

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY**

SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES

**April 21, 2016
12:00 PM**

THIS MEETING WAS CALLED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016, AT APPROXIMATELY 2:30 PM, NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS FAXED AND/OR EMAILED TO THE WESTFIELD LEADER, THE UNION COUNTY LOCAL SOURCE, THE STAR LEDGER, AND TAP INTO CRANFORD, POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING RESERVED FOR SUCH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK OF CRANFORD. FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING.

PRESENT: *Mayor Andis Kalnins
 Deputy Mayor O'Connor
 Commissioner John Mallon
 *Commissioner Patrick F. Giblin
 Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.

ABSENT: None

*Mayor Kalnins participated via conference call.
*Commissioner Giblin arrived at 12:04 PM.

On motion of Deputy Mayor O'Connor seconded by Commissioner Hannen, the Township Committee adopted the following resolution to conduct this special emergency meeting:

Resolution No. 2016-178:

WHEREAS, this emergency meeting has been called for the following purpose:

TO DISCUSS FY 2016 FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE (FEMA) GRANT PROGRAM WHICH WOULD PROVIDE RESIDENTS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY FOR HOME ELEVATION.

WHEREAS, the urgency and importance of this meeting are such that a delay for the purpose of providing adequate notice would be likely to result in substantial harm to the public interest; and

WHEREAS, this meeting is limited to discussion of and acting with respect to such matters of urgency and importance; and

WHEREAS, the normal requirements of the law regarding 48 hour notice have not been met due to lack of time, however, notice of this Special Emergency Meeting were faxed and/or emailed to the Westfield Leader, the Union County Local Source, the Star Ledger and Tap into Cranford on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at approximately 2:30 PM; and

WHEREAS, the need for adequate notice could not have reasonably been foreseen at a time when adequate notice could have been provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford hereby authorizes this Emergency Meeting to be held on this 21st day of April, at 12:00 PM, in Room 108 at the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Mayor Kalnins, Deputy Mayor O'Connor, Commissioners Mallon and Hannen

Nay: None

Absent: *Commissioner Giblin

Abstain: None

Township Engineer Carl O'Brien, Susan Scavone, of Millennium Strategies, and Christopher Testa, of the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, participated in the meeting via conference call.

Township Administrator Wall provided an overview of the FY 2016 FEMA Grant Program.

Susan Scavone discussed the application process and those residents eligible for funding for home elevation through the grant program.

Christopher Testa explained the different lists of qualifying residents. Further explained that this is a multi-year process and discussed the benefits of the projects available through this grant program.

Mayor Kalnins discussed the fact that the qualifying residents are scattered throughout different neighborhoods and do not provide for home elevation in a full neighborhood.

Discussion was held.

The Township Committee was agreeable to communicating with all residents who qualify for home elevation through this grant program however this communication would indicate that not all homeowners would be selected at this time.

On motion of Commissioner Giblin seconded by Commissioner Hannen and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 12:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Rowley, RMC
Township Clerk

Dated: April 21, 2016