

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **January 29, 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 e-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 and Mayor Giblin, followed by the flag salute.

#### **MINUTE APPROVAL**

On motion of Commissioner O’Connor, seconded by Commissioner Maisonneuve and passed, the minutes of the Official Meeting of December 18, 2018, Reorganization Meeting of January 2, 2019, Workshop Meeting of January 14, 2019 and Conference meeting of January 15, 2019 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 Deputy Mayor Dooley and passed, the Bill List 1 dated January 29, 2019, totaling \$494,919.87 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

On motion of Commissioner O’Connor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dooley and passed, the Bill List 2 dated January 29, 2019, totaling \$300,000.00 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 Maisonneuve and O’Connor

Nay: Commissioner Hannen

Abstained: None

Absent: None

#### **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **Joseph Starkey**

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Starkey is a lifelong resident of Cranford where he raised his two children, Mary and Paul, with his wife Trish, a retired Cranford teacher; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph has long been involved in community service both with the Rotary Club and through his employer Schering-Plough; and

**WHEREAS**, he is also a member of the Swim Pool Utility Advisory Board where he currently serves as the chairperson; and

**WHEREAS**, he has also served on the Library Board for ten years. During that time, he was a very active and engaged board member serving on both the Policy and Personnel Committees. He also served as Treasurer and a member of the Negotiations Committee;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford thank Joseph Starkey for his years of service to Cranford and wish him well in his future endeavors.

##### **Radon Action Month**

**WHEREAS**, elevated radon gas within homes has been identified as a significant Public Health concern; and

**WHEREAS**, radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer,

causing as many as 500 lung cancer deaths annually in New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, elevated radon levels are found in 1 in 15 homes across the US, and pose a serious health threat to families residing in these homes; and

**WHEREAS**, any home may have high levels of radon -- even if neighboring homes do not; and

**WHEREAS**, radon testing is easy and inexpensive -- and elevated levels of radon can be effectively reduced at the cost of a typical home repair; and

**WHEREAS**, a significant number of homes in Cranford Township are likely to have elevated levels of radon;

**WHEREAS**, if all New Jersey homes with radon concentrations at or above 4 pCi/L were mitigated, about 83 lives could be saved this year.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Patrick Giblin, Mayor of Cranford Township, on behalf of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford and residents of Cranford Township, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2019 as **RADON ACTION MONTH**. In the Township of Cranford we call upon all residents who have not yet tested to test their homes for radon, to reduce radon levels if elevated levels are found, and to protect their families from the serious health risk of radon. To assist residents with Radon testing of their home, Radon kits are available at the Municipal Building Health Department, free of charge January 22, 2019 to April 15, 2019.

#### **Isadora Washington – 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday-presented at event**

**Saint Michel School – 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary -Commissioner O'Connor will present the proclamation at the anniversary reception.**

#### **Mayoral Appointments to the Environmental Commission**

Michael Venditti, Marya Helmstetter and Barbara Krause as Associate Members for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2019

#### **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.

#### **RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda**

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

##### **Resolution No. 2019-115:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 29, 2019 that Lucas Paine is hereby appointed as Chairperson of the Swim Pool Utility Advisory Board for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2019.

##### **Resolution No. 2019-116:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the salary for Mary Testori, Tax Collector, be and hereby is set at \$30.00 per hour effective January 1, 2019.

##### **Resolution No. 2019-117:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019 that the following checks will be refunded by the Tax Collector to the lien holder according to statutory requirements:

##### **Redemption of Certificate# 17-00017**

Block 318 Lot 14 – 31 Elizabeth Ave.

Trystone Capital Assets, Inc.

575 Route 70 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Brick, NJ 08723

**Refund:** \$448.18

(9-01-55-000-010-029)

**Premium:** \$600.00

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

##### **Resolution No. 2019-118:**

**WHEREAS**, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L.1987, c.102,

has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to Implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, a resolution authorizing Cranford to apply for the **2018 Recycling Tonnage Grant** will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Mayor and Township Committee to the efforts undertaken by the Township of Cranford and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and the Township Committee that the Township of Cranford hereby endorses the submission of recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environment Protection and designates Steven Wardell, Recycling Coordinator to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

**Resolution No. 2019-119:**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayors Council on the Rahway River Watershed (Council) was established to address conditions of serious and repeated flood damage within municipalities along the Rahway River Watershed; and **WHEREAS**, the participating municipalities of the Council act in a cooperative manner to engage in planning, engineering, legal and environmental assessment activities to commence a process to determine the most feasible and effective program for alleviation of these flooding events; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford, as a participating member of the Council, has agreed to participate in a cost sharing agreement with other member municipalities of the Council to pay for the cost of the aforementioned activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee will make payment to the Township of Millburn, who is the lead agency for the cost sharing agreement; 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 authorizes the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute Municipal Cost Sharing Agreement-FY 2019 for the funding of activities conducted in connection with the Mayors Council on the Rahway River Watershed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford agrees to pay \$20,000.00 to the Millburn Township-Joint Municipal Escrow Fund for the performance of services enumerated in Municipal Cost Sharing Agreement-FY 2019.

**Resolution No. 2019-120:**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-58 provides for appropriation transfers during the first three (3) months of the year, when it has been determined it is necessary to expand for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the sum appropriated therefore and where it has been further determined that there is an excess in any appropriation over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation, the Governing Body may, by Resolution setting forth the facts, adopted by not less than two-thirds vote of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be and the same is hereby authorized to make transfers among the 2018 budget appropriations in accordance with the following schedule of transfers.

<b>Account</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Planning & Zoning O/E	\$ 3,500.00	
Planning Board O/E		\$3,500.00
Pool S&W	\$7,800.00	
Pool O/E		\$7,800.00

**Resolution No. 2019-121:**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been filed by Zapryan Terziev, 73 Winans Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey, for renewal of limousine/livery service vehicle licenses for Zapryan Terziev, and

**WHEREAS**, the submitted vehicle license application form is complete in all respects, the fees have been paid, and a favorable recommendation has been provided by the Chief of Police; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has complied with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:16-13 et seq. with respect to proof of insurance.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford does hereby approve, effective January 1, 2019, the issuance of limousine/livery service vehicle licenses to Zapryan Terziev for a license term ending December 31, 2019.

**Resolution No. 2019-122:**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been filed by Milen Roussenov, 73 Winans Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey, for renewal of limousine/livery service vehicle licenses for Milan Roussenov and

**WHEREAS**, the submitted vehicle license application form is complete in all respects, the fees have been paid, and a favorable recommendation has been provided by the Chief of Police; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has complied with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:16-13 et seq. with respect to proof of insurance.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford does hereby approve, effective January 1, 2019, the issuance of limousine/livery service vehicle licenses to Milen Roussenov for a license term ending December 31, 2019.

**Resolution No. 2019-123:**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been filed by Gokhan Aksoy, 220 South Avenue East, Cranford, New Jersey, for renewal of limousine/livery service vehicle licenses for Gokhan Aksoy and

**WHEREAS**, the submitted vehicle license application form is complete in all respects, the fees have been paid, and a favorable recommendation has been provided by the Chief of Police; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has complied with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:16-13 et seq. with respect to proof of insurance.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford does hereby approve, effective January 1, 2019, the issuance of limousine/livery service vehicle licenses to Gokhan Aksoy for a license term ending December 31, 2019.

**Resolution No. 2019-125:**

**WHEREAS**, the Construction Official determined that Block 414, Lot 7, property location of 155 Hillcrest Ave., required emergency demolition. The property was deemed unsafe, and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5, the amount of the demolition can be placed as a lien against the parcel.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee authorize the tax collector to place a lien against this parcel pursuant to statute.

**Recorded vote:**

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

**RESOLUTIONS – By Roll Call Vote**

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

**Resolution No. 2019-124:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 29, 2019 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Teen Center Advisory Board for the year 2019 – Lara Maisonneuve, Erin Burke, Christine Esposito, Sheila Krispin, Stephen Robertazzi, Recreation and Parks Director and Jean-Albert Maisonneuve as Commissioner/Liaison

**Recorded vote:**

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

Nay: Mayor Hannen

Abstained: Commissioner Maisonneuve

Absent: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

James Carvalho, 9 Orange Avenue, discussed a letter that was addressed to Township Attorney Cooper from PSE&G dated March 30, 2018 regarding the purchase of 751 Walnut Avenue or obtaining it through eminent domain. Questioned if the Township responded to PSE&G's letter.

Commissioner Hannen explained that he cannot comment at this time because of ongoing negotiations.

Mr. Carvalho discussed three questioned the Township was asked by PSE&G in the letter. Mentioned that he has had many conversations with Zoning Officer Johnson, who has stated that he has no knowledge of this letter and the Planning Board members also have not seen the letter. Stated that the Township has had this letter for ten months and was never delivered to the Township Zoning Officer who is responsible for reviewing that application or the Planning Board who adjudicates that application. Confused as to who owns the property, the application states that H. Cranford Conduit is the sole owner but the annual financial reports of the Cranford school system, tax list and deeds on file in the Township and County Clerk's office state that H. Cranford Credit owns part of the property. Feels the questions asked in the letter should have been answered years ago by the Planning Board. Stated that he will be attending tomorrow night's Planning Board meeting to ask the same three questions that are in the letter and other questions and will be demanding answers. Questioned why Cranford has a Planning Board if this is the process we follow.

Christopher Costa, 111 Beech Street, questioned the input the Township Committee has as relates to the Board of Education's redistricting.

Mayor Giblin explained that the Board of Education sets their budget. The Township Committee has a good working relationship with the Board of Education. It supported the appointment of a School Resource Officer through the Cranford Police Department along with other efforts. Assured residents that no budgetary requests have been made to the Township by the Board of Education pertaining to the reimagining plan.

Mr. Costa expressed concern with the proposed bus service plans and the traffic congestion due to

overdevelopment in the surrounding areas. Questioned the input the Township Committee has on this initiative because it will be the taxpayers' dollars that will be funding it. Feels the public is not being heard. Discussed the Board of Education's proposed plans. Questioning what he can do as a taxpayer to stop the initiative.

Mayor Giblin explained the process that is being followed.

Deputy Mayor Dooley explained the percentage of taxpayer dollars that funds the Board of Education is not decided on by the Township but is mandated by the state.

Mayor Giblin stated that there was a Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) agreement approved for Birchwood that will be discussed at the next Township Committee Workshop Meeting. By law the Township can keep 95% of that revenue but it has been agreed upon to give a bulk of it to the Board of Education.

Mr. Costa questioned if the Police Department approved any of the plans after conducting a traffic study.

Deputy Mayor Dooley stated that the traffic study has not occurred yet.

Loren O'Brien, 214 Oak Lane, discussed meetings she attended regarding the Board of Education Reimagine Plan. Stated that this plan will affect every resident of Cranford, not just the students along with public safety. Asked the Township Committee to be the voice of the residents. Questioned if the Township Committee has enough information regarding the initiative to make a decision.

Mayor Giblin is unsure of where the Board of Education stands on this issue. Feels the Township Committee can discuss this at a future Workshop Meeting.

Commissioner Maisonneuve stated that the Township Committee is trying to get as much information as possible. Is going to make his decision as a resident as well as a Commissioner.

Ms. O'Brien asked if Commissioner Maisonneuve feels any of the plans would work for Cranford.

Commissioner Maisonneuve needs to hear more information before he can make an informed decision. Understands all the concerns brought up by the residents and feels other solutions that need to be looked at.

Commissioner Hannen feels credit is due to the Board of Education for identifying a problem that needs to be addressed to continue providing the same level of education. Mentioned that several of the descriptions of the seven plans stated that the teachers have identified ways to improve the education of the students. Has concerns about the cost of the plans because his goal is to keep Cranford affordable. Discussed the Birchwood Avenue PILOT Agreement and the decision of the Township Committee to give a portion to the Board of Education based on the anticipated number of students moving to Cranford based on the Birchwood project. We are all (as citizens) going to be able to vote on this.

Mayor Giblin added that ten options have been presented and most of the options have a capital function that the public would have to vote on.

Ms. O'Brien feels most of the residents are not aware of the initiative. Feels taking away the neighborhood schools will hurt the community. Questioned if any of the plans would be good for Cranford's community. Understands the residents will have to pay to improve the schools but wants it to be for the better.

William LaPenta, 18 Hillside Place, questioned the procedure for placing a referendum on the ballot. Asked who approves it.

Township Attorney Cooper does not believe that the Township Committee has to approve the referendum. Explained that the Board of Education has its own budget process to follow in regards to ballot issues. Directed Mr. LaPenta to contact the County Clerk for the exact procedure.

Mr. LaPenta asked if the Township Committee has leverage with the Board of Education regarding this effort because there are other issues that need to be addressed like traffic and safety, etc.

Mayor Giblin mentioned that the meeting agendas are made public.

Deputy Mayor Dooley feels that the School Board will reach out to the Township Committee once the options are scaled down to two or three. Mentioned that a future discussion could take place about shared services for public safety. Explained that the Township Committee does not approve the Board of Education bond referendums. Also explained that normally a PILOT agreement does not involve giving more than 5% to the County by State law. The Township can enter into an agreement with the Board of Education and have discussions about sharing the money received from the Birchwood Avenue PILOT Agreement. This is another area where the Township has some involvement with the Board of Education.

Victoria Cywin, 9 Central Avenue, discussed an incident at her home where 9-1-1 was called during the morning rush hour. Thankful for how the Police responded but expressed concern with the timely response if there were

more buses and cars on the road because of the “Reimagine Plan”. Her first concern is the public safety of the community. Hopes that the Board of Education is communicating with the Police Department. Feels like things are being rushed and no one is taking the time to realize what is important to the community. Also questioned if the property values would decrease if the “Reimagine Plan” was adopted.

Mayor Giblin is not sure if the property values would be affected.

Ms. Cywin asked that the Township Committee consider how the property values will be affected.

Mayor Giblin mentioned that the walkability is the reason that people move to Cranford.

Commissioner Maisonneuve assured residents that the Township Committee is considering the effects this plan will have on the town.

Commissioner Hannen’s understanding is that even if a survey is circulated, a referendum would still have to be placed on the ballot for the public to vote on. Discussed the original “Reimagine” Plan and how it has evolved because of all the feedback that has been received.

Rita LaBrutto, 104 Arlington Road, feels the Township Committee needs to take a position on this “Reimagine Plan”. Believes parents should be teaching their children certain things that school teachers should not. Discussed her opinion of the Birchwood PILOT Agreement. Believes there are other ways to fulfill the affordable housing obligation. Discussed how other towns are meeting their obligations and suggested Cranford follow suit. Feels the Reimagine Plan is the direct result of density. Discussed the ten scenarios that were presented by the Board of Education. Suggested the town designate a Board of Education member to the Planning Board.

Diego Ramos, 615 Hory Street, opposes any proposed development in the wooded area owned by the Township on Myrtle Street. Feels this project would be a detriment to the environment and to the neighborhood. Understands that there are other public owned lands in the same neighborhood that were sold recently without a public auction. Respectfully requests that the town keep these lands of the Master Plan when it is rewritten this year.

Theresa Ramos, 615 Hory Street, spoke about her attendance at a Planning Board meeting to express concerns. Explained that the wooded area on Myrtle Street serves many purposes. Discussed research the neighborhood has conducted regarding the wooded area which confirmed that the trees serve as a buffer for the Parkway and all the noise pollution from Commerce Drive. Feels that the plans that were incorporated into the element of the Fair Share Housing Plan need to be removed. Asked that the fair housing be put in existing housing and was told that it is being worked on. Feels Cranford has built on enough public land and the area on Myrtle Street needs to be protected.

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

## **PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS**

### **Township Administrator Jamie Cryan**

- Has had the opportunity to meet with Administrators from surrounding communities. Felt the meetings were productive as the neighboring towns share the same issues and concerns as Cranford. It is a great opportunity to build a relationship with other municipalities to help solve common problems;
- Also met with the Historic Preservation Advisory Board Chairwoman Strazdon;
- Mentioned that he will be meeting with the Chief Financial Officer and various department heads in preparation of the February 9, 2019 Budget meeting.

### **Township Attorney Ryan Cooper**

- Provided an update regarding the two bill lists on tonight’s agenda. Explained that the second bill list was added because two payments were inadvertently omitted from the primary bill list in connection with the settlement for the personal injury lawsuit associated with Swan Cleaners. These payments were appropriated last year and the settlement amount was announced at an Official Meeting in November 2018.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

### **Deputy Mayor Dooley**

- Discussed the Office of Emergency Management meeting that was held as a result of the inclement weather that is approaching. Mentioned that tips and various information will be provided to the public on how to stay safe during the deep freeze. Provided websites for those interested;
- Provided the Fire Department’s contact information for those needing housing assistance or having heating issues within their home.

**Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.**

- Discussed confidentiality of Township Committee members. Applauds members of the public that inform the Township Committee of their concerns and encouraging the Township Committee to continue to be transparent. Explained that negotiations of legal nature are kept confidential to protect what is believed to be the public's interest. Referenced a Builders Remedy Lawsuit that was filed years ago against the town. Assured the residents that the Township Committee does what they feel will be in the best interest of the citizens of the Cranford community. Encouraged the residents to continue to ask questions but understand that the Township Committee has the town's best interest at heart.

**Commissioner Mary O'Connor**

- Discussed the "Reimagine Plan" presented by the Board of Education. Stated that she is getting most of her information from the Cranford residents. Feels as someone who represents the public, she must represent their opinions as well. Mentioned that she does not represent the Board of Education, she represents the people of Cranford. Encouraged the residents to contact her because the more information she has the better she will be able to form an opinion. Wants to make the opinion that works best for Cranford. Feels if the state mandates full-time kindergarten it should come up with a plan to help municipalities pay for it. Will listen to what the public has to say because that is what is most important to her;
- Discussed the Union County Fights Against Opioid Crisis class/training that was held at the Cranford Community Center. Highly recommends that everyone attend the class/training. This is a problem that exists in our community. Found this initiative to be extremely informative. Thanked everyone involved;
- Announced that St. Michael's school will be celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Provided information for those interested in attending. Hopes to see a lot of familiar faces;
- Congratulated Cindy Hannen on receiving the Martin Luther King, Jr. award. It was very well deserved.

**Commissioner Jean-Albert Maisonneuve**

- Asked if residents could please move their cars off the street with the anticipation of inclement weather. This is a safety issue for the utility and Department of Public Works employees;
- Announced that Eastman Plaza will be receiving public Wi-Fi in the spring;
- Thanked the Township Zoning Officer, Ron Johnson, for his service to the town. His last day will be February 1, 2019. Wished him good luck in his future endeavors.

**Mayor Patrick Giblin**

- Announced that a conference will be held at Union County College regarding the Path to Progress Report. Encourages every resident to educate themselves regarding this. The report will encompass over thirty recommendations. Gives the government a tremendous amount of credit for tackling such an important topic. The state needs to take steps towards tackling the fiscal crisis that New Jersey is heading towards;
- Announced that the next meeting of the Township Committee will be the budget meeting on February 9, 2019 at 8am. Several departments will be presenting their 2019 budgets. This meeting is open to the public;
- Encouraged residents to contact them with any issues they may have.

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dooley and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patricia Donahue, RMC  
Township Clerk

Date: January 29, 2019