Sale ("Summary Notice of Sale") shall be published in substantially the following form:

SUMMARY NOTICE OF SALE
TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD,
IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY
\$9,700,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS
(Book-Entry Only) (Bank-Qualified)
(Callable) (Parity Bid)
dated

May 1, 2021

ELECTRONIC BIDS VIA PARITY AND SEALED PROPOSALS will be received by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Township"), in the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016, on

May 4, 2021

at 11:00 o'clock A.M. (local time) at which time they will be publicly opened and announced, for the purchase of the Township's \$9,700,000 General Improvement Bonds dated May 1, 2021 and payable on November 1 in each year as follows:

\$600,000 in each of the years 2021 and 2022,
\$650,000 in the year 2023,
\$700,000 in the year 2024,
\$750,000 in the year 2025,
\$800,000 in each of the years 2026 to 2028, inclusive, and
\$1,000,000 in each of the years 2029 to 2032, inclusive.

The Bonds shall be issued in book-entry only form through the book-entry system operated by The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York. The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the Township in accordance with the terms set forth in the Notice of Sale to be made available to interested persons (the "Notice of Sale"). The Notice of Sale and Proposal for Bonds should be reviewed by potential bidders for additional terms and conditions of the sale of the Bonds prior to bidding on the Bonds. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in PARITY conflict with the Notice of Sale, the terms of the Notice of Sale shall control. For further information about PARITY, potential bidders may contact Ipreo at 1359 Broadway, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10018, telephone (212) 849-5021.

The Bonds will bear interest from their date at a rate or rates of interest in multiples of 1/8th or 1/20th of 1% per annum (same or ascending rates and only one rate per maturity) specified by the successful bidder payable on each May 1 and November 1, commencing November 1, 2021, in each year until maturity or prior redemption. The purchase price specified must not be less than \$9,700,000 nor more than \$9,797,000 (par plus a maximum 1% premium). Each proposal must be for all the Bonds offered. As further described in the Notice of Sale, bidders must, at the time of making their bids, make a wire transfer or deposit a certified, cashier's or treasurer's check drawn upon a bank or trust company in the amount of \$194,000 to the order of the Township. The Bonds will be sold to the bidder specifying the lowest net

interest cost in accordance with the terms set forth in the Notice of Sale. The Township will furnish the Bonds and the approving legal opinion of Rogut McCarthy LLC, Cranford, New Jersey, Bond Counsel.

The Bonds will be designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Copies of the Preliminary Official Statement, the Notice of Sale and the Proposal for Bonds are available at www.i-DealProspectus.com or by contacting the undersigned Chief Financial Officer at the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016, Telephone No. (908) 709-7250.

By order of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, New Jersey.

Dated: April 20, 2021

/s/ Lavona Patterson
Chief Financial Officer
Township of Cranford
County of Union, New Jersey

Section 3. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish (A) the Summary Notice of Sale in THE BOND BUYER, which is a publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to the subject of State and municipal bonds, and is published in New York City, and (B) the Full Notice of Sale in The Westfield Leader, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Union and circulating in the Township. Said Summary Notice of Sale and Full Notice of Sale shall be published in each publication not later than one week before the date of the sale of said Bonds.

Section 4. The preparation of and distribution to potential bidders for the Bonds of a Preliminary Official Statement to be dated on or about April 21, 2021 is hereby approved. Such Preliminary Official Statement is hereby deemed to be a "final official statement", as of its date, within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Rule 15c2-12").

Section 5. The preparation of an Official Statement in connection with the sale of the Bonds to be dated on or about May 4, 2021 is hereby approved. Such Official Statement is hereby deemed to be a "final official statement", as of its date, within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12.

Section 6. The execution of the Official Statement by the Township Administrator and the Chief Financial Officer on behalf of the Township, the distribution of same to the successful bidder and the successful bidder's subsequent distribution of the Official Statement to purchasers or prospective purchasers of the Bonds are hereby authorized.

Section 7. The Township hereby agrees to undertake for the benefit of the Bondholders and the beneficial owners of the Bonds to provide certain secondary market disclosure information pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") in an electronic format, as prescribed by the MSRB. Specifically, the Township will do the following for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds and the beneficial owners thereof:

- (A) Not later than seven months after the end of the Township's fiscal year (presently December 31), commencing with the report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020, provide or cause to be provided annual financial information with respect to the Township consisting of (i) audited financial statements (or unaudited financial statements if audited financial statements are not then available by the date of filing, which audited financial statements will be delivered when and if available) of the Township and (ii) certain financial information and operating data consisting of information concerning the Township's debt, overlapping indebtedness, tax rate, levy and collection data, property valuation, budget and fund balance of the type contained under the heading "Financial Information" in the Official Statement. The audited financial statements will be prepared in accordance with mandated State statutory accounting principles, as in effect from time to time. Audited financial statements if not available by the filing date will be submitted separately when available.
- (B) Provide or cause to be provided in a timely manner not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds or financial obligations of the Township:
 - (1) Principal or interest payment delinquencies;
 - (2) Non-payment related default, if material;
 - (3) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
 - (4) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
 - (5) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
 - (6) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
 - (7) Modifications to the rights of Bondholders, if material;
 - (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
 - (9) Defeasances;

- (10) Release, substitution or sale of property which secures the repayment of the Bonds, if material;
- (11) Rating changes;
- (12) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Township (the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for the Township in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Township, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Township);
- (13) The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Township or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Township, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (14) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (15) Incurrence of a financial obligation of the Township, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the Township, any of which affect Bondholders, if material; and
- (16) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the Township, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

The Township intends the words used in paragraphs (15) and (16) and the definition of "financial obligation" to have the meanings ascribed to them in SEC Release No. 34-83885 (August 20, 2018).

(C) Provide or cause to be provided, in a timely manner, notice of a failure of the Township to provide required annual financial information on or before the date specified above.

Section 8. All documents provided to the MSRB shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB.

Section 9. If the Township fails to comply with the undertaking described above, any Bondholder or beneficial owner of the Bonds may pursue an action for specific performance to enforce the rights of all Bondholders and beneficial owners with respect to such undertaking; provided, however, that failure to comply with such undertaking shall not be an event of default and shall not result in any acceleration of payment of the Bonds or any liability by the Township for monetary damages. All actions shall be instituted, had and maintained in the manner provided in this paragraph for the benefit of all Bondholders and beneficial owners of the Bonds.

Section 10. The Township reserves the right to terminate its obligation to provide annual financial information and notice of material events, as set forth above, if and when the Township no longer remains an "obligated person" with respect to the Bonds within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12.

Section 11. The undertaking may be amended by the Township from time to time, without the consent of the Bondholders or the beneficial owners of the Bonds, in order to make modifications required in connection with a change in legal requirements or change in law, or change in the identity, nature, type of operation, or status of the Township, which in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel complies with Rule 15c2-12 and does not, in such bond counsel's opinion, materially impair the interest of the Bondholders and the beneficial owners of the Bonds.

Section 12. The Township hereby covenants, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and the laws of the State of New Jersey, to do and perform all acts and things permitted by law and necessary to assure that interest paid on the Bonds be and remain excluded from gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

Section 13. The Township hereby designates the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for the purpose of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) the Bonds are not "private activity bonds" as defined in the Code and (2) the Township and its subordinate entities, if any, do not reasonably anticipate issuing in excess of \$10 million of new money tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds) during the calendar year 2021. The Township will, to the best of its ability, attempt to comply with respect to the limitations on issuance of tax-exempt obligations pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code; however, the Township does not covenant to do so, and expressly states that a covenant is not made hereby.

Section 14. The Mayor, the Chief Financial Officer and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such other documents and to take such other action as they determine to be

necessary or appropriate in order to effectuate the issuance and sale of the Bonds including, without limitation, the execution and delivery of all closing documents and certificates.

Section 15. The Chief Financial Officer, the Township Clerk, the Bond Counsel, the Auditor and other Township officials and representatives are hereby authorized to take all necessary actions to allow for (A) the submission of electronic bids for the bonds, (B) the electronic posting of the Preliminary Official Statement, the full Notice of Sale and the bid form and (C) the submission by bidders of a wire transfer in lieu of a good faith check.

Section 16. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Andrews and Commissioners Gareis, Hannen and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

On motion of Commissioner Gareis, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andrews and passed, the following resolution was adopted by **roll call vote**:

Resolution No. 2021-164:

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTIES ON SOUTH AVENUE AND CHESTNUT STREET ARE DESIGNATED AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REHABILITATION

WHEREAS, Iron Ore Properties LLC ("Iron Ore") is the current owner or major partner of the entity which owns certain properties on South Avenue and Chestnut Street, and which properties Iron Ore has proposed to redevelop; and

WHEREAS, the specific properties proposed for rehabilitation are known as 201 Walnut Avenue, Block 484, Lot 19.01 (the "Walnut Avenue Property"); 100-126 South Avenue, Block 478, Lots 1.01, 1.02, 2, 3, 4, and 5 (the "South Avenue Property"); 32 High Street, Block 478, Lot 6; and 2 Chestnut Street, Block 483, Lot 18 (collectively, with the Walnut Avenue Property and the South Avenue Property, the "Properties"); and

WHEREAS, Iron Ore has proposed to develop the Walnut Avenue Property as an age-targeted development of residential units, and the South Avenue Properties as a mixed-use development project, both of which will include affordable housing units; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford (the "Township") has entered into a settlement with Fair Share Housing Center ("FSHC") regarding the Township's Third Round Affordable Housing obligation, pursuant to which FSHC and the Township agree that the Township's proposed Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, which includes development of the Properties as described, satisfies the Township's affordable housing obligations pursuant to the Fair Housing Act and the *Mt. Laurel* Doctrine; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14, a municipal governing body has the power to determine a delineated area to be in need of rehabilitation; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2020-270, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford ("Township Committee") requested that the Planning Board of the Township of Cranford ("Planning Board") undertake a preliminary investigation of the Properties to assess whether the Properties meet one or more of the criteria for a rehabilitation designation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2020, the Planning Board appointed Topology to investigate whether the Properties meet one or more of the criteria for a rehabilitation designation and would qualify as an Area in Need of Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2021, the Planning Board held their regular meeting wherein Topology presented its Area in Need of Rehabilitation Report dated January 28, 2021 and testified as to its conclusion that the Properties meet one or more of the statutory criteria and do qualify as an Area in Need of Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board, by motion, adopted the conclusions in the Topology Report and recommended referral of the Topology Report to the Township Committee and adoption of a resolution declaring the Properties an Area in Need of Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has received, reviewed, and considered the Topology Report along with the Planning Board's recommendation that the Properties be declared an Area in Need of Rehabilitation at their February 23, 2021 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee, by motion, approved this resolution in draft form to designate the Properties as an Area in Need of Rehabilitation and sent the draft resolution to the Planning Board for comment and recommendation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board, by motion on March 17, 2021, has recommended approval of the draft resolution;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, New Jersey does hereby, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14, declare that the land identified as 201 Walnut Avenue, Block 484, Lot 19.01; 100-126 South Avenue, Block 478, Lots 1.01, 1.02, 2, 3, 4, and 5; 32 High Street, Block 478, Lot 6; and 2 Chestnut Street, Block 483, Lot 18 qualifies and is designated as an Area in Need of Rehabilitation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford finds that a program of rehabilitation concerning these Properties are expected to prevent further deterioration and promote the overall development of the community through the development of

- i.) age-targeted housing that will provide a residential transition between Downtown Cranford and Cranford's residential neighborhoods;
- ii.) a revitalized mixed-use development consistent with Cranford's transit village designation; and
- iii.) the creation of affordable housing in the Township's Downtown zoning districts consistent with the Township's Master Plan, including Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this determination shall authorize the municipality to use all those powers provided by the Legislature for use concerning this rehabilitation area.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Hannen stated that he will not be voting in favor of this resolution. Explained that he originally voted "no" when the specific properties' term sheets were considered. Feels that while the area may qualify for rehabilitation, he is not sure, the Township Committee, at this point, needs to designate it.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Andrews and Commissioners Gareis and O'Connor

Nay: Commissioner Hannen

Abstained: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Miller Prunty opened the public comments portion of the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments. Mayor Miller Prunty asked Township Clerk Patricia Donahue if she had received public comments correspondence. Township Clerk Patricia Donahue stated that no public comments mail had arrived via the U.S. Post Service or via the Clerk's email box. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Miller Prunty closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS

Township Attorney Ryan Cooper, Esq.

- Addressed New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJ DEP) notices that were recently mailed to residents and business owners pertaining to the recent filing of NJ DEP applications. Addressed the confusion and provided clarification. Discussed the adoption of Resolution No. 2021-164 which designates certain properties as areas in need of rehabilitation. Stated that over the coming months, the Township will negotiate a plan for redevelopment of those properties. He further elaborated about the developer's filing an application with the NJ DEP, expected Town Hall meetings, expected negotiations regarding the specified properties' redevelopment and the Planning Board's role in the process.

Township Administrator Jamie Cryan

- Welcomed William McClave as Assistant Superintendent of Public Works. Spoke about his prior experience;
- Welcomed John Reyes as an intern in the Engineering Department. Believes he will be a true asset to Cranford;
- Announced that the Municipal Building will be closed on Good Friday;
- Wished everyone a Happy Passover and Happy Easter.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Mary O'Connor

- Discussed the warm weather that is approaching and asked for drivers to be more alert while driving. Also encouraged helmet wearing;
- Mentioned that the schools started Spring Break. Admires everyone who has pulled together to help students during this challenging year;
- Reminded everyone to wear a mask, even if they have been fully vaccinated;
- Thanked the Chamber of Commerce and the Easter Bunny for visiting Cranford;
- Welcomed new employees, Mr. McClave and Mr. Reyes, to the Township of Cranford;
- Wished everyone a Happy Passover and Happy Easter.

Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

- Discussed concerns he has with the adoption of Resolution No. 2021-164. Expressed concern regarding 1) the NJ DEP notices received, 2) associated timeframe and 3) one of the considered

properties' proposed hook-up, to an existing, over-taxed stormwater system which floods during significant rainfalls. Feels it will be incumbent on every member of the Township Committee to scrutinize the situation to make it better, not worse. Stated that the developer purchased the properties in need of rehabilitation on its own. Feels this shows that the system does work without condemnation;

- Hopeful that moving forward, the Township Committee will choose topics and policies to be discussed with consideration of the impact they will have on each other to help better Cranford;
- Wished everyone a Blessed Passover and Easter.

Commissioner Jason Gareis

- Wished everyone a Happy Easter and Happy Passover;
- Encouraged everyone to be safe and wear a mask.

Deputy Mayor Brian Andrews

- Spoke about the Trucking Parade. Thanked Cranford Community Connection for organizing the event. Thanked involved participants for volunteering their time;
- Congratulated William McClave on joining the Department of Public Works as the new Assistant Superintendent of Public Works. Feels the Department has done a great job, especially since it has been understaffed for a little over two (2) years;
- Discussed the Spring Hop event to take place. Provided information for anyone interested;
- Mentioned that the Downtown Management Corporation (DMC) would like to thank all the individuals and families who have supported the fundraiser for planters. Provided fundraiser information;
- Wished everyone a Blessed Passover and Easter.

Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty

- Welcomed Mr. McClave and Mr. Reyes to the Municipal family;
- Discussed various precautions the Township made over the past year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hopeful it will be coming to an end. Mentioned that the employees are still in the building working even though we are closed to the public. Hopeful to open the Municipal Building to the public on Monday, April 19, 2021 (as long as the numbers of infected individuals do not increase.) Encouraged members of the public to make an appointment before coming to the Building and to use the drop boxes located outside for tax payments and various permits. Hopeful to have in-person Township Committee meetings in May;
- Strongly encouraged the public to continue to wear a mask and get tested if traveling. Mentioned the testing site located at the Cranford Public Library parking lot. Provided a website address for people who are seeking to get the Coronavirus vaccine;
- Wished everyone a Blessed Passover and Joyous Easter.

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Gareis and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 30, 2021

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk