

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **March 13, 2018** at 7:32 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 Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.  
Deputy Mayor Ann Dooley  
Commissioner Patrick F. Giblin  
Commissioner Jean-Albert Maisonneuve  
Commissioner Mary O'Connor

**ABSENT:** None

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

The invocation was led by Deputy Mayor Dooley, followed by the flag salute led by Girl Scout Troop No. 40113 and Cadette Troop No. 40534.

#### **MINUTE APPROVAL**

On motion of Commissioner Maisonneuve, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and passed, the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of February 26, 2018 and Conference and Official Meetings of February 27, 2018 were approved by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Hannen, Deputy Mayor Dooley, Commissioners Giblin, Maisonneuve and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

#### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Giblin and passed, the Bill Lists dated March 13, 2018, totaling \$5,018,287.47 was approved for payment by indicated vote of the Township Committee and is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Hannen, Deputy Mayor Dooley, Commissioners Giblin, Maisonneuve and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

#### **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### *Proclamation – Youth Art Month*

**WHEREAS**, art education contributes powerful educational benefits to all elementary, middle, and secondary students including the following:

- \* art education develops students' creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities;
- \* art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities;
- \* art education gives students a deeper understanding of multi-cultural values and beliefs;
- \* art education reinforces and brings to life what students learn in other subjects; and
- \* art education interrelates student learning in art production, art history, art criticism, and aesthetics.

**WHEREAS**, our national leaders have acknowledged the necessity of including arts experiences in all students' education; and

**WHEREAS**, MARCH is officially recognized as YOUTH ART MONTH, I endorse the observance of Youth Art Month and encourage the support of quality school art programs for children and youth.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Thomas H. Hannen, Jr., Mayor of the Township of Cranford proclaim March as **YOUTH ART MONTH** and endorse the observance of Youth Art Month and encourage the support of quality school art programs for children and youth.

##### *Proclamation – Girl Scouts 106<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

**WHEREAS**, March 12, 2018, marks the 106th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia; and,

**WHEREAS**, throughout its long and distinguished history, Girl Scouting has inspired millions of girls and women with the highest ideals of character, conduct, and patriotism; and,

**WHEREAS**, through Girl Scouting, girls gain courage, confidence and character who make their local communities and the world a better place; and,

**WHEREAS**, Girl Scouting takes an active role in increasing girls' awareness of opportunities available to them today in the fields of math, science, sports, technology and other professional fields that can expand their horizons; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey was formed in 2008 and capably delivered the optimal Girl Scout experience to over 28,000 young women and adults in Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset, Union and Warren counties; and,

**WHEREAS**, more than 2.6 million current Girl Scout members nationwide will be celebrating 106 years of this American tradition, with nearly 60 million women who are former Girl Scouts and living proof of the impact of this amazing Movement; and,

**WHEREAS**, more than 1,100 of these Girl Scout members reside right here in Cranford, and contribute to making our community a better place to live, work, and play; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Thomas H. Hannen, Jr., by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of the Township of Cranford, do hereby applaud the commitment Girl Scouting has made to America's girls and proudly proclaim the week of March 10<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as Girl Scout Week.

#### National Poison Prevention Week

**WHEREAS**, Congress designated the third full week in March to be National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW) in 1961 and since then this week has helped to raise national awareness of the dangers of potentially poisonous medicines, household chemicals, and other substances; and

**WHEREAS**, every poisoning is preventable! From the youngest to the oldest, all people and even pets are at risk. Poison centers across the country will focus the public's attention on identifying poisoning hazards at home as well as learning ways to prevent poisoning emergencies. A poison is defined as anything that is taken in the wrong amount, in the wrong way or by the wrong person. Unintentional poisoning is the leading cause of unintentional injury death in New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, drug overdose deaths including prescription pain medicine (opioids), heroin and fentanyl remain at epidemic proportions for both New Jersey and the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the majority of drug overdose deaths (more than six out of ten) involve an opioid; and

**WHEREAS**, although the majority of reported poison exposures involve children five (5) years old and younger; the majority of poisoning deaths occur in adults aged 20 to 59. Childhood lead poisoning remains a major public health concern. Elevated blood lead levels can cause significant and permanent damage to the health and wellbeing of a young child. There is no safe level of lead. Stop a child's exposure to lead before it causes harm; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES), a division of the Department of Emergency Medicine of the New Jersey Medical School of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, provides expert advice, drug information, and poison prevention education to NJ residents through the 800-222-1222 Poison Help Hotline. All services are free, confidential, multilingual and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year even during bouts of Mother Nature. The public can contact a poison expert by calling (1-800-222-1222), chatting ([www.njpies.org](http://www.njpies.org)), or texting ([8002221222@njpies.org](mailto:8002221222@njpies.org)); and

**WHEREAS**, consumers must be aware that e-cigarette devices, hookah pipes and liquid nicotine may contain very high doses of nicotine in enticing colors, aromas, and flavors – increasing the likelihood that small children and pets will focus their attention on them. These products pose serious risk of poisoning; and

**WHEREAS**, poison experts urge residents to use our services as a resource for poison and drug information instead of consulting the internet for information that may not be accurate. We encourage all residents to program the Poison Help Line 800-222-1222 into home, office, and cell phones because a rapid response can make a difference in preventing serious injury and saving lives. The use of poison centers services saves residents both time and money. Most cases are managed in the convenience of the caller's home, requiring no hospital visit; and

**WHEREAS**, NJPIES is also involved with the state's efforts in homeland defense, counter-terrorism, emergency preparedness and response, bio surveillance, and surveillance for clusters of poisonings and their sources (products, food and beverages, chemicals in the workplace and at home, environmental toxins, drugs and medicine, and animal and insect bites and stings);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey do hereby proclaim the week of March 18-24, 2018 as National Poison Prevention Week in New Jersey and encourage all citizens to pledge their commitment to ensuring the safety of themselves, their families, and their community.

#### Preeclampsia Awareness Month

**WHEREAS**, Preeclampsia, including HELLP syndrome and eclampsia, is a dangerous condition of pregnancy that can, in its severest form, lead to maternal and/or infant mortality or premature birth with significant health risks for the mother and baby; and

**WHEREAS**, as many as 320,000 cases of preeclampsia are diagnosed in America every year with approximately 25% resulting in severe, life-threatening consequences to a pregnant woman and her baby; and

**WHEREAS**, public education as to the signs and symptoms of preeclampsia, HELLP syndrome and eclampsia can help women recognize the condition and seek appropriate medical care; and

**WHEREAS**, prenatal education should include recognition of those signs and symptoms (spikes in maternal blood pressure, sudden swelling of the face and hands, severe upper abdominal pain, blurred vision, persistent headaches, breathlessness); and

**WHEREAS**, many citizens of Cranford, NJ have joined with the Preeclampsia Foundation to raise public awareness in order to minimize maternal and infant illness and death due to preeclampsia.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford proclaim May, 2018 as **PREECLAMPSIA AWARENESS MONTH** in the Township of Cranford. By this action, let it be known that we support the Preeclampsia Foundation's efforts to reduce maternal and infant illness and mortality due to the preeclampsia and related hypertensive disorders of pregnancy.

*Eagle Scout-Jared Wilson*

**WHEREAS**, Jared Wilson of Cranford Boy Scout Troop 80 has completed all requirements to earn the rank of Eagle Scout; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eagle Scout rank is the highest earned rank in scouting. Past history indicates only two percent of all boys who joins scouting persevere to attain this distinctive accomplishment; and

**WHEREAS**, Eagle Scout Wilson has worked very hard over the past several years in Scouting and has accomplished many things. He earned his 35 Merit Badges in a variety of areas, held Troop Junior Leadership positions, participated in many camping and hiking opportunities and performed numerous hours of Community Service; and

**WHEREAS**, Jared's project was to work closely with the Cranford Department of Parks and Recreation to build a 450 foot wood chip path along a street that serves as the entrance to the Orange Avenue Pool. This path addresses safety concerns because there are no sidewalks and pedestrians would walk along the narrow street while vehicles entered and exited the pool parking lot.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford commend and congratulate Jared Wilson for his outstanding achievement and wish him success in all his future endeavors.

*Eagle Scout-Andrew Noesner*

**WHEREAS**, Andrew Noesner of Cranford Boy Scout Troop 80 has completed all requirements to earn the rank of Eagle Scout; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eagle Scout rank is the highest earned rank in scouting. Past history indicates only two percent of all boys who joins scouting persevere to attain this distinctive accomplishment; and

**WHEREAS**, Eagle Scout Noesner has worked very hard over the past several years in Scouting and has accomplished many things. He earned his 21 Merit Badges in a variety of areas, held Troop Junior Leadership positions, participated in many camping and hiking opportunities and performed numerous hours of Community Service; and

**WHEREAS**, Andrew's project was to work closely with the Cranford First Aid Squad by building wooden lockers for the volunteers on duty to provide a secure place for their belongings. Previously there was no storage for the volunteers' property making it possible for items to be damaged or stolen when they were out on a call.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford commend and congratulate Andrew Noesner for his outstanding achievement and wish him success in all his future endeavors.

**INFORMAL MEETING**

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

**ORDINANCES – Introduction**

**Ordinance No. 2018-03:**

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2018-03 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 15 (CHECKS, RETURNED) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD TO AMEND THE FEE FOR RETURNED CHECKS "

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

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Hannen, Deputy Mayor Dooley, Commissioners Giblin, Maisonneuve and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

**Final Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2018-03 to be held April 10, 2018.**

**Ordinance No. 2018-04:**

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2018-03 entitled, "CALENDAR YEAR 2018 ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)"

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

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Hannen, Deputy Mayor Dooley, Commissioners Giblin, Maisonneuve and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None  
Absent: None

**Final Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2018-04 to be held April 10, 2018.**

**RESOLUTION – By Roll Call Vote**

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

**Resolution No. 2018-145:**  
**SEE MUNICIPAL BUDGET INSERT**

Commissioner O’Connor presented an overview of the 2018 Municipal Budget.

Recorded vote:  
Aye: Mayor Hannen, Deputy Mayor Dooley, Commissioners Giblin, Maisonneuve and O’Connor  
Nay: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: None

**Public Hearing for the 2018 Municipal Budget to be held April 10, 2018.**

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

**Resolution No. 2018-146:**  
**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Downtown District Management Corporation Budget for the year 2018:  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said Budget be published in the Westfield Leader in the issue of March 22, 2018.  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the governing body of the Township of Cranford does hereby approve the following as the Downtown District Management Corporation Budget for the year 2018:

**APPROPRIATIONS**

**APPROPRIATED**

<u>General Appropriations</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Operating		
Salaries & Wages	125,141.14	125,092.00
Other Expenses	<u>50,657.00</u>	<u>52,200 .00</u>
Total General Appropriations	175,798.14	177,292.00

**ANTICIPATED REVENUES**

<u>General Revenue</u>	<u>Anticipated 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Surplus		
Miscellaneous Revenue		
Sub-total General Revenue		
Amount to be Raised by Special		
Improvement District Tax	<u>175,798.14</u>	<u>177,292.00</u>
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	175,798.14	177,292.00

Notice is hereby given that the Downtown District Management Corporation Budget was Approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, on March 13, 2018. A hearing on said Budget will be held at the Cranford Municipal Building on April 10, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at which time and place objections to said Budget for the year 2018 may be presented by Downtown Special Improvement District taxpayers or other interested persons.

Recorded vote:  
Aye: Mayor Hannen, Deputy Mayor Dooley, Commissioners Giblin, Maisonneuve and O’Connor  
Nay: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: None

**Public Hearing for the 2018 Downtown District Management Corporation Budget to be held April 10, 2018.**

**RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda**

On motion of Commissioner Giblin, seconded by Commissioner Maisonneuve and passed, the following resolutions were adopted by **consent agenda**:

**Resolution No. 2018-147**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held March 13, 2018 that Downtown Business and Economic Development Director Gabriel Bailer be, and hereby is, appointed as a member to the Development Review Committee for the year 2018.

**Resolution No. 2018-148:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held March 13, 2018 that Downtown Business and Economic Development Director Gabriel Bailer be, and hereby is, appointed to the Green Team for the year 2018.

**Resolution No. 2018-149:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held March 13, 2018 that Business and Economic Development Director Gabriel Bailer be, and hereby is, appointed to the Parking Committee for the year 2018.

**Resolution No. 2018-150:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the salary for Joan Holler, Township Registrar within the Health Department, be and hereby is set at \$17.00 per hour effective March 14, 2018 .

**Resolution No. 2018-151:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes application to the County of Union in connection with the Union County Infrastructure and Municipal Aid grant program for 2018; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary in connection with said applications.

**Resolution No. 2018-152:****RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY****TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 CURRENT FUND**

**WHEREAS** an emergent condition has arisen due to the adoption of the 2018 Budget, and adequate provision has not been made in the 2018 Temporary Budget for the appropriations specified on this page; and

**WHEREAS** the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in fiscal year 2018 pursuant to the provision of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$3,542,792.41.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE, AND IT IS, HEREBY, RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey, (not less than two thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A40A:4-20:

1. Emergency temporary appropriations be and the same are hereby made as specified on this page in the amount of \$3,542,792.41; and
2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided in the 2018 budget under the headings as specified on this page.
3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

<b>Title</b>	<b>Emergency Appropriation</b>
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SERVICES	
PERS	680,487.41
POLICE & FIRE RETIREMENT SERVICES	
PFRS	2,026,554.00
RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTH	<u>835,751.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,542,792.41</b>

**Resolution No. 2018-153:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee hereby authorizes the closure of Municipal Lot No. 1 and the portion of North Union Avenue from Springfield Avenue to Alden Street on Sunday, April 22, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM in connection with the Mayor's Wellness Campaign's 2018 kickoff event- "Get Fit Cranford".

**Resolution No. 2018-154:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes the closure of Municipal Lot No. 1 from 5:00 AM to 8:00 PM and Municipal Lot No. 3 from 5:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Sunday, May 20, 2018 in connection with the Municipal Alliance's Cranford Family Day event and temporary road closures between 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM in connection with the Cranford Bike Tour.

**Resolution No. 2018-155:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018 that the following checks will be refunded by the Tax Collector to the lien holder according to statutory requirements:

**Redemption of Certificate# 15-00001**

Block 109 Lot 4 – 1592 Springfield Ave.  
 DTW Associates, LLC  
 1355 Martine Avenue  
 Plainfield, NJ 07060

**Refund:** \$1,191.77  
 (8-01-55-000-010-029)  
**Premium:** \$1,400.00  
 (T-15-00-000-106-000)

**Resolution No. 2018-156:**

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

**Recorded vote:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

John Pritchard, 42-44 West Holly Street, mentioned that Memorial Day is in two months. Feels residents should always remember those who served our country and those who were lost during war. Sang a song in support of the military, and urged the Township Committee to request that legislators reactivate Muhlenberg Hospital and other hospitals in the area due to their proximity to Ground Zero.

Rita LaBrutto, 104 Arlington Road, discussed the Downtown Management Corporation's (DMC) Strategic Plan meeting that was held and Dr. Krause's letter regarding the red and green dot exercise. Spoke about topics that were discussed during the meeting and explained how the red and green dot exercise was handled. Feels there should have been a public comments portion during the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Dooley clarified that the red and green dot exercise was done during the DMC Strategic Plan meeting.

Ms. LaBrutto stated that the Strategic Plan was located in the North Avenue Redevelopment area.

Deputy Mayor Dooley explained that the eminent domain ordinance that was proposed was a preliminary of a draft which the Township did not approve.

Ms. LaBrutto feels the DMC should have told the public that the town is currently paying off Cranford Crossing without a net benefit. Believes the Parking Garage will cost Cranford approximately \$500,000 a year by time the bond is paid in full. As a taxpayer she is not interested in paying for a developer's parking garage while they are collecting rent. Feels the project is being done to comply with affordable housing obligations and although she feels density does belong in the downtown, there are other ways for the town to meet its obligation. Mentioned that Community Access is currently outstanding. Discussed other options the town has to meet its affordable housing obligation instead of building apartments. Does not understand how there is currently a parking problem in the downtown when there was not a problem 7 months ago. Discussed maintenance issues and violations books that are stored in the Business and Economic Development Office and feels there is miscommunication amongst the Townships employees regarding this issue. Feels the Planning Board and Zoning Board members should enforce the design standards uniformly.

Commissioner Maisonneuve feels some of the statements made about the DMC were a mischaracterization. Stated that the meeting was open to the public and nothing was approved. The study was based by volunteers on the DMC board with a level of expertise. Thought the Strategic Plan presentation was fantastic and explained that the board wanted to hold off with public comments until after the presentation was finished. Every member of the DMC engaged with the members of the public. Feels a lot of great feedback was given.

Ms. LaBrutto stated that she had no issue with the presentation and commended the volunteers that worked on it. Feels there should have been a public comments portion in the meeting instead of each board member engaging with the public.

Commissioner Maisonneuve explained that it was not a final study.

Ms. LaBrutto is disputing that the public was told that there will be no public comments during the meeting.

Mayor Hannen appreciates Ms. LaBrutto's comments and stated that once the final study goes before the Township Committee additional public comments will be entertained. Assured the public that the Township Committee will review the study along with its recommendations very cautiously. This does not mean the Township Committee will agree with the study.

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

## **PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS**

### **Township Administrator Terence Wall**

- Thanked the Township Committee for its efforts with the 2018 municipal budget. Explained that it is a year round process that is made transparent to the public. Also thanked the Chief Financial Officer and all the Department Heads for continuing to work together on the budget all year long.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

### **Commissioner Mary O'Connor**

- Thanked the Girl Scouts for leading the flag salute;
- Congratulated the Girl Scouts on their 106<sup>th</sup> Anniversary;
- Congratulated Jared Wilson and Andrew Noesner on obtaining Eagle Scout status. Feels Cranford has a lot of great role models for young people;
- Announced that the annual Cranford Family Weekend will be held May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> which is sponsored by the Municipal Alliance and a number of other community organizations. This is a great weekend and encouraged residents to attend;
- Discussed her travels to Washington DC with Mayor Hannen. Informed the residents that the study is being looked at for a second time by the Army Corp of Engineer New England Region. This mean the project will not receive authorization from the Water Resource Development Act this year. Encouraged residents to contact the Federal and State legislators to express their support for the project and show support for the project to be expedited if possible. Will provide more information on her Facebook page;
- Announced that Moms Demand Action will holding a March on May 24<sup>th</sup> to remember the victims of the Parkland High school shooting. Provided information for those interested in participating;
- Thanked Chief Financial Officer Patterson and her staff and all department heads for their efforts with the 2018 municipal budget. Over the past five years everyone has been working hard to keep municipal property taxes stable and was able to continue the accomplishment that this year;
- Wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

### **Commissioner Patrick Giblin**

- Congratulated Jared Wilson and Andrew Noesner on obtaining Eagle Scout status;
- Thanked the Girl Scouts, Brownies and Daisies for leading the flag salute and joining the Township Committee for Girl Scout Week;
- Announced that the Cranford Jaycees will be hosting an Easter egg hunt. Provided information for those interested in attending. Encouraged residents to participate;
- Mentioned that daylights savings time was last weekend. Reminded everyone to check smoke detectors;
- Spoke about security in the schools. Commended the Cranford Police Department and the Cranford Board of Education for taking action;
- Commended the Department of Public Works, Police Department and Fire Department on their efforts during various snow storms this year;
- Wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

### **Commissioner Jean-Albert Maisonneuve**

- Congratulated Jared Wilson and Andrew Noesner on obtaining Eagle Scout status;
- Congratulated the Girl Scouts on celebrating their 106<sup>th</sup> anniversary;
- Discussed Youth Art Month and the project done at the New Jersey Transit platform;
- Commended all departments involved with the 2018 municipal budget;
- Commented the Department of Public Works for its efforts with cleanup after the snow storm;
- Informed the residents that the survey done by the Downtown District Management Corp has been extended to March 21, 2018. Provided the link for those interested.

### **Deputy Mayor Ann Dooley**

- Discussed the introduction of the Governor's budget along with various budget items that were included. Encouraged residents to take a look at what the Governor is proposing and how it may or may not impact Cranford's budget;
- Discussed issues she has with the Cranford Parking Garage and assured residents that the Township Committee will be examining it from a financial point-of-view. It will also have to be determined if parking garages will be obsolete in the future;
- Commended the Department of Public Works on their efforts during the past few snow storms. Expressed gratitude from the Township Committee for the persistence shown. Also commended the Fire Department and Police Department on their efforts during the storms;
- Announced that the Cranford Community Connection and the Mayor's Wellness Campaign will be launching its 2018 season through the Get Fit Cranford Program. Discussed activities that will be taking place for those interested in attending. Encouraged residents to attend.

**Mayor Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.**

- Congratulated the Girl Scouts on celebrating its 106<sup>th</sup> Anniversary;
- Congratulated Jared Wilson and Andrew Noesner on obtaining Eagle Scout status. Proud to have worked with them in the past. Wished them best in all their future endeavors. Feels this is a family award;
- Recognized the Knights of Columbus for their St. Patrick's Day party which recognized Fire inspector Bagnewski and Police Lieutenant Polito as Firefighter and Police officer of the year;
- Echoed his colleagues comments commended all departments who help keep Cranford running. From the 2018 municipal budget process to public safety to storm preparation and cleanup;
- Wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Giblin and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 13, 2018

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Patricia Donahue, RMC  
Township Clerk