

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **June 12, 2018** at 7:30 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 Commissioner O’Connor, seconded by Commissioner Giblin and passed, the minutes of the Official Meeting of May 22, 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 Maisonneuve, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dooley and passed, the Bill Lists dated June 12, 2018, totaling \$5,178,441.78 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

Historic Preservation Advisory Board

Appointing Anna Bauer as a Class C/High School member for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2019

Proclamations

90th Anniversary Celebration – Boy Scout Troop No. 80

WHEREAS, Boy Scout Troop 80 celebrated the 90th anniversary of its inception as a unit within the Boy Scouts of America on June 9, 2018; and

WHEREAS, over the last nine decades, countless young boys have gone through its Scouting program as they have journeyed toward manhood and a life living the 12 points of the Scout Law; and

WHEREAS, Boy Scout Troop 80 was founded in 1928 and currently has over 60 boys involved in a program that advocates personal growth, character-building and a love for outdoor life as well as offering leadership and athletic activities; and

WHEREAS, members of Boy Scout Troop 80 participate in weekend camping trips, summer camps and high adventure activities such as canoe treks, back country back packing and seek to attain a wide universe of merit badges; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, Boy Scout Troop 80 has continuously been chartered and sponsored by The First Presbyterian Church of Cranford; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, congratulates Boy Scout Troop 80 on the occasion of its 90th Anniversary and commends the many people who have built a tradition of scouting in Cranford.

Gun Violence Awareness Day

WHEREAS, every day 91 Americans are killed by gun violence and hundreds more are injured; and

WHEREAS, Americans are 25 times more likely to be murdered with guns than people in other developed countries; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2013 Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama’s second inaugural parade, was tragically shot and killed at a park near her school in Chicago just a few weeks later; and

WHEREAS, to commemorate her life, Hadiya's friends inspired her classmates to wear orange because it symbolizes human life and hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods; and

WHEREAS, to honor Hadiya and all Americans whose lives are cut short by gun accidents and/or violence and those who are survivors that were injured, June 2, 2018 was designated the third annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping firearms out of the wrong hands, protecting public safety and encouraging responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford proclaim June 2, 2018 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the Township of Cranford.

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. 2018-10:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2018-10 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER 379, TAXATION, ADDING ARTICLE III-TAX REDEMPTION CERTIFICATE REQUEST FEE TO BE IMPOSED ON PARTIES WHO MAKE MORE THAN TWO (2) REQUESTS FOR THE CALCULATION OF A TAX REDEMPTION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF SALE OF A SPECIFIC PARCEL PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-54"

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

ORDINANCES – Introduction

Ordinance No. 2018-11:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2018-11 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER 410 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

Said ordinance was approved on first reading on motion of Commissioner Giblin, seconded by Commissioner Maisonneuve, 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. 2018-11 to be held July 17, 2018.

RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda

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

Resolution No. 2018-206:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held June 12, 2018, that the resignation of Jason Cruz a Communications Officer within the Cranford Police Department be and hereby is accepted, with regrets, effective June 15, 2018.

Resolution No. 2018-207:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that John Cleary be and hereby is appointed to the part-time position of Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Officer effective June 18, 2018.

Resolution No. 2018-208:

Moved to Roll Call Vote (see below)

Resoluton No. 2018-209:

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to **Expenses Associated with Edan Ben Elazar and Edna Ben Elazar v. Macrietta Cleaners, Inc., d/b/a Swan Custom Cleaners and d/b/a Coit Services, Macrietta Realty, Co and the Township of Cranford** legal litigation and, no adequate provision was made in the 2018 budget for the aforesaid purpose, and NJS 40A:4-46 provides for the creation on an emergency appropriation for the purpose mentioned above, and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the emergency appropriations created, including the appropriation to be created by this resolution is \$125,000.00 and three (3) percent of the total operating appropriations does not go over the budget for 2018 and

WHEREAS, the foregoing appropriation together with prior appropriations does not exceed three (3) percent of the total operating appropriations (including utility operation appropriations) in the budget for 2018,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with

NJS 40A:4-48:

1. An emergency appropriation is hereby made for **Expenses Associated with the above referenced legal litigation matter** in the amount of \$125,000.00.
2. That said emergency appropriation shall be provided for in full in the 2019 budget, and is requested to be excluded from CAPS, pursuant to NJS 40A:4-53.3c(1)
3. That two (2) certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services

Resolution No. 2018-210:

WHEREAS, there exists a need to engage experts to provide general litigation services for the Township of Cranford; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for general litigation services through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held January 9, 2018, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2018-101, authorizing an award of contract to McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP for the aforementioned service at a fee not to exceed \$25,000.00; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held April 24, 2018, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2018-184, authorizing an amendment to said contract for an additional amount of \$50,000.00 not to exceed \$75,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend said contract for an additional amount of \$125,000.00 not to exceed \$200,000.00; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, be and hereby amends the contract awarded to McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP for general litigation services via issuance of purchase orders in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said additional contract amount shall be charged to Account No. 8-01-46-870-100-283.

Resolution No. 2018-211:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD TO RETAIN LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE SALE AND REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 215 AND 235 BIRCHWOOD AVENUE (BLOCK 291, LOT 15.01 AND BLOCK 292, LOT 2) IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, UNION COUNTY

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2017, the Township of Cranford acquired property located at 215 and 235 Birchwood Avenue, Block 291, Lot 15.01 and Block 292, Lot 2, in Cranford, Union County, New Jersey (hereinafter the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2017-188A, dated April 26, 2017 ("Redevelopment Resolution"), the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford ("Township Committee") designated the Property as a Non-Condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment, as provided in N.J.S.A.40A:12A-5; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Resolution was transmitted to the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs ("DCA") via overnight delivery on April 26, 2017, and was deemed approved on May 26, 2017; DCA provided notice of its approval of the Redevelopment Resolution by letter dated May 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2017-182, dated April 18, 2017, the Township authorized the issuance of a Request for Proposal ("RFP") to solicit proposals for purchase and redevelopment of the Property; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2017-285C, dated July 18, 2017, the Township conditionally designated Birchwood Developers Associates, LLC ("BDA"), who submitted a Proposal on June 19, 2017 in response to the RFP, as the Designated Developer of the Project; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 2017-14, adopted November 28, 2017, the Township adopted a Redevelopment Plan for a Non-Condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment for the Property ("Redevelopment Plan"); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2018-144, dated February 27, 2018, the Township authorized the execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with BDA, and the Redevelopment Agreement was so executed by the Township and BDA effective March 12, 2018 ("Redevelopment Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, BDA executed an Assignment and Assumption Agreement with Birchwood Developers Urban Renewal Associates LLC ("BDURA") on May 1, 2018, under which BDA transferred all its right, title and interests under the Redevelopment Agreement to BDURA; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 2018-08, adopted May 8, 2018, the Township approved the Financial Agreement with BDURA for a Tax Exemption Pursuant to the Long-Term Tax Exemption Law ("Financial Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Township requires an attorney to provide legal services in connection with the sale of the Property to BDURA, including preparation of a Purchase and Sale Agreement ("PSA") consistent the Redevelopment Plan and Financial Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has deemed that Joseph M. Campisano, Esq., of the law firm of Sedita, Campisano & Campisano LLC, 55 Lane Road, Suite 170, Fairfield, New Jersey 07004 ("SCC") has the background, experience and qualifications to provide the required legal services for the sale of the Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 12th day of June 2018 by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey:

1. SCC is hereby authorized by the Township to provide legal services to the Township for a fixed fee in the amount of \$2,500, including the preparation of a PSA and related services up to and including the Closing on the sale of the Property to BDURA; and
2. The sale and redevelopment of the Property will require the Township to execute the PSA with BDURA; and
3. Thomas H. Hannen, Jr., Mayor of the Township, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute the PSA and related documents on behalf of the Township of Cranford in furtherance of the sale and redevelopment of the Property.

Resolution No. 2018-212:

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR DONATIONS – ACCEPTANCE OF BEQUESTS AND GIFTS
(NJS 40A:5-29)**

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated for Donations – Acceptance of Bequests and Gifts (NJS 40A:5-29) are appropriated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirement: Acceptance of Police Donations

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

1. The Governing Body does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures for Donations – Acceptance of Bequests and Gifts (NJS 40A:5-29) –Acceptance of Police Donations used for the purchase of specialty equipment for use by the Township of Cranford Police Department.
2. The Clerk of the Township of Cranford, County of Union is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of the Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Resolution No. 2018-213:

**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 2018 in the sum of \$3441.93 which is now available as a revenue from the State of New Jersey FY 2018 Alcohol Education Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund, pursuant to the provision of the statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$3441.93 is hereby appropriated under the caption “Alcohol Education Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is a result of a State grant of \$3441.93 from the State of New Jersey – Alcohol Education Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund.

Resolution No. 2018-214:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held June 12, 2018, hereby authorizes the submission of application to the Union County Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust Fund for a grant in connection with the Greening Union County 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. 2018-215:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held June 12, 2018, hereby authorizes the submission of application to the Union County Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust Fund for a grant in connection with the 2018 Kids Recreation Trust Fund Grant Program; 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. 2018-216:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF RVSA BILLS THROUGH ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide authorization to pay RVSA – Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority bills through electronic fund transfers in between the Township of Cranford’s scheduled meetings to comply with payment deadlines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, that the Chief Financial Officer, Lavona Patterson, be and is hereby authorized to pay the

RVSA – Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority through electronic fund transfers between the Borough’s scheduled meetings in order to comply with deadlines.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a summary of each month’s manual disbursements will be provided to Mayor and Council.

Resolution No. 2018-217:
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED TAX BILLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 1994. C.72

WHEREAS, in order for the Township of Cranford to meet our financial obligations, maintain the tax collection rate, provide uniformity for tax payments and save the unnecessary cost of interest expenses on borrowing it would be in our best interest to do so; and
WHEREAS, the municipal Tax Collector and the Chief Financial Officer have completed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, and have signed a certification showing the tax levies for the previous year, the tax rates and the range of permitted estimated tax levies;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union and the State of New Jersey on this 12th day of June, 2018, as follows:

1. The Municipal Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the municipality for the third installment of 2018 taxes. The Tax Collector shall proceed and take such actions as permitted and required by P.L. 1994, c.72 (N.J.S.A.. 54:4-66.2 and 54:4-66.3).
2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2018 is hereby set at: \$105,968,507.31 and Special District is \$175,798.14
3. The estimated third quarter tax bill is due August 1, 2018. Interest will be charged after August 10, 2018

Resolution No. 2018-218:
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CRANFORD TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF UNION TO MODIFY THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 17, 2014, AS AMENDED JUNE 12, 2018

WHEREAS, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Union under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Block Grant Act of 1974, as amended, commonly known as the Community Development Block Grant program; and
WHEREAS, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Union under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, commonly known as the HOME Investment Partnerships program; and
WHEREAS, substantial Federal funds provided through subtitle B of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act commonly known as the Emergency Solutions Grants program (ESG) are allocated to prevent homelessness and to enable homeless individuals and families to move toward independent living; and
WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend an existing Cooperative Agreement for the County of Union and its people to benefit from this program; and
WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township of Cranford and the County of Union in cooperation with each other to enter into a modification of the existing Cooperative Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the agreement entitled “**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES FOR CONDUCTING CERTAIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES,**” dated June 17, 2014, as amended June 12, 2018, for the Purpose of Inserting a Description of Activities for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 of the Union County Community Development Block Grant program, the HOME Investment Partnerships program, and the Emergency Solutions Grants program (ESG), a copy of which is attached hereto; be executed by the Mayor and Municipal Clerk in accordance with the provisions of law.

Resolution No. 2018-219:
BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held June 12, 2018, that the following alcoholic beverage licenses be and hereby are renewed for the term 2018-2019:

RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES

2003-33-001-004	O’Donovan’s Pub T/A Kilkenny Restaurant & Pub 112 South Avenue, East
2003-33-004-007	Cervantes Inc. T/A Bar Americana 24 North Avenue, East
2003-33-007-006	Spirits Cafe, Inc. T/A Ye Olde Rathskeller 523 Centennial Avenue

2003-33-009-004	Victuals & Libations LLC T/A Garlic Rose 28 North Avenue, West
2003-32-010-009	PRR Hospitality Group T/A River & Rail Cantina 210-230 South Avenue East
2003-33-011-004	P & J Jacobs, Inc. T/A The Riverside Inn 56 North Avenue, East
2003-33-006-004	Cranford Hotel, Inc. T/A Cranford Hotel, Inc. 1 South Union Avenue
2003-33-008-011	Cranford Restaurants, LLC T/A The Thirsty Turtle 16 Ridge Street Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES

2003-44-003-005	VNR, LLC T/A Breen's Liquors 21 North Union Avenue
2003-44-002-007	WSBFB, LLC T/A Cranford Wine and Spirits 6-20 South Avenue
2003-44-012-006	The Butcher Block Market & Deli, Inc. T/A The Butcher Block 209 Centennial Avenue

HOTEL/MOTEL

2003-36-016-003	Apple Seven Hospitality Management Inc. T/A Homewood Suites 2 Jackson Drive
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CLUB LICENSES

2003-31-013-001	Cranford Lodge #2006, B.P.O. Elks 951 Lincoln Avenue, East
2003-31-015-001	Capt. Newel Rodney Fiske Post No. 335, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. T/A Cranford VFW 479 South Avenue, East

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Alcoholic Beverage License 2003-33-009-004 issued to Victuals & Libations LLC (T/A Garlic Rose), and Alcoholic Beverage License 2003-33-004-007 issued to Cervantes Inc. (T/A Bar Americana), be renewed subject to the following condition, in accordance with the Code of the Township of Cranford: "Restaurant - Conditional License"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the NJ Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Resolution No. 2018-220:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes the closure of Eastman Street from North Avenue to South Union Avenue on Saturday, June 30th, 2018 from 2:30 PM to 7:30 PM for the Piano in the Park event.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Dooley discussed Resolution No. 2018-211. Explained that Sedita, Campisano and Campisano was the original firm the Township hired for redevelopment services in connection with the Birchwood property.

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

Resolution No. 2018-208:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held June 12, 2018 that Amine Zaouia, be and hereby is, appointed as full-time Engineering Aide within the Engineering Dept. effective June 25, 2018.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Dooley explained that this is the first additional employee that has been added to the Engineering Department since the Township decided to hire an in-house engineer. Stated that the Township has already experienced cost savings due to this transition and discussed savings regarding the paving program. Also mentioned that another area the Township will see cost savings is in the escrow money the Township has been taking from those seeking to develop in town. Explained that the money was escrowed and paid to an outsourced firm, now in-house staff will be handling that responsibility resulting in significant additional savings. Mentioned that this year there are two particular redevelopment programs involving approximately \$50,000 in escrow that will remain in house instead of paying an outsourced engineering firm. Feels this is a prudent move and supports the motion.

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.

Dr. Frank Krause, 20 Pittsfield Street, would like information regarding the diversion of flagpole at Post Office Plaza. Thought the decision made by the Township Committee at a Workshop meeting would be brought to the public to keep them apprised of the decision. Feels the Cranford benefactors have generally supported the memory and the restoration of the flagpole and the monument. Discussed the number of sponsors that have contributed to the monument and feels they should have taken part in the decision-making process. Feels funds should have not have been diverted from that fund without notifying the public. Stated that there is concern that some funding may be diverted to the DMC and be utilized for transient types of activities on that historic site. Feels this is upsetting to the families of individuals honored at that site.

Commissioner O'Connor assured Dr. Krause that no funds have been diverted. Explained that the Township bonded \$50,000 towards the flagpole restoration project and the committee was formed to raise funds to reimburse the Township. Is uncertain why the donated funds were not paid back to the Township. Feels the Township Committee came to a reasonable compromise to set aside \$15,000 for flagpole maintenance. Explained that the cost of the restoration was in the mid forty thousand range leaving \$21,000 of the original money to payback half of what the Township bonded.

Dr. Krause feels the public's concerns should have been considered.

Commissioner O'Connor stated that there has been no resolution adopted, it was only a discussion that took place in the Workshop meeting. This was not a private decision, representatives of the VFW were consulted. Stated that any extra money will be placed in the general fund to be used for improvements to public spaces. The funds will be used appropriately as to what it was intended for. Takes the town's commitment to veterans very seriously.

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

PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS

Township Attorney Ryan Cooper

- Provided a legal update regarding litigation in connection with the 24-hours of operation of convenient stores. Stated that a motion for Summary of Judgment was filed with the Superior Court and the ordinance was invalidated based on the arguments that were presented. The Township is currently evaluating its options to move forward at this time.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS**Commissioner Mary O'Connor**

- Discussed changes made to the recycling program. Feels this gives people an opportunity to reevaluate their personal practices and make some changes. Mentioned the Environmental Commission meeting and the discussion held regarding reusing and recycling. Explained that people can reduce recycling by reusing containers. Is looking for ideas from the public as to items that can be reused;
- Thanked everyone who supported the Memorial Day Parade. The event was a great success;
- Congratulated the graduating class of 2018. Is proud of all their achievements;
- Wished all the fathers a Happy Father's Day.

Commissioner Patrick Giblin

- Thanked the Memorial Day Committee and Park and Recreation Director Robertazzi. Honored to have marched in the parade as a Commissioner. Feels it was a meaningful tribute to the soldiers that served our country;
- Wished all the fathers a Happy Father's Day;
- Mentioned that the Cranford Police Department will be increasing its awareness of pedestrian safety due to the summer break;
- Discussed the new flagpole rehabilitated at Roosevelt Park. Thanked Department of Public Works Superintendent Wardell and his staff for their efforts with this initiative and for installing a light. Announced that there will be a meeting on Flag Day in Roosevelt Park to raise the flag and invited residents to join him.

Commissioner Jean-Albert Maisonneuve

- Thanked everyone who participated and supported the Memorial Day Parade. Thanked everyone who honored and served our country;
- Encouraged the public to visit Cranford's website for information regarding the town. The recycling portion of the website will be updated;
- Discussed the adoption of the resolution to close Eastman Plaza for the Piano in the Park event. Encouraged everyone to support the event;
- Wished all the fathers a Happy Father's Day.

Deputy Mayor Ann Dooley

- Thanked Donald Sweeney for his efforts with the Memorial Day Parade and the tribute to Cranford 86. Encourages everyone to support the Cranford 86 program;
- Discussed the recycling program and mentioned that she will be attending an emergency meeting on the issues of recycling. Explained that the county is the regulatory body that oversees recycling in Union County. The curbside recycling program has major changes. Stated that she will be meeting with Giordano and Company regarding issues with the curbside recycling pickup. Discussed the changes in the recycling program that will be implemented. Hopes Cranford can establish recycling initiatives that set a template for other towns to copy. Will report back to the public after tomorrow's meeting. Provided the County's website information for those interested in reviewing changes in the County recycling. Informed residents that a sticker for the conservation center is not required to drop off recycling;
- Discussed the Centennial Village 5K that took place along with the Cranford Community Connection Tuff Paddle event. The events were a great success. Thanked everyone involved;
- Wished all the fathers a Happy Father's Day.

Mayor Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

- Asked Mr. Pritchard to come to the podium and sing a song in support of the military in recognition of Memorial Day.

John Pritchard, 42-44 West Holly Street, Sang a song in support of the military.

On motion of Commissioner Maisonneuve, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 12, 2018

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk