The Minutes of the **Official Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **November 12, 2019** at 7:42 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.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Maisonneuve and passed, the Bill List dated November 12, 2019, totaling \$4,738,670.66 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

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRESENTATION

Michael Edwards, Esq. of Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC was present.

Township Attorney Cooper provided a summary of the affordable housing meeting that took place last night. Discussed zoning regulations that were addressed in 1975 by the Supreme Court regarding affordable housing. Explained the distinction between fair share, which denotes the amount of affordable housing a municipality has to zone for and Fair Share Housing Center, which is a non-profit housing organization that the Supreme Court has designated to represent the class of persons who need affordable housing. Explained that if Cranford does comply with its obligation then the town can still maintain control and discretion as to the location of housing and affordable housing. If Cranford does not comply then a builder would have control of housing development. Clarified that fair share is the topline number a municipality must zone for the creation of affordable housing. Explained that realistic development potential (RDP) is the portion of the fair share housing that a municipality has been allocated that can realistically be developed based on the availability of vacant and suitable land for redevelopment. Also explained that unmet need as the difference between fair share housing and RDP. Provided the history of Cranford's affordable housing. Discussed the proposed settlement as a result of years-long negotiations. Highlighted the differences and distinctions of the changes throughout the years. The proposed fair share for Cranford is 440 units but the RDP has increased to 131 units with the addition of an extra 20 units due to a Supreme Court ruling that requires Cranford to make up the 20-unit difference that it lost when the density was reduced on the Birchwood Avenue development. This decision is currently subject to appeal before the Appellate Division and if the decision is reversed it would decrease the RDP calculation by the 20 units. Discussed changes in the existing plan and the proposed settlement along with changes this settlement will have on the proposed overlay zones. Explained overlay zones and their functions. Stated that the proposed overlay zone will be an improvement to Cranford by reducing density in the downtown districts with three-tiered levels of density: the highest level in the downtown core, the middle tier will be in the downtown business districts and the lowest density will be in the downtown transition districts. This overlay zone is the most consistent with the master plan by keeping density consistent with the Township's desire to make an advantage of mass transit. Spoke about the two proposed options for the 750 Walnut Avenue property. The highest-yielding option envisions a six-acre PSE&G electrical substation with 245 townhomes on the remainder of the property of which 196 would be age-restricted. The alternative proposal would be townhomes available to all families. Informed the public that it is the recommendation of the professionals that the proposed settlement has a number of benefits. The conclusion is that this assortment of options has the benefits of concentrating redevelopment downtown that would have a number of benefits for the Township. Explained that if the settlement is approved it would grant the Township immunity from Builders Remedy Lawsuits until 2025 and it also includes a significant surplus of credits preventing the Township from starting over again if there is a change in circumstance.

Deputy Mayor Dooley stated for the record that this presentation is an outline and does not stand on its own

INFORMAL MEETING

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

Michael Edwards, Esq. introduced himself as the Affordable Housing Attorney for the Township of Cranford. Explained that the affordability of the rents that can be charged are predetermined based on median incomes. They are deed-restricted and have affordability controls that have to last at least 30 years.

<u>Rita Mason, 16 Alan Okell Place,</u> stated that the Township Committee promised the public low-income housing. Feels the property taxes in town make it hard for people to live in Cranford. Questioned why she pays so much to the Board of Education. Questioned what justifies as low income.

Attorney Edwards explained that low income is classified by a household income lower than thirty percent of the region's median income.

Deputy Mayor Dooley explained that very low income for one person in this region is \$21,000 or below.

Ms. Mason discussed a tree located on her property that needs to be taken down.

Mayor Giblin stated that he came to her house to look at the tree and contacted PSE&G to see if they can address the issue.

<u>Donald Smith, 21 Oneida Place</u>, questioned what specific agencies need to approve the proposal in order for it to go into effect.

Attorney Edwards explained that if the Township Committee adopted the agreement the next step would be to schedule a Fairness Hearing. Stated that at a Fairness Meeting the court evaluates this settlement agreement through the prism of the interest of the region's low and moderate-income households and asks the question is it fair and reasonable to those households. Hartz Mountain or any other developers with an interest could object to that process. The objection period is 30 days followed by a Township response period and then the court's Special Master will issue a recommendation after hearing all the objections and responses. Discussed the various stages of the approval process. Informed the public that within the next six months a number of actions will come before the governing body and the Planning Board.

Mr. Smith inquired if the proposal would have to start again if someone opposed it.

Attorney Edwards explained that the developer is precluded at this stage from obtaining site specific relief.

Mr. Smith questioned if Attorney Edwards was representing Fair Share Housing or the Township Committee to Fair Share Housing.

Attorney Edwards explained that he represents the Township. Stated that Fair Share Housing Center is an interested party in the litigation. If the Township Committee adopts the proposal tonight, it will become a binding agreement subject to court approval.

Deputy Mayor Dooley confirmed that the Fair Share Housing Center acts like the "Plaintiff" in these matters.

Mr. Smith questioned if Fair Share Housing Center has agreed to this proposal.

Attorney Edwards stated that they have agreed and signed the proposal which is subject to court approval.

Mr. Smith asked if Hartz Mountain approves or disapproved of the proposal.

Attorney Edwards believes Hartz Mountain may object to the plan but feels confident that this is a defensible agreement and the Township will be successful in the hearings.

Mr. Smith spoke about the surplus in the affordable housing units for future change circumstances. Questioned if there is anything that suggests what the change might be.

Attorney Edwards stated that there are always adjustments predicated upon the lack of developable land. Assured Mr. Smith there will be a vacant land adjustment procedure in 2025. Spoke about a Supreme Court decision in Cherry Hill that if a site was not vacant at the time of the calculation of the town's RDP and becomes vacant it will generate RDP. Explained that Cranford's RDP surplus will benefit the town when it comes to future projects.

Discussion held regarding RDP and surplus.

Mr. Smith inquired if the proposal were to be adopted, would it limit the ability for the developer to add to what exists over and above the numbers that are in the proposal.

Attorney Edwards stated that once the proposal is approved by the court, it is the court's stamp of approval for the already generated number.

Mr. Smith inquired whether the plan included that PSE&G will acquire the acreage they are proposing for the electrical substation.

Attorney Edwards explained that it was conservatively estimated to remove six acres of their parcel from the RDP calculation.

Deputy Mayor Dooley explained that Fair Share Housing Center is locked in at 440 units but Cranford has reserved the right to readdress if the number should be less than 353.

Attorney Edwards stated that if there is a binding legal determination by an agency with a jurisdiction to bind you and the town's fair share number reduces to 352 units or less, the town will get the benefit of the reduction in Round 4.

Mr. Smith asked what the prior round number was.

Attorney Edwards stated that it was 148 units which has been satisfied with a few extra credits going forward that will be included in Round 3.

Rita Mason, 16 Alan Okell Place (2nd Time), asked a question from the audience that was inaudible.

Attorney Edwards explained that in order for it to be credit-worthy against the new construction obligation (because it is a regional need,) it had to be affirmatively marketed to the region.

Ms. Mason spoke about a tree that was cut down on her property without her permission.

<u>Rita LaBrutto, 104 Arlington Road,</u> stated that she was surprised that the Fair Share Center has already signed the agreement. Questioned if the town's RDP can be increased if a developer changes commercial property to residential.

Attorney Edwards explained that it is always a moving target and spoke about certain measures the town can take to protect against those circumstances.

Ms. LaBrutto asked if the 131 units included the vacant land adjustment.

Attorney Edwards stated that it includes vacant parcels that meet the five criteria he discussed earlier.

Ms. LaBrutto commented on the number of credits the town has received from group homes listed in the settlement.

Attorney Edwards assured Ms. LaBrutto that he is aware of the number of group homes this settlement includes and they will be evaluated entirely.

Ms. LaBrutto pointed out that the Township has had four different planners since 2010 which has lowered her level of confidence. Does not feel acquiring the additional credits should be difficult. Feels there is no focus on this because of the large turnover with planners. Hopes the Township does not take this lightly.

Discussion held regarding group homes and credit surplus.

Ms. LaBrutto asked if the extra rental bonus credits from the group homes could be used toward the unmet need.

Attorney Edwards explained that bonus credits cannot address unmet need. The town is capped at 25% of its Realistic Development Potential which the current maximum is 33 units. If there is a change in

circumstance and the town's RDP increases, then the town's cap will increase along with the town's ability for bonus credits. The same formula is used for surplus.

Discussion held regarding Harbor Consultant's Affordable Housing Plan.

Ms. LaBrutto mentioned that the proposal is for family rental units and questioned where the documentation is that states Cranford is deficient in family rental units.

Attorney Edwards stated that there is no such document because this is a new proposal.

Ms. LaBrutto discussed the overlay zone and questioned why two properties are listed in the downtown core and transitional district.

Attorney Edwards explained that it is more appropriately suited for the two parcels located in the downtown core to be moved to the transitional district.

<u>David Pringle</u>, 333 Walnut Avenue, appreciated the Affordable Housing Workshop Meeting that was held last night. Stated that it is impossible to project what the legislature might do in 2025. Feels the Township Committee, Township employees, Planning Board and people in dire need of affordable housing have been dealt a lousy hand. Feels this proposed settlement is making the best of a bad situation and a bad deal. Thanked the Township Committee for the proposed settlement. Supports the settlement with reservations and constraints and expressed concern about 201 Walnut Avenue. Is proud to be a resident of Cranford. Urged residents that are not happy with the proposal to contact their state, county and town representatives. Mentioned he is a lifelong resident in Cranford and thanked the Township Committee for the proposed settlement which he encourages them to adopt tonight.

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

ORDINANCES – Final Reading and Public Hearing

Ordinance No. 2019-13:

The Township Clerk read by title only Ordinance No. 2019-13 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, SECTION 1, PART II GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 393 TOWING, ARTICLE III REQUIREMENTS, SECTION 6(D) MINIMUM STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE AND SECTION 2, PART II GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 393 TOWING, ARTICLE IV PROCEDURE, SECTION 15, RATES" 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 Commissioner Maisonneuve 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

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. 2019-379:

RESOLUTION SUPERCEDING AND CANCELING RESOLUTION NO 2019-125

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2019 the Township of Cranford's Construction Code Official determined that Block 414, Lot 7, known as the property located at 155 Hillcrest Avenue, required emergency demolition. The property was deemed unsafe and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5, the amount of the demolition, \$29,475.00 was placed as a lien against the parcel.

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2019, Honorable Joseph P. Perfilio issued Docket No. F-002975-19, which determined that the demolition lien placed on the property located at Block 414, Lot 7, known as 155 Hillcrest Avenue for the sum of \$29,475.00 was declared to be invalid and such lien had to be removed from property.

WHEREAS, the Township intends this Resolution to supersede and cancel Resolution 2019-125; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, does hereby, authorize to cancel Resolution 2019-125 and remove the lien from the property at Block 414, Lot 7, known as 155 Hillcrest Avenue.

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Resolution No. 2019-380:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the salary for Robert Merrill, Communications Officer within the Police Department, be and hereby is set at \$45,863.24, effective November 12, 2019.

Resolution No. 2019-381:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-58 provides for appropriation transfers during the last two (2) months of the year, when it has been determined it is necessary to expand for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the sum appropriated therefore and where it has been further determined that there is an excess in any appropriation over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation, the Governing Body may, by Resolution setting forth the facts, adopted by not less than two-thirds vote of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be and the same is hereby authorized to make transfers among the 2019 budget appropriations in accordance with the following schedule of transfers

Account		From	To
Pool S&W 9-26-00-100-105-104		10,000.00	
Pool O/E Misc. 9-26-00-200-105-280			4,000.00
Pool O/E Maintenance & Repair 9-26-00-200-105-221			6,000.00
Pool Social Security 9-26-00-230-100-285		3,000.00	
Pool O/E Maintenance & Repair 9-26-00-200-105-221			3,000.00
SID O/E Maintenance & Repair 9-21-00-200-100-221		3,500.00	
SID S&W 9-21-00-100-101			3,500.00
Engineering S&W 9-01-20-165-100-101		130,000.00	
Engineering O/E Professional Services 9-01-20-165-100-214			130,000.00
Account		From	To
Salary Account 9-01-36-47-100-101	121,800		
Admin: F/T Personnel 9-01-20-100-100-101			10,000.00
Admin O/E o/s Professional Services 9-01-20-100-100-214			40,000.00
Admin O/E o/s Prof. Planning & Engin 9-01-20-100-100-216	neering		50,00000
Youth Seasonal S&W 9-01-28-370-130-104			2,000.00
Senior Bus S&W 9-01-28-371-100-104			2,000.00
Zoning/Planning: S&W F/T Personnel 9-01-21-190-000-101			3,000.00

Zoning/Planning; S&W Regular P/T 9-01-21-190-000-103		3,000.00
Other Insurance 9-01-23-210-000-220		2,300.00
Court S&W 9-01-43-490-000-103		2,000.00
Conservation: S&W 9-01-26-290-145-103		1,500.00
B&G Parking System O/E 9-01-26-310-145-271		2,000.00
Recreation S&W 9-01-28-370-100-101		4,000.00
	\$268,300.00	\$268,300.00

Resolution No. 2019-382:

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

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2019, bids were received for the provision of administrative and police vehicles for the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System, System Identifier 47-CPCPS, pursuant to N.J.A.C 5:34-7.1, et seq.: and

WHEREAS, the Cranford Building Department secured vehicle pricing through the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System; and

WHEREAS, Beyer Ford/Beyer of Morristown, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07962 is the lowest responsible bidder for this contract at a low bid price of \$34,540.19 for the purchase of one (1) 2020 Ford Explorer Hybrid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, on this 12th day of November 2019, that Beyer Ford/Beyer of Morristown, 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07962, as more particularly set forth in the Successful Bidders proposal dated October 1, 2019, which bid proposal is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk; be and hereby is awarded a contract for the purchase of one (1) 2020 Ford Explorer Hybrid.

Resolution No. 2019-383:

Moved to Roll Call Vote

Resolution No. 2019-384:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, on this 12th day of November, 2019, that the Township Committee hereby accepts, with regrets, the retirement of Department of Public Works Administrative Assistant, Joanne Westcott, effective December 1, 2019.

Resolution No. 2019-385:

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for general litigation 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 has deemed that the background, experience and qualifications of the following respondents satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFQ; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held January 2, 2019, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2019-06, designating Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti LLP as an expert to be engaged to provide general litigation legal services; 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. Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti LLP, One Speedwell Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07962, be and hereby is awarded a contract to provide general litigation services for 750 Walnut Ave. litigation at a cost not to exceed \$15,000; and
- 2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti LLP**; 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. 9-01-20-155-100-200

Resolution No. 2019-386:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford required an expert to provide environmental legal services to the Township of Cranford; and

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

WHEREAS, at a meeting held January 2, 2019, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2019-11, authorizing an award of contract to Wanda Chin Monahan, Esq. for the aforementioned service at a fee not to exceed \$5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend said contract for an additional amount not to exceed \$15,000.00; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, be and hereby amends the contract awarded to, Wanda Chin Monahan, Esq., of the Law Offices of Wanda Chin Monahan, LLC, 50 Cardinal Drive, Suite 102, Westfield, New Jersey 07090 for environmental legal services via issuance of purchase orders in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. 9-01-20-155-100-214.

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None Abstained: None Absent: None

Deputy Mayor Dooley thanked retiring Department of Public Works employee Joanne Westcott for her service.

RESOLUTION - By Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution No. 2019-383:

APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH FAIR SHARE HOUSING CENTER REGARDING THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATION

WHEREAS, upon notice duly provided pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40:55D-13, the Planning Board held a public hearing on December 12, 2018, on the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (hereinafter "Affordable Housing Plan" or the "Plan") and;

WHEREAS, the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan was adopted on December 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2018, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford endorsed the Affordable Housing Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township Cranford filed a Complaint in the Superior Court, Union County, seeking a Declaratory Judgment, among other things, that Affordable Housing Plan satisfies the Township's "fair share" of the regional need for low and moderate income housing pursuant to the Mount Laurel doctrine; and

WHEREAS, the trial court appointed a "Special Master", as is customary in a Mount Laurel case, to assist the Court; and

WHEREAS, with the Special Master's assistance, Cranford and Fair Share Housing Center have engaged in good faith negotiations and have reached an amicable accord on the various substantive provisions, terms and conditions, of a revised Affordable Housing Plan that both parties shall agree satisfies the Township's "fair share" of the regional need for low and moderate income housing pursuant to the Mount Laurel doctrine; and

WHEREAS, through that process, the Township and FSHC agreed to settle the litigation and to present that settlement to the trial court, recognizing that the settlement of Mount Laurel litigation is favored because it avoids delays and the expense of trial and results more quickly in the construction of homes for lower-income households; and

WHEREAS, it is particularly appropriate where, as here, the Court has yet to make a determination of the Township's fair share, to arrive at a settlement regarding a municipality's fair share obligation, instead of doing so through plenary adjudication of that obligation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD that the Mayor and Township Attorney be, and hereby are, authorized to execute all documents necessary to finalize the settlement with Fair Share Housing Center, including the Settlement Agreement and constituent documents in substantially the form approved by the Township Committee.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Hannen stated that he appreciates all the comments made tonight. Feels it is with reservation and some reluctance to adopt this proposal but it is the best of the situation. Stated that this will have a major impact on Cranford's school system and parking in town. Will be voting in favor of the settlement.

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

PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS

Township Clerk Patricia Donahue

• Thanked everyone involved in the General election for their efforts.

Township Administrator James Cryan

- Thanked the Clerk's Office for their efforts with the General election;
- Congratulated Commissioner O'Connor on being re-elected and Commissioner-Elect Prunty for running a successful campaign. Looks forward to working with everyone.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Mary O'Connor

- Discussed the adoption of Resolution No. 2019-383 which authorizes the execution of the affordable housing settlement. Spoke about the financial burden the Birchwood Avenue project had on the town. Does not want the town to go through another protracted bidder negotiation or litigation. Feels this settlement will give the town hope for the future and control of its destiny. Thanked everyone who came out and commented. Spoke about the workshop meeting that took place. Happy to see the community come forward and state their opinions and concerns. Congratulated everyone who worked on the settlement;
- Thanked everyone who supported her campaign. Is honored to represent the residents of Cranford. Looks forward to continuing to serve them. Gave a special thanks to her family;
- Congratulated Commissioner-elect Prunty. Looks forward to working with her in the future;
- Thanked her running mate Philip Siliato and Brian Andrews for their campaign efforts;
- Congratulated Cranford for being named the Number 1 Downtown in New Jersey for the second year in a row.

Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

• Congratulated Department of Public Works employee Joanne Westcott for her years of service. Wished her a happy retirement.

Commissioner Jean-Albert Maisonneuve

- Thanked Township employee Joanne Westcott for her years of service to the town through various departments;
- Thanked all the Veterans for their service;
- Thanked everyone involved with the affordable housing settlement. Feels this settlement is a great course for Cranford's future;
- Congratulated Commissioner O'Conner on being re-elected;
- Congratulated Commissioner-elect Prunty on her election;
- Thanked Philip Siliato and Brian Andrews for their efforts on running for Township Committee. It was much appreciated.

Deputy Mayor Ann Dooley

- Congratulated Commissioner-elect Prunty on running a successful campaign;
- Congratulated Commissioner O'Connor on being re-elected;
- Thanked Philip Siliato and Brian Andrews for their efforts on running for Township Committee. They are wonderful Cranford residents and volunteers;
- Commended and thanked the Clerk's Office for their efforts with the General election;

- Mentioned that December 31, 2019 will be her last official day as a commissioner;
- Discussed affordable housing. Feels the public has the right to understand the matrix. Thanked the Planning Board for their efforts. Explained that the Township is not a private corporation that has shareholders and owners. Cranford is a municipality with 8,000 homes and over 20,000 residents. The Township Committee's decisions have to be mindful of the homes and residents. It is her feeling that the Township Committee are fiduciaries and trustees of the public. Public tax dollars are resources and quality of life. Looks at this settlement as a mitigated risk. Feels the negotiations prove how well this settlement is. Informed the public that the Birchwood Avenue Project cost the Township \$1 million in legal feels which has taught the Township a lesson. Discussed the history of the Birchwood Avenue project and its density. Commended the Township Committee particularly Commissioner Hannen for their and his efforts which resulted in a lower density than originally proposed. Reminded the public that the property located at 750 Walnut Avenue is twice the size of the Birchwood Avenue property with the same number of proposed units. Discussed four very significant challenges that the Township Committee had to integrate when negotiating the affordable housing settlement. Stated that the negotiations were hard and smart with the town ending up with 440 units instead of 1,227 units. Tremendously thanked the Township Committee, Township Attorney Cooper, Affordable Housing Attorney Edwards and Town Planner Banish. Thanked Mayor Giblin for running efficient meetings and making public communication first priority. Feels the Township Committee did the right thing.

Mayor Patrick Giblin

- Congratulated DMC Director Bailer, the DMC Board and the Downtown Business on being voted as the Number 1 Downtown in New Jersey for the second time in a row. Commended them for their efforts;
- Wished all the veterans a Happy Veterans Day. Discussed the Veteran's Day Celebration held at the Cranford VFW. Discussed plaques that are displayed in Council Chambers and urged the public to take a moment and read them;
- Expects to have an answer regarding the PSE&G Powerline Reroute effort. Will be meeting with them Friday morning. Will keep the public posted;
- Discussed the affordable housing settlement that was adopted tonight. Stated that there was a lot of push and negotiating. Discussed the affordable housing meeting that took place last night. Thanked the residents for being so on top of this matter and keeping the Township Committee accountable. Feels this has helped to move the process along and educated everyone;
- Congratulated Commissioner O'Connor on being re-elected;
- Congratulated Commissioner-elect Prunty on running a successful campaign;
- Thanked Brian Andrews and Philip Siliato for their efforts on running for Township Committee:
- Congratulated the Cranford Board of Education candidates that won the election. Over 6,100 voters voted which is 38% of Cranford registered voters. He noted this turnout was significantly higher than the County's average. Commended everyone who voted.

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dooley and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 9:14 PM.

	Respectfully submitted,	
	Patricia Donahue, RMC	
Date: November 12, 2019	Township Clerk	