

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **October 9, 2018** at 8:14 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 Maisonneuve, seconded by Commissioner Giblin and passed, the minutes of the Conference Meeting of May 22, 2018, the Workshop Meeting of September 24, 2018 and the Conference and Official Meetings of September 25, 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 September 25, 2018, totaling \$319,540.95 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

#### **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. 2018-07:**

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2018-07 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER 255, LAND DEVELOPMENT, ARTICLE II-DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION TO INCLUDE §255-8 PROFESSIONAL FEES FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND/OR RECONSTRUCTION OF PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD ”

Said ordinance having been advertised and posted in accordance with law, Deputy Mayor Dooley opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, Deputy Mayor Dooley closed the public hearing. On motion of Deputy Mayor Dooley seconded by Commissioner O’Connor and passed, said ordinance was **TABLED** 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. 2018-16:**

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2018-16 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER 255, LAND DEVELOPMENT, §255-39 CONDITIONAL USES”

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

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

**Final Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2018-16 to be held after Municipal Planning Board makes their recommendation and required legal notice occurs.**

## **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. 2018-321:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes the closure of Eastman Street from Miln Street to North Avenue on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM for the Scarecrow Night Stroll.

### **Resolution No. 2018-322:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018 that the Tax Collector has been authorized to Refund tax payments:

#### **TAX PAYMENTS**

Block 638 Lot 4.01 (property location-Amsterdam Ave.)

**Refund \$ 229.74**

JRS Properties LLC c/o Progress Management

(8-01-55-000-010-025)

2 Sylvan Way, Suite 304

Parsippany, N.J. 07054

Block 138 Lot 62 (property location-421 Brookside Place)

**Refund \$ 1,237.98**

Edna Avidon

(8-01-55-000-010-025)

1314 Bright Street

Hillside, N.J. 07205

Block 264 Lot 4 (property location-108 Orange Ave.)

**Refund \$ 3,170.22**

Merritt, James & Jennifer

(8-01-55-000-010-025)

108 Orange Avenue

Cranford, N.J. 07016

#### **STATE TAX APPEAL JUDGEMENT**

Block 189 Lot 1 (property location-2 North Ave. W.)

**Refund for 2017 \$ 12,784.00**

2 North Ave. LLC/Sitar Law Offices, Attorney Trust

(8-01-55-000-010-028)

1481 Oak Tree Road

Iselin, N.J. 08830

### **Resolution No. 2018-323:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018 that the following checks will be refunded by the Tax Collector to the lien holder according to statutory requirements:

#### **Redemption of Certificate# 16-00029**

Block 611 Lot 6 – 8 Cayuga Road

**Refund:** \$32,660.31

CFT Services LLC, as custodian for

(8-01-55-000-010-029)

Phoenix Funding, Inc.

**Premium:** \$37,000.00

1148 Springfield Avenue

(T-15-00-000-106-000)

Mountainside, NJ 07092

#### **Payment within 10 days of certificate issuance**

Block 457 Lot 10 – 545 Lexington Avenue

**Refund:** \$5,641.15

Christiana T C/F CE1/Firsttrust

(8-01-55-000-010-029)

PO Box 5021

**Premium:** \$44,000.00

Philadelphia, PA 19111-5021

(T-15-00-000-106-000)

### **Resolution No. 2018-324:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the salary for Kyle McCartney, Communication’s Officer within the Police Department, be and hereby is set at \$40,620.08, effective October 4, 2018.

### **Resolution No. 2018-325:**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 46:18-6 & 54:5-55 grants the cancellation of a municipal tax sale certificate for a lien held by the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner of record, Shah, Rupen & Gayatriben redeemed the lien in full for Block 335 Lot 12, property location is Carpenter Pl Rear, Certificate #2010-13.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to cancel the same of record.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

**Resolution No. 2018-326:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes the closure of Eastman Street from North Avenue to Miln Street on Saturday, October 13, 2018 (rain date October 20, 2018) from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM for the closing act of Porchfest 2018.

**Resolution No. 2018-327:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held October 9, 2018, that the resignation of Troy N. Kettler, Probationary Patrolman within the Cranford Police Department be and hereby is accepted effective October 4, 2018.

**Resolution No. 2018-328:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held October 9, 2018, that the resignation of Kyle McCartney, a Communications Officer within the Cranford Police Department be and hereby is accepted, with regrets effective October 21, 2018.

**Resolution No. 2018-329:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held October 9, 2018 that Briana Hall be, and hereby is, appointed as a Communications Officer within the Cranford Police Department, effective October 22, 2018.

**Resolution No. 2018-330:**

Moved to Roll Call Vote (see below)

**Resolution No. 2018-331:**

Moved to Roll Call Vote (see below)

**Resolution No. 2018-332:**

Removed from agenda

**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 Maisonneuve and passed, the following resolution was adopted by **roll call vote**:

**Resolution No. 2018-230:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the following individual be and hereby is appointed as per diem Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) within the Cranford Fire Department:

Samuel Scher  
Christopher Rentoulis  
Justin McGhee

**Recorded vote:**

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

Nay: None

Abstained: Mayor Hannen

Absent: None

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

**Resolution No. 2018-231:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held October 9, 2018 that the following be and hereby are appointed as Call Department Members of the Cranford Fire Department:

Justin McGhee

Scott Boyer  
Christopher Rentoulis  
Matthew Ridge  
Alexa Aldredge

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: Mayor Hannen

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, feels residents should always remember those who served our country and those who were lost during war. Americans need to support all branches of the military. 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.

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

**PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS - None**

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

**Commissioner Mary O'Connor**

- Announced that Lincoln Avenue school is hosting a clothing drive. The proceeds will help fund class trips and assemblies. Urged residents to donate used clothing, household items and accessories, small toys. Provided information for those interested in donating;
- Announced that the Police Department is holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive. Provided information for those interested in participating;
- Mentioned that the Board of Education will be holding three public forums on the recommendations for reimagining Cranford Public School. Provided information for those interested in attending;
- Announced that this weekend the Annual Street Fair will be taking place. Provided information for those interested in attending;
- Discussed Cranford's designation as a "Great Downtown" by the New Jersey State Chapter of The American Planning Association. Congratulated present and past DMC Boards. This is a wonderful recognition.

**Commissioner Patrick Giblin**

- Discussed Township events held during the fall season. Encouraged residents to support the town.

**Deputy Mayor Dooley**

- Announced that Porch Fest is this Saturday and there will be 12 different properties participating in the event. Discussed the night of events for those interested in attending. Thanked the Cranford Community Connection for hosting this event and everyone else who is involved. Provided information for those interested;
- Discussed the town's desilting efforts. The Township was able to obtain the particular engineering and architectural requirement from the Department of Environmental Protection reduced in cost;
- Provided website information regarding the 2018/2019 Repaving Program. Explained that there is a slideshow regarding the condition of the streets and how they were selected.

On motion of Commissioner Maisonneuve, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and passed, the Township Committee returned to Room 108 at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patricia Donahue, RMC  
Township Clerk

Date: October 9, 2018