The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **August 13, 2019** at 7:58 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, followed by the flag salute

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 – Final Reading and Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 2019-09:

The Deputy Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2019-09 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 375 CENTENNIAL AVENUE FORMERLY KNOWN AS MHS TENNIS ACADEMY AND P3 TENNIS ACADEMY HEREBY IDENTIFIED ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD AS BLOCK 602, LOT 27"

Said ordinance having been advertised and posted in accordance with law, Commissioner O'Connor opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, Commissioner O'Connor closed the public hearing. On motion of Commissioner O'Connor seconded by Deputy Mayor Dooley and passed, said ordinance was adopted 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

Ordinance No. 2019-10:

The Deputy Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2019-10 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, PART II GENERAL LEGISLATION (pertaining to disposable plastic bags and other single-use plastics)"

Said ordinance having been advertised and posted in accordance with law, Deputy Mayor Dooley opened the public hearing.

Suzanne Del Vecchio, 20 Birchfield Avenue, discussed about her employment with QuickChek. Spoke in support of the ordinance. Mentioned that QuickChek has advocated for this ban statewide including paper. Feels that the elimination of plastic bags in stores will make a drastic change. Applauds the Township for moving forward with the adoption of the ordinance and encouraged them to take one step further and eliminate retailers from using disposal bags because the only way to change behavior is to take away the option. Cautioned that there currently is not a viable option to replace plastic lids.

Deputy Mayor Dooley thanked Ms. Del Vecchio for her comments and informed her that changes were made to the ordinance regarding plastic lids.

Mayor Giblin welcomed QuickChek to Cranford.

Discussion held regarding the Grand Opening and how its employees will encourage patrons to use reusable bags.

Resident named Zach from West Orange, NJ, advocated in favor of the ordinance. Belongs to the Clean Ocean Actions organization based out of Long Branch, NJ and provided background information. Explained that the organization works on eliminating plastics and pollution and implement proper recycling methods. Thankful that this ordinance is being considered. Recommended implementing a mandatory fee on paper and reusable bags to help offset the costs to the businesses. Discussed concerns with banning plastic straws due to being ADA

(Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. Thanked the Township Committee for their leadership and urged the Township Committee to adopt the ordinance.

Commissioner Hannen questioned how Cranford's ordinance is unique compared to other municipalities that have adopted a similar ordinance.

Zach stated that the specifics in the ordinance regarding banned items and their replacements and also having part of the fee going back to the recycling fund.

Commissioner Hannen questioned the fines associated with noncompliance in other municipalities.

Zach will follow up with Commissioner Hannen.

<u>Mark Zucker 19 Pershing Avenue</u>, thanked the Township Committee for considering this ordinance. Questioned if food trucks are included as retailers and if Styrofoam is going to be eliminated.

Deputy Mayor Dooley stated that Styrofoam will be eliminated starting July 1, 2020.

Mr. Zucker also feels that the words "at the request of the customer" will make this ordinance unenforceable.

<u>Rafi Numrad, 20 North Union Avenue</u>, discussed the cost of paper/reusable bags and other replacement items and the effect it will have on businesses owners. Feels there needs to be an extension on the transition period.

<u>Caitlan Cook, 4 Princeton Road,</u> stated that the average family in the United States uses 1,500 plastic bags annually and only one percent is recycled. Discussed endangered sea life because of pollution.

McKayle Grohol, 212 South Union Avenue, is a member of the Cranford First Aid Squad and is also a Girl Scout. Mentioned that both organizations have common goals to better the community. Discussed the condition of the parks in town. Feels plastic is taken for granted because it is so accessible. She represents the future which is plastic free. Understands alternatives are more expensive but once supply and demand takes effect the cost will decrease.

<u>Parth Shaw, member of the Cranford First Aid Squad,</u> discussed the construction of the largest plastic manufacturing plant in the United States which will produce 1 million tons of plastic a year. Feels recycling cannot be the answer to eliminating plastic. The only way to eliminate plastic is to stop using it. Hopeful this ordinance will be adopted.

<u>Rudy Bacich, 5 Denman Place</u>, discussed recent changes in the recycling program. Feels the ordinance is a practical start.

<u>Nelson Dittmar, Environmental Commission Chair</u>, mentioned that the Environmental Commission supports the proposed ordinance and urged the Township Committee to adopt it. Stated that there are 69 other municipalities in New Jersey that have adopted a similar ordinance.

<u>Donna Bacich, 5 Denman Place</u>, spoke in support of the ordinance. Feels it is important for the future of the plant. Mentioned that New Jersey alone uses 4.4 billion plastic bags annually and everyday 12 million more bags end up on our streets and in our landfills and oceans. Stated that the truth is the local communities are the driving force behind this change making New Jersey the gold standard for the rest of the country to follow. Mentioned that studies show that a majority of people would choose an environmentally friendly product if given the option and would continue to frequent a business that no longer provides plastic. Discussed the use of biodegradable/compostable plastics and how it would not help the cause. Stated that in 2050 there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish.

<u>Rita Mason, 16 Alan Okell Place,</u> discussed climate change. Feels people will not abide by the ordinance. This is a problem no one will be able to solve unless everyone comes together. Discussed her property taxes.

Anthony Ajello, 200 South Avenue, understands this is a debatable issue. As a small business owner, he would like to be practical because the cost to do business is difficult. Discussed other plastics he uses while catering. Supports the ordinance but expressed concerns regarding the changing of packaging. Would like to speak with the Township Committee regarding his issues.

Deputy Mayor Dooley explained that the ordinance has an exemption process specifically for food presentation containers. Also explained that the current statute for the recycling ordinance has provisions in it allowing the town to inspect recycling or garbage containers.

Mr. Ajello is looking for an extension to be put on the transition period to make it easier on the business owners.

Deputy Mayor Dooley informed Mr. Ajello that the Environmental Commission and the Downtown District Management Corporation is here to help all business owners find the products.

Mr. Ajello mentioned that he was never notified by the town regarding the proposed ordinance; he heard from other business owners.

<u>David Coughlin</u>, 3 <u>Central Avenue</u>, thanked the Township Committee for their hard work in navigating tough situations. Serves on the Green Team and is a patron of many of the local businesses. Spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance. Spoke about the River Cleanup event and how much plastic and Styrofoam products are removed from the Rahway River. Feels as river residents everyone should take the opportunity to lead on this ordinance and hope all the neighboring towns follow.

<u>Sal Perillo</u>, 118 Lexington Avenue, spoke in favor of the ordinance but feels more time should be given to the business owners to make the transition. Also mentioned that he found out about the ordinance through another business owner. Feels the town should have met with the business owners to explain the changes. Questioned the fines and who will implement them.

Deputy Mayor Dooley explained that all the enforcement procedures are already in the existing recycling ordinance. Acknowledged and apologized that Mr. Perillo and another business owner were not notified of the ordinance but a lot of other business owners did receive notification and provided feedback.

Zach McCue, 7 Oraton Drive, mentioned that debris from the river ultimately ends up in the ocean. Discussed the number of plastic products and Styrofoam removed from the beaches in New Jersey in two days. Informed the public that using single use disposal items is temporary but the impact the item will have on the environment last forever. Supports the ordinance as a member of the Green Team and the Environmental Commission but is sensitive to the business owners' concerns regarding implementation of available alternative products and the transition period. Feels it is incumbent of himself to help local businesses to find alternative products. Is proud as a Cranford resident to patronize businesses that are following this ordinance. Thanked the Township Committee for their thoughtful consideration and appreciates the time put into this ordinance.

<u>Rosario Fico, 416 Brookside Place</u>, spoke in favor of the ordinance. Mentioned he is a member of the Green Team and stated that he feels this ordinance is a good stepping stone.

Steve Jandoli, 208 Cranford Avenue, spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance and appreciates all the hard work that has gone into it. Change is hard but feels in a short period of time people and businesses will be able to adapt. Is a firm believer in science, engineering, technology and capitalism and feels these elements will come together to make a smooth transition. Feels everyone can appreciate the global implications of the plastic situation. Recommended forming a group composed of businesses, Green Team members and Environmental Commission members to monitor the transition. Urged the Township Committee to adopt the ordinance.

Deputy Mayor Dooley stated that his vision of creating a working group synchronizes with the Green Team's vision. Mentioned that the current recycling ordinance needs to be updated and feels that any changes needed to this ordinance should be made during that time.

Mr. Jandoli stated that Cranford prides itself on being a sustainable community and this ordinance is one step in that direction.

<u>Ronald Margulis</u>, 105 Holly Street, directed comments to the business owners. Discussed the National Restaurant Show held in Chicago where hundreds of booths were set up with sustainable products for restaurants. Stated that he would help any restaurants in need.

David Pringle, 333 Walnut Avenue, discussed recycling in the 1970s and how it progressed. Explained that recycling is the fourth best option as it is better to reduce, reuse and compost. Stated that the recycling markets are failing for a variety of reasons. Discussed the closing of California's largest recycling center. Has spent his entire adult life working on solid waste management issues fighting garbage incinerators. Discussed all the efforts that have been put into this ordinance. Stated that there is a silent majority that is in favor of this ordinance and provided a breakdown which proves the business community wants to move forward in this direction. Believes the proposed penalty will not be enforced. Feels the one-year transition period is enough time for the businesses. Noted that twenty-one municipalities in New Jersey are already following a similar ordinance and ten other municipalities are waiting for their ordinance to go into effect and eighteen other municipalities are considering adopting an ordinance. Urged the Township Committee adopt the ordinance.

<u>Peg Pipchick, 107 East Lincoln Avenue</u>, Encouraged the Township Committee to adopt this ordinance. Feels the Township Committee is responsible for making the town and its residents aware of the environment. Asked the Township Committee to negotiate certain aspects of the ordinance, if the vote is not unanimous, to make it work.

<u>Rita Mason, 16 Alan Okell Place</u>, feels a fine should be issued for littering. Feels children should start helping with recycling at a young age.

Resident named Zach from West Orange, NJ, clarified the fines other municipalities will issue for noncompliance.

<u>Isabel Rossi</u>, Member of the Cranford High School Environmental Club, hopeful the Cranford High School Environmental Club will be able to work with the Township Committee on environmental issues. Will be the coleader this year and would like to get more involved with the community. Believes the environment has a fine balance that needs to be kept and feels this ordinance will help to maintain it. Appreciates the adoption of any policy ordinance towards bettering the environment. Thanked everyone who spoke.

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner O'Connor: spoke in favor of the ordinance but expressed concern with some of the administrative issues nonrelated to the plastics portion. Discussion was held regarding her issues in the Workshop meeting. Does not feel comfortable making an exemption decision on a business regarding plastic straws. Also feels the fine is excessive and would like to set a tiered approach. Would like the recycling coordinator to put the enforcement plan together. Prefers to have these changes made before the Township Committee votes. Would like to make a motion for the adoption of the ordinance to take place at the October 15, 2019 meeting so the ordinance would be complete and no amendments would need to be made. Supports the ordinance either way, but would like to see the ordinance presented to the public in full.

Discussion held regarding making a motion.

<u>Commissioner Maisonneuve:</u> applauds the amount of time and effort everyone has put towards this ordinance. Understands that change is difficult but a change in behavior must be made to better the environment. Stated that every day this Township Committee procrastinates on the adoption of this ordinance; a difference can be made.

Commissioner O'Connor stated that if the ordinance is adopted tonight the business owners will not be given a year to be compliant.

Deputy Mayor Dooley feels everyday matters, so the sooner this ordinance is adopted the better for the environment.

<u>Commissioner Hannen:</u> supports the eventual phaseout of single-use bags but feels the fine is harsh. Discussed wording in the ordinance that states the individual will be fined instead of the corporation. Feels the fine should be graduated. Discussed who the enforcement officer will be and believes all the businesses will be willing to comply. Would like to make all revisions and adopt the ordinance in September. Feels the ordinance should be done right the first time so future amendments will not be needed.

Mayor Giblin: commended the business owners for everything they do in the downtown and for coming out tonight to discuss their legitimate concerns. One of his biggest concerns is the impact this will have on the businesses. Was under the impression the DMC was going to reach out to all of the businesses. Feels there is a willingness to work with the businesses allowing them to be successful. Does not want the outcome to be punitive. Thinks a ban on single-use plastic bags and other single-use plastics will make residents much more aware of what they are consuming. Participates in the River Clean Up every year and the amount of plastic and Styrofoam that is removed from the river is astounding. Mentioned that the Green Team and Environmental Commission will be visiting the schools to discuss the amount of plastic that is being consumed. Discussed other municipalities that have eliminated plastic bags. Feels many of the issues brought up can be addressed in the recycling ordinance which does need to be amended. Agrees that the fine needs to be graduated. Being a river community, Cranford needs to be aware and set an example. Supports the ordinance and is confident that these issues will be addressed and finetuned.

<u>Deputy Mayor Dooley</u>: stated that the recycling ordinance is dated. Mentioned that the Recycling Coordinator does not rummage through the dumpsters. The issue with the fines will be amended in the recycling ordinance. Feels graduated fines might make it more possible for a fine to be issued but will support any amendments that are brought forth. Thanked all the business owners for coming out tonight. The Township Committee tried very hard to anticipate any questions the public would have by talking to the businesses, doing a survey and doing research. Recognizes how much this change will affect the business owners. Assured the business owners that the Township Committee will be here to support every single one of them. There is not intention for this ordinance to be a revenue generator, it's about having a better environment and a better community. There is no automatic fine. Thanked the high school students for coming out tonight. Is in favor of the ordinance and revamping the recycling ordinance.

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

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: Commissioner Hannen

Abstained: None Absent: None

Ordinance No. 2019-11:

The Deputy Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2019-11 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III, SECTION 20 OF CHAPTER 401 "REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY (1988)," BY AMENDING SCHEDULE XII AND INCLUDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF ROADWAYS AS INDICATED IN SECTION 1 BELOW AND DESIGNATING SAME AS "PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES" (pertaining to South Avenue East)"

Said ordinance having been advertised and posted in accordance with law, Deputy Mayor Dooley opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, Deputy Mayor Dooley closed the public hearing. On motion of Deputy Mayor Dooley seconded by Commissioner Hannen and passed, said ordinance was adopted by indicated vote of the Township Committee:

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None Abstained: None Absent: None

RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda

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

Resolution No. 2019-260:

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

Resolution No. 2019-261:

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

Resolution No. 2019-262:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held August 13, 2019, hereby authorizes the submission of application to the Union County Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Fund for a grant in connection with the 2019 Kids Recreation Trust Grant; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary in connection with said applications.

Resolution No. 2019-263:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, on this 13th day of August 2019, that the Mayor and Township Clerk be, and hereby are, authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding and an Indemnification Agreement with the County of Union, Public Works Division, for participation in leaf disposal at the Union County Conservation Center.

Resolution No. 2019-264:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, that the Township Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized to advertise for bids for the provision of 2020 Police/ Administrative vehicles for the Cranford Police Department and Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, ID# 47-CPCPS.

Resolution No. 2019-265:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held, August 13th 2019 that the Township Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized to advertise for sale at public auction, in accordance with NJSA 39:10A-1, certain unclaimed vehicles which have come into the possession of the Cranford Police Department as well as Township-owned vehicles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Public Auction will be held at L&J Auto Body, 420 Boulevard, Kenilworth NJ on September 7, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

<u>MAKE</u>	YEAR	SERIAL NO.
Toyota UVL	99	2T1BR12E9XC231086
Honda Accord	97	1HGCD5636VA180801
Chevrolet HHR	07	3GNDA13D57S63726
Mazda M3H	05	JM1BK143251337848
BMW 330	02	WBABN534X2JU25886
MIY Trk	98	JW6AAF1H2WL002767
Ford F250	03	1FTNF21L93ED84280
BrushBandit Chipper	96	10587

Resolution No. 2019-266:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held August 13, 2019, hereby authorizes the submission of application to the Union County Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation Trust Fund for a grant in connection with the Greening Union County 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary in connection with said applications.

Resolution No. 2019-267:

WHEREAS, a Grant Receivable balance exists in the records of the Township of Cranford; and **WHEREAS**, the balance is as follows:

Municipal Alliance (2018-2019 year)

<u>57.97</u>

\$57.97

TOTAL GRANT RECEIVABLES TO CANCEL

WHEREAS, a Grant Appropriation Reserve balance exists in the records of the Township of Cranford; and **WHEREAS**, the balance is as follows:

Municipal Alliance (2018-2019 year)

57.97

TOTAL GRANT APPROPRIATIONS TO CANCEL \$57.97

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 cancel the balances from the records of the Township.

Resolution No. 2019-268:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NATURAL GAS SUPPLY SERVICES FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford has determined to move forward with the EMEX Reverse Auction in order procure natural gas for the Township of Cranford; and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit Electronic Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c. 30) (the "Act") authorizes the purchase of natural gas supply service for public use through the use of an online auction service; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford will utilize the online auction services of EMEX, LLC, an approved vendor pursuant to the Act, waiver number EMEX LLC-1, located at www.energymarketexchange.com; and

WHEREAS, EMEX, LLC is compensated for all services rendered through the participating supplier that a contract is awarded to; and

WHEREAS, the auction will be conducted pursuant to the Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Administrator of the Township of Cranford be and he hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the Township of Cranford any natural gas contract proffered by the participating supplier that submits the winning bid in the EMEX Reverse Auction.

Resolution No. 2019-269:

WHEREAS, an application has been filed by Joseph Kalamaras, 1 Retford Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey, for a limousine/livery service vehicle license for JK Car Service; and

WHEREAS, the submitted vehicle license application form is complete in all respects, and the fees have been paid, 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 immediately, the issuance of a limousine/livery service vehicle license to Joseph Kalamaras (dba JK Car Service) for a license term ending December 31, 2019.

Resolution No. 2019-270:

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services has promulgated a regulation that each municipality shall prepare and submit a Corrective Action Plan that "shall cover all findings and recommendations in the audit report, including state, federal, and general findings, as well as the status of all prior year findings and recommendations" and that the governing body shall approve said Corrective Action Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, on this 13th day of August 2019, hereby approves the Corrective Action Plan as submitted by the Chief Financial Officer as follows:

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE 2018 AUDIT REPORT

Recommendation:

That the Pool and Board of Health Departments turn over receipts to the Treasurer within 48 hours of receipt as required by NJSA 40A:5-15.

Corrective Action Plan:

The practice of turning over receipts within 48 hours is being addressed with the Pool and Board of Health to ensure their departmental processes support this requirement. The Township will be conducting a re-evaluation of departmental procedures related to receipt submissions and make any necessary adjustments to maintain compliance.

Resolution No. 2019-271:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes the closure of Thomas Street from Cummings Street to Lincoln Avenue on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the Centennial Village Music Fest.

Resolution No. 2019-272:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the Mayor and Township Clerk be, and hereby are, authorized to sign a license agreement with APM Music to allow Cranford's TV 35 to use APM Music on all of its television productions.

Resolution No. 2019-273:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby ratifies, approves and affirms the resignation of Bobbi Anderson as a Class IV member of the Planning Board effective immediately.

Resolution No. 2019-274:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford,

at a meeting held August 13, 2019 that Julie Didzbalis be and hereby is appointed as a Class IV member of the Planning Board, to an unexpired term ending December 31, 2021.

Resolution No. 2019-275:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes the closure of Eastman Street from North Avenue to Miln Street on Saturday, October 12, 2019 (rain date October 19, 2019) from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for the closing act of Porchfest 2019.

Resolution No. 2019-276:

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR DONATIONS – ACCEPTANCE OF BEQUESTS AND GIFTS

(N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29)

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated for Donations – Acceptance of Bequests and Gifts (N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29) are appropriated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirement: Acceptance of Tree Replacement Donations

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

- The Governing Body does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures for Donations – Acceptance of Bequests and Gifts (N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29) – Acceptance of Tree Replacement, Planting and Preservation Donations by the Township of Cranford.
- 2. The Clerk of the Township of Cranford, County of Union is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of the Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Resolution No. 2019-277:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford and herby authorizes the closure of Eastman Street from North Avenue West to Miln Street, and the closure of Miln Street from North Avenue West to Eastman Street from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for events on the following dates:

August 22, 2019 – Annual Lego Night

August 29, 2019 – Annual Lego Night (rain date)

Resolution No. 2019-278:

WHEREAS, the Township Committee, in the past, has approved the temporary suspension of parking meter enforcement for shoppers during the holiday season, and this Township Committee wishes to the extend the free shopper parking period; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes free parking on Friday November 29, 2019 and Saturday November 30, 2019 for "Shop Small Saturday", a national campaign to support local businesses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes free parking at three (3) and four (4) hour metered spaces in the municipal parking lots and the municipal parking garage, and for on-street parking from December 14, 2019 to December 25, 2019.

Resolution No. 2019-279:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held August 13, 2019 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 September 14, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

Make	Model	Serial #
Fuji	MX-150	IF6C0587
Murray	Grand Mesa	HL1106509
Shimano	Genesis	GS15120002
Giant	XTC	09802
Schwinn	Varsity	DH109272
Mongoose	Excursion	SNFSD18085330
Mongoose	N/A	CM13K525542M004

Roadmaster	Granite Peak	SNFSD18U
Schwinn	Caliente	GG8150789
Magna	Great Divide	857212
Huffy	Stone Mountain	9199HUFFY26681
Schwinn	Falcon	SNFSD09F74012
Mongoose	Ledge 2.1	SNFSD13J34554
Magna	Glacier Point	TD1089020547
Giant	Boulder	C61B7026
Roadmaster	Granite Peak	SNF5017HF2037
Next	Power Climber	68026699
Schwinn	Frontier	P0FA58340
Razor	Scooter	N/A

Resolution No. 2019-280:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford wishes to purchase certain goods and services from an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J. S. A. 40A:11-12; and,

WHEREAS, Motorola Solutions, Inc., P.O. Box #305, Bordentown, New Jersey 08505 has been awarded New Jersey State Contract 83909 for radio communications equipment, accessories, and services for the period 05/01/2013 to 04/30/2020; and,

WHEREAS, utilization of this contract represents the best price available; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase of radio communications equipment, accessories, and services totals a cost not to exceed \$1,142,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available and appropriated for this purchase charging \$25,000.00 to account number C-04-18-191-000-213 and \$1,117,500.00 to account number C-04-19-005-000-208.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held August 13, 2019, does hereby approve that Motorola Solutions, Inc. is hereby awarded the contract for the radio communications equipment, accessories, and services for the Township of Cranford at a cost not to exceed \$1,142,500.00 under State Contract 83909.

Resolution No. 2019-281:

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ART AND LIGHT -- THE TRAIN STATION PROJECT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as (TV-2020 Art and Light - the Train Station-00012) to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Cranford.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Cranford and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Resolution No. 2019-282:

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 vendor has been awarded a state contract and/or authorized cooperative purchasing program agreement and the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes the purchase of goods and/or services through the following vendor listed herewith, that in the aggregate may exceed \$40,000.00 for the calendar year 2019;

VENDOR	Cooperative Purchasing Program	Contract #
Amazon Services	US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance	R-TC17006

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

Resolution No. 2019-283:

WHEREAS, prior years General Capital Fund Receivable balance exists in the records of the Township of Cranford; and

WHEREAS, the balance of the Union County Recreation grant that will not be received is as follows:

Ordinance No. 2015-24:

Memorial Turf Field: Restroom and Concession Renovations \$100,000.00

WHEREAS, certain General Capital Improvements appropriated balances remain dedicated to projects now and completed; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said unfunded balances:

Ordinance No. 2015-24:

Memorial Turf Field: Restroom and Concession Renovations \$100,000.00

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 cancel the balances from the records of the Township.

Resolution No. 2019-284:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2020 NJDOT ROADWAY PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford formally approves the grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 2020 NJDOT Roadway Project which include Retford Avenue from Cherry Street to Lincoln Avenue, Retford Avenue from Marsh Street to Lexington Avenue, and Linden Place from Orange Avenue to North Union Avenue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Engineer and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2020-Cranford Township-00466 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Cranford; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Cranford and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Resolution No. 2019-285:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT WITH MONTANA CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIRS.

WHEREAS, On June 28, 2019 several sanitary sewer mains were found to be severely damaged; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Director has certified that an emergency condition existed and has recommended that the Township authorize/ratify the execution of an emergency contract to pay for the immediate repairs that have to be made to repair the damage; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New Jersey Administrative Code 5:23-2.32 & NJSA 52:27D-132, the Public Works Director has declared the existence of a significant and immediate threat to the health, safety and welfare of people in the immediate vicinity as well as to the surrounding environment, necessitating immediate attention; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 allows a municipality to award a contract on an emergency basis without public advertising for bids and bidding; and WHEREAS, Montana Construction Co., Inc. with an address located at 80 Contant Avenue, Lodi, New Jersey

07644, has agreed to provide all required emergency sewer repairs at a cost not to exceed \$95,000.00; and **WHEREAS**, pursuant To N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.12, all required back up and reporting will be forwarded within

30 days of this local declaration to:

Director, Division of Local Government Services

P.O. Box 803

Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0803

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, does here by recognize the declaration of local emergency as authorized by the Public Works Director.

Resolution No. 2019-286:

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, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that Bucks County International be and hereby is awarded a contract for the purchase of new truck chassis for the installation of an Altec model LR-7-60 aerial lift at a contract price of \$80,720.00 per New Jersey State Contract: T-2787, No. 79123.

Resolution No. 2019-287:

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, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that Timmerman Equipment Company be and hereby is awarded a contract for the purchase and installation of an Altec model LR-7-60 aerial lift at a contract price of \$143,029.18 through the New Jersey State-approved Co-op ESCNJ, Co-op No. 65MCESCCPS Bid #ESCNJ 17/18-30.

Resolution No. 2019-288:

WHEREAS, Joan Holler, the Registrar within the Health 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 herself.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Committee of the Township of Cranford that Joan Holler is approved for a FMLA/NJFLA/NJPFLA leave of absence retroactive to August 12, 2019, using accumulated time as available as employee so elects;

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

Resolution No. 2019-289:

MOVED TO ROLL CALL VOTE (see below)

Resolution No. 2019-290:

RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE THE PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND VETERANS

WHEREAS, New Jersey qualified Senior Citizens and Veterans currently enjoy a \$250.00 per year deduction from their taxes; and

WHEREAS, the \$250.00 deduction for Senior Citizens has not been increased for years, and the income threshold has not been increased as well; and

WHEREAS, the \$250.00 deduction for Veterans has not been increased since 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford calls upon the Legislature to sponsor legislation and/or commence the process for a constitutional amendment that would increase the deduction to Senior Citizens and Veterans to \$500 per year; and

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

- 1. The Township of Cranford urges the Legislature to sponsor legislation and/or Commence the process for a constitutional amendment that would increase the property tax deduction for Senior Citizens and Veterans to \$1,000.00 per year and to increase the minimum income requirement to \$20,000.00, and
- 2. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the twenty-one municipalities in the County of Union, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Cranford's Legislative delegation.

Resolution No. 2019-291:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ADVERTISE TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE DESILTING OF THE RAHWAY RIVER AND REPLACEMENT OF DAM GATES AT DROESCHER'S DAM AND HANSEL DAM

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 the Desilting of The Rahway River and Replacement Of Dam Gates At Droescher's Dam And Hansel Dam.

Resolution No. 2019-292:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford,

at a meeting held August 13, 2019, that Roy Walton be and hereby is appointed as an Alternate member of the Planning Board, to an unexpired term ending December 31, 2019.

Resolution No. 2019-293:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford is in receipt of an application package from New Jersey American Water which proposes to conduct a 12-inch main replacement project on Brookside Place from Orchard Street to the Cranford border near Garwood.

WHEREAS, New Jersey American Water Company has identified that the water main on Brookside Place from Orchard Street to the Cranford border near Garwood should be replaced; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford recognizes that Brookside Place was recently paved as part of the Township's 2014 Municipal Paving Program; and

WHEREAS, Brookside Place is currently is under moratorium until the end of 2019;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Township of Cranford Municipal Code Chapter 367 Streets and Sidewalks, Article VIII Excavations and Openings, §367-44(D) Limitations on permit; opening streets less than five years old, "the Township Engineer, or his designee, shall be required to secure approval therefor from the governing body by resolution before any permit can be approved hereunder"; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee acknowledges the need for the upgrade main replacement project; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby grants the Township Engineer, or his designee, authority to approve the necessary permit(s) for New Jersey American Water to effectuate this project; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby approves lifting the moratorium placed on Brookside Place to enable the New Jersey American Water Company to proceed with its water mains upgrade project.

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

- 1. Grants the Township Engineer, or his designee, authority to approve the necessary permit(s) for New Jersey American Water project.
- 2. Approves lifting the moratorium placed on Brookside Place from Orchard Street to the Cranford border near Garwood for the New Jersey American Water Company project.

Resolution No. 2019-294:

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A11-5(1) (dd), the Township may, by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase goods or services for the support, maintenance, and acquisition of proprietary computer hardware and software: and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford is in need of acquiring software and hardware from Integrated Technical Systems, Inc. for the management of the parking meter system; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the contract will exceed \$40,000; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et. Seq., Integrated Technical Systems Inc. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Integrated Technical Systems Inc. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Cranford in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Integrated Technical Systems Inc. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer have 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, authorizes the Purchasing Agent to enter into a non-fair and open contract with Integrated Technical Systems Inc. as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value to be placed on file with this resolution.

Resolution No. 2019-295:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Township of Cranford to engage an expert to provide financial advisory services in connection with inclusionary (affordable housing) zoning; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Provision of Financial Advisory Services through a fair and open process in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and **WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford has deemed that the background, experience and qualifications of the respondent herein satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFQ; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance have certified to the availability of funds which is on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

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

- 1. **Nassau Capital Advisors**, 12 Vandeventer Avenue, P.O. Box 1475, Princeton, NJ 08542 be and hereby, is awarded a contract to provide financial advisory services in connection with inclusionary (affordable housing) zoning at a cost not to exceed \$10,000; and
- 2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Nassau Capital Advisors** and;
- 3. This contract is awarded pursuant to the "fair and open" process (N.J.S.A.19: 44A-20.5 et seq.); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. 9-01-20-100-100-214.

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None Abstained: None Absent: None

RESOLUTION - By Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution No. 2019-289:

AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANT

WHEREAS, on or around April 22, 1965, after public auction, the Township deeded certain real property to George J. and Sophie Wening, to be merged with 54 Wall Street, Block 598, Lot 2 (the "Property"), subject to the restriction "that no building or structure shall at any time be erected on" the deeded property; and

WHEREAS, title to the Property and certain adjoining lots, collectively known as Block 598, Lot 2 and 3, eventually passed to Charles Pijanowski; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Planning Board approved application SD2-05 for a minor subdivision of Lots 2 and 3 into three lots, for the construction of 3 single-family homes;

WHEREAS, the buildings contemplated by the 2005 Planning Board Application have been constructed, and none of them have been constructed on the property added to Lot 2 pursuant to the April 22, 1965 deed; and

WHEREAS, the purpose and objective of the 1965 deed restriction have been accomplished and the Township intends to release and vacate the restriction since the restricted property has merged into an adjoining parcel;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, that the Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the Release of Restrictive Covenant, and related documents necessary to finalize the same, to release the restrictive covenant previously placed on the Property.

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: Commissioner Hannen

Abstained: None Absent: None

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dooley and passed, the Bill List dated August 13, 2019, totaling \$12,542,043.98 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

<u>Rita Mason, 16 Allan Okell Place,</u> compared her annual income to the amount of property taxes she pays annually. Discussed an issue with her Senior Freeze Program reimbursement on her property taxes that she should have received in July. Also spoke about a tree that fell on her property that damaged her car and house. Feels she pays enough in property taxes and should not have to pay toward the Board of Education taxes. Thanked Cranford's insurance representative, Kathy Willis, for all her help. Questioned if the town or the cable company would be paying to replace the trees after they die from being trimmed away from the wires.

Mayor Giblin discussed the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-290 which urges the legislature to increase the property tax deduction for Senior Citizens and Veterans. Also explained that the Township Committee does not have the ability to separate the taxes that make up the property tax. Encouraged Ms. Mason to reach out to Senator Bramnick. Stated that he will follow up with her claim to the cable company.

<u>George Sinnott, 40 Keith Jefferies Avenue</u>, has a keen interest in redevelopment efforts on North Avenue between Centennial Avenue and Alden Street. Feels the decisions made regarding this will have a long-lasting impact short-term and long-term. Discussed the continued demand on Cranford's redevelopment. Appreciates the residents' passion on this topic and believes a majority of people would like to see some level of constructive positive development in that area because it is an eyesore. Feels now is the time for residents to discuss how that area can be transformed.

<u>Thomas Connelly, 16 Cranford Avenue, Board member of the DMC,</u> concerned that there has been little discussion regarding development in the downtown. Presented a 1950s photograph of North Avenue and discussed changes that have been made over the years. Stated that as per Cranford's Masterplan, North Avenue's development should be considered. Feels Cranford should become a certified local government town which would give Cranford control over design standards and allow the town access to certain grants and also open the town up for tax credits for existing buildings.

Mayor Giblin asked the residents to keep in mind that the Township Committee made a clumsy effort to address this a couple years ago. Reminded everyone that there are viable businesses in that area. Also mentioned that some of that property is Township owned and other properties have environmental issues which has considerable costs. There are builders buying properties without the encouragement of the Township Committee.

Commissioner Maisonneuve feels the intent of the residents' comments was to consider the areas within Cranford that are part of the masterplan instead of branching out to the single-family neighborhoods. Thanked the residents for speaking tonight.

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

PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS

Township Attorney Cooper

• Provided an update regarding affordable housing. The Township filed a brief last week with the Appellate Division of the Superior Court appealing the prior determination denying the Township 20 credits in connection with the reduced density of the Birchwood Project. If the Township is successful, it will reduce the Township's current Realistic Development Potential by approximately 20 units.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Mary O'Connor

- Thanked everyone who came out tonight. Was impressed to have the younger generation come out and represent their point of view. Hopeful this will encourage other youths to attend meetings to voice their opinions. Commends everyone who spoke;
- Sad to see summer coming to a close. With the beginning of school, a lot more children will be out on the streets. Urged drivers to be more cautious;
- Wished everyone a Happy Labor Day.

Commissioner Jean-Albert Maisonneuve

• Thanked everyone who came out tonight. Concurred with Commissioner O'Connor. It was great to hear all the different comments made by the residents because it is important to the Township Committee as decisions are considered;

- Announced that it is restaurant week. Encouraged patrons to snap pictures of their meals and share it on social media;
- Announced that Yoga Rocks the Streets event will be held August 16th;
- Announced that the Lego Night will be held on August 22nd.

Deputy Mayor Ann Dooley

- Thanked Bobbi Anderson for serving on the Planning Board. Wished her well in her future endeavors;
- Welcomed Julie Didzbalis to the Planning Board and thanked her for filling the unexpired term;
- Thanked the Green Team and the Environmental Committee for all their efforts related to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-10 (amending the code pertaining to disposable plastics bags and other single-use plastics).

Mayor Patrick Giblin

- Regretfully accepts Bobbi Anderson's resignation from the Planning Board;
- Glad to have Julie Didzbalis fill the unexpired term;
- Thanked Planning Board Chairperson Kathleen Murray and Zoning Board Chair Ronald Marotta for assisting with finding volunteers to serve on the boards. Thanked all those who volunteered. Thanked Roy Walton for his interest in being appointed as an Alternate Member to the Planning Board;
- Thanked the Cranford Police Department and Fire Department for a successful National Night Out;
- Urged drivers to be cautious while driving through town. Feels there is a lack of respect for pedestrians in Cranford.

On motion of Deputy Mayor Dooley, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and passed, the Township Committee returned to Room 108 to continue with the Workshop Meeting at 10:01 PM.

Respectfully sublittled,
Heather Capone, RMC
Deputy Township Clerk