

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **February 19, 2019** at 8:03 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 Mary O’Connor

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Jean-Albert Maisonneuve

#### **INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE**

The invocation was led by Deputy Mayor Dooley, followed by the flag salute.

#### **MINUTE APPROVAL**

On motion of Commissioner O’Connor, seconded by Commissioner Maisonneuve and passed, the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of January 28, 2019 and February 9, 2019 and Conference meeting of January 29, 2019 were approved by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Commissioner Maisonneuve

#### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

On motion of Commissioner O’Connor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dooley and passed, the Bill List dated February 19, 2019, totaling \$235,245.43 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 and O’Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Commissioner Maisonneuve

The adoption of the minutes of the January 15 and 29, 2019 Official Meetings were moved to the March 5, 2019 Official Meeting.

#### **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **Black History Month**

**WHEREAS**, during Black History Month we celebrate the main achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual and political development; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1926, historian Dr. Carter Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History announced the second week of February to be “Negro History Week”; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1976, as part of the nation’s bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded and became established as Black History Month, and is now celebrated all over North America; and

**WHEREAS**, the observance of Black History month calls our nation’s attention to the continued need to battle racism and to build a society that lives up to democratic ideals;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Patrick Giblin, Mayor of the Township of Cranford, do hereby proclaim the month of February as Black History Month and urge all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful and prosperous for all.

#### **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 – Introduction**

##### **Ordinance No. 2019-02:**

The Deputy Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2019-02 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, CHAPTER 306 PARKS AND RECREATION, ARTICLE III: COMMUNITY POOLS, SECTION 306-10 POOL MEMBERSHIP FEES.”

Said ordinance was introduced and approved on first reading on motion of Commissioner Maisonneuve, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor, and passed by the indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Commissioner Maisonneuve

**Final Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2019-02 to be held March 5, 2019.**

**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. 2019-126:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019, that the Mayor and Township Clerk be, and hereby are, authorized to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America, Local No. 469 – Blue Collar

**Resolution No. 2019-127:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held February 19, 2019, that the Chamber of Commerce be and hereby is authorized to hold various events on Township property; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee hereby authorizes the closure of the top of Municipal Lot No. 1 on November 29, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in connection with the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting.

**Resolution No. 2019-128:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, that the Chamber of Commerce be, and hereby is, authorized to hold its annual Spring Festival on Sunday April 28, 2019, its annual Fall Festival on Sunday, October 13, 2019, and a “Children’s Expo” on Sunday, August 25, 2019; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these events will be held on the aforementioned dates, rain or shine; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the festivals will require the closing of various streets from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. as follows:

North Union Avenue from Springfield Avenue to North Avenue;

Alden Street from North Avenue to Parking Lot #11;

Municipal Parking Lot #1.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cranford Chamber of Commerce is permitted to post approximately fifteen (15) signs on municipal property in connection with the aforementioned events, and that said signs shall be posted not more than ten (10) days prior to each event, and shall be removed the day following each event.

**Resolution No. 2019-129:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, that the Township Clerk be and hereby is authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids for concession rights for the Cranford Canoe Club.

**Resolution No. 2019-130:**

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 27, 2018, the Township of Cranford entered into a contract with Bagel Giant for operation of concessions at the Orange Avenue and Centennial Avenue Outdoor Pools; and

**WHEREAS**, said contract provided for the Contractor to operate said concessions for the 2018 season; and

**WHEREAS**, said contract further provided for the extension of the contract for the 2019 and 2020 seasons at the option of the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee wishes to extend said contract for the 2019 season;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford:

1. That the aforementioned contract dated March 27, 2018 between the Township of Cranford and Bagel Giant be, and hereby is, extended to include the 2019 season; and
2. That the sum to be paid by the Contractor to the Township for the 2019 season shall be \$33,393.23 and;
3. That the Township Administrator be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to notify the Contractor of the extension granted herein.

**Resolution No. 2019-131:**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY**

**TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 CURRENT FUND**

**WHEREAS** an emergent condition has arisen due to the adoption of the 2019 Budget, and adequate provision has not been made in the 2019 Temporary Budget for the appropriations specified on this page; and

**WHEREAS** the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in fiscal year 2019

pursuant to the provision of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$3,879,805.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE, AND IT IS, HEREBY, RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey, (not less than two thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A40A:4-20:

- 1. Emergency temporary appropriations be and the same are hereby made as specified on this page in the amount of \$3,879,805.00; and
- 2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided in the 2019 budget under the headings as specified on this page.
- 3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

Title	Emergency Appropriation
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SERVICES PERS	731,053.00
POLICE & FIRE RETIREMENT SERVICES PFRS	2,222,683.00
RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTH	<u>926,069.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,879,805.00</b>

**Resolution No. 2019-132:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019 that the Tax Collector has been authorized to refund tax and sewer payments:

**TAX PAYMENTS**

Block 122 Lot 14 (37 Harvard Road) Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Service 1 Home Campus MAC F2302-035 Des Moines, IA 50328-00001	<b><u>Refund \$ 3,537.11</u></b> (9-01-55-000-010-025)
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Block 145 Lot 15 (6 Indian Spring Road) CoreLogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760	<b><u>Refund \$ 3,289.03</u></b> (9-01-55-000-010-025)
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Block 498 Lot 10 (318 High Street) CoreLogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760	<b><u>Refund \$ 2,760.79</u></b> (9-01-55-000-010-025)
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Block 550 Lot 7 (218 Hillside Avenue) CoreLogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760	<b><u>Refund \$ 2,511.19</u></b> (9-01-55-000-010-025)
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Block 592 Lot 2 (4 Edward Place) CoreLogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760	<b><u>Refund \$ 2,730.46</u></b> (9-01-55-000-010-025)
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**Resolution No. 2019-133:**

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING PLANNING BOARD TO CONDUCT DECENNIAL REEXAMINATION OF MASTER PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, on September 30, 2009, the Cranford Township Planning Board adopted the current Township of Cranford Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40-55D-89, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford shall, at least every ten years, provide for a general reexamination of the Master Plan and development regulations by the Planning Board; and

**WHEREAS** the Planning Board has not conducted such a reexamination since the September 30, 2009 adoption of the Master Plan;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, New Jersey does hereby direct the Planning Board to conduct a general reexamination of the Master Plan and development regulations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, at the conclusion of the reexamination, the Planning Board prepare and adopt by resolution a report on the findings of such reexamination; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the report shall state:

- a. The major problems and objectives relating to land development in the Cranford at the time of the

- adoption of the Master Plan.
- b. The extent to which such problems and objectives have been reduced or have increased subsequent to the adoption of the Master Plan.
- c. The extent to which there have been significant changes in the assumptions, policies, and objectives forming the basis for the Master Plan or development regulations as last revised, with particular regard to the density and distribution of population and land uses, housing conditions, circulation, conservation of natural resources, energy conservation, collection, disposition, and recycling of designated recyclable materials, and changes in State, county and Township policies and objectives.
- d. The specific changes recommended for the Master Plan or development regulations, if any, including underlying objectives, policies and standards, or whether a new plan or regulations should be prepared; and
- e. the recommendations of the Planning Board concerning the incorporation of redevelopment plans adopted pursuant to the "Local Redevelopment and Housing Law," P.L.1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-1 et al.) into the land use plan element of the Township's Master Plan, and recommended changes, if any, in the local development regulations necessary to effectuate the redevelopment plans of the Township.

**Resolution No. 2019-134:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held February 19, 2019, that Caroline Liguori is hereby appointed as a part-time Receptionist - Office Assistant within the Township Clerk's Department, effective February 20, 2019.

**Recorded vote:**

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Commissioner Maisonneuve

**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, 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.

James Carvalho, 9 Orange Avenue, spoke about condemnation and the Township contemplating the acquisition of the properties through eminent domain. Feels there was a lack of communication between the Township and the property owners. Discussed a report that was posted on the Township website listing all the properties that were condemned which was publicly provided at the January 10, 2018 Planning Board meeting. Discussed campaign contributions made by outside vendors to Township Committee members and votes made awarding no-bid contracts to the contributor. Explained how Pay-to-Play affects the Township Committee and the Planning Board. Discussed a no-bid contract awarded to Harbor Consultants to serve as the Township's Planner specific to the rezoning application for 750 Walnut Avenue. Mentioned that the principal owner of the company owns private property adjacent to 750 Walnut Avenue which gives the appearance of a conflict of interest. Spoke of another no-bid contract awarded to the same consultant to produce and present the current affordable housing plan which suggests the sale of Township property on Myrtle Street to help meet the affordable housing requirements. Mentioned another property that was sold on Myrtle Street to Harbor Consultants without any affordable housing requirements. Feels the perils of Pay-to-Play need to be addressed.

Commissioner Hannen clarified that he did not use any funds from the Local Democratic Committee for his campaign.

Barry O'Donovan, 710 Orange Avenue, also Downtown Business Owner, spoke about a proposed bill from the State to create liquor licenses called "R licenses". These licenses are renewed annually and will permit any business to have a liquor license without a bar. Discussed the requirements and mentioned that the town is responsible for issuing the license. All restaurant and bar owners are concerned how their businesses will be affected. Explained that the State will give a five-year tax abatement on liquor licenses to cover the renewal cost. It will be impossible to sell liquor licenses if this bill is enacted. Spoke about the depreciation of the existing liquor licenses and an increase in tax appeals. Discussed the dangers with creating more liquor licenses because it will create more drinking and DUIs. Feels Cranford needs to keep its residents safe. Commended the Township Committee for serving the community. Looks forward to being proactive instead of reactive with the R License initiative.

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

**PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS**

**Township Administrator Jamie Cryan**

- Had the opportunity to attend the Downtown Management Corp. (DMC) meeting. Met with the downtown business owners and volunteers which he feels are a testament to the Township;
- Had a meeting with Willis of NJ regarding health benefit costs to the township;
- Met with the Mayor and a director of the office of Local Government Services of NJDEP;
- Announced that the 2019 Capital Budget meeting will be held on Monday, February 25, 2019.

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

- Announced that the Air Traffic Advisory Board will be meeting on February 25, 2019. Provided details for those interested in attending;
- Announced that Cranford Downtown Restaurant Week is February 24<sup>th</sup>– March 1<sup>st</sup>. Provided information for those interested in participating;
- Discussed campaign contributions which are public record. Has always filed her reports. Stated that the only thing that influences her is what is best for Cranford and its residents;
- Offered condolences to the Schwartz family and the extended family in the Cranford Police Department.

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

- Discussed the opening of the Cranford Dramatic Club production of Mama Mia. Encouraged residents to attend;
- Expressed condolences to the Schwartz family. Ray will be missed.

**Deputy Mayor Dooley**

- Announced that the Cranford Police Department has been designated the third location in the Clear Program which stands for Community Law Enforcement Addiction Recovery. It's a partnership between law enforcement and social services to assist in opioid and other drug addictions. Cranford has 12 officers trained in advanced addiction recovery assistance. Provided contact information for public.

**Mayor Patrick Giblin**

- Wished National Guard Member Captain Dolton, who is also a Cranford resident, safe travels overseas in protecting the African straits;
- Announced that the 2019 Capital Budget meeting will be held February 25, 2019 and will be open to the public;
- Commended Police Chief Greco and Detective D'Ambola and all the public safety members that showed compassion to Ray Schwartz over the years. Expressed condolences to the Schwartz family;
- Announced the production of Mama Mia through the Cranford Dramatic Club. There will be a special cameo on March 1, 2019;
- Thanked Barry O'Donovan and the other tavern owners for attending tonight's meeting and bringing the R License issue to the Township Committee's attention. Appreciates the concerns that were expressed.

On motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dooley and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 19, 2019

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Heather Capone, RMC  
Deputy Township Clerk