

The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **October 29, 2019** at 7:33 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

FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION

Flag salute followed by the invocation led by Deputy Mayor Dooley.

MINUTE APPROVAL

On motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dooley and passed, the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of October 15, 2019 and Official Meeting of October 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 Commissioner Maisonneuve and passed, the Bill List dated October 29, 2019, totaling \$1,247,965.78 was approved for payment by indicated vote of the Township Committee and is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk:

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recognition of Years of Service-William Ilaria

WHEREAS, William Ilaria has lived in Cranford for more than 50 years. Mr. Ilaria and his four siblings grew up on Gallows Hill Road. Mr. Ilaria and his wife, Jennifer, then raised their two children on Sylvester Street; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ilaria graduated from St. Michael’s School and Cranford High School before attending Pace University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ilaria currently serves as the Municipal Alliance Chair where his decade of service to the Cranford community has made the Municipal Alliance one of the most respected in Union County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ilaria’s love of his family and the Cranford community inspired his tremendous contributions to helping Cranford’s children stay alcohol and substance-abuse free; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ilaria led the Municipal Alliance’s efforts around the “21 Means 21” message initiative with signs that have become a staple of our town streets and public spaces. He has engaged and enlisted help from all types of community leaders including the members of the Township Committee, business owners and educators. Mr. Ilaria has introduced events such as Family Dinner Nights which emphasized the value of communication and connection to help our children make safe decisions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford thank and commend William Ilaria for his dedication to the Cranford community and to his work as a leading advocate against underage drinking and substance abuse and wishes him much success in all his future endeavors.

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 Maisonneuve, seconded by Commissioner Hannen and passed, the following resolutions were adopted by consent agenda:

Resolution No. 2019-361:**MOVED TO ROLL CALL VOTE****Resolution No. 2019-362:**

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 maintenance from Innovative Interfaces Inc. for inventory management at the Township of Cranford Public Library; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the contract will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et. Seq., Innovative Interfaces Inc. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Innovative Interfaces 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 Innovative Interfaces 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 Innovative Interfaces 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. 2019-363:

WHEREAS, there exists a need to provide Custodial Services for the Pool and the Community Center for the Township of Cranford; and

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

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent of the Township of Cranford has deemed that **Tropical Cleaning Services, LLC, 79 Stuyvesant Avenue Kearny, NJ 07032** is the apparent lowest respondent who satisfies the criteria set forth in the specification.

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

1. **Tropical Cleaning Services, LLC, 79 Stuyvesant Avenue Kearny, NJ 07032** be and hereby is awarded a contract to provide Custodial Services at a cost not to exceed \$11,176.88.
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Tropical Cleaning Services, LLC**; and
3. This contract is awarded pursuant to the “fair and open” process (N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq.).

Resolution No. 2019-364:**RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION****– N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an appropriation for the equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford in the County of Union, New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2019 in the sum of \$5,301.54 which is now available as a revenue from the State of New Jersey Drunk Driving Enforcement Program, pursuant to the provision of the statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$5,301.54 is hereby appropriated under the caption “Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is a result of a State grant of \$5,301.54 from The State of New Jersey Drunk Driving Enforcement Program.

Resolution No. 2019-365:**RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION****– N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an appropriation for the equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford in the County of Union, New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2019 in the sum of \$4,500.00 which is now available from the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund - 2019 Greening Union County Grant Award to improve the environment in the amount of \$4,500.00, pursuant to the provision of the statute; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is a result of funds from the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund - 2019 Greening Union County Grant Award in the amount of \$4,500.00.

Resolution No. 2019-366:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on the 29th day of October, 2019 that the Tax Collector has been authorized to refund sewer payments:

SEWER PAYMENTS

Account 762-0 (12 Waverly Place)
Savva, Michael & Anna
12 Waverly Place
Cranford, NJ 07016

Refund \$66.49
(9-01-55-000-010-026)

Account 886-0 (711 Tulip Street)
Timothy Herlocker & Jennifer Dengel
711 Tulip Street
Cranford, NJ 07016

Refund \$50.00
(9-01-55-000-010-026)

Account 1890-0 (95 Belmont Avenue)
Helene A. Endrick
95 Belmont Avenue
Cranford, NJ 07016

Refund \$90.25
(9-01-55-000-010-026)

Account 5404-0 (9 Shetland Drive)
Richard & Judith Rosenberg
9 Shetland Drive
Cranford, NJ 07016

Refund \$70.00
(9-01-55-000-010-026)

Resolution No. 2019-367:

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

Redemption of Certificate# 19-00006

Block 267 Lot 3 – 208 Orange Avenue
Phoenix Funding, Inc.
1148 Springfield Avenue
Mountainside, NJ 07092

Refund: \$11,688.82
(9-01-55-000-010-029)
Premium: \$39,000.00
(T-15-00-000-106-000)

Redemption of Certificate# 19-00007

Block 414 Lot 4.02 – 163 Hillcrest Avenue
US Bank Cust for Pro Cap 8
50 South 16th Street – Suite 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Refund: \$17,929.80
(9-01-55-000-010-029)
Premium: \$71,000.00
(T-15-00-000-106-000)

Redemption of Certificate# 19-00010

Block 500 Lot 2 – 4 Pine Street
Christiana T C/F CE1/Firsttrust
PO Box 5021
Philadelphia, PA 19111-5021

Refund: \$12,713.40
(9-01-55-000-010-029)
Premium: \$39,000.00
(T-15-00-000-106-000)

Redemption of Certificate# 19-00013

Block 591 Lot 1 - 4 Rose Street
Realty Solutions JV LLC
25 Hughes Place
Summit, NJ 07901

Refund: \$9,880.75
(9-01-55-000-010-029)
Premium: \$31,000.00
(T-15-00-000-106-000)

Resolution No. 2019-368:**SUPPORTING THE *DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER 2019 HOLIDAY STATEWIDE CRACKDOWN***

WHEREAS, approximately one-third of all fatal traffic crashes in the United States involve drunk drivers; and

WHEREAS, impaired driving crashes cost the United States almost \$50 Billion a year; and

WHEREAS, 29% of motor vehicle fatalities nationwide in 2017 (the last year for which complete data is available) were alcohol-related; and

WHEREAS, an enforcement crackdown is planned to combat impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, the holiday season in particular is traditionally times of social gatherings which include alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout the state to participate in the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2019 Holiday Statewide Crackdown*; and

WHEREAS, the project will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from December 6, 2019 through January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, an increase in impaired driving enforcement and a reduction in impaired driving will save lives on our roadways;

THEREFORE, be is resolved that the Township of Cranford declares its support for the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2019 Statewide Holiday Crackdown* from December 6, 2019 through January 1, 2020 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

Resolution No. 2019-369:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, on this 29th day of October 2019 that Ellen O'Donnell be and hereby is appointed to the position of Payroll Specialist within the Finance Department at a salary of \$55,000 effective July 22, 2019.

Resolution No. 2019-370:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, that the Township Clerk be, and hereby is authorized to post advertisements to the Township's website and local newspaper for the solicitation of Proposals and Qualifications for various legal, engineering, auditing, planning, appraisal and risk management consulting services

Resolution No. 2019-371:**AUTHORIZING AN INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR USE OF THE NEW JERSEY INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Office of Information Technology ("NJOIT") is responsible for administering the Public Safety Interoperable Communications ("PSIC") Grant on behalf of the local, county and state agencies; and

WHEREAS, NJOIT with the cooperation of local, county, and state agencies proposed as a project, in the 2007 PISC Grant, the construction of a 700 MHz, Land Mobile Radio System, based on the common air interface standard Project 25, referred to as P-25, adopted by the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO), American National Standards Institute (ANSI), and the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA); and

WHEREAS, the P-25 is public safety communications standard dedicated to ensuring interoperability in communications. It is designed to ensure fast and secure communications between local, state, and federal agencies when protecting the public's welfare; and

WHEREAS, NJOIT has deployed a Statewide 700MHz, P-25 Trunked Radio System, known as the New Jersey Interoperable Communications System ("NJICS") to improve interoperable communications capabilities among first responders; and

WHEREAS, NJOIT is aware of the unique challenges that exist and the importance of effective emergency communications among first responders; and

WHEREAS, NJOIT has developed this Agreement to identify the terms and conditions of local agency participation in the NJICS; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford wishes to participate in the NJICS by entering into a NJICS User Agreement with the New Jersey Office of Information Technology; and

WHEREAS, the total annual cost for voice radio users participating on the system is delineated in the agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, New Jersey, that the Township Administrator and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a New Jersey Interoperable Communications System (NJICS) User Agreement with New Jersey Office of Information and Technology, 300 Riverview Plaza, PO Box 212, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0212, for the purpose of providing the Township with access to the NJICS to improve interoperable communications capabilities among first responders.

Resolution No. 2019-372:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, on this 29th day of October 2019, that the Township Committee hereby accepts, with regrets, the resignation of Department of Public Works Superintendent, Steven Wardell, effective November 1, 2019.

Resolution No. 2019-373:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

WHEREAS, on the 9th day of September 2014, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford (the "Township"), in recognition of the efficiency of setting forth the terms, conditions and emoluments of employment in a central Manual, adopted Resolution No. 2014-341, approving the Township of Cranford Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual; and

WHEREAS, the Township and its Administration, on a regular basis, reviews its Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual; and

WHEREAS, the Administration recommends that its formal policy regarding social media should be revised to maintain a high standard of employment conduct; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has drafted the amendments to the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual relating to these topics and desires that these changes be adopted by the governing body and incorporated as part of the Township's Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual.

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

Section Two entitled, "Workplace Policies" is hereby amended to include the attached supplement which will be on file with the Township Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administrator is hereby authorized to take the necessary steps to incorporate these amendments as part of the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual effective immediately.

Resolution No. 2019-374:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford has engaged contractors and consultants to carry out the Township's flood mitigation project, also known as Phase 2B Project; and

WHEREAS, the location of the Phase 2B Project is in the area of Claremont Place and Riverside Drive and there is a need to create a Temporary Construction Access Easement on 520 Claremont Place for the Township's use to do all things reasonably necessary to construct and install the Project, including, but not limited to, the transport, stockpiling and storage of construction materials; and

WHEREAS, the owners of this property have agreed to grant the Township a Temporary Construction Access Easement on this identified portion of their property which will last until the Project is completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Temporary Construction Access Easement Agreement with the property owners.

Resolution No. 2019-375:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford requires an expert to provide engineering services in connection with the Desilting of the Rahway River and replacement of dam gates at Droescher's Dam and Hansel Dam; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) for engineering services through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford deemed that the background, experience and qualifications of the respondent herein satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFP; and

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

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

1. **Mott MacDonald, 412 Mount Kemble Avenue, Suite G22, Morristown, New Jersey 07960** be and hereby are awarded a contract to perform engineering services in connection with the aforementioned project at a fee not to exceed \$48,500.00; and
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Mott MacDonald; and
3. This contract is awarded pursuant to the "fair and open" process (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. G-01-41-700-117-200 and Ordinance 2018-191.

Resolution No. 2019-376:

MOVED TO ROLL CALL VOTE

Resolution No. 2019-377:

RESOLUTION SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 2019-352 "REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATED TRUST BY RIDER FOR AN ACCUMULATED ABSENCES LIABILITY TRUST FUND" REQUIRED BY

N.J.A.C. 5:30-15

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.A.C. 5:30-15 allows municipalities to appropriate and reserve amounts for costs incurred for a Dedicated Trust by Rider for an Accumulated Absences Liability Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40 A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from the Accumulated Absences Liability Trust Fund are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenues is dedicated by statute or other legal requirement;

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:

1. The Governing Body does hereby request permission from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures by a Dedicated Trust by Rider for an Accumulated Absences Liability Trust Fund pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-15.
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. 2019-378:

WHEREAS, there is surface water on 38 Commonwealth Road, Kenilworth, New Jersey, that discharges into a gutter overland that runs into an inlet located in the vicinity of Blocks 242 and 243 in the Township of Cranford; and

WHEREAS, this water overflow has caused a dangerous condition for the residents of Kenilworth; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kenilworth would like to divert water underground and tie into the same Cranford inlet into which the surface waters currently flow; and

WHEREAS, engineers in Kenilworth and Cranford both suggest that the drainage construction in the Township of Cranford is needed to alleviate the overflow problem; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, New Jersey does hereby authorize Kenilworth to connect the proposed underground drainage to the inlet in the vicinity of Blocks 242 and 243 in the Township of Cranford.

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. 2019-361:

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

WHEREAS, the balance of the Federal Emergency Management Agency grant that will not be received is as follows:

ORD #2015-24	Emergency Generators	\$43,054.00
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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:

ORD #2015-24	Emergency Generators	\$43,054.00
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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 is hereby authorized to cancel the balances from the records of the Township.

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: Commissioner Hannen

Abstained: None

Absent: None

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

Resolution No. 2019-376:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING AN \$8,000,000 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE, DATED OCTOBER 24, 2019, PAYABLE OCTOBER 23, 2020, AS A

**"QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATION" PURSUANT TO SECTION 265(b)(3) OF THE
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Township") intends to issue an \$8,000,000 Bond Anticipation Note, dated October 24, 2019, payable October 23, 2020 (the "Note"); and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to designate the Note as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code");

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

SECTION 1. The Note is hereby designated as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for the purpose of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

SECTION 2. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said Note is not a "private activity bond" as defined in the Code and (2) the Township and its subordinate entities, if any, do not reasonably anticipate issuing in excess of \$10 million of new money tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds) during the calendar year 2019.

SECTION 3. It is further determined and stated that the Township has, as of the date hereof, issued the following tax-exempt obligations (other than the Note) during the calendar year 2019, viz:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Dated - Due</u>
\$9,700,000 BAN	5/17/19 – 5/15/20
\$9,700,000 BAN	6/28/19 – 6/26/20

SECTION 4. The Township will, to the best of its ability, attempt to comply with respect to the limitations on issuance of tax-exempt obligations pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code; however, said Township does not covenant to do so, and hereby expressly states that a covenant is not made hereby.

SECTION 5. The issuing officers of the Township be and they hereby are authorized to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the original purchaser of the Note and to further provide such original purchaser with a certificate of obligations issued during the calendar year 2019 dated as of the date of delivery of the Note.

SECTION 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: Mayor Giblin

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Michael Mason, 270 Walnut Avenue, commended Deputy Mayor Dooley for her efforts with the community. Provided an update regarding landscaping planting he did with help from the County at Heritage Plaza and various areas in town. Also discussed the recognition of William Ilaria with the Municipal Alliance.

Deputy Mayor Dooley thanked Mr. Mason for all his efforts. Happy with the recognition of Heritage Park because a lot more people are discovering it. Mentioned that the County has been a great partner and informed the public that signs for the park will be forthcoming soon.

Mayor Giblin thanked Mr. Mason for all his efforts.

Thomas Connolly, 16 Cranford Avenue, DMC Board member, discussed an article published in the Westfield Leader entitled “Historic Preservation Element Proposed for Master Plan” and expressed his concerns. Strongly disagrees with the Planning Board’s decision. Concerned that the Department of Public Works Roundhouse will be demolished to make way for housing or similar development. Discussed the history of the Roundhouse property. Feels the Roundhouse can be adaptively reused. Will be nominating the Cranford Junction Coachyard Roundhouse to New Jersey’s 2020 list of ten most endangered historic places. Feels it is time for the Township Committee to be more aware of developmental history of Cranford and make decisions that respect and protect rather than destroy architectural and cultural resources.

James Carvalho, 9 Orange Avenue, discussed the adoption of Resolution No. 2018-407 which authorized the appointment of Township Administrator James Cryan and Resolution No. 2019-335 which authorized an agreement with Township Administrator Cryan. Questioned the vote that took place for Resolution No. 2019-335 and the comments made by Township Administrator Cryan during Professional Comments. Questioned why Township Administrator Cryan thanked the Township Committee for a contract that received only two affirmative votes. Discussed how a resolution that receives only two affirmative votes achieves approval because abstentions count as a yes vote. Explained how the process should be handled going forward.

Brian Lopez, 29 Wade Avenue, discussed the Birchwood PILOT agreement and how important it is that the Board of Education receive a portion of the PILOT because the Cranford school system will be heavily impacted by this project. Wished the Township luck with the Hartz Mountain litigation.

Veronica Doyle, 18 Penn Road, personally thanked the Township Committee for the partnership between the Township Committee and the Board of Education. Discussed the school policy that was proposed a year ago that divided the Cranford community. Mentioned that two weeks ago a Referendum Committee was designated to help with the next phase that will hopefully breach the divide. Thanked Mayor Giblin for being appointed to the Referendum Committee because his unique perspective will truly be an asset. Thanked the Township Committee for fostering a relationship with the Board of Education that has involved allocating financial resources towards important programs like the School Safety Officers. Also thanked the Township Committee for its commitment to the community and to the Board of Education.

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

PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS

Township Clerk Patricia Donahue

- Announced that Tuesday, November 5, 2019 is General Election Day. Provided contact information and links available through the website;
- Thanked TV35 for assisting the Clerk's office with disseminating election information

Township Administrator James Cryan

- Mentioned that the Best Practices Inventory has been submitted to the State and has been certified. Explained the Best Practices Inventory to the public.

Township Attorney Ryan Cooper

- Clarified how votes are counted. Explained that abstention votes are not counted as "yes" votes, it is counted as not voting;
- Provided an Affordable Housing Update. Discussed the Hartz Mountain litigation that was filed against the Cranford Planning Board and the Township Committee challenging the denial of their application to rezone the property located at 750 Walnut Avenue. The Township's response will be due earlier this month. Mentioned that negotiations have been very successful with the Fair Share Housing Center regarding its affordable housing plan. Anticipates having a proposed settlement within the next couple of weeks which will then be submitted to the Township Committee for approval.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

- Announced that it is leaf season and asked residents to keep the gutters free of leaves to promote water from flowing down into the storm sewers. Also asked residents with storm sewers near their property to keep them clear of leaves;
- Discussed the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-372 which accepts with regret the retirement of Superintendent of Public Works Steven Wardell. Spoke about Mr. Wardell's various roles with the town and how he kept the town running on a day-to-day basis. Thanked him for his many dedicated years of service to the town and the residents.

Deputy Mayor Ann Dooley

- Echoed Commissioner Hannen's comments regarding Superintendent of Public Works Steven Wardell. Mr. Wardell has been a great coworker and great to partner with. He did tremendous work on the desilting of the Rahway River project and the replacement of the dam gates;
- Discussed the Phase 2B project on Riverside Drive that is well underway. The pipes will connect to the Riverside Drive pump station which would be a significant relief to the flood control issues in that area. Mentioned that the Phase 2B project was a concern of hers when she first ran in 2016 for Township Committee. Discussed the reason why the town lost track of the project, i.e., there was a lack of communication with the Department of Environmental Protection. Assured residents that the project is almost done which allow the roads to be repaved in that area;
- Spoke about the Engineering Department and how an in-house Township Engineer is needed for oversight purposes.

Commissioner Jean-Albert Maisonneuve

- Announced that the Township is currently accepting applications for a Township Engineer;
- Thanked Superintendent of Public Works Steven Wardell for his service to the Township. He

will truly be missed.

Commissioner Mary O'Connor

- Discussed an overview of the Road Repaving Projects that the Township Committee received last night from the Township's consulting engineers;
- Mentioned that she asked the Engineering Department to look at the Orchard Brook Project and discussed a major development in Garwood that will change the landscape of the Orchard Brook Project;
- Discussed the start of the South Union Avenue Draining and Repaving Project. The Department of Transportation funded two-thirds of the project through grants. That funding was almost lost because the appropriate paperwork was not completed. This could have jeopardized future funding which is unacceptable. Thanked Maser Consulting for securing the funding for Cranford. An engineering plan must be put into place but it must be the right one for Cranford. Suggested a hybrid plan where an in-house engineer would take care of residential concerns and address some oversight. For major capital projects a major engineering firm is needed for its resources and abilities to get the job done. This needs to be addressed so the 2020 projects can get done in 2020 and not in 2021;
- Announced that Cranford will be participating in the Department of Environmental Protection's program to place electrical charging stations throughout the town. Thanked DMC Director Bailer for securing the grant;
- Announced that the Cranford Movie Theatre will reopen November 8, 2019. Encouraged residents to support the theatre. Discussed the Red-Carpet Screening of "Shooting Heroin". Provided details for those interested;
- Thanked William Ilaria for serving as Chairman on the Municipal Alliance for the past decade. Can contest to his selfless dedication to keeping children safe and away from drugs and alcohol;
- Stated that for the past six years she had the privilege to work with Superintendent of Public Works Steven Wardell who is a true professional that is dedicated to Cranford residents and a pleasure to work with. He will be missed and wishes him the best and much happiness in his retirement;
- Discussed the VFW service honoring Peter Kline and Dan Sullivan. This year is the 75th anniversary of D-Day. There is a tremendous feeling of gratitude and respect for the gentlemen and thanked them for their sacrifice;
- Urged everyone to exercise their power and vote on Election Day;
- Wished everyone a Happy Halloween.

Mayor Patrick Giblin

- Echoed previous comments made regarding Superintendent of Public Works Steven Wardell;
- Thanked William Ilaria for his many years of service to the Municipal Alliance;
- Welcomed Brad Young to the Municipal Alliance. Confident he will be able to fill Mr. Ilaria's shoes;
- Discussed various engineering projects that are currently underway and will continue moving forward. Thanked the residents for their patience. Many projects underway require extensive infrastructure work which take time and money;
- Discussed the D-Day celebration held at the VFW which recognized Peter Klein and Daniel Sullivan. Thanked them for their sacrifice. There was a tremendous feeling of gratitude and respect for the gentlemen;
- Discussed a celebration he attended on Alan Okell Place which would have been Alan Okell's 100th Birthday. Thanked the residents for inviting him and everyone who was involved with the event;
- Wished everyone a happy and safe Halloween;
- Thanked the many groups in town that have contributed to a month-long Halloween celebration;
- Reminded residents that Tuesday is Election Day and the Polls are open from 6am to 8 pm.

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- Also thanked Cathy Scotti of Administration and Michele Stavrou from DMC for helping with getting voting information out to the public via the Township website.

On motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Township Clerk

Date: October 29, 2019