

**TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD  
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 4, 2021  
6:04 p.m.**

**THIS MEETING IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT" AS ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY E-MAILING AND/OR FAXING A NOTICE OF THIS MEETING TO THE WESTFIELD LEADER, UNION COUNTY LOCAL SOURCE, THE STAR LEDGER, AND TAP INTO CRANFORD, BY POSTING OF SUCH NOTICE ON A BULLETIN BOARD IN 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:**       **Mary O'Connor  
                      Brian Andrews  
                      Jason Gareis  
                      Thomas Hannen  
                      Kathleen Miller Prunty**

**Absent:**         **None**

The Organization Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, New Jersey, held on January 4, 2021 at 6:04 p.m. was called to order by Township Clerk Patricia Donahue.

The Flag Salute was led by the Police and Fire Honorary Color Guard, followed by the invocation which was offered by Revered Doctor Carol A. Lindsay, Pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church.

**Election of Chair for 2021**

Township Clerk Patricia Donahue called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Township Committee for 2021. Commissioner Andrews placed the name of Kathleen Miller Prunty as Chair. No other names were placed in nomination. Township Clerk Patricia Donahue closed the nominations.

Kathleen Miller Prunty was elected to serve as Chair of the Township Committee for the year 2021 by roll call vote as indicated:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Commissioners Andrews, Gareis, Hannen, Miller Prunty and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

County Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski administered the Oath of Office to Kathleen Miller Prunty as Chair of the Township Committee for the year 2021.

**Election of Vice Chair for 2021**

Township Clerk Patricia Donahue called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Township Committee for 2021. Mayor Miller Prunty placed the name of Brian Andrews as Vice Chair for the year 2021. No other names were placed in nomination. Township Clerk Patricia Donahue closed the nominations.

Brian Andrews was elected to serve as Vice Chair of the Township Committee for the year 2021, by roll call vote as indicated:

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Commissioners Andrews, Gareis, Hannen and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Congressman Malinowski (virtually) administered the Oath of Office to Brian Andrews as Vice Chair of the Township Committee for the year 2021 (Congressman Malinowski dialed into the Meeting as he was in Washington, D.C.)

**FIVE MINUTE RECESS**

**Mayoral Appointments of Township Commissioners**

Finance	Mary O'Connor
Public Safety	Jason Gareis
Public Affairs	Brian Andrews

Public Works and Engineering Thomas Hannen

**Mayoral Appointments to the Planning Board**

Juan Carlos Nordelo as a Class II member for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021

Kate Rappa as a Class IV member for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2023

Kathleen Murray as a Class IV member for an unexpired one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021.

Diana Sen as an Alternate No. 1 member for a two (2) year term ending December 31, 2022

**Mayoral Appointments to the Environmental Commission**

Steve Jandoli as member for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2023

Carol Berns as member for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2023

Kate Rappa as member for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2023

Jay Stevens as an Alternate No. 1 member for a two (2) year term ending December 31, 2022

Patricia Pavlak as an Alternate No. 2 member for a two (2) year term ending December 31, 2022

Farhan Ahmed, Daniel Aschenbach, Michael Bond, Ben Cohen, Jane Glass, Kevin Harrison, Marya Helmstetter, Donald Jones, Frank Klapinski, William King, Barbara Krause, Tim O'Brien, Ana Pinto, Jeffrey Pistol, David Pringle, Mary Sudiak, Michael Venditti for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021

Thomas Hannen as Commissioner/Liaison

**Mayoral Appointments to Historic Preservation Advisory Board**

Steve Saltzman as a Class B member for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2022

Steve Saltzman as Chair for a term ending December 31, 2021

Amy Imhoff as a Class B member for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021

Sarah Oliver as a Class C member for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2023

Maureen MacDougall as a Class C member for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2023

Jeffrey Pistol as a Class C/Alternate No. 1 member for a two (2) year term ending December 31, 2022

Theresa Bulger, Randy Geis, William King, Alan Lieberman, Michael Mason, Nancy Price, Stephen Price, Justin Van Dyk as Associate Members for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021

Jason Gareis as Commissioner/Liaison

**Mayoral Appointments to Emergency Management Council**

Police Chief Ryan Greco, Deputy Coordinator; Police Captain Guy Patterson, Deputy Coordinator; Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty; Township Administrator Jamie Cryan; Commissioner of Public Safety Jason Gareis; Superintendent. of Schools, Dr. Scott Rubin; Public Works Liaison Erik Hastrup; Construction Code Official, Richard Belluscio; TV35 Representative, Edward Davenport; Citizen Representatives Dr. Margaret (Peg) Pipchick and Andis Kalnins; DMC Director; Consultant Juan Carlos Nordello; and Dr. Terrence Curran, for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021

**Mayoral Appointment as Board of Education Liaison for 2021**

Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty

**Mayoral Appointment to the Library Board**

Mai Reitmeyer as member for a four (4) year term ending December 31, 2024

Kathleen Miller Prunty as Mayor/Liaison

**RESOLUTIONS-by Roll Call Vote**

On motion of Commissioner Gareis, seconded by Commissioner Hannen and passed, the following resolution was adopted by roll call vote:

**Resolution No. 2021-01A:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that **Mark J. Cassidy, Esq.** be, and hereby is, appointed as Municipal Court Judge for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2023.

**Recorded vote:**

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Andrews, Commissioners Gareis, Hannen and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

The Honorable Karen M. Cassidy, NJ Superior Court Judge, administered the Oath of Office to Mark J. Cassidy as Municipal Court Judge for a three-year term expiring 2023.

On motion of Deputy Mayor Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Gareis and passed, the following resolution was adopted by roll call vote:

**Resolution No. 2021-01:**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Township of Cranford to engage an expert to provide Township Attorney legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) for the Provision of Various 2021 Professional Services through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, **Ryan J. Cooper, Esq.** is the principal/sole owner of Cooper, LLC, Counselors at Law, Cranford, New Jersey; 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/P; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance have certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2021 municipal budget 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. **Ryan J. Cooper, Esq. of Cooper, LLC, Counselors at Law, 108 N. Union Ave., Suite 4, Cranford, NJ 07016** be and hereby, is appointed as Township Attorney for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021; and
2. **Ryan J. Cooper, Esq.**, be and hereby, is awarded a contract to provide all regular and routine activities of a municipal attorney, including and without limitation attendance at all Township Committee Meetings, preparation of ordinances and resolutions, as needed, consultations and conferences, legal research, rendering of legal advice and preparation of bid specifications and contracts at a fixed cost of \$64,250 during his one-year term as Township Attorney; and
3. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Ryan J. Cooper, Esq.** and;
4. 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.1-01-20-155-100-214.

**Recorded vote:**

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Andrews, Commissioners Gareis and O'Connor

Nay: Commissioner Hannen

Abstained: None

Absent: None

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

**Resolution No. 2021-56:**

**RESOLUTION SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 2020-389 APPROVING THE 2021  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following is the schedule of Township Committee Meetings for the Year 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that formal action may be taken at Workshop or Official Meetings; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Workshop Meetings and Conference Meetings held in-person will be held in Room 108 or Room 107/Council Chambers, and Official Meetings held in-person will be held in Room 107/Council Chambers; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all meetings held between January 12, 2021 and April 30, 2021 will be held remotely due to the ongoing public health emergency and can be accessed via

videoconference at <https://meet.google.com/rkv-qdpj-nty>, or by telephone at 213-634-2478, with the access code for telephone access published on the meeting agenda the Friday before the remote meeting; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Workshop Meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. and will be dedicated to closed session discussion from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Conference Meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. and Official Meetings will be held at 8:00 p.m.; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that during combined Workshop and Official Meeting dates, the Workshop Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. and the Official Meeting at 7:30 p.m.:

**Reorganization Meeting                      Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>                      6:00 p.m.**

**Combined Workshop                      Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>                      6:30 p.m.**  
**and Official**

**Budget Meeting                      Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>                      8:00 a.m.**

**Workshop Meeting                      Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>                      7:00 p.m.**  
**Conference and Official                      Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>                      7:30 p.m.**

**Capital Budget Meeting                      Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>                      7:00 p.m.**

**Workshop Meeting                      Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>                      7:00 p.m.**  
**Conference and Official                      Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>                      7:30 p.m.**

**Combined Workshop                      Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>                      6:30 p.m.**  
**and Official**

**Workshop Meeting                      Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>                      7:00 p.m.**  
**Conference and Official                      Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>                      7:30 p.m.**

**Workshop Meeting                      Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>                      7:00 p.m.**  
**Conference and Official                      Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>                      7:30 p.m.**

**Workshop Meeting                      Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>                      7:00 p.m.**  
**Conference and Official                      Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>                      7:30 p.m.**

**Workshop Meeting                      Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>                      7:00 p.m.**  
**Conference and Official                      Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>                      7:30 p.m.**

**Workshop Meeting                      Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>                      7:00 p.m.**  
**Conference and Official                      Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>                      7:30 p.m.**

**Workshop Meeting                      Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>                      7:00 p.m.**  
**Conference and Official                      Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>                      7:30 p.m.**

**Combined Workshop                      Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>                      6:30 p.m.**  
**and Official**

**Workshop Meeting                      Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>                      7:00 p.m.**  
**Conference and Official                      Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>                      7:30 p.m.**

**Workshop Meeting                      Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>                      7:00 p.m.**  
**Conference and Official                      Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>                      7:30 p.m.**

**Workshop Meeting                      Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>                      7:00 p.m.**  
**Conference and Official                      Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>                      7:30 p.m.**

**Workshop Meeting                      Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>                      7:00 p.m.**  
**Conference and Official                      Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>                      7:30 p.m.**

**Combined Workshop                      Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>                      6:30 p.m.**  
**and Official**

**Workshop Meeting                      Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>                      7:00 p.m.**  
**Conference and Official                      Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>                      7:30 p.m.**

<b>Combined Workshop and Official</b>	<b>Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Workshop Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, November 22<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Conference and Official</b>	<b>Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Workshop Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Conference and Official</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Mayor Miller Prunty explained that the recent increase in COVID-19 cases within Cranford was the deciding factor for adopting this resolution. Discussed regulations issued by the State of New Jersey Community Affairs which give municipalities guidelines for conducting meetings virtually to make things easier and safer for the public. Explained how the process will work making it easier for the public to participate in the meeting. Is hopeful the Township Committee will be able to return to in person meetings in the near future.

Commissioner Hannen explained that he is not in favor of the adoption of this resolution. Understands the sentiment for safety reasons but mentioned that the municipal building is open to the public, churches are open, grocery stores are open.

**Recorded vote:**

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Andrews, Commissioners Gareis and O'Connor

Nay: Commissioner Hannen

Abstained: None

Absent: None

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

**Resolution No. 2021-97:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that the Call Department of the Cranford Fire Department consists of the following members:

Lieutenant Ronald Marotta

Firefighter Alexa Aldredge

Firefighter Jake Anderson

Firefighter Stephanie Bagniewski

Firefighter Karolyn Buckridee

Firefighter Allen Davies

Firefighter Andrew DiFrancesco

Firefighter Jordan Gassmann

Firefighter Brennan Quionnes

Firefighter Christopher Rentoulis

Firefighter Paul Richardson

Firefighter Matthew Ridge

Firefighter Thomas Zub

**Recorded vote:**

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Andrews, Commissioners Gareis and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: Commissioner Hannen

Absent: None

**RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda**

On motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and passed, the following resolutions were adopted by consent agenda:

**Resolution No. 2021 -02:**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Township of Cranford to engage an expert to provide labor attorney services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) for the Provision of Various 2021 Professional 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 respondent herein satisfies the criteria set forth in the RFQ/P; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2021 municipal budget 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. **Vaughan Baio & Partners, 317 George Street, Suite 320, New Brunswick, NJ 08901** be and hereby is awarded a contract to provide Labor Attorney legal services at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00.
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Vaughan Baio & Partners**; 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. 1-01-20-155-100-214.

**Resolution No. 2021-03:**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Township of Cranford to engage an expert to provide Labor Attorney legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) for the Provision of Various 2021 Professional 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 respondent herein satisfies the criteria set forth in the RFQ/P; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2021 municipal budget 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. **Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro and Murphy, 25 Independence Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey, 07059**, be and hereby is awarded a contract to provide labor and employment legal services in connection with the Township’s personnel manual and related policies at a cost not to exceed \$7,500.00;
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy**; 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. 1-01-20-155-100-214.

**Resolution No. 2021-04:**

**STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND RESOLUTION APPOINTING RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT**

**WHEREAS**, The Township of Cranford (hereinafter “Local Unit”) has joined the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter “Fund”), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A: 10-36 *et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Risk Management Consultant, as those positions are defined in the Bylaws, if requested to do so by the “Fund”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Unit has complied with relevant law with regard to the appointment of a Risk Management Consultant; and

**WHEREAS**, the “Fund” has requested its members to appoint individuals or entities to that position;

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

1. The Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby appoints **Meeker Sharkey & Hurley, 21 Commerce Drive, Cranford, New Jersey, 07016**, as its Risk Management Consultant; and
2. The Mayor, Township Clerk and Risk Management Consultant are hereby authorized to execute the Risk Management Consultant’s Agreement for the year 2021 in the form attached hereto.

**Resolution No. 2021-05:**

**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 advertised for a Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) for the Provision of Various 2021 Professional 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 respondents satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFQ/P; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey that general litigation legal services in calendar year 2021 be provided by the following firms:

1. McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP, 570 Broad Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, Newark, New

- Jersey, 07102; and
2. Vaughan Baio & Partners, 317 George Street, Suite 320, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 08901.

**Resolution No. 2021-06:**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Township of Cranford to engage an expert to provide General Litigation services for the Township of Cranford; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) for the Provision of Various 2021 Professional 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 respondent satisfies the criteria set forth in the RFQ/P; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance have certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2021 municipal budget 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, New Jersey, 07962**, be and hereby, is awarded a contract to provide professional legal services, including and without limitation, litigation, tax appeal and legal work in connection with any pending litigation; real estate matters, attendance at meetings other than meetings of the Township Committee (federal, State, county and other local government entities); legal work in connection with any rehabilitation or redevelopment plans and redevelopment agreements; codification of ordinances and major revisions of chapters of the municipal code of the Township of Cranford; and such other legal services as the Township Committee may direct at a cost of \$200.00 per hour, not to exceed \$10,000.00; 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. 1-01-20-155-100-214.

**Resolution No. 2021-07:**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Township of Cranford to engage an expert to provide General Litigation services for the Township of Cranford; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) for the Provision of Various 2021 Professional 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 respondent satisfies the criteria set forth in the RFQ/P; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance have certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2021 municipal budget 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. **Ryan J. Cooper, Esq. of Cooper, LLC, 108 N. Union Ave., Suite 4, Cranford, New Jersey 07016**, be and hereby, is awarded a contract to provide professional legal services, including and without limitation, litigation, tax appeal and legal work in connection with any pending litigation; real estate matters, attendance at meetings other than meetings of the Township Committee (federal, State, county and other local government entities); legal work in connection with any rehabilitation or redevelopment plans and redevelopment agreements; codification of ordinances and major revisions of chapters of the municipal code of the Township of Cranford; and such other legal services as the Township Committee may direct at a cost of \$170.00 per hour, not to exceed \$85,000.00; and
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Ryan J. Cooper, Esq., Cooper, LLC**; 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. 1-01-20-155-100-214.

**Resolution No. 2021-08:**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Township of Cranford to engage an expert to provide Municipal Prosecutor legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) for the Provision of Various 2021 Professional 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 respondent herein satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFQ/P; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance have certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2021 municipal budget 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. **Norman W. Albert, Esq., 23 North Avenue East, Cranford, New Jersey, 07016** be and hereby, is appointed as Municipal Prosecutor for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021; and
2. **Norman W. Albert, Esq.** is awarded a contract to provide all regular and routine activities of a prosecutor at a cost not to exceed \$51,000.00 during his term as Municipal Prosecutor; and
3. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Norman W. Albert, Esq.**; and
4. 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. 1-01-20-155-100-214.

**Resolution No. 2021-09:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey that **Mark Rothman, Esq., of Robbins and Robbins LLP, 568 Amboy Avenue, Woodbridge, New Jersey, 07095**, be and hereby is appointed as Alternate Municipal Prosecutor for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021.

**Resolution No. 2021-10:**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Township of Cranford to engage an expert to provide Public Defender legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) for the Provision of Various 2021 Professional 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 respondent satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFQ/P; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2021 municipal budget 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. **Jared Weiss, Esq., of the firm Fruchter, Weiss and Associate, 535 Boulevard, Kenilworth, New Jersey, 07033**, be and hereby is appointed as Public Defender for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021; and
2. **Jared Weiss, Esq.**, be and hereby, is awarded a contract to provide all regular and routine activities of a public defender at a cost not to exceed \$9,000.00 during his term as Public Defender; and
3. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Jared Weiss, Esq.**; and
4. 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. T-15-00-000-103-000.

**Resolution No. 2021-11:**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Township of Cranford to engage an expert to provide Environmental legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) for the Provision of Various 2021 Professional 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 respondent herein satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFQ/P; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance have certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2021 municipal budget 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 that Environmental legal services in calendar year 2021 be provided by the following firm:

1. **Wanda Chin Monahan, Esq., of The Law Offices of Wanda Chin Monahan, LLC, 50 Cardinal Drive, Suite 102, Westfield, New Jersey, 07090** be and hereby, is awarded a contract to provide Environmental legal services at a cost of \$215.00 per hour, not to exceed \$5,000.00; and
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Wanda Chin Monahan, Esq.** 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. 1-01-20-155-100-214.

**Resolution No. 2021-12:**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Township of Cranford to engage an expert to provide Redevelopment legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) for the Provision of Various 2021 Professional 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 respondent herein satisfies the criteria set forth in the RFQ/P; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2021 municipal budget 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. **Wanda Chin Monahan, Esq., of The Law Offices of Wanda Chin Monahan, LLC, 50 Cardinal Drive, Suite 102, Westfield, NJ 07090** be and hereby is awarded a contract to provide Redevelopment legal services at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.00.
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Wanda Chin Monahan, Esq., of The Law Offices of Wanda Chin Monahan, LLC**; 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. 1-01-20-155-100-214.

**Resolution No. 2021-13:**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Township of Cranford to engage an expert to provide Redevelopment legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) for the Provision of Various 2021 Professional 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 respondent herein satisfies the criteria set forth in the RFQ/P; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2021 municipal budget 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. **Carlin & Ward, PC, 25B Vreeland Road, P.O. Box 751, Florham Park, New Jersey, 07932**, be and hereby is awarded a contract to provide Redevelopment legal services at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.00.
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Carlin and Ward, PC**, 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. 1-01-20-155-100-214.

**Resolution No. 2021-14:**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Township of Cranford to engage an expert to provide Affordable Housing legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) for the Provision of Various 2021 Professional 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 respondent herein satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFQ/P; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance have certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2021 municipal budget 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. **Jeffery Surenian, Esq., of Surenian, Edwards & Nolan LLC, 707 Union Avenue, Suite 301, Brielle, New Jersey, 08730**, be and hereby, is awarded a contract to provide Affordable Housing legal services at a cost of \$200.00 per hour, not to exceed \$50,000.00; and
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Jeffery Surenian, Esq.** 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. 1-01-20-155-100-214.

**Resolution No. 2021-15:**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Township of Cranford to engage an expert to provide Tax Appeal legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) for the Provision of Various 2021 Professional 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 respondent satisfies the criteria set forth in the RFQ/P; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance have certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2021 municipal budget 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. **Renaud DeAppolonio, LLC**, 190 North Avenue East, Cranford, New Jersey, 07016 be and hereby, is awarded a contract to provide Tax Appeal legal services at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00; and
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Renaud DeAppolonio, LLC**; 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. 1-01-20-155-100-214.

**Resolution No. 2021-16:**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Township of Cranford to engage an expert to provide Tax Appeal legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) for the Provision of Various 2021 Professional 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 respondents satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFQ/P; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey that Tax Appeal legal services in calendar year 2021 be provided by the following firm:

1. Chasan Lamparello Mallon & Cappuzzo, PC, 300 Lighting Way, Suite 200, Secaucus, New Jersey, 07094.

**Resolution No. 2021-17:**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need to engage experts to provide Appraisal services for the Township of Cranford; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) for the Provision of Various 2021 Professional 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/P.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey that Appraisal services during 2021 be provided by the following:

1. Appraisal Associates, Inc., 524 South Avenue East, Cranford, New Jersey, 07016

**Resolution No. 2021-18:**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Township of Cranford to engage an expert to provide in-house Engineering services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) for the Provision of Various 2021 Professional 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 respondent herein satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFQ/P; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance have certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2021 municipal budget 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. **Maser Consulting Inc.**, (to be known as Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc.) **400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mount Arlington, New Jersey, 07856**, be and hereby is

awarded a contract to provide in-house Engineering services at a fee not to exceed \$145,000.00; and

2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Maser Consulting Inc.** (to be known as Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc.); 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. 1-01-20-165-100-214.

**Resolution No. 2021-19:**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need to engage experts to provide Engineering services for the Township of Cranford; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) for the Provision of Various 2021 Professional 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/P.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey that Engineering services during 2021 be provided by the following:

1. Neglia Engineering Associates, 34 Park Avenue, P.O. Box 426, Lyndhurst, New Jersey, 07071
2. Mott MacDonald, 412 Mt. Kemble Avenue, Suite G22, Morristown, New Jersey, 07960
3. French & Parello Associates, 1800 Route 34, Suite 101, Wall, New Jersey, 07719
4. Grotto Engineering Associates, LLC, 340 North Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey, 07016

**Resolution No. 2021-20:**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Township of Cranford to engage an expert to provide Planning services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) for the Provision of Various 2021 Professional 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 satisfied the criteria set forth in the RFQ/P; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2021 municipal budget 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. **Banisch Associates, Inc., 111 Main Street, Flemington, New Jersey, 08822**, be and hereby is awarded a contract to provide Planning services at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00.
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Banisch Associates, Inc.**; 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. 1-01-20-100-100-216

**Resolution No. 2021-21:**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need to engage experts to provide Planning services for the Township of Cranford; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) for the Provision of Various 2021 Professional 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/P.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey that Planning services during 2021 be provided by the following:

1. Topology, NJ, LLC, 60 Union Street, #1N, Newark, New Jersey, 07105
2. Maser Consulting (to be known as Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc.), 331 Newman Springs Road., Suite 203, Red Bank, New Jersey, 07701

**Resolution No. 2021-22:**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Township of Cranford to engage an expert to provide Auditing and Consulting services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) for the Provision of Various 2021 Professional Services through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 et seq. requires a registered municipal accountant to perform an annual audit of annual books, accounts and financial transactions of the Township of Cranford; 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/P; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance have certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2021 municipal budget 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. **Warren M. Korecky, Partner, for the firm of Suplee, Clooney & Company, 308 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, 07090**, be and hereby are appointed Auditors for the Township of Cranford to perform the annual audits for year 2021 at a fee not to exceed \$41,400.00; and
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Suplee, Clooney & Company**; 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. 1-01-20-135-100-214.

**Resolution No. 2021-23:**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Township of Cranford to engage an expert to provide Bond Counsel services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) for the Provision of Various 2021 Professional 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 respondent herein satisfy the criteria set forth in the RFQ/P; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township requires specialized legal services in connection with the authorization and the issuance of bonds or notes of the Township of Cranford (the “Township”) in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, including the review of such procedures and the rendering of approving legal opinions acceptable to the financial community; and

**WHEREAS**, **Rogut McCarthy LLC** has submitted a proposal dated October 26, 2020, indicating it would provide the above services based on the fees set forth in the firm’s cost proposal; and

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

1. **Steve Rogut, Esq., for the firm of Rogut McCarthy LLC, 37 Alden Street, Cranford, New Jersey, 07016**, be and hereby, is appointed Bond Counsel for the Township of Cranford for said services in calendar year 2021; and
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township of Cranford be, and hereby are authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Rogut McCarthy 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. 2021-24:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey that **Gavin I. Handwerker, Esq.,** of Bramnick, Rodriguez, Grabas, Arnold & Mangan, L.L.C., 1827 East Second Street., Scotch Plains, New Jersey, 07076, be and hereby is appointed as Alternate Public Defender for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021.

**Resolution No. 2021-25:**

**WHEREAS**, alcohol and drug abuse effects many lives especially our youth; and

**WHEREAS**, the best way to combat the problem of alcohol and drug abuse is through prevention and educational programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cranford Municipal Alliance is dedicated to a comprehensive and coordinated effort to reduce and prevent alcohol and drug abuse in Cranford to make our town safe for all our citizens – especially our young people, and will include in its Safe Homes Project such dedicated efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the first prevention strategy involving the Safe Homes Project is “Zero Tolerance” meaning no alcohol use by underage youth will be tolerated and underage drinkers will be held accountable for their actions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021, that the Township Committee supports “Zero Tolerance” and urges all individuals, parent groups, Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs), civic groups, schools, religious institutions, law enforcement, businesses, and all organizations to also support “Zero Tolerance” regarding alcohol and drug use.

**Resolution No. 2021-26:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford has promulgated municipal rules of procedure entitled “Bylaws of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford”; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that said Bylaws be, and hereby are adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford effective this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

**Resolution No. 2021-27:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that the Union County Local Source, the Westfield Leader and the Star Ledger be and hereby are designated as the three (3) newspapers to which notices and other matters are to be provided under the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A.10:4-6 to 10:21) of the State of New Jersey, otherwise known as “The Sunshine Law”; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Tap into Cranford be and hereby is designated as the electronic news source for which notices and other matters are to be provided under the Open Public Meetings Act.

**Resolution No. 2021-28:**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5, all public agencies that award contracts to goods and services vendors and/or construction contractors must designate an individual to serve as its Public Agency Compliance Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Agency Compliance Officer shall act as a liaison between the New Jersey Division of Contract Compliance and Equal Employment Opportunity in Public Contracts and service providers, act as the municipality’s point of contact for all matters concerning the implementation and administration of the statute, and for administering contracting procedures pertaining to equal employment opportunity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the Township Clerk be, and hereby is, appointed as Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Township of Cranford for the year 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the State of New Jersey’s Division of Contract Compliance and Equal Employment Opportunity in Public Contracts.

**Resolution No. 2021-29:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that Mayor Kathleen Prunty be and hereby is designated as Liaison for Senior Citizen Issues.

**Resolution No. 2021-30:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that Mary O’Connor be and hereby is designated as Commissioner/Liaison for the Chamber of Commerce.

**Resolution No. 2021-31:**

**WHEREAS**, application has been made to the Cranford Police Department by L&J Body and Fender Works and Sisbarro Towing and Recovery as to inclusion on the official towing operators list for the Township of Cranford for the year 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cranford Chief of Police has conducted a review and has recommended approval of said applications.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021, that L&J Body and Fender Works, 720 Boulevard, Kenilworth, New Jersey, and Sisbarro Towing and Recovery, 1970 US Highway 22 East, Union, New Jersey, hereby are designated as the official towing operators for the Township of Cranford for the year 2021.

**Resolution No. 2021-32:**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. Appendix A: 9-33, et seq., of the New Jersey Statutes permits the Township of Cranford to establish and maintain an auxiliary police organization to assist and augment the regular police force during disasters and other emergency conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the many years of dedicated service by members of the Cranford Auxiliary Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford desires to formally recognize and formalize the Cranford Auxiliary Police Department in the best interests of the citizens of Cranford; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cranford Auxiliary Police Department is subject to all laws, regulations, memoranda, and Executive Orders issued by competent authority through the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and the Local Emergency Management Coordinator during declared states of emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cranford Auxiliary Police Department will be under the immediate control of the Chief of Police during their assigned training missions in accordance with all laws, regulations, memoranda, and Executive Orders issued by competent authority.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the Cranford Auxiliary Police Department is formally established with the powers and duties set forth

in N.J.S. App. A: 9-33 et seq. of New Jersey Statutes as revised and the rules, regulation, memoranda, and Executive Orders promulgated by or through the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, the Local Emergency Management Coordinator and the Chief of Police.

**Resolution No. 2021-33:**  
**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF THE UNION COUNTY PRINT SHOP FOR PRINTING SERVICES THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD REQUIRES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-5 (2)**

**WHEREAS**, the annual amount of expenditures for printing services is in excess of the bid threshold and public advertising for bids for a contract for such services is an exception to the Local Public Contracts Law if “It is to be made or entered into with the United States of America, county or municipality of any board, body, officer, agency or authority therefore and any other state or subdivision thereof” pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (2); and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Union, Office of Intergovernmental Relations, is authorized to coordinate and facilitate the use of its print shop by municipalities in the County of Union which may be interested; and

**WHEREAS**, Township departments and offices desire to utilize the County of Union’s print shop for various multi-part forms, licenses, program brochures, fliers, and event programs, handbooks, signs and cards, business cards, stationery and envelopes; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 budget will provide departmental appropriations for printing; and printing costs the Township incurs will be charged accordingly.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby approves the use of the Union County Print Shop by various Township departments and offices for 2021.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Union County Manager and the Union County Coordinator of Community Relations.

**Resolution No. 2021-34:**  
**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2021 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and  
**WHEREAS**, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty (30) days of the fiscal year; and  
**WHEREAS**, the total appropriations in the 2020 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance, is the sum of \$34,883,028.31; and  
**WHEREAS**, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2020 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance in said budget is the sum of \$9,156,794.93;  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the attached appropriations be made and a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for her records.

**TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD**

**2021 Temporary Budget**

**General Government:**

Admin & Exec. Salaries	\$	99,000.00
Admin & Exec. Other Exp	\$	64,191.88
Legal Services	\$	100,000.00
Construction Code Salaries	\$	213,000.00
Construction Code OE	\$	16,200.00
Twp. Comm Salaries	\$	3,500.00
Twp. Comm. Other Exp	\$	10,975.00
Clerk Salaries	\$	89,500.00
Clerk Other Expenses	\$	5,500.00
Codification Other Expenses	\$	5,000.00
Copier Other Expenses	\$	6,500.00
Municipal Court Salaries	\$	86,000.00
Municipal Court Other Exp	\$	7,500.00
Engineering Salaries	\$	10,000.00

Engineering Other Exp	\$	51,000.00
Financial Adm. Salaries	\$	155,000.00
Financial Adm. Other Exp	\$	37,700.00
Tax Collection Salaries	\$	50,000.00
Tax Collection Other Exp	\$	18,500.00
Audit	\$	-
Assmt. Of Taxes Salaries	\$	60,000.00
Assmt. Of Taxes Other Exp	\$	10,660.00
Channel 35 Salaries	\$	28,000.00
Channel 35 Other Exp	\$	1,200.00
Planning Bd. S&W & Other Exp.	\$	20,000.00
Zoning/Planning Brd Salary	\$	63,937.50
Zoning/Planning Other Exp	\$	5,000.00
Zoning Bd. S&W & Other Exp	\$	13,700.00
Public Defender Salaries	\$	-

**Public Safety:**

Police Salaries	\$	2,575,000.00
Police Other Exp	\$	128,950.00
Fire Salaries	\$	1,200,000.00
Fire Other Exp	\$	57,900.00
Fire Prevention Other Exp	\$	1,000.00
Hydrant Service Other Exp	\$	115,000.00

**Public Safety (continued):**

EMS S&W	\$	60,000.00
EMS Other Exp	\$	14,500.00
Uniform Fire Safety OE	\$	2,000.00
Emergency Mgt OE	\$	4,500.00
Communications Other Exp	\$	86,400.00
Communications S&W	\$	130,000.00

**DPW**

DPW Salary	\$	590,000.00
DPW Other Expenses	\$	73,820.00
Conservation Ctr Salaries	\$	12,000.00
Conservation Ctr Other Exp	\$	1,800.00
Recycling Other Expenses	\$	160,000.00
B&G Munic Bldg Other Exp	\$	31,762.50
B&G Firehouse Other Exp	\$	18,000.00
B&G Roundhouse DPW OE	\$	6,011.25
B&G Misc Other Exp	\$	3,000.00
B&G Community Center OE	\$	30,887.50
B&G Railroad Park Lot OE	\$	20,000.00
B&G Parking Garage OE	\$	39,100.00
B&G DT St. Lts.	\$	500.00
B&G Hanson House Other Exp	\$	1,000.00
B&G Pump Station OE	\$	3,500.00
B&G Traffic Signals Other Exp	\$	1,575.00
Motor Oils & Fuels	\$	65,000.00
B&G 375 Centennial Ave.	\$	2,000.00

**Health and Recreation:**

Health Salaries	\$	45,000.00
Health Other Exp	\$	37,800.00
Environmental Comm. Misc.	\$	1,000.00
Animal Control	\$	10,000.00

Recreation Salaries	\$	83,200.00
Youth Salaries	\$	10,000.00
Recreation Other Exp	\$	20,100.00
Rec Cranford West OE	\$	2,100.00
Celebration of Public Evts	\$	1,700.00
Senior Bus Transp Salaries	\$	5,000.00
Senior Bus Maintenance	\$	4,000.00

**Insurance:**

General Liability	\$	155,000.00
Workers Compensation	\$	90,000.00
Employee Health	\$	1,110,000.00
DCRP		6,000.00

**Utilities:**

Street Lighting	\$	60,000.00
Utilities	\$	157,000.00

Social Security	\$	230,000.00
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Free Public Library	\$	436,000.00
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**TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS  
SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A.  
40A**

\$ 9,130,670.63

Bond Principal	\$	1,735,000.00
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Note Principal Including Pool	\$	440,506.00
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Bond Interest	\$	559,892.00
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Note Interest Including Pool	\$	290,191.66
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Green Acres Loan Including Interest	\$	13,991.22
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NJEIT Loan Including Interest	\$	498,545.16
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**TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS NOT  
SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A.  
40A**

\$ 3,538,126.04

**Resolution No. 2021-35:**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2021 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

**WHEREAS**, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty (30) days of the fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the total appropriations in the 2020 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance, is the sum of \$1,660,964.83; and

**WHEREAS**, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2020 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance in said budget is the sum of \$436,003.27;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the following appropriations be made and a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for her records:

**Appropriations – Swimming Pool Utility**

Salaries and Wages	\$271,289.66
Miscellaneous Other Expenses	<u>\$164,713.61</u>
	\$436,003.27



**Resolution No. 2021-36:**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.40A: 4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2021 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

**WHEREAS**, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty (30) days of the fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the total appropriations in the 2020 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance, is the sum of \$174,298.53; and

**WHEREAS**, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2020 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance in said budget is the sum of \$45,753.36;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the following appropriations be made and a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for her records:

**Appropriations – Special Improvement District (SID)**

Salaries and Wages	\$31,621.80
Miscellaneous Other Expenses	<u>\$14,131.56</u>
Total Operating	\$45,753.36

**Resolution No. 2021-37:**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17 allows for the cancellation of property tax refunds or delinquent amounts in the amount of less than \$10.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, may authorize the Tax Collector of the Township of Cranford to process without further action on their part, any cancellation of property tax refunds or delinquencies of less than \$10.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector of the Township of Cranford is hereby authorized to cancel said tax amounts as deemed necessary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Township Auditor.

**Resolution No. 2021-38:**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, may authorize the Tax Collector of the Township of Cranford to process without further action on their part, any cancellation of sewer refunds or delinquencies of less than \$10.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector of the Township of Cranford is hereby authorized to cancel said sewer amounts as deemed necessary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Township Auditor.

**Resolution No. 2021-39:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford has established a schedule of municipal charges for extraordinary services performed by the Township on private property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has billed the property owner in an attempt to collect these charges;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to advertise these unpaid charges in the notice of tax sale, and as per New Jersey State Statute, convert the unpaid charges to municipal liens to be sold at the annual tax sale as a municipal lien against the property enforceable in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5 et. seq.

**Resolution No. 2021-40:**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES AND  
CONVERT OUTSTANDING SEWER CHARGES TO TAX LIENS**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford is aware that properties within the Township are delinquent on their property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford is further aware that properties within the Township are delinquent on their sewer charges; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54:5-1 et seq., “The Tax Sale Law,” permits a municipal official, pursuant to a resolution approved by the governing body, to hold a public auction for the sale of Tax Sale Certificates; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:26A-1 et seq., the “Municipal and County Sewerage Act,” permits a municipal official, pursuant to a resolution approved by the governing body, to hold a public auction in the same manner as is provided for the sale of Tax Sale Certificates pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-1 et seq.;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes the Township Tax Collector or her designee to hold a public auction for the sale of outstanding property debt and to convert all outstanding sewer charges into liens against properties with

outstanding sewer charges and sell those liens at public auction prior to the end of Calendar Year 2021.

**Resolution No. 2021-41:**

**MAINTAINING BID THRESHOLD THROUGH ESTABLISHED QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3A AND N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 ET. SEQ.**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq. establishes the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (“LPCL”) provides local contracting units to maintain a bid threshold up to \$44,000.00 when a Qualified Purchasing Agent is appointed; and

**WHEREAS**, appointed Qualified Purchasing Agents are also granted through LPCL with the authorization to negotiate and award such contracts below the bid threshold; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Robinson possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the Director of the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et. seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford desires to take advantage of an increased bid threshold;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, Union County, State of New Jersey hereby maintains its established bid threshold of \$44,000.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, Union County, State of New Jersey hereby appoints Michael Robinson as the Qualified Purchasing Agent to exercise the duties of a purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(30).

**Resolution No. 2021-42:**

**WHEREAS**, on January 11, 2016, Governor Christie signed S1940/A2893 into law, which exempts Boards of Education and local government payments to entities under Board of Public Utility (BPU) jurisdiction from certain certification requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the law states that towns are not required to go through the voucher process in order to pay their regulated utility bills and are permitted to pay regulated utility bills when they are received; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township will not seek claimant’s certification and declaration signatures each time a purchase order is generated for payments to be issued to the following (but not limited to):

PSEG	Tioga Solar Union County
NJ American Water	Verizon
Elizabethtown Gas	Comcast
Jersey Central Power & Light (JCPL)	AT&T
Windstream (Paetec)	Compass Energy (Constellation)
UGI Energy Services	MP2 Energy, LLC

**WHEREAS**, the Township reserves the right to augment this list, through entering into agreements with other utility companies throughout the year, where the same law will apply;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the aforementioned utility service providers will be recognized under S1940/A2893.

**Resolution No. 2021-43:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford provides health insurance coverage to its full-time employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual municipal financial outlay to provide such health insurance coverage is very costly to the Township, with premiums becoming increasingly more expensive; and

**WHEREAS**, a Cranford Township employee may have other health insurance coverage through his/her spouse or civil union partner or otherwise; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to law, a local municipal employer is permitted to request a waiver by its employees of Township-provided health insurance coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, a municipality is permitted to allow its employees entitled to receive health insurance coverage to receive an incentive for waiving such coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford is desirous of authorizing such incentive;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, Union County, State of New Jersey, that for calendar year 2021, the Township will offer an incentive, in the prorated annual amount set forth below, to all employees who execute (or have executed) a form waiving all health insurance coverage for this year according to the following schedule, provided that the

employee qualified for and was entitled to such coverage during the 2021 calendar year:

- Employee Coverage - 25 percent or \$5,000, whichever is less, of the amount saved by the Township, because of the employee's waiver of health insurance coverage.
- Employee and Child(ren) – 25 percent or \$5,000, whichever is less, of the amount saved by the Township, because of the employee's waiver of health insurance coverage.
- Employee & Spouse/ Civil Union Partner - 25 percent or \$5,000, whichever is less, of the amount saved by the Township, because of the employee's waiver of health insurance coverage.
- Family - 25 percent or \$5,000, whichever is less, of the amount saved by the Township, because of the employee's waiver of health insurance coverage; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the coverage waiver incentive amount shall be prorated based upon the date on which the waiver form is executed by each individual Township employee; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the dollar amount of the incentive to be paid to each such participating employee shall be distributed to the employee at the conclusion of calendar 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any employee waiving health insurance coverage hereunder shall have the option to reinstate Township health insurance coverage in accordance with the requirements of the Township's Health Insurer and Plan(s) then in effect.

**Resolution No. 2021-44:**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER AND ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONER TO THE STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranford (hereinafter "Local Unit") is a member of the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter "Fund"), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fund's Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Fund Commissioner; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that James M. Cryan is hereby appointed as the Fund Commissioner for the Township of Cranford for the Fund Year 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Lavona Patterson is hereby appointed as the Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Township of Cranford for the Fund Year 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township of Cranford's Fund Commissioner is authorized and directed to execute all such documents as required by the Fund.

**Resolution No. 2021-45:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that the Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to utilize Investors Bank and TD Bank as depositories; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to utilize any other banking institution as a depository which can provide a Government Unit Deposit Protection Act Certificate issued by the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking.

**Resolution No. 2021-46:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the funds of the Township of Cranford deposited in the Investors Bank, 105 North Avenue West, Cranford, New Jersey 07016 and TD Bank, 465 South Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016, be subject to withdrawal upon checks signed by any two of the following officers:

Kathleen Prunty  
Lavona Patterson

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that checks drawn upon the payroll account shall require only the facsimile signature of Lavona Patterson.

**Resolution No. 2021-47:**

**WHEREAS**, it is required for the Township of Cranford to adopt and have on file a detailed Cash Management Plan regarding investments of Township funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that the following Cash Management Plan is hereby adopted, and it is to be kept on file in the offices of the Township Treasurer and Township Clerk:

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

This Cash Management Plan (the "Plan") is prepared pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 in order to set forth the basis for the deposits ("Deposits") and investment ("Permitted Investments") of certain public funds of the Township of Cranford, pending the use of such funds for the intended purposes. The Plan is intended to assure that all public funds identified herein are deposited in interest-bearing Deposits or otherwise invested in Permitted Investments hereinafter referred to. The intent of the Plan is to provide that the decisions made with regard to the Deposits and the Permitted Investments will be done to ensure the safety, the liquidity (regarding its availability for the intended purposes), and the maximum investment return within such limits. The Plan is intended to ensure that any Deposit or Permitted Investment matures within the time period that approximates the prospective need for the funds deposited or invested so that there is not a risk

to the market value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.

**II. IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS TO BE COVERED BY THE PLAN**

1. The Plan is intended to cover the deposit and/or investment of the following funds and accounts of the Township of Cranford.

1. Current Funds	6. General Capital Fund
2. Trust Assessment Fund	7. Swim Pool Operating Fund
3. Trust Fund	8. Swim Pool Capital Fund
4. SID/DMC Fund	9. COAH
5. Dog Trust Fund	10. CDBG Block Grant

**III. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD  
AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS UNDER THE PLAN**

The Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Cranford [and the Treasurer] (the "Designated Official") is hereby authorized and directed to deposit and/or invest the funds referred to in the Plan.

**IV. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES**

The following banks and financial institutions are hereby designated as official depositories for the Deposit of all public funds referred to in the Plan, including any Certificates of Deposit which are not otherwise invested in Permitted Investments as provided for in this Plan:

All New Jersey Banks that provide a certificate of eligibility. Depositories for 2021 are Investors Bank and TD Bank.

A "Certificate of Eligibility" is the certification issued by the New Jersey Department of Banking, Division of Banking, that a public depository is eligible to act as a depository for public funds and qualifies as a participant in the New Jersey Governmental Unit Depository Protection Act (GUPA). The Township of Cranford shall designate said depositories by resolution of the governing body each year in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1.

**V. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS**

- A. Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Designated Official is hereby authorized to invest the public funds covered by this Plan, to the extent not otherwise held in Deposits, in the following Permitted Investments:
- (1) Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;
  - (2) Government money market mutual funds;
  - (3) Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of the purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;
  - (4) Bonds or other obligations of the Local Unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the Local Unit is a part or within which the school district is located;
  - (5) Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury for investment by Local Units;
  - (6) Local government investment pools;
  - (7) Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section I of P.L. 1977, c. 281 (C.52:18A-90.4); or
  - (8) Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities if:
    - (a) the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of this subsection a;
    - (b) the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;
    - (c) the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;
    - (d) the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section I of P.L. 1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41); and
    - (e) a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

For purposes of the above language, the terms "government money market mutual fund" and "local government investment pool" shall have the following definitions:

Government Money Market Mutual Fund. An investment company or investment trust:

- (a) which is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the "Investment Company. Act of 1940," 15 U.S.C. sec. 80a-1 et seq., and operated in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7.
- (b) the portfolio of which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of any eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7 and

repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities;  
and

- (c) which has:
  - (i) attained the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating of a nationally recognized statistical rating organization; or
  - (ii) retained an investment advisor registered or exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the "Investment Advisors Act of 1940," 15 U.S.C. sec. 80b-1 et seq., with experience investing in U.S. Government securities for at least the most recent past 60 months and with assets under management in excess of \$500 million.

Local Government Investment Pool. An investment pool:

- (a) which is managed in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7;
- (b) which is rated in the highest category by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization;
- (c) which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of an eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities;
- (d) which is in compliance with rules adopted pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L. 1968, C.410 (c.52:14B-1 et seq.) by the Local Finance Board of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, which rules shall provide for disclosure and reporting requirements, and other provisions deemed necessary by the board to provide for the safety, liquidity and yield of the investments;
- (e) which does not permit investments in instruments that: are subject to high price volatility with changing market conditions; cannot reasonably be expected, at the time of interest rate adjustment, to have a market value that approximates their par value; or utilize an index that does not support a stable net asset value; and
- (f) which purchases and redeems investments directly from the issuer, government money market mutual fund, or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, or through the use of a national or State bank located within this State, or through a broker-dealer which, at the time of purchase or redemption, has been registered continuously for a period of at least two years pursuant to section 9 of P.L. 1967 c.9 (C.49.3-56) and has at least \$25 million in capital stock (or equivalent capitalization if not a corporation), surplus reserves for contingencies and undivided profits, or through a securities dealer who makes primary markets in U.S. Government securities and reports daily to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York its position in and borrowing on such U.S. Government securities.

## **VI. SAFEKEEPING CUSTODY PAYMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF PLAN**

To the extent that any Deposit or Permitted Investment involves a document or security which is not physically held by the Township of Cranford, then such instrument or security shall be covered by a custodial agreement--with an independent third party, which shall be a bank or financial institution in the State of New Jersey. Such institution shall provide for the designation of such investments in the name of the Township of Cranford to assure that there is no unauthorized use of the funds or the Permitted Investments or Deposits. Purchase of any Permitted Investments that involve securities shall be executed by a "delivery versus payment" method to ensure that such Permitted Investments are either received by the Township of Cranford or by a third-party custodian prior to or upon the release of the Township's funds.

To assure that all parties with whom the Township of Cranford deals either by way of Deposits or Permitted Investments are aware of the authority and the limits set forth in this Plan, all such parties shall be supplied with a copy of this Plan in writing and all such parties shall acknowledge the receipt of that Plan in writing, a copy of which shall be on file with the Designated Official(s).

## **VII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

The Designated Official(s) referred to in Section III hereof shall submit to the governing body of the Township of Cranford a monthly written report of any Deposits or Permitted Investments made pursuant to this Plan, which shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- A. The name of any institution holding funds of the Township of Cranford as a Deposit or a Permitted Investment.
- B. The amount of securities or Deposits purchased or sold during the immediately preceding month.
- C. The class or type of securities purchased or Deposits made.
- D. The book value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.
- E. The earned income on such Deposits or Permitted Investments. To the extent that such amounts are actually earned at maturity, this report shall provide an accrual of such earnings during the immediately preceding month.
- F. The fees incurred to undertake such Deposits or Permitted Investments.

- G. The market value of all Deposits or Permitted Investments as of the end of the immediately preceding month.
- H. All other information which may be deemed reasonable from time to time by the governing body of the Township of Cranford.

#### **VIII. TERM OF PLAN**

Attached to this Plan is a resolution of the governing body of the Township of Cranford approving this Plan for such period of time. The Plan may be amended from time to time. To the extent that any amendment is adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, the Designated Official is directed to supply copies of the amendments to all of the parties who otherwise have received the copy of the originally approved Plan, which amendment shall be acknowledged in writing in the same manner as the original Plan was so acknowledged.

#### **Resolution No. 2021-48:**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54-67 taxes are due and payable on the first day of February, May, August, and November of each year, and become delinquent if not paid on or before said days;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that a grace period of ten (10) days is hereby established; within which any installment of taxes or assessments may be received after the due date therefore without an additional charge of interest. The interest on delinquent installment of Taxes or Assessments shall be charged at the rate of eight (8) per cent (%) per annum on the first \$1,500 and eighteen (18) per cent (%) per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500 to be calculated from the date that Tax was payable until the date of actual payment. Calculations are to be made in accordance with Chapter 75 of the Laws of 1991; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a penalty of six (6) per cent (%) will be imposed to any taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000 who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year. A delinquency consists of any Tax, Assessment or Interest amount due.

#### **Resolution No. 2021-49:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, that the Chief Financial Officer, Lavona Patterson, or official designees, Assistant to Chief Financial Officer, Jaimie Haynes, and Purchasing Agent, Michael Robinson, are hereby 1) authorized to process electronic on-line internal transfers of funds up to \$10,000,000, and are 2) authorized to process or approve outgoing wire transfers up to \$10,000,000.

#### **Resolution No. 2021-50:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 4, 2021, that Karyn Kinane, Tax Collector, be, and hereby is, designated as Municipal Lien Searcher for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021.

#### **Resolution No. 2021-51:**

##### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS THROUGH ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to provide authorization to pay bills through electronic fund transfers in between the Township of Cranford's scheduled meetings to comply with payment deadlines;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, that the Chief Financial Officer, Lavona Patterson, be and is hereby authorized to pay the following bills through electronic fund transfers between the Borough's scheduled meetings in order to comply with deadlines:

- State of New Jersey Pension and Health Benefits Payments
- Debt Service Payments
- Union County Tax Payments
- Payroll
- Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (RVSA)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a summary of each month's manual disbursements will be provided to Mayor and Council.

#### **Resolution No. 2021-52:**

**REMOVED FROM AGENDA**

#### **Resolution No. 2021-53:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that Karyn Kinane, be, and hereby is, appointed as Swimming Pool Utility (SPU) Collector for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021.

#### **Resolution No. 2021-54:**

**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 vendors have been awarded state contracts and/or authorized cooperative purchasing program agreements and the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes the purchase of goods and/or services through the following vendors listed herewith, that in the aggregate may exceed the bid threshold for the calendar year 2021:

State Contracts				
Vendor	State Contract Numbers			
A&K Equipment	88273			
Airgas USA	83289			
Atlantic Salt	40199			
Atlantic Tactical	86389	17-Fleet-00732		
AT&T Mobility	82584			
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	17-Fleet-00738			
Beyer Bros	40801	42069	83470	19-Fleet-00922
	17-Fleet-00375			
Beyer Ford	40813	88231	88730	89263
	88727	88214	19-Fleet-00913	17-Fleet-00725
Canon	40462	51144	82707	
CDW	89849			
Cleveland Auto & Tire Co.	19-Fleet-00708	20-Fleet-00948		
Constellation New Energy Inc.	19-PROS1-01068	19-PROS1-00673	40091	
David Weber Oil	20-Fleet-01343			
Dell	88796	89850	19-Tele-00656	
Draeger	85086	20-Tele-00933	17-Fleet-00827	17-Fleet-00784
Eagle Point Gun Shop	17-Fleet-00721			
East Coast Emergency Lighting	17-Fleet-00761			
ESI Equipment, Inc	17-Fleet-00820			
Gall's	20-Food-00904	19-Food-00801	19-Food-00799	
State Contracts				
Vendor	State Contract Numbers			
Garden State Highway Products	86462	20-Fleet-01159	19-Fleet-01137	16-Food-00154
Gold Type Business Machines	83904	17-Fleet-00716		
Grainger	19-Fleet-00677	19-Fleet-00566		
Home Depot USA	18-Fleet-00234			
Johnny on the Spot	20-GNSV1-01315			
Lawmen Supply Company	17-Fleet-00740			
Lenovo	40121			
Mid-Atlantic Truck	42075			
Modern Group	20-GNSV2-01164	17-Fleet-00203		
Morton Salt	40201			
National Fuel Oil	19-Food-01100	19-Fleet-00974	17-Food-00400	
On-Site Fleet Services	40817	89273		
Picerno Giordano	16-Fleet-00126			
Pitney Bowes	41258			
Rich Tree	18-DPP-00645			
Samuels/Buy-Wise	42071	85992		
Sanitation Truck Repair Co.	42105	89290		
Signal Control	87152	19-Food-01028		
Sisbarro Towing	40845			
Some's Uniform	86388	88210		

Tele-Measurements	81123	17-Food-00256		
Traffic Safety Services	20-Fleet-01319			
Trius	42108	85856	89249	85439
	19-Fleet-00982			
Turn Out Fire & Safety	16-Food-00113	17-Fleet-00752	17-Fleet-00813	
United Parcel Service	17-GNSV2-0009			
Verizon Wireless	82583			
W.E. Timmerman Co. Inc.	85857			
Waste Management	40379			
WB Mason	18-Food-00424	18-Comp-00550	0000003	
Winner Ford	40805	20-Fleet-01189	88758	88726
	88215	81165	19-Fleet-00955	17-Fleet-00212
Witmer	17-Fleet-00767			

Cooperative Purchasing		
Vendor	Cooperative Purchasing Program	Contract #
Garwood Auto Parts Inc.	Somerset County	CC-0113-20
Buy Wise Auto	Somerset County	CC-0025-19R
National Fuel Oil, Inc.	Somerset County	CC-0036-19
National Fuel Oil, Inc.	Somerset County	CC-0045-20
W.B. Mason	Somerset County	CC-0001-20
W.B. Mason	Somerset County	CC-0059-19
Atlantic Tactical	Somerset County	JCC-0014-20
Mid-Atlantic Truck Center	Somerset County	CC-0129-19
Beyer Bros Corp	Somerset County	CC-0129-19
Trius	Somerset County	CC-0043-20
Gall's	Somerset County	CC-0004-20
Some's Uniforms	Somerset County	CC-0004-20
Garden State Highway Products	Somerset County	CC-0099-19
Ford Motor Credit	Cranford Co-Op	47 - CPCPS
Beyer Ford	Cranford Co-Op	47 - CPCPS
Johnston Communications	Union County	UCCP 42-2017
Johnston Communications	Union County	UCCP 41-2017
Weldon	Union County	BA-22-2020
Morton Salt	Union County	UCCP 29-2019
Trius	Union County	BA# 6-19
Sherwin Williams	Union County	UCCP-43-2019
Demco	Keystone Purchasing	KPN-201901-02
National Business Furniture	Keystone Purchasing	KPN-A-201712-06
National Business Furniture	ESCNJ	ESCNJ/AEPA 18D
CDW	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 18/19-03
Timothy P. Bryan Electric Co.	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 18/19-40
V.E. Ralph & Sons	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 17/18-40
W.B. Mason	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 18/19-02
W.B. Mason	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 18/19-48
W.B. Mason	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 18/19-01
Apple, Inc.	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 18/19-67
Foley	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 18/19-09
Classic Floors	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 18/19-62
Sherwin Williams	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 19/20-14
Amazon Services	US Communities GPA	R-TC-17006
Cross Match	US General Services Administration - GSA Schedules	GS-35F-0199R
ATON Computing	Passaic County	RFP-19-016
Modern Group	Sourcewell (Formerly NJPA)	062117-BAN
TAPCO	OMNIA Partners	2020-200



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford authorizes purchases from the aforementioned vendors that in the aggregate may exceed the bid threshold for the calendar year 2021.

**Resolution No. 2021-55:**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:30-9A.6 and 5:31-4.1 allows for greater flexibility for local units when implementing the claimant certification requirement as set forth in N.J.S.A 40A:5-16(a); and

**WHEREAS**, the local units are now given discretion to require a claimant certification as it deems necessary and appropriate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township will not seek claimant's certification and declaration signatures each time a purchase order is generated for payments to be issued to the following (but not limited to):

- Amazon Services LLC
- Apple Inc.
- Dropbox, Inc.
- Animoto Inc.

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer recommends the adoption of this Claimant Signature Policy;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that, effective immediately, Claimant Certification be waived on the Townships Purchase Orders for the above vendor.

**Resolution No. 2021-56:**

MOVED TO ROLL CALL VOTE (see above)

**Resolution No. 2021-57:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that the following people be, and hereby are, appointed to Cranford's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee for the year 2021 – Courtney Byrne, Shay Caravella, Peggy Carlton, Joseph Colangelo, Diana Dollard Hearn, Nicole Dreyer, Lauerin Gareis, Patrick Giblin, Phyllis Kivett-Howard, Elizabeth Marty-Dalli, Alison McNulty, Debra Nicholls, Jean Pascarella, Patricia Pavlak (Chair), Jeffrey Pistol, David Pringle, Rich Saccone, Megan Scaniello, Loretta Smith, Laura Turon, Jennifer Van Dyk, Sanjeevane Vidwans, Commissioner/Liaison Mary O'Connor and Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty

**Resolution No. 2021-58:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that the following be, and hereby are, appointed to the Building, Grounds & Real Property Committee for the year 2021 – Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty (Chair); Brian Andrews (Liaison); Township Administrator James Cryan; Township Attorney Ryan Cooper, Esq., Tax Assessor Bryan Flynn; Zoning Officer Jason Bottcher and Consulting Township Engineer

**Resolution No. 2021-59:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Cable TV Advisory Committee for the year 2021 – Edward Davenport (Chair), Dorothy Baniewicz, Caren Demyen, Gerald Dobbins, Christine Hoffman, Andis Kalnins, Ashley Legg, Michael Plick, Sandra Quintiero, Marc Rein, Stephen Robertazzi, Donald C. Smith, Donna Vaupel, Edward Warner, Bernhard Wagenblast, Ron Zech and Mayor/Liaison Kathleen Prunty

**Resolution No. 2021-60:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Centennial Village Committee for 2021 – Julie Amitie, Jodi Bigden, Gina Black, Derrick Brooks, Julie Didzbalis, Patrick Forker, Andi Howard-Rein, Eric Kiamie, Scott Marino, Maritza Matlosz, Kendall O'Brien, Chiara Siliato, Michelle Stavrou, Stephen Streicher, Jennifer Smokowski, Rebecca Tantillo, Justin Van Dyk, Suzanne Welsh and Commissioner/Liaison Mary O'Connor

**Resolution No. 2021-61:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Clean Communities Committee for the year 2021– Myron Borden, Michael Callahan, Ben Cohen, Jessica Haring, Martin Schwartz, Jennifer Semler, Kira Trocciola, Jennifer Van Dyk, Al Vicedo and Commissioner/Liaison Thomas Hannen

**Resolution No. 2021-62:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Cranford Business Park Improvement Committee for the year 2021 – Joseph Colangelo, Anthony Durante, Douglas Petschow,

Rita Ruiz, Bryan Flynn (Tax Assessor), Jason Bottcher (Zoning Officer,) Ryan Cooper (Township Attorney), James Cryan (Township Administrator) and Mayor/Liaison Kathleen Miller Prunty.

**Resolution No. 2021-63:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Cranford Community Connection for the year 2021 – Chris Acosta, Farhan Ahmed, Michael Callahan, Danielle De Costello, Terry Darling, Marita Dow, Randy Geis, Ashley Legg, Chris Lenza, Nikki Mulcahy, Chrissa Stulpin, Kevin Trocciola, Richard Wolff, Police Department Liaison Lieutenant Christopher Polito and Deputy Mayor/Liaison Brian Andrews

**Resolution No. 2021-64:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that Anthony Carbone, and hereby is, appointed to the Cranford Housing Board, Inc. for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2023.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that Paul Treanor, and hereby is, appointed to the Cranford Housing Board, Inc. for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2023.

**Resolution No. 2021-65:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Cranford West Committee for the year 2021– Michael Bond, Molly Dennis, Brett Dreyer, Randy Geis, Barry Horbal, Craig Miklencic (Chair), Frank Rinaldi, Christine Saliceti, Steve Scheremeta, Trevor Shaw, Joseph Troiano and Deputy Mayor/Liaison Brian Andrews

**Resolution No. 2021-66:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that Zoning Officer Jason Bottcher designated as Development Coordinator to the Development Review Committee for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that DMC Director, Richard Belluscio and the Township Consulting Engineer be appointed as members of the Development Review Committee for the year 2021.

**Resolution No. 2021-67:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that Commissioner Brian Andrews be, and hereby is, appointed as Deputy Mayor/Liaison (1) to the Downtown District Management Corporation for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021

**Resolution No. 2021-68:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that Kristen Mider and Antony Durante be, and hereby are, appointed as Resident (2) members to the Downtown District Management Corporation for a three-year term ending December 31, 2023.

**Resolution No. 2021-69:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that Doreen Sayegh be, and hereby is, appointed as an Owner (3) member to the Downtown District Management Corporation for a term ending December 31, 2023.

**Resolution No. 2021-70:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that Kristen Mider be, and hereby is, appointed as Chair to the Downtown District Management Corporation for a one-year term ending December 31, 2021.

**Resolution No. 2021-71:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that Frank D’Antonio, Paul LaCorte, and Dr. Christopher Lenza be, and hereby are, appointed to the Flag Committee for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021.

**Resolution No. 2021-72:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Flood Control Advisory Committee for the year 2021 – Commissioner/Liaison Jason Gareis, Jr., Daniel Aschenbach, Gina Black, Bob Bobucky, Robert Colonna, John DeCotiis, Cindy Gallagher, Walter Gallagher, Patrick Giblin (Chair), Murat Guven, Chris Kolibas, Natalia Knapp, Louis Lambe, Elaine Meyer, Barry O’Donovan,

Michael Pender, Robert I. Puhak, Ernest Sabato, Jonathan Schrier, Janet Sharkey, Jay Stevens, Jeremy Tomlinson, and Support Team member Leo Coakley and Consulting Township Engineer

**Resolution No. 2021-73:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Green Team for the year 2021:

Donna Bacich	Regular Member	
Robert Berns	Regular Member	
Rick Cippolletti	Regular Member	
Benjamin Cohen	Regular Member	
David Coughlin	Regular Member	Co-Chair
Terrence Curran	Regular Member	
Ann Dooley	Regular Member	
Susan Eisenberg	Regular Member	
Rosario Fico	Regular Member	
Kent Lucas	Regular Member	
Sue Lucas	Regular Member	
Zachary McCue	Regular Member	
David Pringle	Regular Member	Co-Chair
Jason Stevens	Regular Member	
James Young	Junior Associate	
DMC Director	Regular Member	Director of Downtown Business and Economic Development
Monika Koskova -Jencik	Regular Member	REHS - Health Department
Erik Hastrup	Regular Member	Department of Public Works
Kathleen Miller Prunty	Regular Member	Mayor/Liaison

**Resolution No. 2021-74:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that Daniel Aschenbach is hereby appointed to the Grievance Committee for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2023.

**Resolution No. 2021-75:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that Ann Dooley and Andis Kalnins are hereby appointed as Alternate Members of the Grievance Committee for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021.

**Resolution No. 2021-76:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that Barbara Bilger is hereby appointed as Chair of the Grievance Committee for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021.

**Resolution No. 2021-77:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that the following be, and hereby are, appointed to the Memorial Day Committee for the year 2021 – Barbara Bilger, Lee Blowe, Drew Burns, Danielle DeCostello, Gerald Dobbins, Mark Dingelstedt, Russell Graham, Howie Lubinger, Elizabeth Mathieu, Nikki Mulcahy, Heinz Ricken, Chris Sands, Donald Sweeney, Stephen Robertazzi (Chair), and Deputy Mayor/Liaison Brian Andrews

**Resolution No. 2021-78:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Municipal Alliance for the year 2021 – Toni Anthony, Beth Balaban, Kevin Comer, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Scott Rubin, MaryAnne Del Negro-Mason, Catarina Dasilva, Terry Darling, Sean Foley, Genevieve Leonard, Linda S. Leifer, Michael Mason, Police Lieutenant Matthew Nazzaro, Paula O'Hara, Anthony Rossetti, Recreation and Parks Director Stephen Robertazzi, Connie Salerno, Susan Wilson, Chris Wu, Police Chief Ryan Greco, Brad Young (Chair), Mary O'Connor as Commissioner/Liaison and Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty.

**Resolution No. 2021-79:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that Maryanne Del Negro-Mason be, and hereby is, appointed as the Municipal Alliance Program Coordinator for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2021.

**Resolution No. 2021-80:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Parking Committee for the year 2021 – Anthony Durante, Marjoly Mascarenhas, Barry O’Donovan, Michael Venditti, Police Chief Ryan Greco, Zoning Officer Jason Bottcher, Police Detective Steven D’Ambola (Chair), Timothy Pristas, DMC Director and Jason Gareis, Commissioner /Liaison

**Resolution No. 2021-81:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee for the year 2021 – Chrissy App, Rosanna Byram, Sergio Capozzi, Michael Caulfield, Josh Cogdill, Elissa Comer, Thomas Dunn, Anthony Durante (Chair), Lynda Feder, Paul Gallo, Dennis Geier, George Gowan, Brian Keady, Bohdan Lukachewsky, Marjoly Mascarenhas, David Monte, Jessica Orr, Patricia Pavlak, Daniel Rogers, Rich Saccone, Al Spinelli, Roy Walton, Susan Wilson, DMC Director, Deputy Mayor/Liaison Brian Andrews, Police Detective Steven D’Ambola, Police Chief Ryan Greco and Police Sergeant Gene Perrotta

**Resolution No. 2021-82:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that Jason Gareis be and hereby is appointed as Official Township Representative to the Planning Board, Class III, for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021.

**Resolution No. 2021-83:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that Thomas H. Hannen, Jr. be, and hereby is, appointed as Commissioner/Liaison to the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021.

**Resolution No. 2021-84:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that Mayor Kathleen Prunty and Deputy Mayor Brian Andrews be, and hereby are, appointed as Liaisons to the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021.

**Resolution No. 2021-85:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Records Management Committee for the year 2021 – Bryan Flynn, Lise Sulley, Michael Robinson, Heather Capone (Chair), Ruth Nicholas, Lori Donnelly, Monika Koscova-Jencik, Police Sergeant Craig Marino, Melissa Bongiorno, Patricia Donahue, Cathy Scotti, Erik Hastrup, Karyn Kinane and Technical Assistant to the Construction Code Official

**Resolution No. 2021-86:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board for the year 2021 - Stephen Robertazzi, Director of Parks and Recreation; Craig Miklencic (Cranford West Committee Liaison); Donald Barone, Rosanna Byram, Susan Cave, Michelle Cook, Marita Dow, Nicole Dreyer, Patrick Giblin, Darren Gottesman, Maria Harris, Galadriel Hasboruck, William Hulse, Ryan Kulik, Nikki Mulcahy, Debra Nicholls, Carolyn Capone Pugliese (Chair), Subha Rajaram, Heinz Ricken, Anthony Rossetti, Wally Shackell, Kira Trocciola, Chris Wu and Deputy Mayor/Liaison Brian Andrews

**Resolution No. 2021-87:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the River Maintenance Committee for the year 2021 – Carol Berns, Robert Berns, Leo D. Blanes, Marlene Bostel, Gerardo Caprario, David Donohue, Brett Dreyer, Caroline Duffy, Lynda Feder, Rob Gmelin, Kevin Illing, Bette Jane Kowalski, Edward Leicht, James Matten, Tim O’Brien, Kevin Papa, David Pringle, Lori Puhak, Robert Puhak, Brian Rodgers, Christine Sbaratta, Tony Sbaratta, Robert Scheurer, Deborah Schnapf, Michael Scotti (Chair), Wally K. Shackell, Jr., Jason Stevens, Martha Sturm, Donald Sweeney, Anthony Trama, Dr. Basil Yurcisin and Commissioner/Liaison Jason Gareis

**Resolution No. 2021-88:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that Chris Drew be, and hereby is, appointed to the Senior Citizen & Disabled Tenancy Act Appeals Board for the year 2021.

**Resolution No. 2021-89:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that the following be, and hereby are, appointed to the Swim Pool Utility Advisory Board for the year 2021 – Stephen Robertazzi (Recreation and Parks Director), Barbara Bilger, Dr. Chris Chapman, Jerry Dobbins, Dennis Geier, Ellen Heaney Springer, Christopher Kolibas, Luke Paine (Chair), Rich Pizzutta, Juan Ruiz and Mayor/Liaison Kathleen Prunty

**Resolution No. 2021-90:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Teen Center Advisory Board for the year 2021 – Erin Burke, Christine Esposito, Sheila Krispin, Nikki Mulcahy and Stephen Robertazzi (Recreation and Parks Director) and Commissioner/Liaison Mary O'Connor

**Resolution No. 2021-91:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that Stephen Robertazzi and the Township's Consulting Engineer be, and hereby are, appointed as delegates to Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Block Grant Committee for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, Commissioner Thomas Hannen be, and hereby is, appointed as Alternate No. 1 and Commissioner Mary O'Connor be and hereby is appointed as Alternate No. 2 to said committee, each for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021.

**Resolution No. 2021-92:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that the following be and hereby are appointed to Union County District Solid Waste Advisory Board – Commissioner Thomas Hannen as Representative, David Salomon as Alternate Representative, Township Consulting Engineer and Township Sanitarian Monika Koscova-Jencik, for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021.

**Resolution No. 2020-93:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that the following be designated as representatives to the Union County League of Municipalities for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021:

Kathleen Miller Prunty – Mayor/Representative

Brian Andrews – Deputy Mayor/Alternate Representative

**Resolution No. 2021-94:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that Ben Cohen be, and hereby is, appointed as Township delegate to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Marjoly Mascarenhas be and hereby is appointed as alternate delegate to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2021.

**Resolution No. 2021-95:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 4, 2021, that Ronald Marotta and Kent Lucas be, and hereby are, appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for four (4) year terms ending December 31, 2024.

**Resolution No. 2021-96:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 4, 2021 that Sarah Oliver be and hereby is, appointed as an Alternate No. 1 member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a two (2) year term ending December 31, 2022.

**Resolution No. 2021-97:**

MOVED TO ROLL CALL VOTE (see above)

**Recorded vote:**

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Andrews, Commissioners Gareis, Hannen and O'Connor

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Miller Prunty opened the public comments portion of the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing no comments, Mayor Miller Prunty closed the public comment portion

of the meeting.

## PROFESSIONAL COMMENTS

### Township Clerk Patricia Donahue

- Congratulated Deputy Mayor Andrews on his election to the Township Committee and nomination to the position of Deputy Mayor. Also congratulated Commissioner Jason Gareis on his election to the Township Committee, Mayor Miller Prunty on her election as Mayor, Township Attorney Cooper on his appointment as Township Attorney and Municipal Court Judge Cassidy on his appointment as Cranford's Municipal Court Judge. Looks forward to working with everyone;
- Thanked all her colleagues who helped her with the Reorganization Meeting agenda.

### Township Attorney Ryan J. Cooper, Esq.

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year;
- Thanked everyone who voted for his appointment. Looking forward to working with everyone;
- Congratulated Deputy Mayor Andrews, Commissioner Gareis and Mayor Miller Prunty.

### Township Administrator Jamie Cryan

- Congratulated Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Andrews and Commissioner Gareis on their appointments. Mentioned that all three of them share their love for Cranford. Feels they will do a great job.

## COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

### Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

Thank you, Mayor.

Good evening. I guess 2021 makes me the senior ranking member of the Township Committee as I enter my ninth year of service to the citizens of Cranford. In that time, I think I've witnessed over three major floods in the Township of Cranford with municipal functions being performed on the front lawn of the municipal building and at least eight municipal budgets that I have happened to participate in as we've always tried to keep them tight but balancing affordability with the delivery of essential services. In that time or because of that time, hopefully my colleagues, especially the new ones will find a nugget worth of some type of advice, every now and then, in some of the suggestions that I come up with. I have had some concerns with a couple of the appointments to the committees that I previously explained to my colleagues, but tonight is a night to celebrate. Celebrate the election of the two new members that we have with us. As Jamie said, your love of Cranford has brought you here. I believe Brian and Jason take on the mantle of representative of the people of Cranford, and as that representative I know you will do your very best to represent them in a fashion that will make them proud, your families proud and the rest of us proud. I thank you for taking the time to put yourself out there and welcome you aboard as they say. It is an awesome responsibility and I'm wishing you the best of those times that we share together over the next couple of years.

Also, congratulations to our new Mayor, Mayor Prunty. You've had this experience with a year under your belt now and you bring with you the experience of having served as a member of our municipal family for many years before this. So, I know you will do a good job and we are here to help you in any way possible to "push the rock forward" as they say.

Best wishes and Happy New Year to all and good night Mom!

### Commissioner Mary O'Connor

Thank you to Senator Kean, Assemblyman Bramnick, Commissioner Kowalski for joining us this evening and Congressman Malinowski for joining us virtually.

Thank you to Reverend Lindsay and the Police and Fire Honor Guard for a beautiful start to our meeting.

Congratulations to Mayor Prunty and Deputy Mayor Andrews on their appointments.

I think we can all agree that turning the page on the calendar this year was something to look forward to. However, when I look back on the past year, I am finding a certain clarity and maybe it's not a coincidence in the numbers 2020.

I found a new appreciation for reliance on family. I zoomed with friends and realized how important those connections are. When things were at their worst, I started looking up, and out, and around and shared those moments and that made people feel good. People I knew as acquaintances pulled together with me to light up the night for our first responders, and front-line workers and we became friends. Good things did happen.

We have all felt isolated and needed to find new ways to connect and reach out and the Front-Line Appreciation Group was a tremendous way to pull us together. Their efforts made an incredible difference.

As Township Commissioners while we set policy, approve budgets and make personnel decisions, we do not run the day-to-day operations of Cranford. That rests on the people who work in this building, in the Police and Fire departments, at the Department of Public Works, at the Community Center, the Library and our pools. Even in the worst part of the pandemic, they kept this town moving forward and never missed a beat. Their dedication to Cranford has been obvious. Our first responders in Fire, Police and emergency services saw things we can only imagine and never flinched. Their professionalism was nothing short of heroic. Our front-line health care workers astounded us with their compassion and caring, teachers, and essential workers in stores and restaurants, kept us all going. We, as a committee provided the steering, but it was those people who pulled the oars through uncharted waters and got us back to shore.

And now that we stand here, it is more important than ever that we are united in our efforts to bring Cranford full circle and recover fully. This past year, we fought an enemy, we could never have imagined. We lost, we grieved, and comforted others. We faced the darkness and found light. We do not know what is ahead of us, but we need to continue to stand together as a community realizing that each of us is responsible for the other.

Our community is special not because of awards and accolades, but because of the people who live and work here. And that is what makes us Cranford Strong!

I welcome and congratulate our new Commissioners Brian Andrews and Jason Gareis and look forward to working with the entire township committee and our support staffs on making Cranford better and stronger than ever.

Happy New Year to all!

Commissioner Jason Gareis

Thank you, Mayor.

First, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate both of you and Deputy Mayor Andrews. I've obviously got to know both of you very well over the course of last year and I'd like to assure the residents of Cranford that we are indeed in good hands with the two of you in these positions. You both possess the knowledge and character that Cranford needs in 2021. I look forward to working with both of you as well as the rest of the Township Committee to make sure that Cranford comes back stronger than ever from the unprecedented events of last year.

To the residents of Cranford, I say thank you. I am humbled by the support that I received during the election from the residents of Cranford. I am grateful for the efforts of all our supporters throughout our campaign and I appreciate the trust that our residents have placed in me to help lead Cranford forward. I pledge to do my absolute best for all of the residents of Cranford.

I'd like to thank my wife Lauerin and my son Sebastian for their support and encouragement during the campaign. The decision to seek public office is not one that should ever be made hastily. I thank Lauerin for her input as I weighed whether to run for the Township Committee. Just as the decision is not one to be made quickly, it is also one that should not be made alone. I am grateful to both Lauerin and Sebastian for agreeing with me that this year was the correct time from a family perspective for me to seek public office and continue my career in public service.

I'd like to thank Mayor Prunty, County Commissioner Kowalski, as well as Mayor Giblin for their help and their counsel during the last year. All three exemplify what a politician should be in today's world. I'm grateful for the knowledge and the counsel that each has provided me throughout the campaign and I'm proud to call each of them a role model as I begin my tenure on the Township Committee. And I look forward to working with each of them in 2021 and beyond.

I'd also like to thank Commissioner Hannen as well as Commissioner O'Connor for taking time out of their Sunday yesterday to attend our swearing-in ceremony. I look forward to working with both of them this year as well. And I know that we may not always agree on all of the subjects that will be brought up, I am hopeful that we will always be able to do so in a professional way.

As I look forward to 2021, I am optimistic for this year and I think for the first time in many months we have a light at the end of the tunnel. First, we begin to see the rollout of the COVID vaccines across New

Jersey as well as here in Cranford. As a Commissioner for Public Safety, I'm thrilled to see that our first responders have begun to receive the first dose of the vaccine. This of course is a baby step in returning to life as we know it, but I think as we do, we will no longer take for granted the little things that we used to take for granted such as shaking hands, hugging loved ones and being able to walk around our great downtown without the necessity of a mask, hand sanitizer or a temperature check. That optimism of course must be tempered with vigilance as we sit here tonight, we are far from done with the pandemic. Cranford has felt the effects of the pandemic just as all towns in New Jersey have. As of the January 4, 2021 Township update, we have lost 103 residents to the pandemic. We must stay alert as COVID is still here and it is still deadly.

I'm also optimistic as Cranford continues to welcome new businesses even in the midst of the pandemic. In the past months we have seen businesses like Folklore, Artisanal Tacos, Hickory and Hill General Store and Wasai Bistro open their doors. We also lost our share of small businesses as a result of these trying economic times, but I am continually encouraged by the new businesses and the number of people who continue to frequent downtown. I don't think there was a weekend in December when our downtown wasn't bustling with holiday shoppers, Santa Claus and possibly even the Grinch. As we reach into the heart of winter now, we as a town must continue to support all of these businesses. The next few months aren't conducive to outdoor dining, parklets and foot traffic will be at a minimum. On the government side we must keep an open dialog with our small business owners. What else can a town do to help them? What positive lessons can we take away from the changes that Cranford made to help these businesses during the pandemic.

The third thing that I am very optimistic for, as we sit here tonight, is that for the first time in many years there has been movement in Congress to help mitigate flooding on the Rahway River. The Water Resources Development Act of 2020 was passed in early December in large part due to the efforts of the recently re-elected Congressman Malinowski, who joined us earlier tonight. As someone who lives in a flood zone and in a raised home, federal support for flood mitigation efforts is personally important to me. To that end I will act as the Township Committee liaison to the Flood Control Advisory Committee for 2021, and Mayor Giblin has agreed to chair that committee. Now that Congress has taken action it is more important than ever that Cranford work with the other communities along the river.

In closing, I too was glad to see the ball drop on 2020 and welcome in 2021. Earlier today a good friend reminded me of a quote from the great poet Maya Angelou who said, "nothing will work unless you do". So, it's time to get to work, it's time to make sure Cranford bounces back stronger than ever. I hope everyone had a safe and restful new year. Be well and stay safe.

#### Deputy Mayor Brian Andrews

Thank you to Congressman Tom Malinowski for joining us remotely this evening to swear me in despite his busy schedule defending democracy down in DC. I also want to recognize and thank State Senator Tom Kean, Assemblyman Jon Bramnick, and Union County Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski for taking a part in this evening.

Most of all, I want to thank my wife, Jill, who was here to be part of the ceremony, and who has supported me in this endeavor. She has offered me years of advice and guidance and partnership through our life together, raising two wonderful kids who are at home and hopefully going to bed soon.

I want to offer my heartfelt congratulations to our new Mayor, Kathleen Miller Prunty, who I know will do an incredible job leading our town. I also want to congratulate our new Commissioner Jason Gareis, who was my running mate last year. We could not be better served than with a public servant like him on the dais helping to push us through the next few years.

It is a distinct honor to be voted in by Cranford residents.

I want to start my remarks by saying we owe a debt of gratitude to last year's township committee – then Mayor Patrick Giblin, Deputy Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty, Commissioner Hannen, Commissioner O'Connor, and Commissioner Maisonneuve – as well as all of our public servants in Cranford, from the municipal building to Department of Public Works, Police, Fire, Recreation & Parks, Library and everyone who supported us through really difficult times.

2020 was a wretched year. We witnessed sickness and death. Economic hardship, isolation, and division. We saw at the national level the costs of a failure of government. While here in Cranford, thankfully, we saw a local government that was responsive, transparent, respectful of science and public health guidance, innovative, and supportive.

Last year, we as a community rose together. We supported first responders and local businesses. We stocked food pantries and found new ways to honor longtime traditions. We looked out for one another.



We made choices guided not just to protect our own health, but protecting the health of others. We recognized that we need to look out for our neighbors and friends across walks of life.

As we look to the year ahead, there are a few clear priorities.

First, we must defeat this pandemic. Which means, while awaiting broader access to the vaccine, we take steps to keep us safe, maintain responsive government, and help keep our businesses open. A key element is virtual Township Committee meetings for the next few months. Of course, this is not about protecting us elected officials. It is about keeping everyone safe – the Township employees who support these meetings and the members of the public who want to offer comments, and might not feel comfortable attending an in-person meeting. It is also about setting an example. These are not normal times. There is an element of complacency setting in with some people, and we need to make clear the importance of keeping our guard up. We can see the light at the end of the tunnel, and we need to keep pushing.

Second, we must responsibly mend our social community back together. One reason Cranford is so special is our strong civic life and social bonds, these were disrupted, but not defeated by the virus. Marking our town's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year is an important occasion to bring us back together. But, we can and must do more to make all members and all types of families feel welcome in our community, starting with the diverse group of individuals we appointed to Township Boards and Committees a few minutes ago.

Finally, we must invest in Cranford's future. This means street maintenance and public transit infrastructure as well as improvements to pedestrian and bicycle safety. Support for our current businesses in all parts of town while attracting new ones to service our community and bring in visitors. Enhancing our recreational offerings and community events. Really tackling sustainability and flood control. And smart development so we can control our own destiny.

We have a big agenda ahead, and I know the people up here are up to it. Commissioner Tom Hannen was one of the first people I met in Cranford. I have seen firsthand that he is nonstop. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience. I look forward to speaking with him and learning from him on building out our infrastructure for the future. Commissioner Mary O'Connor has an incredible commitment to Cranford. She bleeds blue and gold, and has been active in virtually every aspect of town. We are going to face difficult budget decisions this year. We could not be in better hands than having her lead Finance. I look forward to working with and learning from her on a budget that funds our necessary priorities and makes responsible investments in our future.

I'd like to thank everyone again for their support and let's get to it.

#### Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty

Thank you, Congressman Tom Malinowski for joining us this evening from Washington and administering the Oath of Office to Deputy Mayor Andrews; and, State Senator Tom Kean, Assemblyman Jon Bramnick and Union County Commissioner Bette Jane Kowalski. We greatly appreciate that you took time to be with us tonight.

I also want to recognize Dr. Carol Lindsay, Pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church for a thoughtful and inspiring invocation to guide us tonight and through the year. The Cranford Police and Fire Department Honorary Color Guard for leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance and serving the community every day.

No event or meeting is possible without those who work behind-the-scenes. For us that is Township Clerk's Office who worked many hours through the holidays to prepare 97 Resolutions and more than 300 letters to those appointed to various Board and Committees. On behalf of the Township Committee, thank you to Patty Donahue, Heather Capone and Sue Welsh.

And to Cranford residents who are watching on TV 35 or on FB. We wish you could have been here with us tonight but appreciate that chose to stay home and stay safe. We urge you to continue to protect yourself, your families and friends until we can safely be together.

I share what I believe is Cranford's real character. For me, it's not about buildings. It's about people. I think building designs are important and I will always push for excellence but that doesn't define who we are. Buildings don't define this place called Cranford. It is you.

This community has always been strengthened by people doing big, amazing things and people who quietly making a difference. We did that after 911, devastating floods and now, during a Pandemic. We couldn't even begin to name all of the people who step forward time and again to make Cranford a better and more welcoming place. Each of you define Cranford's character as a community.

Tonight, we appointed resident volunteers to Boards and Committees and I am particularly proud that the long list is diverse in makeup. It includes lifelong residents who will serve alongside people who recently chose Cranford as their home; women, men, seniors and teenagers; people who will bring their special talent and experience, as well as their cultures to the discussions about how we make Cranford more desirable and provide the best, most efficient services.

No matter your background or how long you have lived here, Cranford is your community and we welcome your input. We may not always agree and even when we do, we may not be able to immediately make the change you seek. But you will have a voice and will be treated with respect.

We begin 2021 with the Pandemic still casting a shadow and presenting challenges to how we provide municipal services, ensure an environment where businesses can succeed, send children and teachers to safe and productive schools, manage finances and deal with revenue losses as result of the Pandemic.

Throughout the year, the governing body, Township employees, Boards and Committees will work on services and projects that are part of managing a municipality but we will also examine how to do to all of this easily and efficiently. Dealing with COVID-19 taught businesses and government that we need to be innovative in our approach to customer service. That might be the positive outcome from these challenging days. There will always be challenges but our responsibility is to find the opportunities.

The Township Committee will look closely at municipal finances, develop a road repaving and infrastructure improvement program, expand the use of public spaces like streets, sidewalks, parks and playgrounds. In 2020, people learned that using streets, sidewalks and parks for businesses was positive for businesses and the public who yearned to be outside. This is the time for innovative, safe approaches that encourage more walking and biking.

Cranford's Green Team will continue the important work to keep residents and businesses informed about more sustainable approaches to improve and protect the environment. I look forward to hearing plans from other Boards and Committees.

Investing in downtown Cranford remains a priority and 2020 saw several wonderful businesses close but we also welcomed new shops, restaurants and significant renovations of existing buildings. In the coming months we will discuss redevelopment and investment in specific downtown areas, as well as the agreement and plans for the Hartz site on Walnut Avenue. Many of us are very proud of the downtown business district. It is the heart of the Community but we cannot take it for granted or think the job is done. We need to encourage investment that brings businesses and people and we must have a process that is thorough yet efficient.

I am committed to a public information campaign to keep you informed, answer your questions, hear your concerns. In the end, some will disagree and oppose any development but I want to make certain you base your opinion on facts not misinformation or rumors.

Last year, we launched a Township newsletter in response to the Pandemic but transitioned to a full online newsletter published twice a month following Township meetings. The newsletter includes information about projects, updates from various departments and committees and contact information for every Commissioner, Town Administrator and each department. If you are not getting the newsletter, please subscribe on [www.cranfordnj.org](http://www.cranfordnj.org)

Now, my request of you. If you have a question or concern please contact me directly at [kprunty@cranfordnj.org](mailto:kprunty@cranfordnj.org) (or any commissioner) or call 709-7206. I occasionally look at some Facebook pages but not with the regularity. I do check my email throughout the day. So, if you post your question or concern on a Facebook page, we may not see it and each of us wants to respond to your questions in a timely manner. The best way to get an answer or voice your concern is by contacting us directly.

As we proceed through this year, we will address significant issues and projects. There will be lots of discussion, debate and some disagreement, including among us. Each of us is entitled to ask questions, express opinions and even strenuously disagree but it is important to remember that each of us is also committed to Cranford. No one runs for office or volunteers on a Board with disregard for our town. We do it because we believe in Cranford and want to make a contribution. So, let's respectfully debate.

Thank you to our team: Jamie Cryan, Ryan Cooper, Patty Donahue and especially Commissioners. I know the time you bring to this commitment.

Finally, as always, my deepest thanks to my family: Brendan, Amanda, Conor and Terence. And, my beautiful granddaughters, Quinn and Parker. You always provide the light and the laughter.

Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr. (continued)

Referencing the new recycling schedule, reminded everyone that tomorrow is the North side pickup. Noted that we had some publication issues on the postcards that were supposed to have been sent and stated that we are trying to rectify that problem. Stated that tomorrow recycling would occur on the North side of the Township and the South Side's recycling would occur on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Commissioner Hannen, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 4, 2021

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Patricia Donahue, RMC  
Municipal Clerk