

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **January 15, 2019** at 7:32 p.m. in Council Chambers.

This meeting is in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" as Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by mailing the annual schedule of meetings to THE WESTFIELD LEADER, THE UNION COUNTY LOCAL SOURCE, THE STAR LEDGER, AND TAP INTO CRANFORD, by posting such annual meeting schedule on a bulletin board in the town hall reserved for such announcements and the filing of said notice with the Township Clerk of Cranford. Formal Action will be taken at this meeting.

Present: Mayor Patrick F. Giblin
Deputy Mayor Ann Dooley
Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.
Commissioner Jean-Albert Maisonneuve
Commissioner Mary O'Connor

ABSENT: None

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

The invocation was led by Deputy Mayor Dooley, followed by the flag salute, led by Boy Scout Troop # 75.

MINUTE APPROVAL

On motion of Commissioner Maisonneuve, seconded by Commissioner Hannen and passed, the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of December 11, 2018 were approved by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Maisonneuve and passed, the Bill List dated January 15, 2019, totaling \$5,224,793.33 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 Giblin, Deputy Mayor Dooley, Commissioners Hannen, Maisonneuve and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eagle Scout- Keith Brown

WHEREAS, Keith S. Brown of Cranford Boy Scout Troop 75 has completed all requirements to earn the rank of Eagle Scout; and

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

WHEREAS, Eagle Scout Brown has worked very hard over the past several years in Scouting and has accomplished many things. He earned his Arrow of Light in 2011, held a Patrol Leader position, Senior Patrol Leader position and an Assistant Senior Patrol Leadership position, attended national Youth Leadership training, participated in many camping and hiking opportunities and performed numerous hours of Community Service; and

WHEREAS, Keith's project was to enhance the Youth Services room in the Roselle Public Library to help encourage its use by the children and teens of the town. He led fellow scouts and adult volunteers in reorganizing books and shelving making the Youth Services room much more accessible and functioning. Keith also received generous donations which helped with the purchase of two large rotating bookshelves for librarians to display picture books; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Keith researched the education needs of Roselle's students and prepared a report for the Library staff with recommendations on how to improve the library's online educational resources. He also, at the request of the library, prepared a short survey to help the library better understand how to appeal to its youth patrons; and

WHEREAS, with completion of this project, the children and teen patrons of Roselle Public Library have an improved space to enjoy the benefits of their local library.

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

Commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was and continues to be a leader, and served as the catalyst and voice of America's civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was born in Atlanta on January 15, 1929, the second child of Reverend Martin Luther King, Sr. and Alberta Williams King; and

WHEREAS, in 1957 Dr. King helped organize the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) to end segregation using non-violent protests, led numerous demonstrations against discrimination, including rallies, sit-ins, the Freedom Rides, voter registration drives, and the 1963 march on Washington where he delivered his famed "I have dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's last protest took place on March 28, 1968 when he led a march in Memphis, Tennessee in support of striking sanitation workers; and

WHEREAS, millions of people around the world mourned when learning of Dr. King's assassination of April 4, 1968.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patrick Giblin, Mayor of the Township of Cranford proclaim January 21, 2019 as **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY** in the Township of Cranford, and that it be a day of service, as a continuing acknowledgment and remembrance of Dr. King's extraordinary accomplishments, with a fervent hope that one day all people of all nations will be "Free at Last."

Mayoral Appointments to the Library Board

Wayne Hayes as member for a five (5) year term ending December 21, 2023

Matthew Jackson as member for a five (5) year term ending December 31, 2023

INFORMAL MEETING

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

ORDINANCES – Adoption and Public Hearing**Ordinance No. 2018-18:**

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2018-18 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER 255 LAND DEVELOPMENT, ARTICLE II, DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 2, PLANNING BOARD"

Said ordinance having been advertised and posted in accordance with law.

Deputy Mayor Dooley explained that the ordinance will align the local law for the Planning Board exactly with the applicable New Jersey statute pertaining to the organization of Planning Boards. Law states that the Class I member is the Mayor or his/her designee. The Township's ordinance references the Mayor only which prevents the Mayor from designating a substitute when there is good cause. The designation would not be for all applications or the entire year, but on an application by application basis allowing the Mayor to remain the regular Class I member.

Deputy Mayor Dooley opened the public hearing:

Rita LaBrutto, 104 Arlington Road, does not understand the need for such a change. Cranford always had the Mayor as the designee on the Planning Board and for applications. As a resident of Cranford, prefers to have someone other than a Township Committee member designated to the board because it is potential for mischief. Does not feel it is a hardship for a Committee member to get caught up in the testimony.

Mayor Giblin responded that a hardship has not been expressed, the adoption of the ordinance is a desire to match the state ordinance.

Ms. LaBrutto seeking if the designee has to be a Township Committee member.

Deputy Mayor Dooley explained that the designee does not have to be a Township Committee member but it does have to be an official of the Township.

Ms. LaBrutto feels this law will cause more mischief in the town.

Deputy Mayor Dooley discussed an email the Township Committee received stating this ordinance was created to cause mischief. Stated that she sits on the Planning Board and is the one who proposed this ordinance because the Township should be aligned with the state law. Believes that the residents of Cranford are best served if the town continues with the same commissioners on the board to complete complex applications that are ongoing from one calendar year to the next. They would not sit on the board for the entire year, only to hear the application. Feels it is extremely important that this option exists. Clarified that there is no "player" on the Planning Board or the Township Committee and if anyone has proof, please bring it to the Township Attorney.

Ms. LaBrutto stated that there are things that she cannot understand about various applications.

Deputy Mayor Dooley defended the Township Committee against comments made by Ms. LaBrutto. Stated that it is extremely important that the Township Committee adopt this ordinance so the option is present.

Hearing no further comments, Deputy Mayor Dooley closed the public hearing.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner O'Connor explained how Cranford's form of government works. Stated that it is important that the residents see the Mayor serving on the Planning Board regardless if they are elected or not. Discussed her experience on the Planning Board in the past nine years.

Mayor Giblin assured everyone that the adoption of this ordinance is to make sure Cranford is aligned with the state statute. Stated that he has followed the Hartz Mountain application closely from afar and will be up to speed. The desire has been to keep the existing Planning Board that has heard much of the application and the carryover applications intact. If there is no desire to keep the former Mayor on the board, he will be ready to take the position. Agrees that there is an advantage to being on the Township Committee and serving on the Planning Board.

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

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Giblin, Deputy Mayor Dooley, Commissioner Maisonneuve

Nay: Mayor Hannen, Commissioner O'Connor

Abstained: None

Absent: None

RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda

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

Resolution No. 2019-94:

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore, has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Union;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Cranford Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$ 18,614.00
Cash Match	\$ 4,653.00
In-Kind	\$ 13,961.00
2. The Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Resolution No. 2019-95:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby approves 1.5 (one and half) per cent salary increases for Communications Officers within the Cranford Police Department effective December 3, 2018.

Resolution No. 2019-96:

WHEREAS, there exists a need to engage experts to provide affordable housing legal services for the Township of Cranford; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Proposals (RFP) for affordable housing legal 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 2, 2018, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2018-21, authorizing an award of contract to Jeffrey Surenian, Esq. for the aforementioned service at a fee not to exceed \$7,500.00; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held May 8, 2018, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2018-194, authorizing an amendment to said contract for an additional amount of \$10,000.00 not to exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held July 17, 2018, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2018-242, authorizing an amendment to said contract for an additional amount of 8,000.00 not to exceed \$25,500.00

WHEREAS, at a meeting held August 14, 2018, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2018-286, authorizing an amendment to said contract for an additional amount of \$30,000.00 not to exceed \$55,500.00; and **WHEREAS**, it is necessary to amend said contract for an additional amount of \$38,000.00 not to exceed \$93,500.00 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, **Jeffrey R. Surenian & Assoc., LLC, 707 Union Ave., Suite 301, Brielle, NJ 08730** for affordable housing legal services via issuance of purchase orders in an amount not to exceed \$93,500.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said additional contract amount shall be charged to Account No. 8-01-20-155-100-214.

Resolution No. 2019-97:

A Resolution Supporting the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute's Mayors Wellness Campaign

WHEREAS, across New Jersey, communities are facing a rise in health care costs; and **WHEREAS**, physical activity levels have been decreasing and obesity rates increasing; and **WHEREAS**, local leaders are looking for ways to promote active living, healthy eating, and overall wellness in their communities; and **WHEREAS**, the Mayor's Wellness Campaign works with Mayors and key leaders to shape healthier lifestyles for the men, women and children in their communities; and **WHEREAS**, communities can work towards the goal of healthier citizens and lower health care costs by championing practices and programs that promote active living; and **WHEREAS**, the Mayors Wellness Campaign will work to implement a comprehensive program of outreach, education and technical assistance activities to promote health and wellness for the Township of Cranford's residents; and **WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford has submitted the Mayors Wellness Campaign Pledge of Participation, which would make Cranford eligible for 3 (three) points toward this year's Healthy Town Designation; **NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford encourages the residents of the Township of Cranford, to participate in the Mayors Wellness Campaign activities to promote physical activity, healthy eating, and living healthier lives and better lives.

Resolution No. 2019-98:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish and enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held December 28, 1993, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford adopted Ordinance No. 93-78, authorizing the establishment of a Cooperative Pricing System known as the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, with the Township of Cranford serving as the Lead Agency; and **WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford has agreed to serve as the Lead Agency for a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with local governmental units who may desire to become "Participating Contracting Units."

WHEREAS, registration in said system requires renewal every five (5) years.

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

1. The Township Committee hereby authorizes registration renewal of the existing Cooperative Pricing System to be known as the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System with the Township of Cranford serving as the Lead Agency.
2. The Township Administrator of the Township of Cranford is hereby authorized to enter into separate Cooperative Pricing Agreements with participating governmental units and said agreements shall be deemed a single agreement.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 2019-99:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE ESTOPPEL CERTIFICATE BY TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 291, LOT 15.01 and BLOCK 292, LOT 2, a/k/a 215 and 235 BIRCHWOOD AVENUE

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2017-14 on November 28, 2017, the Township of Cranford ("Township") adopted the "Redevelopment Plan for 215 and 235 Birchwood Avenue (Block 291, Lot 15.01 and Block 292, Lot 2)" ("Redevelopment Plan") in the Township of Cranford, Union County, New Jersey (the "Property");

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution No. 2018-144 dated February 27, 2018, the Township was authorized to enter into a Redevelopment Agreement with Birchwood Developers Urban Renewal Associates LLC ("BDURA") on March 12, 2018, designating BDURA as the Redeveloper of the Property;

WHEREAS, BDURA proposes to undertake a Redevelopment Project at the Property in accordance with the Redevelopment Plan, including residential development requiring building permits;

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Redevelopment Agreement, the Township entered into an "Agreement for Sale of Real Estate" with BDURA, and conveyed title to BDURA on the Property on August 1, 2018;

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Agreement remains in full force, effect and valid, and same has not been amended or modified, nor has there been any default or breach under the Redevelopment Agreement by either the Township or, to the Township's knowledge, BDURA;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Redevelopment Agreement, the Construction Lender is to be considered a "Holder" and therefore is entitled to all notices and protections afforded to a Holder, and the Construction Lender

has been identified by BDURA as PNC Bank, National Association, having its office at two Tower Center Boulevard, 18th Floor, East Brunswick, New Jersey 08872;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the “Estoppel Certificate” issued by the Township to the Construction Lender in connection with the Redevelopment Agreement, BDURA has pledged its interest in, and assigned its rights and interest under, the Redevelopment Agreement as additional security for its obligations to the Construction Lender under the Construction Lender’s loan to BDURA;

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

1. The Township is committed to the redevelopment of the Property in accordance with the Redevelopment Plan and certifies that the Redevelopment Agreement with BDURA remains in full force, effect and valid;
2. Pursuant to the Estoppel Certificate, the Township consents to BDURA’s pledge and assignment to the Construction Lender;
3. The Township understands and acknowledges that the Construction Lender will rely on the Estoppel Certificate in connection with extending credit to BDURA and providing financing for the construction of the Redevelopment Project; and
4. The Township is hereby authorized to certify to the statements of the Estoppel Certificate by executing the same.

Resolution No. 2019-100:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 15th day of January 2019 that the Tax Collector has been authorized to Refund tax and sewer payments:

TAX PAYMENTS

Block 200 Lot 33 (property 16 Crescent Pl.)

Refund \$ 5,033.60

TIAA Bank

(9-01-55-000-010-025)

Lereta LLC Tax Services

1123 Park View Drive

Covina, CA 91724

Block 184 Lot 1 (property 122 Eastman St.)

Refund \$ 343.53

Corelogic Tax Collection Services, LLC

(9-01-55-000-010-025)

PO Box 9236

Coppell, TX 75019-9801

SEWER PAYMENTS

Block 292 Lot 3.01 #3389-1 (205 Birchwood Ave.)

Refund \$ 39.80

TH Cranford Property LLC

(9-01-55-000-010-026)

2201 Main Street

Evanston, IL 60202

Block 514 Lot 2 #6482-0 (4 Hollywood Ave.)

Refund \$ 144.26

Groleau, Marc Joseph & Erin Marie

(9-01-55-000-010-026)

4 Hollywood Avenue

Cranford, NJ 07016

Block 532 Lot 7 #6866-0 (18 Meeker Ave.)

Refund \$ 176.02

Kolokythas, Stamatis & Dimitra

(9-01-55-000-010-026)

18 Meeker Avenue

Cranford, NJ 07016

Block 629 Lot 2 #8127-0 (25 Munsee Dr.)

Refund \$ 83.71

Grasty, Jesse & Andrea

(9-01-55-000-010-026)

25 Munsee Drive

Cranford, NJ 07016

Resolution No. 2019-101:

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford passed Resolution No 2018-405 on the 18th day of December, 2018 authorizing a redemption for Block 285 lot 8; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Department was made aware of a clerical error for the 2018 resolution in the redemption amount of \$602.54;

WHEREAS, a correction has been made and adjusted by the Tax Collector to show a redemption date of January 17, 2019, in the amount of \$610.53; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Department has been made aware of these adjustments.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that this is a corrected amendment to Resolution No 2018-405.

Resolution No. 2019-102:

WHEREAS, Local Public Contract Law 40A:11-6.1; “Award of Contracts” requires that every contract awarded by the contracting agent for the provision or performance of any goods or services, the cost of which in the aggregate may exceed the bid threshold, shall be awarded only by resolution of the governing body;

WHEREAS, The Township of Cranford is authorized by law to purchase goods and services from approved vendors who have been awarded by and have existing contracts with the State of New Jersey and/or authorized Cooperative Purchasing Programs; and

WHEREAS, the following vendors have been awarded state contracts and/or authorized cooperative purchasing program agreements and the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes the purchase of goods and/or services through the following vendors listed herewith, that in the aggregate may exceed \$40,000.00 for the calendar year 2019;

State Contracts

Dell	88796	89850	89967		
ESI Equipment, Inc	80967	81377			
Foley	85846				
Gold Type Business Machines	81342	83904	81341		
Grainger	79875				
Holophane	85579				
Rich Tree	80902				
Sanitation Truck Repair Co.	42105	89290			
Traffic Safety Services	85193				
Trius	88269	42108	85856	89249	85439
WB Mason	88839				
SHI	89851				
National Fuel Oil	44816				
Brodart	83737				
Canon	40462	51144			
Lenovo	40121				
Winner Ford	86921	40805	88228	88728	
Draeger	81301	80962	85086		
East Coast Emergency Lighting	71338				
Atlantic Tactical	81297	82102	86389		
Beyer Ford	81346	40813	88231	88730	
Motorola	83909				
On-Site Fleet Services	40817	89273			
Pitney Bowes	75237	41258			
Atlantic Salt	40199				
Some's Uniform	86388				
Gall's	86385				
Tele-Measurements	81123				
Signal Control	40305	87152			
Day Chevrolet	89938				
A&K Equipment	88273				
CDW	89849				
Skylands	80948				
Beyer Bros	40801	42069	79161	83470	
Mid-Atlantic Truck	42075				
Samuels/Buy-Wise	42071	85992			

Cooperative Purchasing

National Fuel Oil, Inc.	Somerset County	CC-0045-18
Garwood Auto Parts	Somerset County	CC-0113-18
Ford Motor Credit	Cranford Co-Op	47 - CPCPS
Beyer Ford	Cranford Co-Op	47 – CPCPS
Demco	Keystone Purchasing	KPN-201209-06
Johnston Communications	Union County	UCCP 42-2017
Weldon	Union County	UCCP-15-2018
Morton Salt	Union County	UCCP 55-2017
Turn Out Fire and Safety, Inc.	Union County	UICCP 17-2017
ATON Computing	Passaic County	38-PCCP

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford authorizes purchases from the aforementioned vendors that in the aggregate may exceed \$40,000.00 for the calendar year 2019.

Resolution No. 2019-103:

Removed from Agenda

Resolution No. 2019-104:

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

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Solicitation of Bids for Animal Control services through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent of the Township of Cranford has deemed that **Animal Control Solutions, LLC, 2 Marshall Drive, Flemington, NJ 08822** is the apparent lowest respondent who satisfies the criteria set forth in the specification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey, as follows:

1. **Animal Control Solutions, LLC, 2 Marshall Drive, Flemington, NJ 08822** be and hereby is awarded a contract for a (2) year term beginning January 1, 2019 through December 30, 2020 to provide Animal Control services at a yearly cost not to exceed \$49,200.00. The Township has the option of (1) 2 Year Extension or (2) 1 Year Extensions.
2. Emergency Veterinary Services in the amount of \$3,000.00
3. This contract amount for the year 2019 shall be charged to Account No. 09-01-27-340-100-214; upon adoption of the 2019 budget and for the year 2020 shall be charged to Account No. 20-01-27-340-100-214 upon adoption of the 2020 budget

The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Animal Control Solutions, LLC**; and this contract is awarded pursuant to the "fair and open" process (N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq.).

Resolution No. 2019-105:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby approves the resignation of Andrea Yurcisin as a member of the River Maintenance Committee effective January 15, 2019.

Resolution No. 2019-106:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 15, 2019, that Basil Yurcisin be, and hereby is, appointed to the River Maintenance Committee for the year 2019.

Resolution No. 2019-107:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 15, 2019, that Lisa Hom, Nancy MacNiven and Christopher Bennett, be and hereby are, appointed to the Cranford Community Connection Committee for the year 2019.

Resolution No. 2019-108:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 15, 2019, that Megan Scanielo, be and hereby is, appointed to the 150th Anniversary Committee for the year 2019.

Resolution No. 2019-109:

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 Zoning Board Attorney.

Resolution No. 2019-110:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on this 15th day of January 2019, that the carryover of 2018 vacation days for various Township employees be, and hereby are, authorized; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all 2018 vacation days must be used prior to June 30, 2019; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Administrator be and hereby is authorized to approve the extension of unused 2018 vacation days beyond the June 30th deadline for those employees unable to exhaust this leave due to extraordinary circumstances.

Resolution No. 2019-111:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 15, 2019 that Gabe Bailer be, and hereby is, appointed as Township delegate to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ben Cohen be and hereby is appointed as an alternate delegate to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2019.

Resolution No. 2019-112:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 15, 2019 that Stephen Robertazzi and Township Engineer William Masol be, and hereby are, appointed as delegates to Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Block Grant Committee for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, Mayor Patrick Giblin be, and hereby is, appointed as Alternate No. 1 and Commissioner Jean Maisonneuve be and hereby is appointed as Alternate No. 2 to said committee, each for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2019.

Resolution No. 2019-113:

WHEREAS, Michael O’Neil, a Police 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 wife and child.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Committee of the Township of Cranford that Michael O’Neil is approved for a FMLA/NJFLA/NJPFLA leave of absence beginning February 23, 2019, using accumulated time as available as employee so elects;

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

Resolution No. 2019-114:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING SALARY STEP PROGRESSION FOR POLICE CHIEF PURSUANT TO THE TOWNSHIP’S SALARY ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, at a meeting held May 24, 2016, the Township Committee adopted Ordinance No. 2016-06, which established ranges with minimum and maximum salaries and progressive salary steps for certain job titles within the Township of Cranford; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2016-06, the Township Committee reserves the right and discretion to make salary adjustments at any time as it deems it to be in the public interest and in the interests of good management; and

WHEREAS, the Township has appropriated funds in the 2018 municipal budget sufficient to offset the costs of any salary adjustment effectuated hereby.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee be and hereby approves the progression in step and/or salary increase for the following employee in the following job title as recommended by the Township Administrator:

<i>Effective November 1, 2018:</i>				
Name	Title	Range #	Step #	Salary
Ryan Greco	Police Chief	1	3	\$161,616

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

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

Rita LaBrutto, 104 Arlington Avenue, questioned Ordinance 2016-23 which rezoned a portion of North and South Avenues. Mentioned that she looked through the 2015 and 2016 Planning Board agendas and minutes. Quoted an email from February 4, 2015 that was sent to the Planning Board members but was not on the agenda regarding use changes. Believes this topic was purposely excluded from the agenda making the public unaware that the discussion was going to take place. Mentioned that the Open Public Meetings Act is to keep the public aware of what is going to be discussed and the action that is going to be taken.

Ms. LaBrutto also discussed issues she has with the way the Planning Board and Township Committee handled the adoption of the Land Development Ordinance.

Township Attorney Cooper clarified that the ordinance was published publicly on a Township Committee agenda for first reading and for the public hearing. It was also published in the newspaper and on the Township’s website. Explained that the ordinance does not need to be discussed by the Planning Board.

Ms. LaBrutto stated that the Land Use Attorney she spoke to said that at the minimum a discussion regarding the ordinance should take place. Feels the Planning Board should have discussed the ordinance, especially if it

impacts the residents' property. Believes this topic should have been made more public to the residents.

James Carvalho, 9 Orange Avenue, discussed various issues he has brought forward to the Township Committee over the past year. Spoke about local media and the lack of information provided to the public regarding the Swan Cleaners settlement. This issue was not discussed in public until he mentioned it at a Township Committee meeting. Elaborated about publications. His personal experience has taught him to scrutinize this government with skepticism, which he will continue to do so.

Brian Lopez, 29 Wade Avenue, questioned Commissioner Maisonneuve if legal bills were included in the payment of bills that he voted in favor of at the October 9 and 23, 2018 Official Meetings.

Commissioner Maisonneuve answered yes.

Township Attorney Cooper stated that this is the public comments portion of the meeting and not a question and answer period.

Mr. Lopez stated that on January 2, 2019 Commissioner Maisonneuve voted in favor of the reappointment of Attorney Ryan Cooper as Township Attorney. Questioned Commissioner Maisonneuve if he is involved with personal litigation with Township Attorney Cooper. Feels this is a conflict of interest. Discussed a legal pleading that Township Attorney Cooper prepared for personal litigation for Commissioner Maisonneuve's wife. Referred to a State Statute regarding the Local Finance Board Ethics Rules. Feels this is prejudicial and does not represent the town well. Asked Mayor Giblin if he was aware of the lawsuit. Believes Commissioner Maisonneuve should have rescued himself from voting for Township Attorney Cooper. Questioned Deputy Mayor Dooley's choice to have Township Prosecutor Monahan swear her in at the Reorganization meeting. Discussed the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-11 which authorizes a professional services contract for environmental legal services to Wanda Chin Monahan. Questioned if she is the spouse of Township Prosecutor Michael Monahan. Feels this matter needs to be looked into.

Deputy Mayor Dooley confirmed that she is his spouse and that there is no issue. Explained that she asked Mr. Monahan to conduct her swearing-in because he is the County Prosecutor and she is going to be the Public Safety Commissioner. When the matter was looked into further, Mr. Monahan determined that he should withdrawal since he is the supervising authority to the Police Department.

Mr. Lopez feels Deputy Mayor Dooley should have recused herself from voting on Mr. Monahan's appointment as Township Prosecutor.

Commissioner Maisonneuve does not feel Deputy Mayor Dooley or himself needed to recuse themselves from voting on certain appointments.

Township Attorney Cooper addressed comments made by Mr. Lopez. Explained the Local Finance Ethics rule that applies to Mr. Lopez's comments and stated that there is no conflict of interest. Feels the public does not always understand the relationship of the Township Attorney to the Governing Body. Explained that he is not a Township employee but a contractor with the town. Clarified that there is no conflict with the situation because there is no tension with the elected official's obligation in one capacity and an incentive to make a decision. Mentioned that it would be different if the spouse he was representing was employed by a government contractor, but that is not the circumstance.

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

PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS

Township Administrator Jamie Cryan

- Grateful to the governing body and the residents for giving him the opportunity to serve Cranford. Is looking forward to working with everyone.

Township Attorney Ryan Cooper

- Discussed the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-99 which authorizes the execution of the Birchwood estoppel certificate. This is a Township document related to the developer's financing and stated that the developer is not in breach or default of its obligations under the redevelopment agreement;
- Provided an update on litigation regarding 111-115 North Union Avenue. The previous Township Committee enacted an abandoned properties ordinance to empower the Township to take more action against properties that have been abandoned and put them back into productive use. This property was placed on the abandoned properties list and a lawsuit has been filed against the town to challenge that designation. The town will be responding shortly.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Mary O'Connor

- Thanked Boy Scout Troop No. 75 for leading the flag salute;
- Congratulated Eagle Scout Keith Brown on his achievement;
- Announced that next Wednesday will be the first meeting regarding the marijuana legalization study panel which will be headed by Commissioner Maisonneuve and herself. The group will be made of up representatives from various stakeholder groups and residents. Explained that the purpose of this study is to see how to best make the impending state legislation work for Cranford. The panel expects to present its findings at a townhall forum. This is a fundamental change on many levels and needs to be looked at objectively and to well inform the residents;
- Reminded everyone that Martin Luther King Jr. award for civil and union rights will be presented on January 17, 2019 at the Calvary Lutheran Church at 7:30 PM;
- Announced that Cranford's VFW Post 335 will be hosting its annual blood drive. Asked residents to please consider donating and give the gift of life;
- Spoke about the DPW worker that spotted a Christmas ornament that was left on a tree during the tree pickup. The ornament was returned to its owner. Thanked the DPW and Cranford Police Department for a job well done;
- Welcomed newly appointed Township Administrator Jamie Cryan. Looks forward to working with him.

Commissioner Jean-Albert Maisonneuve

- Thanked the Little Fox Kitchen for hosting the Downtown Management Corp. (DMC) event. Appreciates that there is a larger turnout every time he attends this event. Feels privileged to have the opportunity to work with these businesses and the DMC;
- Thanked Township Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works Wardell for meeting with him;
- Welcomed Township Administrator Jamie Cryan. Looks forward to working with him;
- Congratulated Eagle Scout Keith Brown on his achievement. He should be very proud of himself;
- Looks forward to serving Cranford for another year in 2019.

Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

- Congratulated Eagle Scout Keith Brown on his achievement and to his parents;
- Welcomed Township Administrator Jamie Cryan;
- Provided an update on the Army Corp of Engineers. They hosted a call-in conference with the Mayors Council on the Rahway River to try and find areas for storage other than the Orange Reservoir because of concerns of the cost associated with the scheduled releases from that reservoir. Other potential areas were identified and if the state's budget allows, the study will take place. Due to the Federal shutdown, nothing will be happening as of now.

Deputy Mayor Dooley

- Congratulated Eagle Scout Keith Brown on his achievement;
- Announced that the Police Department had 30 Narcan deployments in 2018 for opioid overdoses and in 2017 there were 15. This is a significant increase. Driving while intoxicated (DWI) arrests are down significantly due to ride-sharing services;
- Announced that there will be a free program at the Community Center for training on Nasal Naloxone. The program is called "Union County Fights Back Against the Opioid Crisis". This training also involves CPR. Encourages everyone to attend. Provided contact information to the public.

Mayor Patrick Giblin

- Welcomed Township Administrator Jamie Cryan. Looks forward to working with him;
- Discussed the two new appointments the Library Board. This is one of the bigger commitments in town, it is a five-year term. This board is working on a three-year strategic plan. Encouraged the public to familiarize themselves with it;
- Mentioned that the Cranford Clergy Council will be meeting Thursday for the Martin Luther King Jr. event. Looks forward to seeing everyone there.

On motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dooley and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk

Date: January 15, 2019