

TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 2, 2022
1:00 p.m.

The Minutes of the **Reorganization Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **January 2, 2022** at 1:00 p.m. remotely and by electronic means.

Due to the ongoing public health emergency, and the Governor's Executive Orders related to the same, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford will conduct the January 2, 2022 Township Committee Official Meeting remotely and by electronic means.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 (the "Open Public Meetings Act") and consistent with the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services guidelines, the Township Committee Meeting will be open to the public by electronic means. Residents can view the meetings on TV-35, YouTube CranfordTV35 and via livestream on [TV-35's Facebook Page](#).

Members of the public who wish to participate in the virtual meeting for purposes of making a public comment or to participate in any scheduled public hearing can access the videoconference at meet.google.com/efu-rqry-qoy or by telephone at 1-904-580-6156, with the access code (PIN): 921677998#

Members of the public may submit written comments in advance of a meeting, which will be read during the public portion of the meeting. Written public comments submitted prior to the meeting must identify the name and address of the commenter. No anonymous comments will be accepted. Written comments may be submitted via e-mail with the subject line "Public Comment-Township of Cranford Township Committee- Meeting Date of _____" to the Clerk of the Township Committee, Patricia Donahue at clerk@cranfordnj.org or by mail addressed to: Patricia Donahue, Municipal Clerk, Township of Cranford, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016. E-mailed comments must be received at least eight (8) hours prior to the meeting. Mailed comments must be received by 12:00 p.m. the day before the meeting.

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, THE UNION COUNTY LOCAL SOURCE, THE STAR LEDGER, AND TAP INTO CRANFORD, BY POSTING 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
 Gina Black
 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 2, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. and was called to order by Township Clerk Patricia Donahue.

The invocation was led by Reverend Alfred E. Brown, Jr., First Baptist Church of Cranford, followed by The Flag Salute led by Commissioner Gareis.

Oath of Office – Gina Black

Senator Thomas Kean, Jr., administered the Oath of Office to Gina Black as a member of the Township Committee for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2024.

Certificate of Election

Township Clerk Patricia Donahue noted that the framed Certificate of Election for Gina Black was ready for pick up at the Township Clerk's office.

Election of Chair for 2022

Township Clerk Patricia Donahue called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Township Committee for 2022. Commissioner Gareis 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 2022 by roll call vote as indicated:

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Commissioner Jason Gareis (virtually) administered the Oath of Office to Kathleen Miller Prunty as Chair of the Township Committee for the year 2022.

Election of Vice Chair for 2022

Township Clerk Patricia Donahue called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Township Committee for 2022. Commissioner Brian Andrews placed the name of Jason Gareis as Vice Chair for the year 2022. No other names were placed in nomination. Township Clerk Patricia Donahue closed the nominations.

Jason Gareis was elected to serve as Vice Chair of the Township Committee for the year 2022, by roll call vote as indicated:

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty (virtually) administered the Oath of Office to Jason Gareis as Vice Chair of the Township Committee for the year 2022.

MAYOR COMMENTS**Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty Remarks**

Welcome to the 2022 Reorganization Meeting. At this point, I suppose we shouldn't be surprised at the virtual format considering current events. I want to begin by welcoming Commissioner Gina Black as a colleague on the Township Committee. We've already begun working together and I look forward to a good year. Thank you, Senator Kean for joining us virtually to administer the oath to Commissioner Black.

Thank you, Rev. Alfred Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church, for sharing thoughtful and important words that we should think about every day. I have the pleasure of working with Rev. Brown on the Equity & Inclusivity Initiative and so I am so pleased that he was able to join us today.

This annual meeting is possible because of those who work diligently behind the scenes. Our Township Clerk Patty Donohue, Deputy Clerk Ashley Kurbanoglu, Sue Welsh and Patty Kozloski worked many, many hours during the holiday season to prepare hundreds of letters and almost 100 Resolutions. Thank you for all for your dedication.

And, to those watching on TV 35 or online, we wish this special meeting was in person but I urge you to protect yourself, your families and friends until we can safely be together again.

We begin 2022 facing many of the same challenges as we did 12 months ago. This year, we continue dealing with the impacts of the Pandemic on our residents and businesses. We are grateful for the support shown for our local shops, restaurants and service businesses and it is important that we continue that effort in these still unpredictable times.

Advocating – no fighting for - a regional flood control project is a priority. Too many of our neighbors' lives were turned upside down and for many, they once again lost so much. We need a regional solution to flooding and we must be visible and vocal in demanding it. Just a few days after Ida, I reached out to Mayor Prupis of Millburn and we discussed organizing the mayors from towns impacted by Rahway River flooding. Since then, we have met with NJ Commissioner of Environmental Protection and met with federal, state and county legislators. We are visible, vocal and demanding with no intention of stopping.

But waiting and hoping for the BIG project is no longer enough. Simultaneously, we need to work on a parallel track to identify what we can do locally to mitigate flooding throughout Cranford. The Township has already brought in experts to examine what has been done and what measures we should consider in Cranford. Also, the Flood Control Advisory Board will be restructured and refocused to work

with the Township Committee and our professionals on this major issue.

Discussions about development and investment in the Downtown Business District will continue. I am proud of our business districts, downtown, Centennial Avenue, Raritan Road. They each have a character that makes Cranford desirable but we cannot take it for granted or think that a few ribbon cuttings means the job is done. We need to encourage investment and reinvestment that attracts businesses and people. This is important and deserves reasonable, respectful debate about ideas, possibilities as well as genuine concerns.

We are at our best and achieve the best results, when we ALL show a willingness to listen, cooperate and remember that we are all on TEAM CRANFORD even when we have a different point of view. Ideas and healthy debate can make Cranford more interesting. Collaboration can make us stronger.

Beyond the big, headline issues we know that providing day-to-day services that affect your quality of life is important. That's not always easy with rising costs but we will continue to explore ways to streamline processes using technology and shared services. Last year, we paved and repaired more roads than in past years, held neighborhood meetings to inform residents about the projects and that will continue in 2022.

After two years of closure because of COVID-19, declining membership and financial constraints, we were able to announce recently that Centennial Outdoor Pool will reopen this summer. The Swim Pool Utility Advisory Board working with the Township Committee, Administrator and Chief Finance Officer continue to explore options to keep the Cranford pools in excellent condition and financially sound for the future.

The past two years have been nothing short of a challenge because of the Pandemic and number of retirements but Township employees didn't miss a beat adjusting to new protocols and new coworkers. So, thank you Jamie, our department heads and every employee for your dedication to Cranford.

Finally, today 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, experience and perspective 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 make the changes you seek. But you will have a voice and will be treated with respect.

To my Township Committee colleagues, we have much on our plate this year and I truly look forward to working together for Cranford.

To Cranford residents, thank you for placing your trust in us. I wish you a healthy and joyful New Year.

To my dear friends and family, THANK YOU. A million times, THANK YOU.

Mayoral Appointments of Township Commissioners

Finance	Mary O'Connor
Public Safety	Jason Gareis
Public Affairs	Gina Black
Public Works/Eng.	Brian Andrews

Mayoral Appointments to the Planning Board

Juan Carlos Nordelo as a Class II member for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2022

Diana Sen as a Class IV member for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2024

Julie Didzbalis as a Class IV member for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2024

Accepting the resignation of Diana Sen as an Alternate No. 1 member of the Planning Board, effective December 31, 2021

David Leber as an Alternate No. 1 member for an unexpired two (2) year term ending December 31, 2022

Jeff Pistol as an Alternate No. 2 member for a two (2) year term ending December 31, 2023

Mayoral Appointments to the Environmental Commission

Jay Stevens (Chair) as member for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2024

Kathleen Murray as member for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2024

Zach McCue as member for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2024

Accepting the resignation of Jay Stevens as an Alternate No. 1 member of the Environmental Commission, effective December 31, 2021

Ben Cohen as an Alternate No. 1 member for an unexpired two (2) year term ending December 31, 2022

Farhan Ahmed, Daniel Aschenbach, Michael Bond, Terrence Curran, Anny Darby, Nelson Dittmar, David Friedman, Jane Glass, Kevin Harrison, Marya (Tina) Helmstetter, Donald Jones, Lauren King, Barbara Krause, Ronald Margulis, Tim O'Brien, Ana Pinto, Jeffrey Pistol, Mary Sudiak, Michael Venditti, Patricia Vogler and Christian Wurzberger for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2022

Jason Gareis as Commissioner/Liaison

Mayoral Appointments to Historic Preservation Advisory Board

Steve Saltzman as Chair for a term ending December 31, 2022

Stephen Price as Vice-Chair for a term ending December 31, 2022

Andrew Ashinoff as a Class C/Cranford High School member for an unexpired three (3) year term ending December 31, 2022

Accepting the resignation of Maureen McDougall as a Class C member of the Historic Preservation Advisory Board, effective December 31, 2021

Stephen Price as a Class C member for an unexpired three (3) year term ending December 31, 2023

Ron Meeks as a Class C/Alternate No. 2 member for a two (2) year term ending December 31, 2023

Theresa Bulger, Alan Lieberman, Rich Pizzutta, Nancy Price, and Justin Van Dyk as Associate Members for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2022

Gina Black 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 Deputy Mayor Jason Gareis; Superintendent. of Schools Dr. Scott Rubin; Public Works Superintendent Erik Hastrup; Fire Lieutenant/Coordinator Matt Lubin; Construction Code Official Frank Genova; Downtown Management Corporation (DMC) Director Caren Demyen; TV35 Representative Edward Davenport; Citizen Representative Dr. Margaret (Peg) Pipchick; Consultant Juan Carlos Nordello; Andis Kalnins and Dr. Terrence Curran, for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2022

Mayoral Appointment as Board of Education Liaison for 2022

Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty

Mayoral Appointment as Library Board Liaison for 2022

Commissioner Mary O'Connor

RESOLUTIONS-by Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution No. 2022-01:

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 Proposals (RFP's) for the Provision of Various 2022 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 RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget which will be 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, New Jersey, 07016 be and hereby, is appointed as Township Attorney for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2022; 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 \$66,000 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., Cooper, LLC Counselors at Law** 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. 2-01-20-155-100-214.

Commissioner Black

Stated that she plans to introduce a Pay to Play Ordinance to formalize her stance against any real or perceived conflict of interest within the Township’s government. She stated that she believes certain actions taken by the current Township Attorney challenge the ability of the government to act within these boundaries.

Commissioner O’ Connor

Stated that she feels politics should be kept out of decisions made by the Township Committee which involve salaries for purposes of transparency.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Gareis and Commissioner Andrews

Nay: Commissioners Black and O’ Connor

Abstained: None

Absent: None

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

Resolution No. 2022-96:

APPROVING THE 2022 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following is the schedule of Township Committee Meetings for the Year 2022; and

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Workshop Meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m.; and

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

Reorganization Meeting	Sunday, January 2nd	1:00 p.m.
Workshop Meeting	Monday, January 10th	7:00 p.m.
Conference and Official	Tuesday, January 11th	7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Budget Meeting	Saturday, January 22nd	8:00 a.m.
Combined Workshop and Official	Tuesday, January 25th	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Capital Budget Meeting	Thursday, February 3rd	6:00 p.m.
Workshop Meeting	Monday, February 7th	7:00 p.m.
Conference and Official	Tuesday, February 8th	7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Combined Workshop and Official Meeting	Tuesday, February 22nd	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Workshop Meeting Conference and Official	Monday, March 7th Tuesday, March 8th	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Combined Workshop and Official Meeting	Tuesday, March 29th	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Workshop Meeting Conference and Official	Monday, April 11th Tuesday, April 12th	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Combined Workshop and Official Meeting	Tuesday, April 26th	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Workshop Meeting Conference and Official	Monday, May 9th Tuesday, May 10th	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Combined Workshop and Official	Tuesday, May 24th	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Workshop Meeting Conference and Official	Monday, June 13th Tuesday, June 14th	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Combined Workshop and Official	Tuesday, June 28th	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Workshop Meeting Conference and Official	Monday, July 11th Tuesday, July 12th	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Workshop Meeting Conference and Official	Monday, August 8th Tuesday, August 9th	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Workshop Meeting Conference and Official	Monday, September 12th Tuesday, September 13th	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Combined Workshop and Official	Tuesday, September 27th	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Combined Workshop and Official	Tuesday, October 11th	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Workshop Meeting Conference and Official	Monday, October 24th Tuesday, October 25th	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Combined Workshop and Official	Monday, November 14th	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Workshop Meeting Conference and Official	Monday, November 21st Tuesday, November 22nd	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Workshop Meeting Conference and Official	Monday, December 12th Tuesday, December 13th	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Commissioner Black

Stated that discussions regarding the meeting schedule calendar have been limited. She explained that she would like to have a more in-depth conversation before adopting an official meeting schedule for 2022.

Commissioner O'Connor

Stated that she was under the impression that additional discussions regarding the meeting schedule would be taking place. She explained that she feels the number of combined meetings will have negative impacts on the amount of public input.

Mayor Miller Prunty

Stated that there will not be a reduction in the number of meetings, only that there will be more Combined meetings, which will hold Workshop and Official meetings on the same night.

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Gareis and Commissioner Andrews

Nay: Commissioners Black and O' Connor

Abstained: None

Absent: None

RESOLUTIONS – By Consent Agenda

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

Resolution No. 2022 -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 Proposals (RFP's) for the Provision of Various 2022 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 RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2022 municipal budget which will be 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, New Jersey, 08901 be and hereby is awarded a contract to provide Labor Attorney legal services at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00 for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022; and
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. 2-01-20-155-100-214.

Resolution No. 2022-03:

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 Proposals (RFP's) for the Provision of Various 2022 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 RFP; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey that Labor Attorney legal services in calendar year 2022 be provided by the following firm:

- **Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C.**, 25 Independence Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey, 07059

Resolution No. 2022-04:**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, Suite 302, 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 2022 in the form attached hereto.

Resolution No. 2022-05:

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Proposals (RFP's) for the Provision of Various 2022 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 RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance have certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2022 municipal budget which will be 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 for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022; 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. 2-01-20-155-100-214.

Resolution No. 2022-06:

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Proposals (RFP's) for the Provision of Various 2022 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 RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget which will be 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 Avenue, 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 blended hourly cost of

\$175.00 per hour, not to exceed \$85,000.00 for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022; and

2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Ryan J. Cooper, Esq., of Cooper, LLC, Counselors at Law;** 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. 2-01-20-155-100-214.

Resolution No. 2022-07:

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 Proposals (RFP’s) for the Provision of Various 2022 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 RFP; 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 2022 be provided by the following firm:

- **Jardim, Meisner & Susser, P.C.**, 30B Vreeland Road, Suite 100, Florham Park, New Jersey, 07932

Resolution No. 2022-08:

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 Proposals (RFP’s) for the Provision of Various 2022 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 RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2022 municipal budget which will be 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-year term ending December 31, 2022; 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. 2-01-20-155-100-214.

Resolution No. 2022-09:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey that **Mark S. Rothman, Esq., of Robbins and Robbins LLP**, 568 Amboy Avenue, Woodbridge, New Jersey, 07095, be and hereby is appointed as Alternate Prosecutor for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-10:

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 Proposals (RFP’s) for the Provision

of Various 2022 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 RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget which will be 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 B. Weiss, Esq., of the Law Offices of Jared B. Weiss, L.L.C.**, 535 Boulevard, Kenilworth, New Jersey, 07033, be and hereby is appointed as Public Defender for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022; 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 B. 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. 2022-11:

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Proposals (RFP’s) for the Provision of Various 2022 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 RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget which will be 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 Attorney legal services in calendar year 2022 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 Attorney legal services at a cost of \$215.00 per hour, not to exceed \$5,000.00 for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022; and
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.); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said contract amount shall be charged to Account No. 2-01-20-155-100-214.

Resolution No. 2022-12:

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Proposals (RFP’s) for the Provision of Various 2022 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 RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget which will be 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, New Jersey, 07090 be and hereby is awarded a contract to provide Redevelopment Attorney legal services at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.00 for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022; and
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. 2-01-20-155-100-214.

Resolution No. 2022-13:

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Proposals (RFP’s) for the Provision of Various 2022 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 RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget which will be 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 Attorney legal services at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.00 for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022; and
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. 2-01-20-155-100-214.

Resolution No. 2022-14:

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Proposals (RFP’s) for the Provision of Various 2022 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 RFP; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey that Redevelopment Attorney legal services in calendar year 2022 be provided by the following firm:

- **Stevens & Lee, P.C.**, 111 North Sixth Street, P.O Box 679, Reading, Pennsylvania, 19603-0679

Resolution No. 2022-15:

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Proposals (RFP’s) for the Provision of Various 2022 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 RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of

funds upon adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget which will be 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 R. Surenian, Esq., of Surenian, Edwards & Nolan LLC**, 311 Broadway, Suite A, Point Pleasant, New Jersey, 08742, be and hereby, is awarded a contract to provide Affordable Housing Counsel legal services at a cost of \$200.00 per hour, not to exceed \$50,000.00 for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022; and
2. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Jeffery R. Surenian, Esq., of Surenian, Edwards & Nolan LLC** 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. 2-01-20-155-100-214.

Resolution No. 2022-16:

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Proposals (RFP’s) for the Provision of Various 2022 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 RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance have certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget which will be 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 Attorney legal services at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00 for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022; 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. 2-01-20-155-100-214.

Resolution No. 2022-17:

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Provision of Various 2022 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 RFP; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey that Tax Appeal Attorney legal services in calendar year 2022 be provided by the following firm:

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

Resolution No. 2022-18:

WHEREAS, there exists a need to engage an expert to provide Appraisal Services for the Township of Cranford; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Proposals (RFP’s) for the Provision of Various 2022 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 RFP.

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget which will be 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. **Appraisal Associates, Inc.**, 524 South Avenue East, Cranford, New Jersey, 07016 be and hereby, is awarded a contract to provide Appraisal Services at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00 for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022; and
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Appraisal 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. 2-01-20-155-100-214.

Resolution No. 2022-19:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Township of Cranford to engage an expert to provide Engineering Services; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Proposals (RFP’s) for the Provision of Various 2022 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 RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget which will be 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. **Colliers Engineering & Design**, 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mount Arlington, New Jersey, 07856, be and hereby is awarded a contract to provide Engineering Services at a fee not to exceed \$145,000.00 for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022; and
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Colliers Engineering & Design**; 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. 2-01-20-165-100-214.

Resolution No. 2022-20:

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 Proposals (RFP’s) for the Provision of Various 2022 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 RFP; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey that Engineering Services during 2022 be provided by the following firms:

- **MFS Engineers & Surveyors**, 2780 Hamilton Boulevard, South Plainfield, New Jersey, 07080
- **Neglia Engineering Associates**, 34 Park Avenue, P.O. Box 426, Lyndhurst, New Jersey, 07071
- **Mott MacDonald**, 412 Mt. Kemble Avenue, Suite G22, Morristown, New Jersey, 07960

- **Matrix New World Engineering, Land Surveying and Landscape Architecture, PC**, 26 Columbia Turnpike, 2nd Floor, Florham Park, New Jersey, 07932
- **Remington & Vernick Engineers**, One Harmon Plaza, Suite 210, Secaucus, New Jersey, 07094

Resolution No. 2022-21:

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Proposals (RFP's) for the Provision of Various 2022 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 RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget which will be 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. **Topology NJ, LLC**, 60 Union Street, 1N, Newark, New Jersey, 07105, be and hereby is awarded a contract to provide Planning Services for the Township at a fee not to exceed \$30,000.00 for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022; and
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with **Topology NJ, LLC**; 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. 2-01-21-190-000-214. *

*Budget Code information was updated on January 5, 2022

Resolution No. 2022-22:

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Proposals (RFP's) for the Provision of Various 2022 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 RFP; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, New Jersey that Planning Services for the Township during 2022 be provided by the following firm:

- **Banisch Associates, Inc.**, 111 Main Street, Flemington, New Jersey, 08822

Resolution No. 2022-23:

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Proposals (RFP's) for the Provision of Various 2022 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 RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget which will be 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 2022 at a fee not to exceed \$44,425.00; 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. 2-01-20-135-100-214.

Resolution No. 2022-24:

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 Proposals (RFP’s) for the Provision of Various 2022 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 RFP; 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 November 2, 2021, 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 2022; 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. 2022-25:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, that **Michael R. Shulman** of Michael R. Shulman, Attorney at Law, LLC, 551 Summit Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, 07306 be and hereby is appointed as Alternate Public Defender for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-26:

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford advertised for a Request for Proposals (RFP’s) for the Provision of Various 2022 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 RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Finance has certified to the availability of funds upon adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget which will be 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. **Community Grants, Planning & Housing**, 1249 South River Road, Suite 301, Cranbury, New Jersey, 08512, be and hereby is awarded a contract to provide Affordable Housing Administrative Agent services for the Township at a fee not to exceed \$30,000.00 for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022; and
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract

with **Community Grants, Planning & Housing**; 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. 2-01-20-100-100-214*.

*Budget Code information was updated on January 5, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-27:

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 Municipal Alliance (to be also known as the Cranford Prevention and Wellness Committee) 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 2nd day of January, 2022, 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. 2022-28:

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 2nd day of January 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-29:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 2, 2022 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. 2022-30:

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 2022; 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. 2022-31:

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

Resolution No. 2022-32:

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. 2022-33:

WHEREAS, application has been made to the Cranford Police Department by L&J Body and Fender Works, Sisbarro Towing and Recovery and CES Towing and Recovery as to inclusion on the official Towing Operators' list for the Township of Cranford for the year 2022; 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 2nd day of January 2022, that L&J Body and Fender Works, 720 Boulevard, Kenilworth, New Jersey; Sisbarro Towing and Recovery, 1970 US Highway 22 East, Union, New Jersey; and CES Towing and Recovery, 340 Cox Street, Roselle, New Jersey hereby are designated as the official Towing Operators for the Township of Cranford for the year 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-34:

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. 2022-35:

**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 2022 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 2022.

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. 2022-36

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 2022 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 2021 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance, is the sum of \$36,681,180.00; and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2021 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance in said budget is the sum of \$9,268,809.75;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for her records.

Resolution No. 2022-37:

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 2022 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 2021 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance, is the sum of \$1,184,419.00; and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2021 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance in said budget is the sum of \$310,909.99;

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	\$200,000.00
Miscellaneous Other Expenses	<u>\$110,909.99</u>
	\$310,909.99

Resolution No. 2022-38:

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 2022 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 2021 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance, is the sum of \$178,854.00; and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2021 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance in said budget is the sum of \$46,949.18;

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	\$21,639.19
Miscellaneous Other Expenses	<u>\$25,309.99</u>
Total Operating	\$46,949.18

Resolution No. 2022-39:

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. 2022-40:

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. 2022-41:

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. 2022-42:

**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 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-43:

**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. 2022-44:

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. 2022-45:

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 2022, 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 2022 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 2022; 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. 2022-46:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 2, 2022 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. 2022-47:

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 Miller 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. 2022-48:

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 2022 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. 2022-49:

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. 2022-50:

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. 2022-51:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 2, 2022, that Karyn Kinane, Tax Collector, be, and hereby is, designated as Municipal Lien Searcher for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-52:

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 Township Committee'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 Township Committee'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)

- County of Union – PILOT’s
- EML Payments to MetaBank from “Downtown Cranford”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a summary of each month's manual disbursements will be provided to the Mayor and members of the Township Committee.

Resolution No. 2022-53:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that Karyn Kinane, be, and hereby is, appointed as Swimming Pool Utility (SPU) Collector for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-54:

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 2022:

State Contracts				
Vendor	State Contract Numbers			
A&K Equipment	88273			
Atlantic Tactical	17-Fleet-00732			
AT&T Mobility	82584			
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	17-Fleet-00738			
Ben Shaffer Recreation Inc.	16-Fleet-00135			
Beyer Bros	40801	42069	83470	19-Fleet-00922
Beyer Ford	40813	20-Fleet-01388	19-Fleet-00913	89263
	88727			
Business Information Systems	21-Tele-01333			
Campbell Freightliner, LLC	89264	42074		
Canon	40462			
CDW	20-Tele-01511			
Central Jersey Supply Co.	89796			
Cleveland Auto & Tire Co.	19-Fleet-00708	20-Fleet-00948		
Constellation New Energy Inc.	19-PROS1-00673	40091		
David Weber Oil	20-Fleet-01343			
Dell	20-Tele-01510	19-Tele-00656		
Draeger	21-Food-01688	20-Tele-00933	17-Fleet-00827	17-Fleet-00784
Eagle Point Gun Shop	17-Fleet-00721			
East Coast Emergency Lighting	17-Fleet-00761			
State Contracts				
Vendor	State Contract Numbers			
ESI Equipment, Inc	17-Fleet-00820			
Gall's	20-Food-00904	19-Food-00801		
Garden State Highway Products	21-Food-01583	20-Fleet-01159	19-Fleet-01137	16-Food-00154
Gentilini Chevrolet LLC	21-Fleet-01663	21-Fleet-01485	20-Fleet-01190	

Gentilini Ford	40797	20-Fleet-01393	19-Fleet-00920	
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			
Lawson	85850	43023	42111	
Lenovo	21-Tele-01428			
Mid-Atlantic Truck	42075	21-Fleet-01539		
Modern Group	20-GNSV2-01164	17-Fleet-00203		
Morton Salt	20-Fleet-01519			
Motorola	83909			
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		
SHI	21-Tele-01360			
Signal Control	87152	19-Food-01028		
Skylands	17-Fleet-00810			
Sisbarro Towing	40845			
Some's Uniform	86388	88210		
Storr Tractor Company	43038			
Tele-Measurements	81123	17-Food-00256		
Traffic Safety Services	20-Fleet-01319			
State Contracts				
Vendor	State Contract Numbers			
Trius	21-Fleet-01453	85856	89249	85439
	19-Fleet-00982			
Turn Out Fire & Safety	16-Food-00113	17-Fleet-00752	17-Fleet-00813	
UGI Energy Services	19-Pros1-00688			
United Parcel Service	17-GNSV2-0009			
United Rentals North America Inc.	19-GNSV2-00853			
Verizon Wireless	82583			
Waste Management	40379			
WB Mason	18-Food-00424	0000003	19-Food-01329	
Winner Ford	40805	20-Fleet-01189	88758	88726
	20-Fleet-01392	81165	17-Fleet-00212	
Wireless Electronics	20-Tele-00910			
Witmer	17-Fleet-00767			

Cooperative Purchasing		
Vendor	Cooperative Purchasing Program	Contract #
Atlantic Tactical	Somerset County	JCC-0014-20
Beyer Bros Corp	Somerset County	CC-0129-21
Buy Wise Auto	Somerset County	CC-0047-21
Campbell Freightliner	Somerset County	CC-0129-21
David Weber Oil	Somerset County	CC-0047-20
Gall's	Somerset County	CC-0004-20
Garden State Highway Products	Somerset County	CC-0099-21
Garwood Auto Parts Inc.	Somerset County	CC-0113-20
National Fuel Oil, Inc.	Somerset County	CC-0036-21
National Fuel Oil, Inc.	Somerset County	CC-0045-20
Rich Tree Service	Somerset County	CC-0081-21
Some's Uniforms	Somerset County	CC-0004-20
Trius	Somerset County	CC-0043-20
W.B. Mason	Somerset County	CC-0001-20
W.B. Mason	Somerset County	CC-0059-21
Beyer Ford	Cranford Co-Op	47 - CPCPS
Ford Motor Credit	Cranford Co-Op	47 - CPCPS
Gentilini Chevrolet LLC	Cranford Co-Op	47 - CPCPS
Gentilini Ford	Cranford Co-Op	47 - CPCPS
Cooperative Purchasing		
Vendor	Cooperative Purchasing Program	Contract #
Johnston Communications	Union County	UCCP 23-2021
Johnston Communications	Union County	UCCP 24-2021
Weldon	Union County	UCCP-22-2020
Morton Salt	Union County	UCCP 34-2021
Trius	Union County	BA# 46-2021
Sherwin Williams	Union County	UCCP-43-2019
Demco	Keystone Purchasing	KPN-201901-02
National Business Furniture	Keystone Purchasing	KPN-A-201712-06
CDW	Keystone Purchasing	KPN-A-201712-01
Field Turf	Keystone Purchasing	KPN-201801-01
Apple, Inc.	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 18/19-67
Ben Shaffer Recreation Inc.	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 17/18-31
Ben Shaffer Recreation Inc.	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 20/21-02
Ben Shaffer Recreation Inc.	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 20/21-22
Beyer Bros Corp	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 20/21-19
BIS Digital	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 21/22-19
BIS Digital	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 17/18-48
Campbell Freightliner	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 17/18-30
CDW	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 18/19-03
Classic Floors	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 18/19-62
David Weber Oil	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 18/19-19
Field Turf	ESCNJ	ESCNJ AEPA-20A
Foley	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 18/19-09
Jesco, Inc.	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 18/19-25
Modern Group	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 18/19-25
National Business Furniture	ESCNJ	ESCNJ/AEPA 18D
Omaha Standard LLC	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 17/18-30
Sherwin Williams	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 19/20-14
Storr Tractor Company, Inc.	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 18/19-25
Timothy P. Bryan Electric Co.	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 18/19-40

Trius	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 18/19-25
V.E. Ralph & Sons	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 20/21-44
W.B. Mason	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 18/19-02
W.B. Mason	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 18/19-48
W.B. Mason	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 21/22-22
W.B. Mason	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 18/19-55
W.E. Timmerman	ESCNJ	ESCNJ 17/18-30
Amazon Services	US Communities GPA	R-TC-17006
ATON Computing	Passaic County	RFP-19-016
Cooperative Purchasing		
Vendor	Cooperative Purchasing Program	Contract #
Amazon Services	OMNIA Partners	MA3457
Home Depot	OMNIA Partners	16154
Home Depot	OMNIA Partners	170009
SHI	OMNIA Partners	2018 011-02
TAPCO	OMNIA Partners	2020-200
CDW	Sourcewell (Formerly NJPA)	081919-CDW
Field Turf	Sourcewell (Formerly NJPA)	060518-FTU
Gall's	Sourcewell (Formerly NJPA)	011221-GAL
Grainger	Sourcewell (Formerly NJPA)	101320-WWG
Grainger	Sourcewell (Formerly NJPA)	121218-WWG
Grainger	Sourcewell (Formerly NJPA)	032620-WWG
Grainger	Sourcewell (Formerly NJPA)	040220-WWG
Grainger	Sourcewell (Formerly NJPA)	121416-WWG
Modern Group	Sourcewell (Formerly NJPA)	062117-BAN

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 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-55:
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 vendors.

Resolution No. 2022-56:
WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of the New Jersey Division of Government Services, and **WHEREAS**, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process, and **WHEREAS**, the municipality of the Township of Cranford wishes to participate in an electronic tax sale; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to participate in an

electronic tax sale and submit same to the Director of the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services if necessary.

Resolution No. 2022-57:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that the following people be, and hereby are, appointed to Cranford's 150th Anniversary Committee for the year 2022 – Courtney Byrne, Shay Caravella, Peggy Carlton, Joseph Colangelo, Diana Dollard Hearn, Nicole Dreyer, Lauerin Gareis, Phyllis Kivett-Howard, Elizabeth Marty-Dalli, Alison McNulty, Debra Nicholls, Jean Pascarella, Patricia Pavlak (Chair), Jeffrey Pistol, David Pringle, Megan Scaniello, Loretta Smith, Lora Turon, Jennifer Van Dyk, Sanjeevane Vidwans, Commissioner/Liaison Brian Andrews and Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty.

Resolution No. 2022-58:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that the following be, and hereby are, appointed to the Building, Grounds & Real Property Committee for the year 2022 – Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty (Chair); Deputy Mayor Jason Gareis (Liaison); Township Administrator James Cryan; Township Attorney Ryan Cooper, Esq., Tax Assessor Bryan Flynn; Zoning Officer Kathleen Nemeth and Township Consulting Engineer.

Resolution No. 2022-59:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Cable TV Advisory Committee for the year 2022 – Station Manager Edward Davenport (Chair), DMC Director Caren Demyen, Gerald Dobbins, Christine Hoffman, Andis Kalnins, Nikki Mulcahy, Police Lieutenant Matthew Nazzarro, Michael Plick, Marc Rein, Stephen Robertazzi, Donald C. Smith, DMC/Centennial Village Committee representative Michelle Stavrou, Donna Vaupel, Edward Warner, Bernie Wagenblast, Ron Zech and Mayor/Liaison Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty.

Resolution No. 2022-60:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Cannabis Legislation Working Group for the year 2022 – Norman Albert (Municipal Prosecutor), Zoning Officer Kathleen Nemeth, Rosanna Byrum, DMC representative Dennis Concha, Dr. Terrence Curran, Pete Dickson, Deputy Mayor (Chair) Jason Gareis, Charles Kellett, Police Lieutenant Matthew Nazzarro, Commissioner Mary O'Connor, Paula O'Hara (Cranford Prevention and Wellness), Sarah Oliver (Zoning Board), Kurt Petschow (Board of Education), Kate Rappa (Planning Board), Dr. Scott Rubin (School Superintendent), Toby Singhbaba and Brad Young (Cranford Prevention and Wellness).

Resolution No. 2022-61:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Centennial Village Committee for the year 2022 – Julie Amitie, Jodi Bigden, Derrick Brooks, Jackie Carr, 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, Stacie Wolfe and Commissioner/Liaison Gina Black.

Resolution No. 2022-62:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Clean Communities Committee for the year 2022– Myron Borden, Michael Callahan, Ben Cohen, Nuno Dias, Moustafa El Hariry, Jillian Guarini, Jessica Haring (Chair), Barry Mazza, Sam Prince, Martin Schwartz, Jennifer Semler, Kira Trocciola, Jennifer Van Dyk, Al Vicedo, Commissioner/Liaison Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty, Fire Official Matthew Lubin and Department of Public Works (DPW) Superintendent Erik Hastrup.

Resolution No. 2022-63:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Cranford Business Park Improvement Committee for the year 2022 – Erin Braxton, Peter Ceccini, Joseph Colangelo, Anthony Durante, Douglas Petschow, Rita Ruiz, Tax Assessor Bryan Flynn, Zoning Officer Kathleen Nemeth, Township Attorney Ryan Cooper, Township Administrator James Cryan and Deputy Mayor/Liaison Jason Gareis.

Resolution No. 2022-64:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Cranford Community Connection for the year 2022 – Chris Acosta, Farhan Ahmed, Danielle De Costello, Randy Geis, Christine Goyette,

Chris Lenza, Nikki Mulcahy, Wayne Orshak, Inga Reibarkh, Chrissa Stulpin, Police Department Liaison Patrol Officer Ali Muhammad and Commissioner/Liaison Brian Andrews.

Resolution No. 2022-65:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that Roberta Vannatta, and hereby is, appointed to the Cranford Housing Board, Inc. for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2024.

Resolution No. 2022-66:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Cranford West Committee for the year 2022– James Bausch, Michael Bond, Molly Dennis, Brett Dreyer, Randy Geis, Barry Horbal, Craig Miklencic (Chair), Frank Rinaldi, Christine Saliceti, Trevor Shaw, Joseph Troiano, Steve Robertazzi and Commissioner/Liaison Gina Black

Resolution No. 2022-67:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that DMC Director Caren Demyen, Construction Code Official Frank Genova, Zoning Officer Kathleen Nemeth and the Township’s Consulting Engineer be appointed as members of the Development Review Committee for the year 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-68:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that the resignation of Joseph Colangelo as a Resident (2) member of the Downtown District Management Corporation be and hereby is accepted, effective December 31, 2021.

Resolution No. 2022-69:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that Commissioner Brian Andrews be, and hereby is, appointed as Commissioner/Liaison (1) to the Downtown District Management Corporation for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2022

Resolution No. 2022-70:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 2, 2022, that Kendall O’Brien be, and hereby is, appointed as a Resident (2) member to the Downtown District Management Corporation for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2024; and Paul Gallo be, and hereby is, appointed as a Resident (2) member for a three (3) year unexpired term ending December 31, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-71:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 2, 2022, that Paul LaCorte be, and hereby is, appointed as an Owner (3) member to the Downtown District Management Corporation for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2024; and Tammie Crispino be, and hereby is, appointed as a Proprietor/Business Employee (4) member for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2024, and Jospeh Colangelo be, and hereby is, appointed as a Proprietor/Business Employee (4) member for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2024, and

Resolution No. 2022-72:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that Kristen Mider be, and hereby is, appointed as Chair to the Downtown District Management Corporation for a one-year term ending December 31, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-73:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 2, 2022 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, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-74:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Green Team for the year 2022:

Donna Bacich	Regular Member	Co-Chair
Robert Berns	Regular Member	
Rick Cippoletti	Regular Member	
Ben Cohen	Regular Member	
David Coughlin	Regular Member	Co-Chair
Casey Cullen-Wood	Regular Member	

Terrence Curran	Regular Member	
Molly Dennis	Regular Member	
Ann Dooley	Regular Member	
Susan Eisenberg	Regular Member	
Rosario Fico	Regular Member	
Kent Lucas	Regular Member	
Sue Lucas	Regular Member	
El Hariry Moustafa	Regular Member	
Zachary McCue	Regular Member	
David Pringle	Regular Member	
Elizabeth Stapleton	Regular Member	
Jason Stevens	Regular Member	
Madeleine Weinroch-Khristov	Junior Associate	
Monika Koscova -Jencik	Regular Member	Health Department
Erik Hastrup	Regular Member	Department of Public Works
Brian Andrews	Regular Member	Commissioner/Liaison

Resolution No. 2022-75A:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that Barbara Bilger is hereby appointed as Chair of the Grievance Committee for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-75:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that Ann Dooley and Ed O'Malley are hereby appointed as Alternate Members of the Grievance Committee for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-76:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that the following be, and hereby are, appointed to the Memorial Day Committee for the year 2022 – Barbara Bilger, Lee Blowe, Drew Burns, Steve Cukierski, Danielle DeCostello, Gerald Dobbins, Mark Dingelstedt, Russell Graham (Garwood Representative), Howie Lubinger, Beth Mathieu, Nikki Mulcahy, Heinz Ricken, Chris Sands, Donald Sweeney, Commissioner/Liaison Brian Andrews and Recreation and Parks Director Stephen Robertazzi.

Resolution No. 2022-77:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Municipal Alliance (to be also known as the Cranford Prevention and Wellness Committee) for the year 2022 – Beth Balaban, Courtney Baginski, Terry Darling, Program Coordinator MaryAnne Del Negro-Mason, Linda Leifer, Genevieve Leonard, Police Lieutenant Matthew Nazzaro, Loryn O'Brien, Paula O'Hara, Anthony Rossetti, Dr. Scott Rubin, Recreation and Parks Director Stephen Robertazzi, Connie Salerno, Cranford High School SAC Toni Anthony, Susan Wilson, Police Chief Ryan Greco, Brad Young, Mary O'Connor as Commissioner/Liaison and Kathleen Miller Prunty as Mayor/Liaison.

Resolution No. 2022-78:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that MaryAnne Del Negro be, and hereby is, appointed as the Municipal Alliance (to be also known as the Cranford Prevention and Wellness Committee) Program Coordinator for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-79:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee for the year 2022 – Chrissy App, Rosanna Byram, Sergio Capozzi, Richard Cippoletti, Michael Caulfield, Josh Cogdill, Elissa Comer, Dr. Terrence Curran, Thomas Dunn, Anthony Durante (Chair), Paul Gallo, Dennis Geier, Brian Keady, John Mallon, Jessica Orr, Daniel Rogers, Al Spinelli, Bernie Wagenblast, Roy Walton, Jillian Waring, Susan Wilson, DMC Director Caren Demyen, Police Detective/Sergeant Russell Luedecker, Police Detective James Knight, Police Chief Ryan Greco and Commissioner/Liaison Brian Andrews.

Resolution No. 2022-80:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that Jason Gareis be and hereby is appointed as Official Township Representative to the Planning Board, Deputy Mayor, Class III, for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-81:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty be and hereby is appointed as Official Township Representative to the Planning Board, Mayor, Class I, for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-82:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that Gina Black be, and hereby is, appointed as Commissioner/Liaison to the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-83:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 2, 2022, that Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty be, and hereby is, appointed as Mayor Liaison, and Commissioner Brian Andrews be, and hereby is, appointed as Alternate Liaison to the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition for one (1) year terms ending December 31, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-84:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Records Management Committee for the year 2022 – Tax Assessor Bryan Flynn, Library Representative Lise Sulley, Finance Department Representative Michael Robinson, Ashley Kurbanoglu (Chair), Office of Planning and Zoning representative Ruth Nicholas, Recreation and Parks and Swim Pool Utility representative Lori Donnelly, Health Department representative Monika Koscova-Jencik, Police Lieutenant Matt Nazzaro, Administration representative Ashley Osieja, Township Clerk Patricia Donahue, Fire Department representative Cathy Scotti, Department of Public Works representative Erik Hastrup, Tax Collector's Office representative Karyn Kinane and Construction Code Office representative Martha Banks.

Resolution No. 2022-85:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board for the year 2022 - Director of Parks and Recreation Stephen Robertazzi, Cranford West Committee liaison Craig Miklencic, Senior Citizens representative Donald Barone, Rosanna Byram, Susan Cave, Michelle Cook, Marita Dow, Nicole Dreyer, Mike Feeley, Darren Gottesman, Board of Education representative William Hulse, Ryan Kulik, Shannon McGuire, Nikki Mulcahy, Debra Nicholls, Carolyn Capone Pugliese (Chair), Frances Pentimone, Heinz Ricken, Anthony Rossetti, Wally Shackell, Kira Trocciola and Commissioner/Liaison Gina Black.

Resolution No. 2022-86:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the River Maintenance Committee for the year 2022 – Carol Berns, Robert Berns, Leo D. Blanes, Barbara Bilger, Marlene Bostel, Gerardo Caprario, Kinney Clark, Andrew Cossa, David Donohue, Brett Dreyer, Ann Dooley, Caroline Duffy, Catherine Felegi, Rob Gmelin, Tina Helmstetter, William Ilaria, Kevin Illing, William King, Bette Jane Kowalski, Paul LaCorte, Edward Leicht, Douglas Madsen, Murielle Mason, James Matten, Ronald Meeks, Nikki Savino Mulcahy, Tim O'Brien, Kevin Papa, David Pringle, Lori Puhak, Robert Puhak, Carolyn Pugliese, 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, Hugh Welsh, Suzanne Welsh, Township Consulting Engineer and Commissioner/Liaison Mary O'Connor.

Resolution No. 2022-87:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that Chris Drew be, and hereby is, appointed to the Senior Citizen & Disabled Tenancy Act Appeals Board for the year 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-88:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that the following be, and hereby are, appointed to the Swim Pool Utility Advisory Board for the year 2022 – Recreation and Parks Director Stephen Robertazzi, Barbara Bilger, Dr. Chris Chapman, Jerry Dobbins, Dennis Geier, Ellen Heaney Springer, Christopher Kolibas, Teresa Montani, Luke Paine, Rich Pizzutta, Juan Ruiz, Mary Sciarillo and Mayor/Liaison Kathleen Miller Prunty.

Resolution No. 2022-89:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed to the Teen Center Advisory Board for

the year 2022 – Aaryn Backiel, Erin Burke, Christine Esposito, Lauerin Gareis, Sheila Krispin, Kristen Mosier, Nikki Mulcahy, Rita Ruiz, Lora Turon, Madeleine Weinroch-Khristov, Recreation and Parks Director Stephen Robertazzi and Commissioner/Liaison Gina Black.

Resolution No. 2022-90:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that Stephen Robertazzi and the Township's Consulting Engineer be, and hereby are, appointed as delegates to the Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Block Grant Committee for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, Mayor Kathleen Miller Prunty be, and hereby is, appointed as Alternate No. 1 and Commissioner Gina Black be, and hereby is appointed as Alternate No. 2 to the Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Block Grant Committee, for one (1) year terms ending December 31, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-91:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that the following be and hereby are appointed to Union County District Solid Waste Advisory Board – Commissioner Gina Black as Commissioner/ Representative, Dana Friedman as Alternate Representative, Township Consulting Engineer and Township Sanitarian Monika Koscova-Jencik, for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-92:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that the following be designated as representatives to the Union County League of Municipalities for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2022:

- Kathleen Miller Prunty – Mayor/Representative
- Jason Gareis – Deputy Mayor/Alternate Representative

Resolution No. 2022-93:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 2, 2022 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, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Lauerin Gareis and Geoff Cleveland be and hereby are appointed as alternate delegates to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board for one (1) year terms ending December 31, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-94:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 2, 2022, that Christine Daly be, and hereby is, appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a three (3) term ending December 31, 2024; and Shaun Rees be, and hereby is, appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2024.

Resolution No. 2022-95:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that Steve Cukierski be and hereby is, appointed as an Alternate No. 2 member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a two (2) year term ending December 31, 2023.

Resolution No. 2022-96:

MOVED TO ROLL CALL VOTE (see above)

Resolution No. 2022-97:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford at a meeting held January 2, 2022 that the Call Department of the Cranford Fire Department consists of the following members:

- Lieutenant Ronald Marotta
- Firefighter Allison Allmer
- Firefighter Jake Anderson
- Firefighter Karolyn Buckridee
- Firefighter Brian Burkhardt
- Firefighter Andrew DiFrancesco
- Firefighter Jordan Gassmann
- Firefighter Dan Gaul
- Firefighter Travis Literate
- Firefighter Frank Quigley
- Firefighter Brennan Quionnes

- Firefighter Christopher Rentoulis
- Firefighter Paul Richardson
- Firefighter Matthew Ridge
- Firefighter Samuel Scher
- Firefighter Ian Spurr
- Firefighter Chapin Taggart
- Firefighter Thomas Zub

Recorded vote:

Aye: Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Gareis, Commissioners Andrews, Black 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 Attorney Ryan J. Cooper, Esq.

- Congratulated Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Garies and Commissioner Black;
- Wished everyone a "Happy New Year". Looking forward to the year ahead.

Township Administrator Jamie Cryan

- Wished everyone a "Happy New Year";
- Congratulated Commissioner Black;
- Congratulated Mayor Miller Prunty, Deputy Mayor Andrews;
- Mentioned all the difficulties the Township faced over the past year and thanked the Township Committee and Township professionals for their hard work and dedication to the residents;
- Looking forward to the year ahead.

Township Clerk Patricia Donahue

- Congratulated Commissioner Gina Black on her election to the Township Committee. Also congratulated Commissioner Jason Gareis on his appointment to Deputy Mayor. Congratulated Mayor Miller Prunty on her election as Mayor, and Township Attorney Cooper on his appointment as Township Attorney. Looks forward to working with everyone;
- Thanked members of the Clerk's Department who prepared the Reorganization Meeting agenda.
- Thanked all her colleagues who helped her with the Reorganization Meeting agenda;
- Thanked members of the Township Committee who showed concern to her Office and were very responsive to Meeting preparation;
- Thanked the Mayor Miller Prunty for her hard work, cooperation, and counsel;

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Gina Black

Good afternoon and Happy New Year everyone. I am so honored to be here today to officially begin my term on the Cranford Township Committee.

First off, I'd like to acknowledge the tremendous effort that got us here today. The decision to move to a virtual format was by no means an easy one to swallow. Nonetheless, our dedicated professionals (especially Patty, Ashley, and Jamie) did what needed to be done to lay out the details for today's meeting under some crazy circumstances. Very much appreciated!

Thank you to my family who are here to support me today (both in person as well as virtually). I owe my strong sense of right and wrong as well as a healthy sense of humor—be that what it may-- to all of you. To my sons, Aaron and Nick, for your support and putting up with my life on the campaign trail, thank you and I hope you know what you're in for!

Reverend Brown, thank you for your words of wisdom that will help get us off on the right foot for the upcoming year.

And a very special thank you to Senator Tom Kean for being here for my swearing in. Throughout the years, Tom has been an undying supporter for all things Cranford and a great cheerleader for me personally. Tom, I wish you the best of luck as you complete your tenure as our NJ State Representative

and set your sights on a congressional seat representing New Jersey's 7th District. Though Cranford will no longer be part of your constituency as a result of the recent redistricting, your success will nevertheless be a great win for New Jersey at-large. I also wish much success to our recently elected Assemblywomen, Michele Matsikoudis and Nancy Munoz, as well as Jon Bramnick, our next NJ State Senator, all representing legislative district 21 and *tremendous* supporters of Cranford.

Next, I would like to congratulate Mayor Prunty and Deputy Mayor Gareis on your appointed positions as Chair and Vice-chair of the 2022 Township Committee. Thank you in advance to all my fellow commissioners for your help in bringing me up to speed on the finer points of local governance. And thank you to all of the municipal employees, Police and Fire, that have already reached out to provide any support needed. I look forward to working with you all!

Finally, thank you to the many residents that have joined our Cranford Community as volunteers on numerous boards and committees that help to make our town strong.

As we look forward to 2022, we have some challenging discussions ahead and we'll need to take decisive action that will affect the future of Cranford. I campaigned and won on a platform that includes responsible growth, support of public safety and engagement of our residents and business owners. I believe these to be common sense principles and I will continue to work with this in mind.

As I close, I'd like to share a quote *I came upon recently* from Helen Keller that embodies my thoughts on how we can be successful as a team: "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much". No one of us here can or should do it alone. As a committee, we should be prepared to provide, as well as listen, to a diverse set of viewpoints. I encourage residents to participate by coming to public meetings and/or reaching out to any of us—the more voices we hear on any side of an issue, the better informed our decisions will be.

In the end, let us focus on what we can agree on, respectfully debate what we disagree on and work together to promote the best solutions for the residents and businesses of Cranford. Best wishes to everyone for a happy and healthy 2022.

Commissioner Mary O'Connor

Thank you to Senator Kean for joining us here today. Thanks to Senator-elect Bramnick, Assemblywoman Munoz and Assemblywoman-elect Matsikoudis for joining us virtually.

Thank you to Reverend Brown for his always, inspiring always words.

I am very excited to welcome Commissioner Gina Black to the Township Committee. Her commitment to Cranford residents is clear and she will represent you well.

Two years. That's how long we have been at the mercy of the corona virus and its variations. And today, we are virtual for the first time as a reorganization meeting. There is no greater opportunity for the Township Committee to present itself as united in its mission, and yet we start the year 2022 separated. I wish it was different, not just for us, but for you the residents.

During the past two years, our public employees throughout our departments have kept Cranford on course. Police, Fire, DPW, Finance and Tax, Courts, Downtown Management, Building, Zoning, Engineering, Health, Recreation and Parks, TV 35, Administration and the Clerk's Office. It is a monumental task to keep this ship on course and they are the people who get it done.

We, the five of us, who represent you, we are guardians. It is our job to make sure that budgets meet and serve our resident's needs. Through ordinances and resolutions, we set policy. We've lost our way a little, but today is not the day for that discussion. Today we move forward. My hope is that we move forward with one goal in mind, to do the best for Cranford, for all of Cranford, for every neighborhood, every resident, everyone who, like us, loves this, our, town.

As someone who grew up in Cranford, I love seeing our town evolve. At the same time, I feel a responsibility to ensure we do not lose what makes Cranford so special, a place where neighbors take care of each other and people who have never met, will come together to provide others support. In Cranford, there is only one degree of separation because we wrap our arms around our collective community and hold tight.

We cannot lose our sense of self to provide profit for developers. We need to make sure that every plan that comes before this committee addresses our affordable housing obligation, flood mitigation, traffic and public safety. We need to ensure our legacy as a caring, welcoming, suburban community.

I look forward to a productive year and moving Cranford forward in a positive direction. Some of the initiatives I will address are Pay to Play, eminent domain, creative affordable housing solutions and the role and responsibility of Township Commissioners.

Thanks as always to our clerk Patty Donahue and her staff for pulling this meeting and a very daunting agenda together, to our Township Administrator Jamie Cryan and his staff for coordinating the meeting, all our department heads who provided their support and as always Ed Davenport and his TV 35 crew for bringing this meeting to your homes.

For now, it's time to wish everyone a Happy New Year and promise to get to work!

Commissioner Brian Andrews

Thank you, Mayor.

Thank you to Reverend Brown and special thanks to Patty Donahue and her team. A lot of us get a little period of rest between Christmas and New Years and this is probably when she is the absolute busiest and they grind it out but it is important work because it is how we get people involved in our community, how we get more public input to continue to improve and strengthen our town. Thank you, Jamie, I know you were in town over the holiday weekend so thank you for all you did to support this process.

I am pleased to support Kathleen Miller Prunty again for another term as mayor in our town. As many know she's been a leader in improving our community in many roles for a number of years and we will be very well served in 2022, I'm also happy to support my friend Jason Gareis for Deputy Mayor. I appreciated his support last year to serve in a similar role, and if I could give one piece of advice, the position is what you make of it, and I loved it. I know you are going to serve admirably and do the town a lot of good this year.

Welcome and congratulations to our new colleague Gina Black, as others have noted, we have a big agenda ahead and I think there is a lot of room for common ground on steps that make sense for our town so I look forward to governing with Gina and the other Commissioners this year.

We are starting 2022 with a bit of a feeling of going backwards (as) many of us have friends who are sick right now. Some of them are very sick, including in our Municipal Government Community/Family. It is particularly frustrating because most people in Cranford have done everything we were told, get vaccinated, social distance, mask up, and yet we just seem to be in this very frustrating loop. Cases right now are shockingly high and we need to respond to changing circumstances as we are here today and thank you to everyone who was able to pull this virtual meeting together so quickly.

I don't know how or when this disruption in our lives is going to end but I am sure that they will. And I know that we are fortunate to live in a community like Cranford that really comes together when times get tough and the number of neighbors and friends, I've heard doing grocery runs for others, picking things up and checking in is really inspiring.

We, as we look ahead to the year have a duty as the Township Committee to serve Cranford and do our best to make it even stronger. I would just like to touch on very briefly, four areas that I plan to prioritize and I think we all should. One, the issue of livability. For too long, we did not make the investments in our town's infrastructure that we should have. From roads to flooding, Storm Ida laid this bare. We must and we will do more on this front. I know Deputy Mayor Gareis has been a leader on this as well as the Mayor and I am looking forward to seeing more this year. We also have to focus on more quality-of-life issues from pedestrian safety and bike safety to the environment. I think there is a lot more that can be done and I am excited our agenda for 2022.

Two, our local economy. We must be responsible with the taxpayers' monies while doing what we can to build our economy by attracting new businesses not just to the Downtown, but to Centennial Village and to the Business Park as well as other areas of town and while critically we do everything we can to support our existing businesses as we did last year from parklets, doing what we can on inspections particularly post-flooding, to shutting down Eastman Avenue to provide a community gather-spacing and fighting the State to keep it open as long as we could.

Third, we need to continue to fight for our residents. There are many cases where large powerful interests

come in and try to muscle their way through and the Township Committee's role is to muscle back. You can look at the Cell Tower where we have been brought to Federal Court and we have hired a very experienced legal team and are making the investments necessary to fight -- to overdevelopment, where we need to make the right difficult choices so that we can fight against these developer law suits. The stakes are too high for political posturing on this issue. We need to put in the real work necessary to get it done and to keep Cranford on a good course.

Finally, number four, Community building. One of the most special parts of Cranford by far is how involved our citizens are. We have many pathways to get involved whether it is the many boards that were appointed earlier today, civic organizations, religious institutions, school and sports, etc. There's a lot to do to make people feel like they are a part of something bigger than themselves and that they have an opportunity to give back. Local government has an important role in supporting this. Just this past month, the Cranford Jaycees helped escort Santa around town delivering over 2,000 toys to Cranford children as well as giving to charities. They were escorted by the Police and the Fire Department. So, there are a lot of ways that our government can help to breathe additional life into our community. Looking ahead to this year, I think we are going to have to reschedule the River Carnival, which is a great way to bring us together to celebrate our 150th Anniversary. I know we are going to be laying the groundwork for a great next 150 years.

Thank you very much and have a wonderful New Year.

Deputy Mayor Jason Gareis

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate Mayor Miller Prunty on her second term as Chairperson of the Township Committee, I would also like to congratulate Commissioner Black on being sworn in as a member of the Township Committee. I look forward to working with all members of the Township Committee in 2022. I would like to thank the members of the Committee on electing me to serve as Vice Chair for the Committee for 2022. It is an honor to be selected to serve in this role for our residents. I am likewise honored to serve again as the Commissioner of Public Safety. It has been a pleasure to work with Chief Greco and the members of the Cranford Police Department as well as Chief Czeh and the members of the Cranford Fire Department over the last year. Both departments are comprised of dedicated professionals and volunteers who put the safety and well being of our residents above all else. We should all feel confident in the services provided by these departments.

I would like to thank County Commissioner B. J. Kowalski for her continued support. I know she was looking forward to attending today and administering the oaths to both Mayor Miller Prunty and me. She is "under the weather" and I hope she feels better soon. I'd like to thank Patty Donahue and her staff in the Clerk's office. Their office always works tirelessly. Preparation of today's meeting has been nothing short of amazing, I think I got a taste for that yesterday when Patty called me and said she was in the building working all day yesterday to be prepared for today. So again, thank you for those efforts.

Finally, I would like to thank my family. The decision to run for elected office was always a family decision and I would not be able to serve without the support and encouragement of my wife Lauerin and my son, Sebastian. When Commissioner Andrews and I campaigned back in 2020, one of the last things we did was a short video. The opening line to that video is still often repeated in my house and that is "2020 has been a rough year". At the time I think we all believed that 2020 was a rough year but that life would be back to normal in 2021. Unfortunately, 2021 proved to be another tough year especially for many residents here in Cranford. In addition to continuing to battle back from the effects of the Pandemic, we were also faced with devastating effects of Storm Ida. Many residents continue to deal with those issues even up to today. Following Storm Ida, members of the Township Committee and I met with residents, engineers, elected officials from other towns that have been likewise devastated by Storm Ida as well as State officials. For many of our residents, this was not the first flood and for many, this was at least their fourth. The phrase I've heard time and time again is "it's not if, but when". We as a Township need to refocus our efforts and strategies on how to curtail flooding, and lessening the effects of flooding for all of our residents. Whether we are discussing flooding from the Rahway River or flash flooding that occurs in different parts of our town, we need to develop new plans to deal with each aspect of flooding as it confronts Cranford.

Even before the devastating effects of Storm Ida were felt here in town, Cranford was in the process of raising an additional five (5) homes through a federal grant. I am pleased to say that the homes are on track to be raised this Spring. I am even more pleased to say that working with State OEM officials following Storm Ida, Cranford was allowed the opportunity to apply for additional federal funding to raise additional homes. To date, I believe we have somewhere in the low thirties (30's) -- the number of homes that have expressed interest in this program and so I am hopeful that if the "when" does come again, we will have many homeowners that do not see levels of devastation that they did with the last few floods and especially the ones that I witnessed during Storm Ida. As Commissioner Andrews touched on, flooding is a large concern and I plan to devote a good amount of my efforts this year making sure that we

are more prepared in the future in making sure that Cranford becomes more resilient to flooding.

In closing, I would like to say “Happy New Year” to everyone. I hope 2022 finds everyone safe and healthy. Thank you, Mayor.

Commissioner Mary O’Connor (continued)

I would just like to say we made history today, it is the first time there are three female Commissioners on the Township Committee.

On motion of Commissioner Black, seconded by Commissioner O’Connor and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 2, 2022

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Municipal Clerk