

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **January 13, 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

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

MINUTE APPROVAL

On motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Commissioner D’Ambola and passed, the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of December 15, 2014 and Conference and Official Meetings of December 16, 2014, Special Meeting of December 30, 2014 and the Reorganization Meeting of January 1, 2015, were approved 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

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Human Trafficking Awareness

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a borderless crime against individuals that violates the most basic human rights and deprives victims of every shred of personal freedom; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking occurs when a person is recruited, harbored, obtained, or exported through force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of sexual or labor exploitation, involuntary servitude, and other types of mental and physical abuse; and

WHEREAS, human traffickers target impoverished and marginalized children, women and men, isolating them from society and supportive networks and exploiting them for personal and monetary gain; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world today, and is tied with arms smuggling as the second largest international criminal industry, falling only behind the illicit drug trade; and

WHEREAS the United Nations’ International Labor Organization has estimated that at least 12.3 million adults and children worldwide are currently in forced labor, bonded labor, or forced prostitution; and it is estimated that more people are now harmed by Human Trafficking worldwide than have been at any other point in human history. Approximately 80% of the victims are women and girls, and 50% are younger than age 18; and

WHEREAS, many victims trafficked into the U.S. do not speak or understand English and are unable to communicate to seek rescue. Under U.S. law, any person under 18 involved in the commercial sex industry is considered a Human Trafficking victim; and victims include U.S. citizens and documented immigrants; and

WHEREAS we recognize that New Jersey is a prime location for Human Trafficking because it is a major national and international transportation corridor and a culturally diverse state; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is modern-day slavery, a practice that is in direct opposition to the fundamental principles of liberty and human rights upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln signed the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution. Once ratified, it officially outlawed slavery and involuntary servitude except as punishment for a crime; and

WHEREAS, Although the federal government and the State of New Jersey have enacted laws to prosecute human traffickers and protect the victims of human trafficking, traffickers use techniques to keep their victims enslaved that severely limit self-reporting and that require broad public awareness of human trafficking issues for enforcement and prevention to occur; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Constitution declares that all persons are by nature free and independent and have certain natural and unalienable rights; and

WHEREAS, the people and the State of New Jersey, regardless of political persuasion, creed, race, or national origin, stand together with the national and global community to protect the fundamental freedoms and rights of all persons, to fight the proliferation of human trafficking in all of its forms, and to assist survivors of modern

day slavery; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford stands committed to protecting human rights and individual freedom by eliminating human trafficking.

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford is resolved to support the goals and ideals of observing a National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness on January 23rd of each year and to support all efforts by individuals, businesses, organizations, and governing bodies to raise awareness of and opposition to Human Trafficking.

WHEREAS, the township commends the work of the NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking and Benedictine Academy for its statewide efforts to end human trafficking through education, advocacy, and assistance to survivors and to increase coordination and visibility of New Jersey's commitment to end human trafficking.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andis Kalnins, Mayor of the Township of Cranford proclaim do hereby proclaim January 23rd of each year as: Human Trafficking Awareness Day in the Township of Cranford, to raise awareness about the signs and consequences of human trafficking, to promote opposition to human trafficking in all of its forms, and to encourage support for the survivors of human trafficking throughout the State of New Jersey and across the world to put an end to this criminal activity and restore freedom and dignity to its survivors.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was and continues to be a leader, and served as the catalyst and voice of America's civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was born in Atlanta on January 15, 1929, the second child of Reverend Martin Luther King, Sr. and Alberta Williams King; and

WHEREAS, in 1957 Dr. King helped organize the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) to end segregation using non-violent protests, led numerous demonstrations against discrimination, including rallies, sit-ins, the Freedom Rides, voter registration drives, and the 1963 march on Washington where he delivered his famed "I have dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's last protest took place on March 28, 1968 when he lead a march in Memphis, Tennessee in support of striking sanitation workers; and

WHEREAS, millions of people around the world mourned when learning of Dr. King's assassination of April 4, 1968.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andis Kalnins, Mayor of the Township of Cranford proclaim January 19, 2015 as **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY** in the Township of Cranford as a continuing acknowledgment and remembrance of Dr. King's extraordinary accomplishments, with a fervent hope that one day all people of all nations will be "Free at Last."

INFORMAL MEETING

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

David Pringle, 333 Walnut Avenue, Campaign Director for Clean Water Action, thanked the Township Committee for moving forward with the resolution opposing the Pilgrim Pipeline and provided the Township Clerk with letters from various residents who are opposed to the pipeline.

Mayor Kalnins thanked Mr. Pringle for his comments and for the information he provided to the Township Committee concerning this matter.

Isabel Atwan, 29 Carolina Avenue, spoke in opposition to the Pilgrim Pipeline and expressed concern with the contents that would be transported through the pipeline. Feels the chemicals that would be transported could cause issues within the community. Also discussed recent train derailments that have occurred.

Mayor Kalnins thanked Ms. Atwan for her comments. Stated that he discussed these concerns with the Police Chief and the Fire Chief and the Township would be well prepared in the event of an emergency.

Ms. Atwan thanked Mayor Kalnins and commended the Township for this effort, but feels it is better to avoid an emergency then to be prepared for one.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Kalnins closed the informal meeting portion of the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda

On motion of Commissioner D'Ambola, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and passed, the following resolutions were adopted by consent agenda:

Resolution No. 2015-106:

MOVED TO ROLL CALL VOTE BELOW

Resolution No. 2015-107:

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF A THREE (3) WHEEL MECHANICAL BROOM STREET SWEEPER

WHEREAS, on December 30, 2015 bids were received and opened for the provision of a Three (3) Wheel Mechanical Broom Street Sweeper for the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received for the aforesaid item; and

WHEREAS, US Municipal Supply, Inc., was the apparent low bidder with a bid of \$174,690; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Cranford that a contract for the provision of a Three (3) Wheel Mechanical Broom Street Sweeper for the Department of Public Works be and hereby is awarded to US Municipal Supply, Inc., with an address of 10583 Raystown Road, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania 16652, in the amount of \$174,690; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to execute a contract with US Municipal Supply.

Resolution No. 2015-108:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the Mayor and Township Clerk be, and hereby are, authorized to execute an agreement with the Township of Winfield in connection with 911 Dispatch services for the year 2015.

Resolution No. 2015-109:

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE PILGRIM PIPELINE

WHEREAS, Pilgrim Pipeline Company ("Pilgrim") is proposing to build a new bidirectional pipeline through the Township of Cranford that would transport crude oil and refined petroleum products between Albany, New York and Linden, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Pilgrim pipeline raises significant safety concerns for the Township of Cranford, as well as potential harm to municipal and county infrastructure, and likely negative impact upon future development in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford is concerned that heavy construction equipment would also be in close proximity to homes and foundations due to the constraints of available workspace. Temporary workspace usage would also severely impact the existing soil reducing water absorption and may increase future flooding possibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford is concerned about the hazard the project may create due to the nature and volume of the highly flammable oil flowing through the pipeline, and its proposed route, which crosses through residential neighborhoods. These communities would be in the "impact radius" should an explosion and or spill occur; and

WHEREAS, according to Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration (PHMSA) only has 135 inspectors to oversee 2.6 million miles of pipeline, and only a fifth of that pipeline system has been inspected by PHMSA or its state partners since 2006; and

WHEREAS, the potential for a pipeline explosion could harm hundreds of people and we express grave concerns about this project negatively affecting the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is the Township Committee's responsibility is to provide a safe environment for its residents, and this pipeline raises serious safety concerns as described above; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project may result in a loss of tax revenue for the Township of Cranford based on right-of-way agreements with Pilgrim Pipeline and a decline in the property values of homes along and adjacent to the new pipeline and surrounding neighborhoods as a direct result of the project; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature recognized the significance of the New Jersey Highlands region and afforded special protection to the region and its resources in 2004 with the passage of the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act. The Act created the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council and the Highlands Regional Master Plan to ensure resource based planning would be used in the Highlands to combat sprawl and the depletion of water quality and quantity as the region provides drinking water to 5.4 million state residents; and

WHEREAS, the federal government acknowledged the exceptional value of Highlands resources and the urgent need for their preservation in 2004 when Congress passed the Highlands Conservation Act which "recognize[s] the importance of the water, forest, agricultural, wildlife, recreational, and cultural resources of the Highlands region, and the national significance of the Highlands region to the United States."; and

WHEREAS, many municipalities depend on ground water and public community water systems for water supply, and septic systems for waste disposal and this project would impact groundwater quality and quantity and the septic fields of residents along and adjacent to the right of way; and

WHEREAS, the wise stewardship of our natural resources involves protection of water supplies and water and other natural resources for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, protection of water supplies and resources is better accomplished by prevention of contamination and environmental degradation, rather than attempting to clean up contamination and restoring degraded environments after the fact;

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

1. The Township Committee of the Township of Cranford opposes the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline;

2. The Township Committee of the Township of Cranford calls for a moratorium on any and all planning, proposal, surveying, or construction of the Pilgrim pipeline through the Township of Cranford;
3. The Township Committee of the Township of Cranford requests a full environmental review, including a Highlands Act review, be conducted by the DEP to assess the myriad environmental consequences of the project because this project would traverse and negatively impact numerous significant natural areas and the resources of the municipality and the Highlands region;
4. The Township Committee of the Township of Cranford seeks the cooperation of other similarly located and affected municipalities, asking that all nearby affected municipalities adopt a similar resolution;
5. The Township Committee of the Township of Cranford adopts, and calls upon similarly situated municipalities to adopt a resolution authorizing each Township to join together to enter their appearance in any proceeding before the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, and any other regulatory authority, so that by their strength of numbers they may successfully oppose the Pilgrim Pipeline project and have the ability to cause the relocation or termination of the project so as to prevent environmental degradation and to protect the public health and safety;
6. The Township Committee of the Township of Cranford directs the Township Clerk to forward copies of this resolution to New Jersey Governor Chis Christie, Senator Robert Menendez, Senator Cory Booker, Congressman Leonard Lance, State Senator Thomas H. Kean, Jr., State Assemblyman Jon M. Bramnick, State Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz, New Jersey Highlands Executive Director Margaret Nordstrom and Councilmembers, Food and Water Watch, 100 Bayard Street, Suite 310, New Brunswick, NJ 08901, The Sierra Club – New Jersey Chapter, 145 W. Hanover Street, Trenton NJ 08618, all Union County municipalities, and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Resolution No. 2015-110:

WHEREAS, at a meeting held December 16, 2014, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2014-446 which authorized the carryover of 2014 vacation days for various Township employees; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of Resolution No. 2014-446, additional employees have submitted requests to carryover 2014 vacation days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on this 13th day of January 2015, that the carryover of 2014 vacation days for various Township employees be, and hereby are, authorized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all 2014 vacation days must be used prior to March 31, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Administrator be and hereby is authorized to approve the extension of unused 2014 vacation days beyond the March 31 deadline for those employees unable to exhaust this leave due to extraordinary circumstances.

Resolution No. 2015-111:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes the appointment of Joseph Faraone as Laborer/Driver within the Department of Public Works effective January 14, 2015.

Resolution No. 2015-112:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 13, 2015 that Victoria Spurr be, and hereby is, appointed as a Resident (2) member of the Downtown District Management Corporation for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2017.

Resolution No. 2015-113:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 13, 2015 that Robert D'Ambola be, and hereby is, appointed as Chairperson of the Downtown District Management Corporation for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2015.

Resolution No. 2015-114:

MOVED TO ROLL CALL VOTE BELOW

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. 2015-106:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 13, 2015 that the following be and hereby are appointed as Call Department Members of the Cranford Fire Department:

Michael Anderson
 Timothy Meier
 Robert Moran, III
 Mark Willis

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Deputy Mayor Adubato, Commissioners D'Ambola and O'Connor
 Nay: None
 Abstained: Commissioner Hannen
 Absent: None

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

Resolution No. 2015-114:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, on this 13th day of January 2015, that the Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized to execute an Employment Agreement between the Township of Cranford and the Chief of Police.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Deputy Mayor Adubato, Commissioners O'Connor and Hannen
 Nay: None
 Abstained: Commissioner D'Ambola
 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 regarding litigation in connection with Cranford Development Associates (CDA). Announced that the Township's appeal to the Department of Environmental Protection regarding the issuance of a Flood Hazard Area Permit to CDA was denied and the Township has filed an appeal of this decision with the Appellate Division. Assured residents that this matter would continue to be monitored.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS**Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.**

- Discussed the Martin Luther King service being held by the Cranford Clergy Council on Thursday, January 15, 2015 and encouraged residents to attend;
- Discussed several Eagle Scout projects being conducted and informed residents that additional information concerning these projects would be available through scouting programs being broadcasted on TV35.

Commissioner Robert D'Ambola

- Informed residents that the recycling schedules for January and February were listed incorrectly in the Fall Newsletter and the correct dates are posted on the Township's website. The correct schedule has also been posted on TV35;
- Urged residents to remove vehicles from the street if snow is anticipated to allow for more efficient snow plowing. Also stated that he hopes to have an update on the salting process for the next meeting;
- Explained that road work has concluded because of the cold weather and the Township Engineer is in the planning stage for road work to be conducted in the spring. Mentioned that there are approximately eight roads remaining from the 2014 Paving Program that need to be completed;
- Referred to the proclamation read by Mayor Kalnins concerning human trafficking and read a quote from Martin Luther King, "Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that".

Commissioner Mary O'Connor

- Discussed Resolution No. 2015-109 which expresses the Township's opposition to the Pilgrim Pipeline. Explained that the adoption of the resolution is the first step of many, and encouraged residents to write

letters of opposition to state and federal legislators. Also explained that she lives in close proximity to the proposed location of the pipeline and adamantly opposes the project;

- Announced that the 2015 Mayors Wellness Campaign is scheduled to begin next month and a website and Facebook page would be designed. Invited all residents to participate and provided information for those interested;
- Discussed the Cranford Clergy Council's ceremony to celebrate the life of Martin Luther King and provided information regarding the event;
- Welcomed new Call members of the Fire Department.

Deputy Mayor Lisa M. Adubato

- Discussed the loss of a Cranford High School student and encouraged all to celebrate and appreciate their children.

Mayor Andis Kalnins

- Discussed NJ Transit's One-Seat Ride Program and announced that Phase 2 has officially started. Explained the three phases of the program, stating that Phase 1 began last year with one-seat ride service during morning non-peak hours, Phase 2 allows for one-seat ride service during evening off-peak hours, and Phase 3 would provide one-seat ride service during weekends and weekday peak hours. Encouraged residents to visit the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition's website and get involved in the effort to move this initiative forward;
- Informed residents that the Mayors Council on the Rahway River Watershed (Council) continues to meet. Stated that the Army Corps of Engineers is continuing to study the project and has requested additional feedback regarding various flood control options for the region. In addition, the Council expects an answer within the next couple of weeks as to whether the project would be included as part of the 2015 funding cycle. Discussed new municipalities that have joined the Council. Also discussed lobbying efforts and engineering efforts that were fully funded in 2014 and explained that cost is shared among the member municipalities;
- Announced that the Jaycees would be hosting a fundraiser on January 18, 2015 for the NFC/AFC football games. Provided information for those interested in participating;
- Discussed his attendance as a speaker at the Police Athletic League's (PAL) banquet. Explained that the topic of his speech pertained to recent issues involving the press and police officers, and the "new concept" of police engagement with the community. Feels this is not a new concept with respect to the Cranford Police Department. Feels the Cranford Police Department has always been engaged with the community, and the public's attendance at the PAL banquet is evidence of that. Discussed positive feedback and support from residents the Police Department has received and commended Police Chief Wozniak for his efforts.

On motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Deputy Mayor Adubato and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Rowley, RMC
Township Clerk

Date: January 13, 2015