

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **October 23, 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 Maisonneuve, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dooley and passed, the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of October 9, 2018 and the Official Meeting of October 9, 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 List dated October 23, 2018, totaling \$313,396.5510 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

FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Resolution No. 2018-333A:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held October 23, 2018 that Mackenzie Dow be, and hereby is, appointed as a Firefighter within the Cranford Fire Department, effective November 1, 2018.

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: Mayor Hannen

Absent: None

(Oath of Office Administered by Patricia Donahue, Municipal Clerk)

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

Resolution No. 2018-333B:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held October 23, 2018 that Raynier Lora be, and hereby is, appointed as a Firefighter within the Cranford Fire Department, effective January 1, 2019.

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: Mayor Hannen

Absent: None

(Oath of Office Administered by Patricia Donahue, Municipal Clerk)

FIVE MINUTE RECESS

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. 2018-15:**

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2018-15 entitled, “**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III, SECTION 20 OF CHAPTER 410 "REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY (1988)," BY AMENDING SCHEDULE XIII AND INCLUDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF ROADWAYS AS INDICATED IN SECTION 1 BELOW AND DESIGNATING SAME AS “PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES.”**

Said ordinance having been advertised and posted in accordance with law, Commissioner Giblin opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, Commissioner Giblin closed the public hearing. On motion of Commissioner Giblin seconded by Commissioner Maisonneuve 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

RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda

On motion of Commissioner Giblin, seconded by Commissioner O’Connor and passed, the following resolutions were adopted by consent agenda:

Resolution No. 2018-333:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on October 23, 2018 that the following checks will be refunded by the Tax Collector to the lien holder according to statutory requirements:

Redemption of Certificate# 18-00006

Block 267 Lot 3– 208 Orange Ave

BB 316 Investments LLC

PO Box 953

Lakewood, NJ 08701

Refund: \$22,414.42

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

Premium: \$37,500.00

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

Redemption of Certificate# 18-00012

Block 573 Lot 12.01 – 112 Bryant Ave.

Christiana T C/F CE1/Firsttrust

PO Box 5021

Philadelphia, PA 19111-5021

Refund: \$8,891.91

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

Premium: \$28,000.00

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

Redemption of Certificate# 17-00008

Block 212 Lot 12 – 98 Belmont Ave.

FIG Capital Investments

1000 Riverside Ave, Suite 400

Jacksonville, FL 32204

Refund: \$1,216.66

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

Premium: \$1,200.00

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

Resolution No. 2018-334:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on October 23, 2018 that the Tax Collector has been authorized to Refund tax payments:

SEWER PAYMENTS

Block 150 Lot 17 827-0 (property 11 Park Ave.)

Valeria Marin

500 Centennial Avenue

Cranford, NJ 07016

Refund \$ 81.86

(8-01-55-000-010-026)

Resolution No. 2018-335:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, that the Township Clerk be, and hereby is authorized to post advertisements to the Township’s website and local newspaper for the solicitation of Proposals and Qualifications for various legal, engineering, auditing, planning, appraisal and Risk Management Consulting services.

Resolution No. 2018-336:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the salary for Robert R. Merrill, Communication’s Officer within the Police Department, be and hereby is set at \$43,959.40, effective November 12, 2018.

Resolution No. 2018-337:**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 \$8,255.60 which is now available as a revenue from the State of New Jersey, pursuant to the provision of the statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$8,255.60 is hereby appropriated under the caption “Drunk Driving Enforcement”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is a result of a State grant of \$8,255.60 from The State of New Jersey Drunk Driving Enforcement Program.

Resolution No. 2018-338:**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 \$4,500.00 which is now available as a revenue from the 2018 Greening Union County Grant Award, pursuant to the provision of the statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$4,500.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption “Union County Greening Grant”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is a result of a County grant of \$4,500.00 from the 2018 Greening Union County Program.

Resolution No. 2018-339:

WHEREAS, Matthew Blanck, a Communications Officer within the Cranford Police Department, is qualified for a leave of absence pursuant to the Federal Family Medical Leave Act(FMLA), New Jersey Family Leave Act(NJFLA) and the New Jersey Paid Family Leave Act (NJPFLA) for the care of his child.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Committee of the Township of Cranford that Matthew Blanck is approved for a FMLA/NJFLA/NJPFLA leave of absence beginning November 21, 2018, using accumulated time as available as employee so elects;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Matthew Blanck shall comply with all provisions of law during the FMLA/NJFLA/NJPLA leave of absence, including providing all required medical proofs

Resolution No. 2018-340:**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 \$7,500.00 which is now available as a revenue from the County of Union, pursuant to the provision of the statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$7,500.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption “Recycling Enhancement Grant”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is a result of a State grant of \$7,500.00 from Union County 2018 Recycling Enhancement Grant Program.

Resolution No. 2018-341:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held October 23, 2018 that the Township Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized to advertise for sale at public auction certain unclaimed bicycles which have come into the possession of the Cranford Police Department through abandonment or failure of owner to claim same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Public Auction will be held on November 17, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Make	Model	Serial #
Huffy	Shimano	AL13L121832
Diamond Back	Viper	EY15604035
BMX	Razor	GS080138003
Rand	Journey	LX90915399
Kent	Chaos	G1606080142
Trek	800 Sport	BT0408
Next	Power Climber	DTCAJ018370
Fugitive	Magna	98TD513822
Avigo	Ripline	D5035324
Giant	Boulder	51AN917
Huffy	Leading Edge	466059062512H7645
Kent	Ridge Runner	GY060800378
Schwinn	Frontier	P7BE04566
Huffy	Cranbrook	5637417714Y
Genesis	GS29	GS150800470
Sharper Image	X2 motorized scooter	n/a
Schwinn	Ranger	086284610
Huffy	Stone Mountain II	BB03H79656
Shogun Lakewood	GS22641	88120850650
N/A	Mountain bike	K5ZL01037

Resolution No. 2018-342:
WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford intends to offer an incentive under the State Health Benefits Program; and
BE IT RESOLVED; The Township of Cranford, SHBP Employer Location Number 0988-00 and;
WHEREAS, The Township agrees to voluntarily participate in the Financial Incentive Program granting financial incentives to subscribers who select enrollment into tiered-network medical plans otherwise known as Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey’s OMNIA Plan or Aetna’s Liberty plan. We agree that the management and administration of this incentive program shall be solely our responsibility.
The terms of the Incentive Program described above shall include:

- The Incentive Program shall be available to subscribers who are first time enrollees in a tiered-network medical plan beginning Plan Year 2019 and continuing for two plan years through December 31, 2020;
- The Incentive Program does not extend to participants enrolled under P.L. 2005, c. 375 (certain over-age adult children) and COBRA;
- Participation is voluntary at the option of the employer;
- The financial incentive for eligible employees shall be:
 - \$1,000 for **Single member coverage** when changing to a tiered-network plan.
 - \$1,250 for **Member/Spouse coverage** when changing to a tiered-network plan.
 - \$1,250 for **Parent/Child coverage** when changing to a tiered-network plan.
 - \$2,000 for **Family coverage** when changing to a tiered-network plan.
- The incentive amount shall be paid within the first quarter of Plan Year 2019 and is reportable income;

and

- The incentive shall be forfeited and returned to the employer if the subscriber fails to remain enrolled for at least two plan years, except that if a subscriber is made ineligible for healthcare through layoff, involuntary separation, reduction to part-time status, or classification into an ineligible position. If a subscriber voluntarily retires or changes health plans due to a catastrophic or emergency health need as determined by the employer after a full year, then the incentive shall be forfeited on a pro-rata basis.

Resolution No. 2018-343:
REMOVED FROM AGENDA

Resolution No. 2018-344:
BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford authorize a Workshop Meeting be held on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 7:30 PM.

Resolution No. 2018-345:
BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, on this 23rd day of October 2018, that the Township accepts the Separation Agreement between the Township Administrator, Terence Wall, and the Township, and authorizes the Mayor to fully execute the same.

Resolution No. 2018-346:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, on this 23rd day of October 2018, that the Township Committee hereby accepts, with regret, the resignation of Township Administrator, Terence Wall, effective October 31, 2018.

Resolution No. 2018-347:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that Ryan Greco, Chief of the Cranford Police Department, be and hereby is appointed as Interim Township Administrator for the Township of Cranford; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and hereby are authorized to execute an Employment Agreement between the Township of Cranford and Chief Ryan Greco pertaining to the terms and conditions of this appointment.

Resolution No. 2018-348:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford recognizes Steven Wardell, Superintendent for the Department of Public Works, as an employee with over twenty-five years of service to the Township and the Township further recognizes his specific and unique skill-set, education, training, certifications and historical knowledge, the many critical tasks that are assigned specifically to his position and those that have been assumed by him due to his expertise, experience, education and initiative; and

WHEREAS, Steven Wardell has seen and navigated Cranford through such significant crises as Hurricane Irene and Hurricane Floyd and he has steadily managed the Township's flood mitigation efforts despite aging and faltering infrastructure, and he has been a consistent resource of historical knowledge and experience for multiple Township engineers, Fire and Police Department Chiefs, and Township Administrators; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee recognizes Steven Wardell has been a Cranford employee for over 27 years, that his duties require 24/7 availability, physical labor, supervision and management of a significant portion of the Township's human and physical resources and that his most important duties arise specifically when weather conditions are difficult and often dangerous both to himself, his staff and our residents; and

WHEREAS, upon appointment as Superintendent, Steven Wardell became ineligible for certain benefits previously available to him pursuant to a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township and the employees of the Department of Public Works and, further, was not compensated for this ineligibility comparable to how the Township has compensated other Department heads with similar responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Steven Wardell is currently eligible to retire at full pension benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has identified that his continued service is highly desirable and that his retirement would not be in the best interests of the community and it thus desires to incentivize his continued service; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Township Committee that the retirement benefits awarded to Mr. Wardell shall be aligned with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township and the Department of Public Works' union employees.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that Steven Wardell, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, hereby agrees to grant Mr. Wardell the following enumerated benefits in recognition of his unique experience, role, responsibilities, and tenure in the Township:

In his 29th year of service, payment as salary of the value of half of Steve Wardell's then accrued Comp-Time, with a corresponding reduction in his available Comp-Time;

In his 30th year of service, payment as salary of the value of the remainder of Steve Wardell's then accrued Comp-Time, with a corresponding elimination of his available Comp-Time;

If Mr. Wardell retired prior to the start of his 29th year of service, his Comp-Time shall be paid out as terminal pay, subject to the maximum limits contained in the Township's Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual;

An Annual stipend of \$2,000, payable on September 30 of each year (and retroactive for 2018), for Certified Recycling Professional (CRP) designation and performance of that role for the year preceding each such September 30;

Upon retirement, the Township agrees to contribute 100% of the monthly premium for major medical insurance, subject to termination upon Mr. Wardell or his spouse becoming eligible to participate in any medical insurance plan through a place of employment with re-enrollment rights in the event such coverage is no longer available;

Upon retirement, Terminal Pay of 2 days for each complete year of creditable service as a full-time employee with the Township of Cranford, payable at the then current daily rate of pay;

Upon retirement, Terminal Pay of 25% of all unused Sick Leave, up to a maximum of 32.5 days, at the then current daily rate of pay;

Upon retirement, Terminal Pay of accrued and unused Vacation Leave;

Upon retirement, Terminal Pay of unused Personal Leave.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Attorney is directed to prepare an agreement between Steven Wardell and the Township of Cranford encompassing the terms identified herein.

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Deputy Mayor Dooley stated that she would vote for Resolutions No. 2018-345 and 2018-348 with reservations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Timothy O'Brien, 30 Springfield Avenue, sorry to hear of Township Administrator Wall's resignation. Wished him well in his future endeavors. Thanked the Township Committee for adopting Ordinance No. 2018-15 which prohibits parking at all times on a portion of Springfield Avenue. Discussed comments made at last night's Workshop Meeting by the business owner of the Lost and Found Art Studio. Is highly confident that the Township adopted an ordinance in the past prohibiting tattoo parlors. Was impressed by the comments regarding the Lost and Found Art Studio such that he drove past the location and saw a sign referencing tattoos instead of body art. Does not remember an application going before the Zoning Board of Adjustment for this property. Feels the Township was misled. Discussed various applications that were denied because residents did not feel they were appropriate for Cranford. Discussed reasons why he moved to Cranford. Discussed significant upgrades to the communication system in the Police Department and the establishment of the Firehouse 5 and the construction of a centralized firehouse instead of having two firehouses. Mentioned that people come to Cranford for its public safety and the school system, which is highly rated in the State. Feels that people who have moved here from other towns are trying to make changes that will slowly diminish the character, quality and culture. Explained that the longtime residents of Cranford are trying to protect the character of the town and compete with the colonial concept of Westfield. Discussed his opposition to the Board of Education's proposal for the school system. Mentioned the public meeting that was held last night and stated that he feels the Board of Education is withholding information from the public. Believes the Township Committee has an obligation to try to maintain neighborhood schools. Discussed the demolition of Sherman School and the Township's desire to purchase the property from the Board of Education. The Township sued the Board of Education which resulted in the land being utilized for recreational activity in perpetuity. Feels the proposal for the school system is a real estate issue.

Deputy Mayor Dooley stated that she needs facts before she could weigh in. She would need to know the cost, weigh that cost and the impact to the taxpayer. Assured Mr. O'Brien that the Township Committee does not have that information. Explained to Mr. O'Brien that the Board of Education is rolling out their concept. Is uncertain if they have the data that she needs to start the analysis. Stated that she is going to take her time making a decision until all the information is gathered. Does not want to be rushed into a judgment that is critically important.

Mr. O'Brien feels the Township Committee has an obligation to represent the residents of Cranford that do not utilize the school system. Also suggested that the Township Committee make the appropriate inquiries since the meeting took place in executive session.

Commissioner Maisonneuve takes an exception to the comment made regarding the Lost and Found Tattoo Parlor and the City of Linden.

Mr. O'Brien stated that he does not like the way the Lost and Found Tattoo Parlor was portrayed as a body art studio.

John Pritchard, 42-44 West Holly Street, mentioned that Veterans 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.

Frank Delgado, 43 Hemlock Circle, discussed a decade-long issue with the gutter that runs across his property to Orange Avenue. Explained that his neighbor added an extension to his house which took over four years to complete. Believes that the same neighbor also had work done on his sum pump drainage system which is currently running 24/7 months at a time. It has resulted in destroying the blacktop in front of his property because of the constant collection of water. Stated that he continuously contacted the Township Engineer at that time for an update in which he finally received an email stating that according to the Township ordinance there is no violation. Again in 2016, the Township Engineer came out to assess the site with Superintendent of Public Works Wardell. The outcome was to repave the gutter in front of his property and try to increase the pitch to increase the flow of discharge. Commended Superintendent of Public Works Wardell for taking the initiative even though he indicated that he thought it would not resolve the issue. In 2018 the stagnant water returned.

Mayor Hannen made Mr. Delgado aware that Township Administrator Wall has copied him on all the correspondence.

Mr. Delgado stated that he sent out an email to the Commissioners and only received a response from Commissioner O'Connor who agreed that there was an issue. She made an appointment for Township Engineer Masol to assess the matter. Was informed that the permanent solution would be to repave the entire street; however, he might be able to install a stormwater drainage system at the beginning of his property to catch the discharge of the sump pumps.

Mayor Hannen explained that Township Engineer Masol has brought this to the attention of the Township Committee on numerous occasions. Township Administrator Wall contacted the neighbor. Stated that the Township is trying to come up with solutions that are cost effective and explained that the street will be repaved once other streets in worse conditions are completed. The location where he lives has a very high-water table. The Township does not have money in the budget to pave Hemlock Circle at this time. It will be on the list of capital improvements in the future.

Mr. Delgado inquired about Township Engineer Masol's idea to install a drainage system to catch the discharge from the sump pump.

Deputy Mayor Dooley stated that the Health Officer also visited the site to see if something could be done. The Engineer informed her that the Township has 55 other residences with the same scenario. A solution was priced out which would not be cost effective to the Township. Discussed a solution where the Township was willing to pay a portion of the cost to do work on your neighbor's property to help alleviate the issue but since there was no violation and no agreement with the neighbor the work could not be done.

Mr. Delgado felt it would be ridiculous for his neighbor to agree to have work done on their property when they are not having issues.

Mayor Hannen stated that the Township did its best to solve the issue at the Township's expense. Stated that he will follow up with the Township Engineer and get back to Mr. Delgado.

Kevin Comer, 33 Tulip Street, questioned Deputy Mayor Dooley on her involvement with the Department of Education's Strategic Planning Council.

Deputy Mayor Dooley stated she was not involved.

Mr. Comer stated that it is listed publicly on the Board of Education's website that the entire Township Committee are members of the Strategic Planning Council, appreciates the validation from Deputy Mayor Dooley.

Mayor Hannen explained that most of the Board of Education's meetings are held during Township Committee meetings or Planning Board meetings which Deputy Mayor Dooley is a member of.

Mr. Comer stated that the Board of Education used Township Committee names to establish an educational plan for the community.

Deputy Mayor Dooley explained that she is also a member of the Planning Board. The Township Committee members cannot be at every meeting or focus intently on every issue. Stated that she was not aware that she was listed on the Board of Education's Strategic Plan. Explained that when more information is available she will focus intently on it.

Mr. Comer does not feel changing the schools zoning should be referenced as a "Road Show".

Deputy Mayor Dooley clarified that the School Board meeting was not a consultation, the Board of Education presented a slide show to the Township Committee.

Mr. Comer recommended that the Township Committee issue a statement that they have not attended a meeting and have given no input.

Commissioner Giblin stated that the Township Committee was not aware of when the meetings would take place or that redistricting would be a part of it.

Mr. Comer feels the Township Committee should defend themselves from a legal standpoint.

Deputy Mayor Dooley thanked Mr. Comer for bringing these issues to the Township Committee's attention.

William LaPenta, 18 Hillside Place, discussed the Board of Education's Strategic Plan presentation. Feels the public is at a disadvantage. Asked if the Township Committee has made any inquiries or asked for specific details.

Mayor Hannen intends to attend at least three of the meetings.

Mr. LaPenta would like to know when the Township Committee feels they will have enough data to decide.

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

PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS

Township Administrator Terence Wall

- Thanked the current Township Committee and Township professionals. It was a great pleasure working with everyone. Also thanked prior Township Committee members that he had the pleasure to work with. Discussed all the achievements that took place during his five years of service with the town. Stated that it has been a pleasure to serve in a town where his extended family lives. Thanked his coworkers and professionals. Gave a sincere thanks to Cathy Scotti and the residents of Cranford. Also thanked his family for supporting him. Looks forward to the next step in life's journey.

Township Attorney Ryan Cooper

- Wished Township Administrator Wall good luck in his future endeavors.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Mary O'Connor

- Congratulated the newly appointed firefighters on being appointed to one of the best Fire Departments in New Jersey. Knows they will serve Cranford well;
- Announced that the Cranford Board of Education will be holding its first public information session on the restructuring of the Cranford public school system on October 30, 2018 at the High School. Another meeting is also scheduled in November and December. Individual school meetings will be held as well. Recommended that the meeting schedule be posted on the Township website;
- Thanked Township Administrator Wall for his five years of service to Cranford. It's been a pleasure working with him. He was instrumental with moving the Birchwood deal forward and helping to reduce the density at that site. Discussed accomplishments reached during his five-year tenure. Wished him well in his future endeavors and thanked him for his service to the community.

Commissioner Patrick Giblin

- Thanked Township Administrator Wall for his five years of service. Wished him well in his future endeavors;
- Congratulated Firefighter Kurzweil and Firefighter Dolan on their retirement and welcomed newly appointed Firefighter Dow and Firefighter Lora;
- Thanked Deborah Leber and the Central Jersey Arts Studio for hosting the Pumpkin Stroll. The event was a great success;
- Discussed an initiative by the Department of Transportation to collect data for a traffic signal optimization program that took place on Route 22 earlier in the day. The goal is to sync the traffic lights from Roselle Park through Westfield;
- Announced that the 18th Annual Brian Jenkins Halloween Parade will be Sunday, October 28, 2018. Discussed events to take place.

Commissioner Jean-Albert Maisonneuve

- Thanked Township Administrator Wall for his service to the community. Wished him good luck in his future endeavors;
- Congratulated the newly appointed firefighters;
- Thanked the Downtown Management Corporation for hosting its Annual Scarecrow Stroll. Stated that they are doing a fantastic job with the businesses. Feels the downtown is vibrant;
- Wished everyone a safe Halloween.

Deputy Mayor Dooley

- Welcomed the newly appointed firefighters and wished them a long and safe career;
- Wished Firefighter Kurtzweil and Firefighter Dolan good luck on their retirements. Thanked them for all the lives and properties they have saved;
- Thanked Township Administrator Wall for his service to the town. Discussed how crucial his involvement was with the acquisition of the Birchwood property. It was a great accomplishment. Wished him well in his future endeavors.

Mayor Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

- Wished Township Administrator Wall good luck in his future endeavors.

On motion of Commissioner O’Connor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dooley and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 23, 2018

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk