

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **February 10, 2015** at 8:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

THIS MEETING IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE “OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT” AS ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY MAILING THE ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS TO THE CRANFORD CHRONICLE, UNION COUNTY LOCAL SOURCE, AND THE STAR LEDGER, BY POSTING SUCH ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE ON A BULLETIN BOARD IN THE TOWN HALL RESERVED FOR SUCH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE FILING OF SAID NOTICE WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK OF CRANFORD. FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING.

PRESENT: Mayor Andis Kalnins
Deputy Mayor Lisa M. Adubato
Commissioner Robert D’Ambola
Commissioner Mary O’Connor
Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

ABSENT: None

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner O’Connor led the invocation and dedicated it to the memory of Rev. John McGovern, former Pastor of St. Michael’s R.C. Church.

The flag salute was led by Girl Scout Junior Troop No. 40196.

MINUTE APPROVAL

On motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Commissioner D’Ambola and passed, the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of January 26, 2015, were approved by the indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: Commissioner Hannen

Absent: None

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Deputy Mayor Adubato, seconded by Commissioner O’Connor and passed, the bills list dated February 10, 2015 totaling \$4,442,081.43, were approved for payment by recorded vote and are on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

INFORMAL MEETING

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

ORDINANCES – Introduction

Ordinance No. 2015-01:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2015-01 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 2011-15 AND CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, ESTABLISHING A CONSERVATION UTILITY.”

Said ordinance was approved on first reading on motion of Commissioner D’Ambola, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adubato, and passed by the indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Final Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2015-01 to be held March 10, 2015.

Ordinance No. 2015-02:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2015-02 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 219-67 OF CHAPTER 219 “REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY (1988),” BY AMENDING SCHEDULE XVII AND INCLUDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF ROADWAYS AS INDICATED IN SECTION 1 BELOW AND DESIGNATING SAME AS “**PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES**” (South Union Avenue) .”

Said ordinance was approved on first reading on motion of Commissioner D'Ambola, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adubato, and passed by the indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Final Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2015-02 to be held March 10, 2015.

Ordinance No. 2015-03:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2015-03 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 219-63 OF CHAPTER 219 "REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY (1988)," BY AMENDING SCHEDULE XIII AND INCLUDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF ROADWAYS AS INDICATED IN SECTION 1 BELOW AND DESIGNATING SAME AS "***PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES***" (South Union Avenue)."

Said ordinance was approved on first reading on motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner D'Ambola, and passed by the indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Final Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2015-03 to be held March 10, 2015.

Ordinance No. 2015-04:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2015-04 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 219-74 OF CHAPTER 219 "REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY (1988)," BY AMENDING SCHEDULE XXIV AND INCLUDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF ROADWAYS AS INDICATED IN SECTION 1 BELOW AND DESIGNATING SAME AS "***PREFERENTIAL PARKING ZONES***" (South Union Avenue)."

Said ordinance was approved on first reading on motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner D'Ambola, and passed by the indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Final Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2015-04 to be held March 10, 2015.

Ordinance No. 2015-05:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2015-05 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2015"

Said ordinance was approved on first reading on motion of Deputy Mayor Adubato, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor, and passed by the indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Final Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2015-05 to be held March 10, 2015.

RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda

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

Resolution No. 2015-122:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, COVENANTING TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, APPLICABLE TO THE EXCLUSION FROM GROSS INCOME FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES OF INTEREST ON OBLIGATIONS ISSUED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWNSHIP CLERK, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND OTHER TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS THEY MAY DEEM NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE TO EFFECT SUCH COMPLIANCE AND DESIGNATING \$9,700,000 OF NOTES CONSISTING OF \$9,554,849 GENERAL BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES AND \$145,151 SWIM POOL UTILITY BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, BOTH ISSUES DATED JANUARY 30, 2015 AND PAYABLE JANUARY 29, 2016, AS

"QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS" PURSUANT TO SECTION 265(b)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Township") from time to time issues bonds, notes and other obligations, the interest on which is excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes, and desires to take such action as may be necessary or advisable to establish and maintain such exclusion; and

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), contains provisions with respect to the exclusion from gross income for Federal income tax purposes of interest on obligations, including provisions, among others, which require issuers of tax-exempt obligations, such as the Township to account for and rebate certain arbitrage earnings to the United States Treasury and to take other action to establish and maintain such Federal tax exclusion; and

WHEREAS, the Township intends to issue \$9,700,000 of Notes consisting of \$9,554,849 General Bond Anticipation Notes and \$145,151 Swim Pool Utility Bond Anticipation Notes, both issues dated January 30, 2015 and payable January 29, 2016 (collectively, the "Notes"); and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to designate the Notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code;

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

SECTION 1. The Township Committee hereby covenants on behalf of the Township, 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 Notes be and remain excluded from gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Code.

SECTION 2. The Mayor, Township Clerk, Chief Financial Officer and the other officials of the Township are hereby authorized and directed to take such action, make such representations and give such assurances as they may deem necessary or advisable to effect compliance with the Code.

SECTION 3. The Notes are hereby designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for the purpose of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

SECTION 4. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said Notes 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 2015.

SECTION 5. It is further determined and stated that the Township has not, as of the date hereof, issued any tax-exempt obligations (other than the Notes) during the calendar year 2015.

SECTION 6. 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, said Township does not covenant to do so, and hereby expressly states that a covenant is not made hereby.

SECTION 7. The issuing officers of the Township are hereby authorized to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the original purchaser of the Notes and to further provide such original purchaser with a certificate of obligations issued during the calendar year 2015 dated as of the date of delivery of the Notes.

SECTION 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Resolution No. 2015-123:

WHEREAS, it is desirous to establish a Change Fund for the Health Department of the Township of Cranford.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the Health Department be and hereby is authorized and permitted to establish a Change Fund in the amount of \$30.00.

Resolution No. 2015-124:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 10th day of February 2015 that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and hereby are authorized to execute a Municipal Cost Sharing Agreement with members of the Mayors Council for Rahway River Watershed Flood Control.

Resolution No. 2015-125:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for proposals for Concession Rights for Cranford Canoe Club; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2015 one (1) proposal was received for the aforementioned Concession Rights.

WHEREAS, **Ralph Circelli Services, 78 Myrtle Avenue, Millburn, New Jersey 07041** submitted a bid at a proposed price of \$4,000.00 for the 2015 summer season and \$4,000.00 for the 2016 summer season;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on this 10th day of May, that **Ralph Circelli Services** be, and hereby is, awarded the contract for the Concession Rights at the Cranford Canoe Club for the 2015 summer season at a high proposed price of \$4,000.00 and for the 2016 summer season at a high proposed price of \$4,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign a contract with **Ralph Circelli Services** for the 2015 and 2016 summer seasons, with the right to extend the contract for two additional one year terms for the 2017 and 2018 summer seasons.

Resolution No. 2015-126:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for proposals for Concession Rights for Orange Avenue

Outdoor Pool and Centennial Avenue Outdoor Pools Concession Stands; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2015 one (1) proposal was received for the aforementioned Concession Rights; and **WHEREAS, RS Food Express, Inc., 305 East First Avenue, Roselle, New Jersey 07203** submitted a bid at a proposed price of \$30,000.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on this 10th day of February 2015, that **RS Food Express, Inc.** be, and hereby is, awarded the contract for the Concession Rights at Orange Avenue Outdoor Pool and Centennial Avenue Outdoor Pool Concession Stands for the 2015 summer season at a high proposed price of \$30,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign a contract with **RS Food Express, Inc.** for the 2015 summer season, with the right to extend the contract for the year 2016 summer season.

Resolution No. 2015-127:

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a **person-to-person and place-to-place transfer** of Plenary Retail Consumption with Broad Package Privilege License No. 2003-32-010-008 heretofore issued to Riverfront Liquor, LLC, an inactive license with a mailing address of 820 Morris Turnpike, Suite 201, Short Hills, New Jersey 07078; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority has reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford does hereby approve, effective February 10, 2015, a person-to-person transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption with Broad Package Privilege License to PRR Hospitality Group, LLC (t/a River & Rail Cantina); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford does hereby approve, effective February 10, 2015 a place-to-place transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption with Broad Package Privilege License from an inactive license with the above referenced mailing address, to premises located at 210-230 South Avenue East, Cranford, New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford does hereby direct the Township Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: "This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to PRR Hospitality Group, LLC (t/a River & Rail Cantina), 210-230 South Avenue East, Cranford, New Jersey, effective February 10, 2015".

Resolution No. 2015-128:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE CRANFORD i-TREE INVENTORY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford, a sustainable community, seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created a grant program called the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program;

THEREFORE, the governing body of the Township of Cranford has determined that Cranford should apply for the aforementioned Grant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Township of Cranford, State of New Jersey, authorize the submission of the aforementioned Sustainable Jersey Grant.

Resolution No. 2015-129:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 10th day of February 2015 that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to enter into a settlement agreement with Government Strategy Group in connection with the provision of financial management services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and hereby are authorized to execute documents in connection with said settlement agreement.

Resolution No. 2015-130:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the resignation of Richard Wischusen as a member of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board and the Swim Pool Utility Advisory Board be and hereby is accepted with regrets.

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

RESOLUTIONS – By Roll Call Vote

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor seconded by Deputy Mayor Adubato and passed, the following resolution was adopted by Roll Call Vote:

Resolution No. 2015-131:

WHEREAS, at a meeting held January 1, 2015, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2015-07, promulgating municipal rules of procedure entitled "Bylaws of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford"; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to amend said Bylaws to include the following at Article IV General Procedures, 4.1 Commissioners Responsibilities:

- E. Each designated Commissioner shall determine if and when a conflict of interest exists pursuant to State of New Jersey law and regulations. If a conflict of interest exists, the Commissioner shall disclose the conflict of interest to the Township Commissioners and Township Attorney. The Commissioner shall remove him or herself from any discussion or debate in public or private session and shall abstain from voting on any matter relating to the subject matter which raised the conflict of interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said Bylaws of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford be, and hereby are amended, as set forth above, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford effective this 10th day of February 2015.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Hannen read the proposed amendment to the bylaws and expressed concern with the language. Feels it is unclear as to those items that constitute a conflict. Discussed examples of potential conflicts, such as whether there would be a need for a Commissioner to recuse himself/herself from discussion of road resurfacing projects, if the project includes the street where he/she resides, or flood control projects if it impacts a Commissioner's specific neighborhood. Feels the language is broad and could be used as bludgeon against current and future commissioners.

Deputy Mayor Adubato explained that the conflict of interest law in the State is a statute that binds all governing bodies. The proposed amendment to the bylaws does not change the law currently in effect. The purpose of amending the bylaws is to provide the Township Committee with clear direction when it is determined that a conflict exists. Explained that there is no intention to use this provision of the bylaws to "bludgeon" Commissioners.

Commissioner D'Ambola feels if the Township Committee follows Commissioner Hannen's reasoning with respect to the proposed amendment to the bylaws, then members of the Township Committee would have to recuse themselves from every vote. Feels this amendment is a practical addition to the bylaws. Also explained that when Commissioners remove themselves from certain discussions, by physically leaving the room when the discussion occurs, it eliminates the appearance of a conflict.

Commissioner O'Connor explained that the amendment to the bylaws provides the Township Committee with procedures to follow when it is determined that a conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict of interest, exists. Feels the Township Committee must be motivated by one thing, and that is what is best for Cranford.

Commissioner Hannen feels Commissioners were elected to the Township Committee by voters because of certain expertise he/she possesses. Feels limiting a Commissioner's ability to be present during a discussion in which he/she has expertise, disenfranchises the voters.

Deputy Mayor Adubato stated that she agrees with Commissioner Hannen's comment to a certain extent, as each Commissioner brings certain expertise to various areas. However, explained that when there is more than just a perceived conflict, but an actual conflict that exists, that has to "trump", by law, an individual Commissioner's ability to make that determination on his/her own. Reiterated the fact that this is a statute currently in effect that Commissioners are required to follow.

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: Commissioner Hannen

Abstained: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS

Township Attorney Diane U. Dabulas

- Provided an update of litigation involving Cranford Development Associates (CDA). Announced that the Township's appeal is pending with respect to the Department of Environmental Protection's issuance of a Flood Hazard Area (FHA) Permit to CDA, and the Township has not yet received an order establishing dates for briefing. In addition, Township Attorney Dabulas announced that the appeal of the litigation is still pending, briefing has not yet been completed and oral arguments have yet to be scheduled.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

- Discussed the January 26, 2015 Workshop Meeting Minutes and his reason for abstaining on the vote to approve these minutes. Believes discussion that occurred in closed session on January 26, 2015 should have been discussed in open session. Explained that the Township Attorney has advised him that he should not discuss the contents of those minutes, but he believes that those contents should have been included in the regular public session. Stated that he is hopeful that these types of items would be made public in the future so everyone has the opportunity to evaluate the effect on the Township of Cranford and its citizens.

Commissioner Robert D'Ambola

- Discussed the fact that the Township Committee has started the budget process, but a capital budget has not yet been established;
- Provided an update of the North Avenue Station Improvement Project and stated that that the project is scheduled to begin in late spring/early summer. Also explained that the project runs from Alden Street to Springfield Avenue;
- Discussed the adoption of the resolution concerning the Sustainable Jersey Grant Program. Explained that this involves an application for grant funding in connection with the i-Tree Inventory project;
- Discussed inclement weather Cranford has experienced this winter and his recommendation for an ordinance that would prohibit parking on roads when there are three (3) or more inches of snow. Explained that this would allow for more efficient snow plowing and requested public input regarding this matter.
- Discussed various upcoming events sponsored by the Cranford Free Public Library and provided contact information for those interested.

Commissioner Mary O'Connor

- Announced that the Cranford Environmental Commission would be hosting a Rain Barrel Workshop at the Cranford Community Center. Explained that rain barrels are one way in which residents could contribute to storm water management, and they are an effective way to recycle rain water;
- Announced that the Cranford Community Connection kicked off the Cranford Artisan Market on February 7, 2015. Explained that this is a weekly event that would continue through April. Feels this event is a great way to meet fellow residents and to build community spirit;
- Discussed the Mayors Wellness Campaign. Encouraged those interested in volunteering to contact the Cranford Community Connection and provided contact information;
- Reminded business owners and residents to clear snow from areas around fire hydrants that are located on or adjacent to their property;
- Announced that Fire Chief Dolan would be retiring on March 1, 2015 after serving Cranford for nearly forty (40) years, and over seventeen (17) years as Fire Chief. Stated that Chief Dolan has been a guiding force in building the Fire Department into the professional service that is so vital to residents. Extended her appreciation to Fire Chief Dolan for his dedication and leadership. Also announced that a

subcommittee has been designated to guide the Township Committee through the search process for a new Fire Chief;

- Thanked Detective Matthew Nazzaro for his presentation and update regarding the School Resource Officer's Program. Feels the timing of this program has been significant. Also extended her condolences to those touched by recent tragic events in Cranford;
- Announced that the Police Department would be recognizing the 40th Anniversary of the passing of Cranford Police Officer Robert Hand. Stated that Officer Hand was a true professional who served the people of Cranford well;
- Wished her father a Happy Birthday.

Deputy Mayor Lisa M. Adubato

- Thanked Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 40196 for leading the flag salute this evening;
- Provided an update of the progress of the 2015 Municipal Budget and stated that she is hopeful that the budget would be introduced sometime in March. Feels the process this year is more cohesive and coherent in the way it has been presented to the Township Committee. Thanked CFO Patterson, Township Administrator Wall and Mayor Kalnins for their efforts with the budget;
- Announced that the Cranford High School Girls Swim Team defeated Governor Livingston in the State Sectional Quarter Finals. Stated that this is the first year the swim team was divided into gender leagues and that the Girls Swim Team would be moving to the semi-final round;
- Discussed the passing of Father McGovern. Feels he was a source of comfort to many parishioners and would be greatly missed;
- Wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Mayor Andis Kalnins

- Discussed the press conference he attended regarding the Mayors Council on the Rahway River Watershed, which was held to announce continued funding for a study of regional flood control. Feels the \$1 million dollars that has been funded would be enough to complete the study. Once the study is finished, a final level of benefit would be determined, and the process to obtain funding for construction could begin. Extended his thanks to Senator Mendez, Senator Booker, Congressman Lance, Congressman Payne and Congressman Frelinghuysen for their constant support with this initiative. Also thanked the Mayors Council on the Rahway River Watershed and former Mayor Aschenbach for their continued efforts as well;
- Discussed the 2015 Municipal Budget process. Announced that the Annual Financial Statement was completed approximately two (2) months earlier than last year and commended CFO Patterson for her efforts;
- Discussed the adoption of Resolution No. 2015-122 which pertains to the reissuance of Bond Anticipation Notes. Discussed the amount financed and the interest rate. Explained that the Township is currently in the process of establishing a debt management plan to maintain financing and its level of capital spending. Feels the Township needs a plan that could be sustained over time. Discussed issues with the State of New Jersey's Transportation Trust Fund and feels the Township Committee should pressure state leaders to ensure that this trust fund continues to be funded. With that being said, Mayor Kalnins stated that he does not believe Cranford's level of funding from the State would significantly increase in 2015, which means that Cranford must determine ways to manage the financing of road improvements and the like, and he is hoping to schedule a presentation of this plan later in the year;
- Congratulated the Cranford High School Girls Swim Team, Cranford High School Hockey Team, and the Cranford High School Wrestling Team on their successful seasons.

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adubato and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Rowley, RMC
Township Clerk

Date: February 10, 2015