

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **April 26, 2016** 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 WESTFIELD LEADER, THE UNION COUNTY LOCAL SOURCE, THE STAR LEDGER, AND TAP INTO CRANFORD, BY POSTING SUCH ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE ON A BULLETIN BOARD IN THE TOWN HALL RESERVED FOR SUCH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE FILING OF SAID NOTICE WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK OF CRANFORD. FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Andis Kalnins  
Deputy Mayor O'Connor  
Commissioner John Mallon  
Commissioner Patrick F. Giblin  
Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

**ABSENT:** None

#### **INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE**

The invocation was led by Deputy Mayor O'Connor, followed by the flag salute.

#### **MINUTE APPROVAL**

On motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Commissioner Mallon and passed, the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of April 11 2016 and the Special Emergency Meeting of April 21, 2016, were approved by the indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Deputy Mayor O'Connor, Commissioners Mallon, Giblin and Hannen

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

On motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Commissioner Mallon and passed, the minutes of the Conference and Official Meetings of April 12 2016, were approved by the indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Commissioners Mallon, Giblin and Hannen

Nay: None

Abstained: Deputy Mayor O'Connor

Absent: None

#### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

On motion of Commissioner Giblin, seconded by Commissioner Mallon and passed, Bills List A dated April 26, 2016 totaling \$1,342,219.64, was approved for payment by recorded vote and is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Deputy Mayor O'Connor, Commissioners Mallon, Giblin and Hannen

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

On motion of Deputy Mayor O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Mallon and passed, Bills List B dated April 12, 2016 totaling \$2,135.30, was approved for payment by recorded vote and is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Deputy Mayor O'Connor and Commissioner Mallon

Nay: Commissioners Giblin and Hannen

Abstained: None

Absent: None

#### **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **Student Outstanding Achievement Recognition**

Allen Davis

Maya Jones

**Arbor Day**

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day was initiated in what was once a treeless plain in the State of Nebraska and in the 19<sup>th</sup> century by pioneers coming from an abundance of trees, shrubs and flowers in their home states; and

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day was originally proclaimed to be April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the birthday of J. Sterling Morton, a journalist, who through his newspaper spread agricultural data and his own enthusiasm for plantings; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Morton also encourage plantings not only by individuals but by civic organizations and volunteer groups, so that during the 1870's more and more states passed legislation to observe Arbor Day, with the tradition beginning in schools in 1882 and spreading to many countries around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, while other holidays memorialize past events, Arbor Day proposes for the future, living trees being far superior to cold marble as a tribute, and are essential as windbreaks to keep soil from blowing, as well as for fuel, building materials and shade from the hot sun; and

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is the last Friday in April annually in the State of New Jersey.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Andis Kalnins, Mayor of the Township of Cranford proclaim Friday, April 29, 2016 as **ARBOR DAY** in the Township of Cranford and encourage the support of all residents to join in the greening of our community.

**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 – Final Reading and Public Hearing****Ordinance No. 2016-03:**

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2016-03 entitled, "CALENDAR YEAR 2016 – ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)"

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

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Deputy Mayor O'Connor, Commissioners Mallon, Giblin and Hannen

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

**ORDINANCES – Introduction****Ordinance No. 2016-06:**

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2016-06 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2016"

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

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Deputy Mayor O'Connor, Commissioners Mallon, Giblin and Hannen

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

**Final Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2016-06 to be held May 24, 2016.****Ordinance No. 2016-07:**

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2016-07 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 (ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT), SECTION 6-40, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD ENTITLED, "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AND AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED"

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

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Deputy Mayor O'Connor, Commissioners Mallon and Giblin

Nay: Commissioner Hannen

Abstained: None

Absent: None

**Final Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2016-07 to be held May 24, 2016.**

## 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

### PUBLIC HEARING ON 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Commissioner Giblin opened the public hearing on the 2016 Municipal Budget and asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. Hearing no comments, Commissioner Giblin closed the public hearing on the 2016 Municipal Budget.

### ADOPTION OF THE 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

On motion of Commissioner Giblin, seconded by Commissioner Mallon and passed, the following resolution was adopted by roll call vote:

**Resolution No. 2016-179:**  
(See Budget Insert)

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Deputy Mayor O'Connor, Commissioners Mallon, Giblin and Hannen

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

## 2016 DMC BUDGET

### PUBLIC HEARING ON 2016 DMC BUDGET

Commissioner Giblin opened the public hearing on the 2016 DMC Budget and asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. Hearing no comments, Commissioner Giblin closed the public hearing on the 2016 DMC Budget.

### ADOPTION OF THE 2016 DMC BUDGET

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

**Resolution No. 2016-180:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union that the Special Improvement District Budget herein before set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of

**\$189,828.00 FOR SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT PURPOSES**

**Summary of Revenues**

Miscellaneous Revenue

Amount to be raised by Special

Improvement District tax

Total Revenue	\$189,828.00.
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**Summary of Appropriations**

Operating	<u>\$189,828.00.</u>
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Total Appropriations	\$189,828.00
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Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Deputy Mayor O'Connor, Commissioners Mallon, Giblin and Hannen

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

## RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda

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

**Resolution No. 2016:181:**

Moved to Roll Call Vote below

**Resolution No. 2016-182:**

**WHEREAS**, prior years General Capital Fund Receivable balance exists in the records of the Township of Cranford; and

**WHEREAS**, the balance is as follows:

NJ DOT ORD# 2014-14 Various Roads

\$42,040.55

**WHEREAS**, certain General Capital Improvements appropriated balances remain dedicated to projects now and completed; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to formally cancel said unfunded balances:

NJ DOT ORD# 14-14 Various Roads

\$42,040.55

**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 the Chief Financial Officer be and the same is hereby authorized to cancel the balances from the records of the Township.

**Resolution No. 2016-183:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 26th day of April 2016 that the following checks will be refunded by the Tax Collector to the lien holder according to statutory requirements:

**Redemption of Certificate #15-00018**

Block 322 / Lot 11  
DTW Associates, LLC  
1355 Martine Ave.  
Plainfield, N.J. 07060

**Refund:** \$ 436.25  
(6-01-55-000-010-029)  
**Premium:** \$ 1,300.00  
(T-15-00-000-106-000)

**Redemption of Certificate #13-00030**

Block 457 / Lot 10  
US Bank Cust/Pro Cap III LLC  
2 Liberty Place  
50 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 1950  
Philadelphia, Pa 19102

**Refund:** \$ 76,128.46  
(6-01-55-000-010-029)  
**Premium:** \$ 94,100.00  
(T-15-00-000-106-000)

**Redemption of Certificate #12-00018**

Block 636 / Lot 1  
MTAG As Cust/Altern Funding I  
PO Box 54817  
New Orleans, La 70154

**Refund:** \$417,317.36  
(6-01-55-000-010-029)  
**Premium:** \$151,000.00  
(T-15-00-000-106-000)

**Resolution No. 2016-184:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford be and hereby authorizes the closure of a portion of Alden Street (from Municipal Lot No. 11 to North Union Avenue) from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM on the following dates for Downtown District Management Corporation events:

May 6, 2016 - Sip & Shop  
June 24, 2016 - Pop up Yoga  
July 8, 2016 - Lego Night  
August 12, 2016 - Rock Yoga

**Recorded vote:**

Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Deputy Mayor O'Connor, Commissioners Mallon, Giblin and Hannen  
Nay: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: None

**RESOLUTIONS – By Roll Call Vote**

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

**Resolution No. 2016--181:**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford owns properties located on Dietz Street, known as Block 563, Lot 2 and block 562, Lot 1.01 as more particularly described on the attached property descriptions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township adopted an Ordinance, No. 2015-21 vacating the Dietz Street right of way between Bryant Avenue and the Garden State Parkway on June 9, 2015, which was duly published in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the vacated Dietz Street right of way designated as Block 563, Lot 2 together with property designated Block 562, Lot 1.01 (collectively referred to as "Property") are owned by the Township of Cranford are not needed for public use, are less than the minimum size required for development under the zoning ordinances and are without capital improvements and, thus are declared surplus property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property was offered to the contiguous property owners pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council to sell the Property to Emilio DiFabio, as an owner of contiguous property pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5); and  
**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5) with in five (5) days of adoption, a copy of this Resolution, together with the description of the Property, shall be posted on the bulletin board or other conspicuous space in the municipal building and advertised in the Westfield Leader/Star Ledger.

- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that:
- 1. Property will not be sold for tax exempt purposes.
  - 2. Property shall be sold to Emilio DiFabio for the amount of \$150,000.00.
  - 3. Property is sold “as is.” The Township makes no representation as to the condition of the Property.
  - 4. The Buyer shall indemnify and hold harmless the Township from any and all liability relating to the condition of the Property, including, but not limited to, any and all potential environmental issues on the Property.
  - 5. The Buyer shall take title via quit claim deed at the time of closing.
  - 6. The Township will retain, if necessary, an easement permitting the right of access and entry to the Property for the purpose of inspecting, repairing or replacing existing water and/or storm lines and sanitary sewer lines.

Recorded vote:  
Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Deputy Mayor O’Connor and Commissioners Giblin and Hannen  
Nay: None  
Abstained: Commissioner Mallon  
Absent: None

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

**Resolution No. 2016--185:**  
**A RESOLUTION APPROVING SALARY STEP PROGRESSION FOR EMPLOYEES PURSUANT TO THE TOWNSHIP’S SALARY ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee adopted Ordinance No. 2015-05 which established ranges with minimum and maximum salaries and progressive salary steps for certain job titles within the Township of Cranford; and  
**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2015-05, the Township Committee reserves the right and discretion to make salary adjustments at any time as it deems it to be in the public interest and in the interests of good management.  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee be and hereby approves the progression in steps for the following employees in the following job titles as recommended by the Township Administrator:

<i>Effective April 22, 2016 :</i>				
Name	Title	Range #	Step #	Salary
Daniel Czeh	Fire Chief	3	Max	\$141,084

Recorded vote:  
Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Deputy Mayor O’Connor and Commissioners Mallon and Giblin  
Nay: None  
Abstained: Commissioner Hannen  
Absent: None

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

**Resolution No. 2016--186:**  
**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the following individuals be and hereby are appointed as per diem Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT’s):

- Maria Caldron
- Yaghooti Yassmin
- Amber Lueddeke
- Michael Birritteri
- James Hannon III
- Mackenzie Dow

Recorded vote:  
Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Deputy Mayor O’Connor and Commissioners Mallon and Giblin  
Nay: None  
Abstained: Commissioner Hannen  
Absent: None

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

**Resolution No. 2016--187:**

**WHEREAS**, RACER Properties LLC owns the real property known as 1300 Raritan Road, Clark, New Jersey upon which is located the Hyatt Hills Golf Course Complex, which consists of a clubhouse, restaurant, parking area, nine-hole golf course, driving range, and miniature golf course ("Golf Facility"); and

**WHEREAS**, in March 2001 an Operating Agreement between RACER Trust and the Commission for the operation of the Golf Facility was terminated and replaced with an Agreement by and between Hyatt Hills Golf Course Commission ("Commission"), and Revitalizing Auto Communities Environmental Response Trust ("RACER Trust") and its wholly-owned affiliate RACER Properties LLC ("Agreement");

**WHEREAS**, the Commission is a public body corporate and politic incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey that was established in or about 1996 under a joint agreement between Clark Township and Cranford Township providing for the creation and operation of the Golf Facility and providing, among other things, for the formation of a Golf Course Commission;

**WHEREAS**, it continues to be in the public interest of Clark Township and Cranford Township to facilitate for the benefit of Township residents the operation of a first-class Golf Facility, which includes a full-service restaurant;

**WHEREAS**, the parties continue to seek to maintain the full-service restaurant at the Golf Facility, and as such, to have the restaurant continue to serve alcoholic beverages under a permit or permits issued by the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control;

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to amend the Agreement as it pertains to the management and operation of the restaurant and food & beverage operations, and to extend the Agreement's term; and

**WHEREAS**, all other terms and conditions under the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect except as specifically amended herein;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute a First Amendment to Agreement between Hyatt Hills Golf Course Commission and Revitalizing Auto Communities Environmental Response Trust and Racer Properties LLC, substantially in the form attached hereto and subject to approval by the Township Attorney.

**Recorded vote:**

Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Deputy Mayor O'Connor and Commissioners Mallon and Giblin

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.

John Pritchard, 42-44 West Holly Street, spoke in support of military personnel and members of the community that were lost fighting in Vietnam. Sang a song in support of the military. Urged the Township Committee to request that legislators reactivate Muhlenberg Hospital and other hospitals in the area due to their proximity to Ground Zero.

Township Attorney Diane U. Dabulas, discussed litigation in connection with Cranford Development Associates (CDA) and provided an update of the appeal the Township filed concerning the Department of Environmental Protection's issuance of a Flood Hazard Area (FHA) permit to CDA and the Township's appeal of court action regarding CDA. Announced that both appeals were denied by the Appellate Division and the Township would review the opinions and decide if further review by the Supreme Court is necessary.

Rita LaBrutto, 104 Arlington Road, discussed the Appellate Division's decision and does not feel Cranford had appropriate legal representation. Discussed properties that she feels the Township failed to receive credit for as affordable housing units and also feels the Appellate Division's opinion indicates that the Township did not pursue affordable housing opportunities. Also discussed the decision regarding the site plan and stated that the Township did not object to any of the issues with the site plan. Discussed a statement in the Appellate Division's opinion which indicated that the application submitted by Woodmont Properties' for development of this property was denied by the Planning Board. Discussed the fact that this statement is not correct because Woodmont Properties withdrew its application. Also discussed the fact that the site plan hearings were heard by a Special Hearing Officer in the courthouse in Elizabeth rather than by the Planning Board in Cranford. Stated that the Appellate Division's opinion indicated that the site plan hearings were held in Elizabeth because of local hostility to the application and feels this statement is inaccurate. Also stated that Cranford Planning Board members never received a copy of the site plan and feels they had the right to receive a copy. Discussed an issue in which the site plan was erroneously sent to Deputy Mayor O'Connor's home address. Feels the site plan hearings should have been held at the Cranford Municipal Building during evening hours, not at another location during working hours. Also feels it is every resident's constitutional right to protect his/her property.

Deputy Mayor O'Connor referred to Ms. LaBrutto's comment concerning the site plan and it being sent to her home address in error and clarified that when this occurred, she immediately contacted the Township to have the plans picked up.

Township Attorney Dabulas explained to Ms. LaBrutto that she should not assume that all of the statements contained in the Appellate Division's opinion are accurate. Discussed instances in which CDA made factual allegations that were incorrect and were refuted by the Township's legal counsel.

Mayor Kalnins assured Ms. LaBrutto that the Township Committee is reviewing the Appellate Division's opinions and its options. The Township will continue to retain Jeffery R. Surenian & Associates as its lead representation concerning this matter. Suggested that residents provide input regarding the opinions to the Township. Feels all points of view should be considered.

Ms. LaBrutto discussed statements in the opinion as to local hostility toward the application. Also discussed soil sampling conducted by CDA on the property without proper authorization.

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

## **PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS - None**

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

### **Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.**

- Discussed the FY 2016 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FEMA) Grant Program. Announced that the Township is interested in hearing from residents who are interested in participating in this program. Explained that it is a multi-year program and provided contact information for interested residents;
- Discussed the Appellate Division's opinions regarding the CDA litigation. Believes this project will exacerbate flooding within the Township and feels it is contradictory that FEMA is offering grant funding opportunities to the Township through the flood mitigation program for home elevation and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is granting exemptions to allow development in an active floodway. Also expressed concern with the statement in the Appellate Division's opinion in which CDA is referred to as having no expectation of approval by the Planning Board based on residents' opposition to the application. It appears that the Appellate Division felt that residents expressing concerns with the application prejudiced the Planning Board. Explained that he does not understand this statement, as it is every citizen's right to petition its government, express opinion, and disagree when applicable. Assured residents that the Township Committee plans to keep all options open. Thanked all for their participation and encouraged residents to continue to provide input.

### **Commissioner Patrick F. Giblin**

- Discussed the Appellate Division's opinions concerning the CDA litigation and stated that the Township would continue to fight against this project;
- Congratulated Allen Davis and Maya Jones on receiving the Student Outstanding Achievement Recognition Award;
- Congratulated the Fund for Excellence on hosting its first annual Trivia Night. Also congratulated the winners;
- Thanked all volunteers involved with the recent river cleanup;
- Thanked Township Administrator Wall for his efforts with the FY 2016 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FEMA) Grant Program.

### **Commissioner John Mallon**

- Discussed the opinions concerning the CDA litigation and stated that he is also disappointed with the outcome. Assured residents that the Township Committee would continue to fight against this development and act in the best interest of the Township;
- Commended the Police Department on its Active Shooter Training Program. Feels this training is necessary in today's world and also feels honored to have participated in one of the training sessions. Explained that this training would be extended to all municipal employee and the schools for both teachers and students;
- Discussed an article in the Westfield Leader regarding Union County's tax increase and explained the impact to Cranford and its residents.

### **Deputy Mayor Mary O'Connor**

- Discussed her attendance at the Appellate Division's hearings and stated that she is surprised that not one judge felt there was merit to the Township's case. Also stated that it is her opinion that the Township should continue to fight the decision. Believes it is worth the fight because residents deserve a continued commitment to this issue;

- Discussed complaints regarding airplane noise due to a change in flight patterns. Requested that all affected residents file a complaint with the Port Authority or contact her, and announced that information is available on the Township's website;
- Discussed the significant increase in Union County's taxes this year. Although it is not required, feels Union County should work at keeping its tax rate below the two (2%) percent CAP. Explained that the Township Committee has worked extremely hard to ensure its municipal tax rate is well below the CAP and one of the lowest in the county. Informed residents that she would be proposing a resolution requesting that Union County keep its budget within CAP;
- Congratulated members of the Fire Department and the Police Department on receiving the Group Effort Award at the New Jersey Valor Awards Banquet, stating that they were honored for their heroic team effort during a river rescue last September;
- Discussed the Active Shooter Training Program in which she participated. Feels the training is necessary in today's world and is hopeful that training would be extended to all public buildings;
- Announced that members of the Police Department have also participated in Stress Management Training;
- Discussed the Hillside Avenue School Spring Scramble;
- Mentioned that the Police Department, Fire Department, and Department of Public Works participated in the annual Dodge Ball Tournament, and the Fire Department celebrated its second annual victory;
- Discussed the Police Unity Tour and wished those officers participating good luck. Announced that funds would be raised to benefit the families of fallen officers;
- Congratulated Allen Davies and Maya Jones for receiving the Student Outstanding Achievement Recognition Award;
- Announced that the Cranford Spring Fair would be held this Sunday and hopes to see everyone there.

#### **Mayor Andis Kalnins**

- Congratulated Allen Davies and Maya Jones on receiving the Student Outstanding Achievement Recognition Award and thanked Deputy Mayor O'Connor for establishing the program;
- Discussed the decision regarding the CDA litigation and his disappointment with the decision. Stated that the Township Committee would continue to fight against the decision and weigh all options;
- Discussed the hearing that was held on April 18, 2016 for the proposed development of the Casale property located on South Avenue in Garwood. Informed residents that there were statements made about some of Cranford's development projects during the hearing to which he disagrees. Feels Cranford's redevelopment projects have been beneficial to Downtown Cranford and the comments made during the hearing "diminished" those projects. Also discussed affordable housing credits that were obtained through those projects.
- Announced that the Garwood Planning Board is scheduled to meet on April 27, 2016 to discuss the proposed development of the Hidi Property. Suggested that residents check Garwood's website in the event the hearing is postponed.

On motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Commissioner Mallon and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 9:17 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 26, 2016

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Tara Rowley, RMC  
Township Clerk