

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **September 27, 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 September 12, 2016, the Conference and Official Meetings of September 13, 2016, and the Special Meeting of September 20, 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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Commissioner Giblin, seconded by Deputy Mayor O’Connor and passed, the Bills List dated September 27, 2016 totaling \$620,785.26, was approved for payment by the indicated vote of the Township Committee 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

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day ®

WHEREAS, Across the nation, traffic crashes caused 35,092 fatalities in 2015, and are the leading cause of death for young people ages 15 to 34; and,

WHEREAS, In New Jersey, 562 individuals lost their lives in traffic crashes in 2015; and,

WHEREAS, Alcohol-related crashes accounted for 28.0 percent of the State’s traffic fatalities, while 26 percent of all fatal crashes involved traveling at unsafe speeds; and,

WHEREAS, Motorcyclists, bicycle riders and pedestrians face increased risks on New Jersey’s roadways, as people opt for alternative modes of transportation; and,

WHEREAS, 50 motorcyclists, 17 bicyclists and 173 pedestrians were killed in New Jersey in traffic-related crashes in 2015; and,

WHEREAS, Safer driving behaviors such as buckling up, every ride; obeying posted speed limits; stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks and using crosswalks when walking; avoiding aggressive driving behaviors; never driving impaired; wearing proper safety gear while riding a motorcycle or bicycle; and, focusing solely on driving by avoiding distractions, can dramatically reduce the number of traffic-related injuries and deaths;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Andis Kalnins, Mayor of the Township of Cranford, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2016, Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day®, and call upon everyone to put these lifesaving behaviors into practice to improve safety on the roadways in our community and throughout the State.

INFORMAL MEETING

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

Jessica Orr, 7 Mitchell Place, expressed concern with pedestrian safety in Cranford and was happy to hear about the pedestrian safety initiative. Feels there has been an increase in speeding and disregard for pedestrians and

bicyclists. Requested a speed limit sign be installed on Walnut Avenue between Raritan Road and Lexington Avenue.

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

ORDINANCES – Final Reading and Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 2016-23:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2016-23 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CHAPTER 136 “LAND DEVELOPMENT”

Said ordinance having been advertised and posted in accordance with law, Commissioner Mallon opened the public hearing.

Dr. Frank Krause, 20 Pittsfield Street, commended the Township Committee on its efforts with the Master Plan. Requested clarification of Ordinance No. 2016-23 as respects the Special Improvement District (SID) and asked if the ordinance includes changes to design standards.

Mayor Kalnins provided an overview of the ordinance and stated that it does not include changes to design standards.

Dr. Krause discussed the Master Plan and the Township’s Land Development Ordinance and feels it is important that all members of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Township Committee coordinate to make sure applications are dealt with correctly.

Mayor Kalnins discussed joint education programs that have been conducted over the past several years amongst Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment members.

Dr. Krause stated that he is hopeful that the ordinance would be properly enforced.

Hearing no further comments, Commissioner Mallon closed the public hearing. On motion of Commissioner Mallon seconded by Deputy Mayor O’Connor and passed, said ordinance was adopted by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Commissioner Comments:

Deputy Mayor O’Connor stated that this is part of an ongoing recertification process and feels it clarifies zoning to better fit the Matter Plan and follow the guidelines.

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 Deputy Mayor O’Connor, seconded by Commissioner Giblin and passed, the following resolutions were adopted by consent agenda:

Resolution No. 2016:303:

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford in the County of Union, New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2016 in the sum of \$1,821.60 which is now available as a revenue from The Federal Bullet Proof Partners Grant, pursuant to the provision of the statute; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the like sum of \$1,821.60 is hereby appropriated under the caption “Federal Bullet Proof Partners”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is a result of a grant of \$1,821.60 from The State of New Jersey.

Resolution No. 2016-304:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, on this 27th day of September 2016, that the Mayor and Township Clerk be, and hereby are, authorized to execute a lease agreement with Cranford Florist for rental of the Coal House.

Resolution No. 2016-305:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford (herein referred to as the Township) is the lead agency for the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, System Identifier 47-CPCPS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq.: and **WHEREAS**, the Township advertised for bids for police and administrative vehicles; and **WHEREAS**, the Township received sealed bids on September 14, 2016; and **WHEREAS**, the bid of the lowest responsible bidder for the vehicles listed below was determined to be Beyer Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram, 200 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07962 (hereinafter referred to as the ASuccessful Bidder@) by submitting a bid proposal as follows:

<u>VEHICLE TYPE</u>	<u>PURCHASE</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>
2017 Dodge Charger PPV		\$22,410.00

TWO YEAR LEASE WITH PURCHASE OPTION

<u>VEHICLE TYPE</u>	<u>Total Payment to Purchase after 2 Years</u>
2017 Dodge Durango SSV	\$27,644.15
2017 Dodge Charger PPV	\$23,163.57

THREE YEAR LEASE WITH PURCHASE OPTION

<u>VEHICLE TYPE</u>	<u>Total Payment to Purchase after 3 Years</u>
2017 Dodge Durango SSV	\$28,190.04
2017 Dodge Charger PPV	\$23,690.28

WHEREAS, the Successful Bidder has agreed to provide the goods/services bid upon to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System; and **WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq., requires that a Master Contract be entered into between the lead agency and the successful bidder; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the bid for the provision of police and administrative vehicles as listed above to the Township of Cranford and to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System be and is hereby awarded to Beyer Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram, 200 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07962, as more particularly set forth in the Successful Bidder’s Bid proposal dated September 14, 2016, which bid proposal is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Master Contract agreement with the Successful Bidder in the form approved by the Township Attorney.

Resolution No. 2016-306:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford (herein referred to as the Township) is the lead agency for the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, System Identifier 47-CPCPS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq.: and **WHEREAS**, the Township advertised for bids for police and administrative vehicles; and **WHEREAS**, the Township received sealed bids on September 14, 2016; and **WHEREAS**, the bid of the lowest responsible bidder for the vehicles listed below was determined to be Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07962 (hereinafter referred to as the Successful Bidder) by submitting a bid proposal as follows:

<u>VEHICLE TYPE</u>	<u>PURCHASE</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>
2017 Ford SPI		\$23,749.00
2017 Ford UPI		\$25,050.00
2017 Ford Expedition SSV		\$29,708.00
2017 Ford F250		\$25,102.00
2017 Ford Focus		\$15,106.00

TWO YEAR LEASE WITH PURCHASE OPTION

<u>VEHICLE TYPE</u>	<u>Total Payment to Purchase after 2 Years</u>
2017 Ford SPI	\$24,547.54
2017 Ford UPI	\$25,892.23
2017 Ford Expedition SSV	\$30,706.65
2017 Ford F250	\$25,945.98
2017 Ford Focus	\$15,614.29

THREE YEAR LEASE WITH PURCHASE OPTION

<u>VEHICLE TYPE</u>	<u>Total Payment to Purchase after 3 Years</u>
2017 Ford SPI	\$25,032.28
2017 Ford UPI	\$26,403.52
2017 Ford Expedition SSV	\$31,313.02
2017 Ford F250	\$26,458.33
2017 Ford Focus	\$15,922.62

WHEREAS, the Successful Bidder has agreed to provide the goods/services bid upon to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System; and
WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq., requires that a Master Contract be entered into between the lead agency and the successful bidder;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the bid for the provision of police and administrative vehicles as listed above to the Township of Cranford and to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System be and is hereby awarded to Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07962, as more particularly set forth in the Successful Bidder’s Bid proposal dated September 14, 2016, which bid proposal is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Master Contract agreement with the Successful Bidder in the form approved by the Township Attorney.

Resolution No. 2016-307:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford (herein referred to as the ATownship@) is the lead agency for the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, System Identifier 47-CPCPS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq.: and
WHEREAS, the Township advertised for bids for police and administrative vehicles; and
WHEREAS, the Township received sealed bids on September 14, 2016; and
WHEREAS, the bid of the lowest responsible bidder for the vehicles listed below was determined to be Day Chevrolet, 1600 Golden Mile Highway, Monroeville, Pennsylvania 15146 (hereinafter referred to as the ASuccessful Bidder@) by submitting a bid proposal as follows:

<u>VEHICLE TYPE</u>	<u>PURCHASE</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>
2017 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV 4WD		\$34,765.00
2017 Chevrolet Suburban 4WD		\$41,621.00

TWO YEAR LEASE WITH PURCHASE OPTION

<u>VEHICLE TYPE</u>	<u>Total Payment to Purchase after 2 Years</u>
2017 Chevrolet Caprice PPV	\$27,490.22
2017 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV 4WD	\$36,660.90
2017 Chevrolet Suburban 4WD	\$43,779.00

THREE YEAR LEASE WITH PURCHASE OPTION

<u>VEHICLE TYPE</u>	<u>Total Payment to Purchase after 3 Years</u>
2017 Chevrolet Caprice PPV	\$28,161.76
2017 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV 4WD	\$37,556.47
2017 Chevrolet Suburban 4WD	\$44,848.45

WHEREAS, the Successful Bidder has agreed to provide the goods/services bid upon to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System; and
WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq., requires that a Master Contract be entered into between the lead agency and the successful bidder;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the bid for the provision of police and administrative vehicles as listed above to the Township of Cranford and to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System be and is hereby awarded to Day Chevrolet, 1600 Golden Mile Highway, Monroeville, Pennsylvania 15146, as more particularly set forth in the Successful Bidder’s Bid proposal dated September 14, 2016, which bid proposal is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Master Contract agreement with the Successful Bidder in the form approved by the Township Attorney.

Resolution No. 2016-308:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford (herein referred to as the Township) is the lead agency for the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, System Identifier 47-CPCPS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq.: and

WHEREAS, the Township advertised for bids for police and administrative vehicles; and
WHEREAS, the Township received sealed bids on September 14, 2016; and
WHEREAS, the bid of the lowest responsible bidder for the vehicles listed below was determined to be Mall Chevrolet, 75 Haddonfield Rd, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002 (hereinafter referred to as the ASuccessful Bidder@) by submitting a bid proposal as follows:

PURCHASE

<u>VEHICLE TYPE</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>
2017 Chevrolet Caprice PPV	\$25,925.00

WHEREAS, the Successful Bidder has agreed to provide the goods/services bid upon to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System; and
WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq., requires that a Master Contract be entered into between the lead agency and the successful bidder;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the bid for the provision of police and administrative vehicles as listed above to the Township of Cranford and to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System be and is hereby awarded to Mall Chevrolet, 75 Haddonfield Rd, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08002, as more particularly set forth in the Successful Bidder’s Bid proposal dated September 14, 2016, which bid proposal is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Master Contract agreement with the Successful Bidder in the form approved by the Township Attorney.

Resolution No. 2016-309:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford (herein referred to as the Township) is the lead agency for the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, System Identifier 47-CPCPS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq.; and
WHEREAS, the Township advertised for bids for police and administrative vehicles; and
WHEREAS, the Township received sealed bids on September 14, 2016; and
WHEREAS, the bid of the lowest responsible bidder for the vehicles listed below was determined to be Hertrich Fleet Services, 1427 Bay Road, Milford, Delaware 19963 (hereinafter referred to as the ASuccessful Bidder@) by submitting a bid proposal as follows:

PURCHASE

<u>VEHICLE TYPE</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>
2017 Dodge Durango SS	\$26,503.00
2017 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV 2WD	\$31,875.00

TWO YEAR LEASE WITH PURCHASE OPTION

<u>VEHICLE TYPE</u>	<u>Total Payment to Purchase after 2 Years</u>
2017 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV 2WD	\$33,584.26

THREE YEAR LEASE WITH PURCHASE OPTION

<u>VEHICLE TYPE</u>	<u>Total Payment to Purchase after 3 Years</u>
2017 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV 2WD	\$34,327.36

WHEREAS, the Successful Bidder has agreed to provide the goods/services bid upon to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System; and
WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1, et seq., requires that a Master Contract be entered into between the lead agency and the successful bidder;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the bid for the provision of police and administrative vehicles as listed above to the Township of Cranford and to registered members of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System be and is hereby awarded to Hertrich Fleet Services, 1427 Bay Road, Milford, Delaware 19963, as more particularly set forth in the Successful Bidder’s Bid proposal dated September 14, 2016, which bid proposal is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Master Contract agreement with the Successful Bidder in the form approved by the Township Attorney.

Resolution No. 2016-310:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 27th day of September 2016 that the Tax Collector has been authorized to refund 2016 tax payments for reason noted:

TAX PAYMENT ON DISSOLVED BLOCK & LOT

Block 473 Lot 46

Guardian Title Services, LLC

187 Washington Ave., Suite 2G

Nutley, NJ 07110

Refund: \$4,226.03

(6-01-55-000-010-025)

SEWER OVERPAYMENT

Block 462 Lot 9

Schroeck, Daniel & Barbara

18 Concord Street

Cranford, NJ 07016

Refund: \$89.50

(6-01-55-000-010-026)

Resolution No. 2016-310A:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that Anthony Freire be and hereby is appointed to the position of Equipment Operator within the Department of Public Works at a salary of \$23.59 per hour effective September 28, 2016.

Resolution No. 2016-310B:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that Marco Iuliano be and hereby is appointed to the position of Equipment Operator within the Department of Public Works at a salary of \$25.25 per hour effective October 4, 2016.

Resolution No. 2016-310C:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that Matthew Blanck be and hereby is appointed to the position of Communications Officer within the Police Department effective September 28, 2016.

Resolution No. 2016-310D:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that Kyle McCartney be and hereby is appointed to the position of Communications Officer within the Police Department effective October 4, 2016.

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

RESOLUTION – By Roll Call Vote

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--311:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that Patrick Dolan be, and hereby is, advanced to 1st Grade Firefighter in the Cranford Fire Department effective September 1, 2016;

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--312:

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):

Cassandra Kinney

Robert Endress

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: Commissioner Hannen

Absent: None

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

Resolution No. 2016--313:

WHEREAS disputes and differences have arisen regarding the construction of the Cranford Flood Mitigation project for 307 Edgar Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS the parties have agreed to amicably resolve, settle and compromise all disputes and differences they have or may have arising out of facts or occurrences existing as of this date, known or unknown, regarding the contract for the construction of the Flood Mitigation Project of 307 Edgar Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute a Settlement Agreement with the owners of 307 Edgar Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey governing the terms and conditions of the agreement between the parties 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, Giblin and Hannen

Nay: None

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, discussed his support for Fire Department and Police Department personnel. Discussed his support for the military. Discussed the loss of Cranford residents in the Vietnam War and feels Vietnam Veterans were not supported. Sang a song in support of the military. Urged legislators to reactive Muhlenberg Hospital and other hospitals in the area due to Cranford's proximity to Ground Zero.

Jessica Orr, 7 Mitchell Place, reiterated her previous comments concerning pedestrian safety. Asked if the Township could have the section of Walnut Avenue that currently has a 35 mph speed limit decreased to 25 mph. Also requested additional speed limit signage at the section of Walnut Avenue between Raritan Road and the railroad trestle, as well as additional signage at crosswalks and intersections for pedestrian safety.

Mayor Kalnins feels additional signage could be installed. Also discussed enforcement that occurred today concerning pedestrian safety.

Ms. Orr also requested that a large tree be taken down at the intersection of Lenhome Drive and Walnut Avenue.

Kent Lucas, 17 Beech Street, Democratic Candidate for Township Committee, discussed concerns with pedestrian safety and bicycle safety on Springfield Avenue. Feels there is no enforcement occurring and feels additional enforcement is necessary.

Mayor Kalnins discussed enforcement conducted by the Police Department.

Mr. Lucas discussed speeding that occurs during early morning rush hour on Springfield Avenue. Also discussed the start time of the crossing guard at West End Place and feels additional coverage is needed. Also feels a crossing guard is needed at the intersection of Doering Way and Brookside Place. Feels the speed limit is too high on Springfield Avenue.

Mayor Kalnins stated that the Township Committee would ensure that enforcement is addressed throughout the Township. Also explained that Springfield Avenue is a Union County road and Union County must be contacted regarding a reduction in the speed limit on this roadway.

Deputy Mayor O'Connor stated that she has been working with the Police Department and they have been conducting a count concerning the number of pedestrians crossing at the intersections at West End Place and Doering Way. Also stated that she would be meeting with the Police Department to review these statistics and available options.

Nicole Griffin, 822 Springfield Avenue, discussed enforcement conducted by the Police Department today, but feels it was not done at the appropriate time. Feels it should have been done between 8:00 am and 9:00 AM and between 2:30 and 3:30 PM. Also stated that she has a petition to lower the speed limit on Springfield Avenue. Feels the signage enforcing the speed limit needs to be larger to be more effective. Provided a copy of the petition to the Township Clerk.

Mayor Kalnins explained that studies are conducted every few years, but more frequent studies might be necessary because of the change in demographics that occur.

Sue Lucas, 17 Beech Street, discussed concerns with the traffic on Springfield Avenue. Feels speeding should be enforced and the speed limit should be reduced. Also feels the corner of Springfield Avenue at Dreyers Farm is very dangerous and stated that she was hit by a car at that intersection ten (10) years ago.

Deputy Mayor O'Connor stated that she would continue to work with the Traffic Division. Feels the concerns expressed this evening are valid and ensured residents they would be brought to the attention of the Traffic Division.

Commissioner Giblin discussed the pedestrian safety signage suggested by Ms. Orr. Explained that this suggestion was brought to the Police Department in the past, but the Police Department has concerns with these signs becoming projectile. Stated that he disagrees with the Police Department's concerns. Feels these signs have been effective in other municipalities and would be beneficial to Cranford. Also feels the Police Department should be posting information regarding pedestrian safety to its social media pages, and stated that he supports the concerns that residents are posting on social media and encouraged them to continue to do so. Discussed various concerns that were brought forth by residents that resulted in ordinances being adopted. Feels these concerns should be similarly addressed.

Dr. Frank Krause, 20 Pittsfield Street, discussed Chapter 136 as it relates to the Zoning Officer, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, the Planning Board and the Township Committee. Also discussed the adoption of the new zoning ordinance and suggested that a booklet be made available. Feels the ordinance is too lengthy to print from the Township's website. Referred to several applications before the Zoning Board of Adjustment and specifically discussed an application on South and Lincoln Avenue. Stated that he is uncertain as to how this applicant will "fit" into this area. Also feels Chapter 136 needs clarification as to how these applications are sent to the Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment. Read excerpts of Sections 14 and 15 of the ordinance.

Mayor Kalnins explained that it is state statute which dictates the board that hears an application. Discussed different types of applications and the board that would handle them.

Dr Krause read the definition of a conditional use from Chapter 136 and feels the Zoning Board is handling applications that should be heard by the Planning Board.

Township Attorney Dabulas explained that it is statutory as to the board that hears an application. It is not within the Zoning Officer's discretion to do anything but follow state statute.

Dr. Krause requested that the Township Committee review his concerns. Stated that variances that are heard by the Zoning Board are usually routine in nature. Read another excerpt from Chapter 136 which he feels pertains to the application submitted by 7-Eleven and 24 hour operations. Feels the Zoning Board of Adjustment should not be discussing this application unless the Planning Board considered it to be a conditional use.

Township Attorney Dabulas explained to Dr. Krause that his comments should be directed to the Planning and Zoning Boards, as the Township Committee cannot give direction to these boards.

Mayor Kalnins reiterated his explanation as to the types of applications that are heard by the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Also explained that the Township Committee must refrain from commenting on applications that are before these boards.

Dr. Krause discussed an application that was approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment that he feels cost tax payers \$150,000.

Mayor Kalnins reiterated his statement that the Township Committee cannot comment on applications before the Zoning Board of Adjustment or Planning Board and encouraged residents to voice their concerns about an application to those boards.

Dr. Krause feels "no one is stopping" these applications from going through and tax payers are not benefitting from these applications.

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

PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS

Township Administrator Terence Wall

- Discussed the Community Rating System and announced that the fifteen (15%) percent discount on flood insurance premiums would become effective October 1, 2016;
- Announced that the 2017 Municipal Budget process would begin shortly;
- Thanked TV35 Station Manager Ed Davenport for his efforts with the improvements to Council Chambers.

Township Attorney Diane U. Dabulas

- Provided an update regarding litigation in connection with Cranford Development Associates and announced that the Township's appeal was denied. Stated that this decision was posted to the Township's website, and the Township is out of appeals with respect to this litigation.

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

- Thanked the residents that attended this evening's Township Committee meeting. Feels it helps the Township Committee make decisions when residents attend a meeting and voice their concerns. Also feels crossing guard staffing should be evaluated annually;
- Thanked the Kean University journalism students who attended the meeting this evening. Feels journalism is a noble profession and is hopeful that they will attend meetings regularly;
- Congratulated a former Cranford Call Department Member who was appointed to the Westfield Fire Department and wished him well in his future endeavors. Feels Cranford is blessed with dedicated volunteers;
- Discussed the opening ceremony of the Mets/Marlins baseball game on September 26, 2016. Feels the National Anthem was poignant due to the loss of the Marlins pitcher who risked everything to come to this country, hoping for a better life. Feels America is a great country.

Commissioner Patrick Giblin

- Thanked TV35 Director Davenport for his efforts with improvements to Council Chambers;
- Announced that the Business and Economic Development Office would be hosting its annual Scarecrow Stroll event. Applications are currently being accepted for entries and provided information for anyone interested in participating;
- Announced that the Central Jersey Arts Studios would be holding its Great Pumpkin Carve Out event in Hanson Park;
- Announced that Cranford's annual Halloween Parade and Pumpkin Drop would be held on Sunday, October 30, 2016;
- Wished everyone a Happy Rosh Hashanah;
- Congratulated St. Michaels on the success of its annual feast that was held over the weekend.

Commissioner John V. Mallon

- Thanked residents who attended the Township Committee meeting this evening, and encouraged residents to continue to express their concerns at Township Committee meetings;
- Thanked TV35 Director Davenport on his efforts with the improvements to Council Chambers. Explained that the upgrades would allow for improved viewing of Planning and Zoning Board presentations.
- Discussed the completion of the Walnut Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project and thanked Township Engineer O'Brien and the Police Department for collaborating on this project;
- Informed residents that Bloomingdale Avenue would be paved within the next week. Milling is scheduled to take place this coming Thursday and Friday. Thanked Township Engineer O'Brien for coordinating and working around the school schedule to minimize impact during school drop off and pickup.

Deputy Mayor Mary O'Connor

- Announced that on October 6, 2016 the DMC and the Township Committee would be sponsoring a Town Hall forum regarding pedestrian safety. The focus is to improve road safety for everyone. Encouraged those interested to attend and to contact her with pedestrian safety and traffic concerns;
- Explained that a great deal of road improvements would be occurring and encouraged residents to sign up for Nixle. Discussed the progress with road resurfacing that occurred within the past three (3) years and stated that over one hundred (100) roadways have been paved in Cranford;
- Discussed the increased police presence as a result of recent events. Explained that this is an overall plan to keep visitors of Cranford and its residents safe and would continue into the foreseeable future. Urged residents to say something if they see something;
- Discussed a Cranford student's suggestion to hold an "Unplug Cranford Day" and stated that she would be working with Cranford Community Connection to organize this event. Provided information for anyone interested in helping;
- Announced that she would be holding office hours one evening each month for residents to express their concerns beginning October 11, 2016.

Mayor Andis Kalnins

- Discussed the Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day proclamation and mentioned that residents have approached him regarding pedestrian safety in the Township;
- Discussed pedestrian improvements to the Walnut Avenue intersection;

- Discussed the walkability study that is being considered for Downtown Cranford and feels this initiative is a continuation of the previous Complete Streets Program;
- Announced that the next Township Committee meeting would be held on October 4, 2016;

On motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Deputy Mayor O'Connor and passed, the Township Committee returned to Conference Meeting at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 27, 2016

Tara Rowley, RMC
Township Clerk