

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **May 22, 2018** at 7:51 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.

MINUTE APPROVAL

On motion of Deputy Mayor Dooley, seconded by Commissioner O’Connor and passed, the minutes of the Special Workshop Meeting of January 27, 2018 and the Conference and Official Meetings of May 8, 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 May 22, 2018, totaling \$365,265.35 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

EMS Week

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public and other out of hospital medical care providers; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in recognition of this event, does hereby proclaim the week of May 20-26, 2018 as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK** with the theme, EMS Strong: Always in Service, we encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

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 – Final Reading and Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 2018-09:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2018-09 entitled, “BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND A NEW FIRE ENGINE AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$4,565,500 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE VARIOUS GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS ”

Said ordinance having been advertised and posted in accordance with law, Commissioner O’Connor opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, Commissioner O’Connor closed the public hearing.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner O’Connor explained that this bond puts in place the funding for all the Township’s capital improvement projects such as much needed road improvements and also provides various departments with the equipment needed to complete these jobs.

Commissioner Giblin explained that the bond includes \$960,000 for a matching grant application to expand the children’s wing of the Cranford Public Library. Funding to upgrade various playgrounds was also included along with a new pumper for the Fire Department and new equipment for TV35.

On motion of Commissioner O’Connor seconded by Deputy Mayor Dooley and passed, said ordinance was adopted by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: Mayor Hannen

Absent: None

RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda

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

Resolution No. 2018-198:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING A \$9,500,000 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE, DATED MAY 18, 2018, PAYABLE MAY 17, 2019, AS A "QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATION" PURSUANT TO SECTION 265(b)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Township") intends to issue a \$9,500,000 Bond Anticipation Note, dated May 18, 2018, payable May 17, 2019 (the "Note"); and **WHEREAS**, the Township desires to designate the Note as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Note is hereby designated as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for the purpose of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

SECTION 2. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said Note is not a "private activity bond" as defined in the Code and (2) the Township and its subordinate entities, if any, do not reasonably anticipate issuing in excess of \$10 million of new money tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds) during the calendar year 2018.

SECTION 3. It is further determined and stated that the Township has, as of the date hereof, issued the following tax-exempt obligations (other than the Note) during the calendar year 2018, viz:

| <u>Amount</u> | <u>Dated - Due</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| \$9,700,000 Bonds | 1/15/18 – 1/15/19-28 |

SECTION 4. The Township will, to the best of its ability, attempt to comply with respect to the limitations on issuance of tax-exempt obligations pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code; however, said Township does not covenant to do so, and hereby expressly states that a covenant is not made hereby.

SECTION 5. The issuing officers of the Township be and they hereby are authorized to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the original purchaser of the Note and to further provide such original purchaser with a certificate of obligations issued during the calendar year 2018 dated as of the date of delivery of the Note.

SECTION 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Resolution No. 2018-199:

Item moved to Roll Call Vote (see below)

Resolution No. 2018-200:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 22nd day of May 2018 that the following checks will be refunded by the Tax Collector to the lien holder according to statutory requirements:

Redemption of Certificate# 17-00029

Block 484 Lot 28 – 202 High Street
Christians T C/F CE1/First Trust.
P.O. Box 5021
Philadelphia, PA 19111-5021

Refund: \$7,267.42
(8-01-55-000-010-029)
Premium: \$15,500.00
(T-15-00-000-106-000)

Resolution No. 2018-201:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, that the Township Clerk be and hereby is authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids for the 2017 Municipal Paving Program, Phase 2.

Resolution No. 2018-202:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 22nd day of May 2018 that the Tax Collector has been authorized to refund tax payment:

TAX PAYMENT

Block 473 Lot 22 (property location-8 Woodlawn Ave)
JMG Services Inc.
303 Myrtle Ave.
Garwood, N.J. 07027

Refund \$ 2,797.35
(8-01-55-000-010-025)

Resolution No. 2018-203:

WHEREAS, there were 625 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2017; and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of the motor vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were not wearing a seat belt; and

WHEREAS, use of a seat belt remains the most effective way to avoid death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 135,000 lives were saved by safety belt usage nationally between 1975-2000; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization from May 21 – June 3, 2018 in an effort to raise awareness and increase seat belt usage through a combination of high visibility enforcement and public education; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of increasing the seat belt usage rate in the state from the current level of 93% to 95%; and

WHEREAS, a further increase in seat belt usage in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

THEREFORE, BE IS RESOLVED that the Township of Cranford declares its support for the *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 21 – June 3, 2018 and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of seat belt use.

Resolution No. 2018-204:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, that the Cranford Police Department be, and hereby is, authorized to utilize Patrolman Robert F. Hand Plaza in connection with the celebration of *National Night Out*, an annual event held nationwide to promote awareness of crime prevention, on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the event will require the closing of Springfield Avenue (County Route 615) between North Avenue and North Union Avenue from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Union requires a concurring resolution by the Board of Chosen Freeholders, Certificate of Insurance, and Hold Harmless Agreement prior to the closure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cranford Police Department is permitted to post signs on municipal property to promote the aforementioned event, and that said signs shall be posted not more than ten (10) days prior to the event and shall be removed the day following the event.

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

RESOLUTIONS – By Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution No. 2018-199:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, on this 22nd day of May 2018, that the Township Committee hereby ratifies and agrees to the Memorandum of Agreement with Patrolmen & Detective Patrolmen Bargaining Unit, PBA Local 52 and Cranford Police Superior Officers Bargaining Unit, PBA Local 52.

Commissioner Comments:

Deputy Mayor Dooley does not agree with the strategy that was used to reach the Memorandum of Agreement. Hopeful that everyone will receive lasting value without a cascading loss of promises. Wished everyone the best and a safe passage for the duration of this contract. Thanked everyone for their service.

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: Deputy Mayor Dooley

Abstained: None

Absent: None

On motion of Deputy Mayor Dooley, seconded by Commissioner Maisonneuve and passed, the following resolution was adopted by **roll call vote**:

Resolution No. 2018-205:

WHEREAS, the Cranford Community Connection, has proposed an event which will end at the Cranford Canoe Club, and

WHEREAS, the Cranford Township Committee is in favor of allowing the event's end to be held at the Cranford Canoe Club on Saturday, June 2, 2018;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Cranford Township Committee approves the use of the Cranford Canoe Club by the Cranford Community Connection on Saturday, June 2, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby approves the consumption of alcohol by the public, consistent with all applicable State laws and regulations, during said event.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Hannen, Deputy Mayor Dooley, Commissioners Giblin and Maisonneuve

Nay: Commissioner O'Connor

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 approaching. 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.

Dr. Frank Krause, 20 Pittsfield Street, expressed concerns with the Downtown Business District and the potential negative impact it will have on the surrounding residential properties. Discussed current design standards that are related to over density in the Downtown. Also discussed the standards of the Special Improvement District. Mentioned a discussion he had with Mayor Hannen regarding the source of restate taxes. Explained that real estate taxes are made up of three sources: commercial property owners, the Downtown business owners and the residential property owners and provided a breakdown of the percentages contributed by each source. Stated that the concerns of the residential property owners should be recognized. Also feels a survey is needed to determine how the constituents feel about the density and the changes that are happening in the downtown and to see if they are being protected by the Planning and Zoning Boards.

Mayor Hannen feels Dr. Krause's comments are something that should be taken into consideration. Commissioner Maisonneuve will follow up with the DMC.

Dr. Krause feels the Zoning and Planning Board members along with the members of the DMC should have information regarding all the standards.

James Carvalho, 9 Orange Avenue, discussed the repaving of streets. Questioned who is responsible for conducting road resurfacing and traffic volume assessments for the paving program.

Mayor Hannen stated that the Traffic Bureau is responsible for the traffic volume study and the Township Engineer along with the Department of Public Works handles the road resurfacing.

Mr. Carvalho asked which process was used to conduct the assessment during Mayor Hannen's tenure on the Township Committee.

Mayor Hannen does not recall the method used.

Mr. Carvalho questioned where the results are stored for public review.

Mayor Hannen is not sure where the results are kept because the Engineering Department has just been constituted but going forward they will be stored with the Township Engineer.

Mr. Carvalho discussed the condition of Riverside Drive and the surrounding streets in his neighborhood. Expressed concern that certain streets are being neglected. Mentioned that he's contacted various department heads and the Township Committee regarding the paving program and to date has received no answer. Stated that the current Township Engineer confirmed that there is no assessment process and there are no documented assessment results. Discussed the approved minutes of the September 11, 2017 Workshop Meeting in which he feels the minutes were incorrect. Stated that he spoke to the Township Attorney regarding this matter and was assured the minutes would be amended to correct the discrepancy. Pointed out that as of today the minutes have not been amended. Corrected the recorded by stating that there is no assessment process in place and there are no documented assessment results and these facts were related to him by the Mayor and the Commissioner of Engineering at the September 11, 2017 Workshop Meeting but were not documented in the official minutes. Thanked the Township Committee for making him an avid reader of agendas, minutes, Financial Disclosure Statements and campaign finance reports.

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

PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS - None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Mary O'Connor

- Discussed the Cranford Family Barbecue event that took place. Gave a special thanks to the Police and Fire Departments and the Department of Public Works for their efforts. Also thanked everyone that was involved with the event. Hopeful the events that were cancelled can be rescheduled. Thanked all the business sponsors for making donations. Gave a special thanks to the Municipal Alliance for sending a special message to the community on how to keep children drug and alcohol free;
- Congratulated VFW Commander member Drew Burns on his installation;
- Discussed the Memorial Day Parade and asked residents to honor the veterans and the sacrifice they made for our freedoms;
- Discussed the Law Enforcement Torch Run benefiting the Special Olympics which will be coming through Cranford on June 8, 2018. Provided information for those interested in making a donation;
- Congratulated First Aid Squad members on their recognition tonight. Thanked them for their dedication and service to the community.

Commissioner Patrick Giblin

- Thanked the members of the First Aid Squad for their service to the community;
- Congratulated newly appointed Honorary Patrolman Raymond Schwartz to the Police Department. Thanked Chief Greco, Police Detective D'Ambola and Police Officer Rattigan for their efforts. Also thanked everyone who came out to support the appointment of Honorary Patrolman Schwartz;
- Announced that the Pedestrian Safety Committee will be meeting and if any member of the public has any concerns to relay, please contact the committee;
- Discussed the Memorial Day Parade and is hopeful that the weather will cooperate. Feels optimistic and looks forward to seeing everyone. Encouraged all residents to come out and show support;
- Discussed the Flora File Garden Club fundraiser to raise funds to complete repairs in the Cranford Community Center. Thanked everyone involved in this effort;
- Gave a reminder that the Primary Election is on June 5, 2018;
- Announced that the Cranford Jaycees will be hosting its annual Lennard Snyder Memorial Father's Day Fishing Derby.

Commissioner Jean-Albert Maisonneuve

- Thanked the DMC for beautifying Post Office Plaza;
- Discussed the Public Piano located in Eastman Plaza. Encouraged the public to show their talent and play some music;
- Congratulated the First Aid Squad members and thanked them for their service;
- Thanked the Police and Fire Departments for hosting the Family Barbecue;
- Wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day.

Deputy Mayor Ann Dooley

- Announced that American Water Company will be flushing the fire hydrants and pipes in Cranford from May 24 to 29, 2018;
- Announced that the Cranford public pools will be opening this weekend. Informed the public that the filters have been replaced and an immediate difference will be noticed in the clarity of the water. Fewer chemicals will be used which will lessen the operating costs. Also discussed the new floor sand ceilings that were installed over at the Orange Avenue pool;
- Thanked the Cranford First Aid Squad for their service to the community.

Mayor Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

- Discussed the Mayor's Golf Trophy event to be held at Hyatt Hills between Cranford High School and Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark. Hopeful this will be an annual event;
- Discussed the Relay for Life event which was very inspirational;

- Thanked the Police and Fire Departments for hosting the Cranford Family Barbecue event. Appreciates everyone's efforts;
- Announced that Gun Violence Awareness Day is approaching. Encouraged everyone to wear orange to show support. Thanked the Moms Demand Action group for keeping awareness;
- Congratulated Deacon Sebastian on joining the Fatherhood. Wish him the best in his future parish.

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Giblin and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 22, 2018

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk