

The Minutes of the **Workshop Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **December 18, 2017** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 108.

THIS MEETING IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT" AS ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY MAILING THE ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS TO THE WESTFIELD LEADER, THE UNION COUNTY LOCAL SOURCE, THE STAR LEDGER, AND TAP INTO CRANFORD, BY POSTING SUCH ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE ON A BULLETIN BOARD IN THE TOWN HALL RESERVED FOR SUCH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE FILING OF SAID NOTICE WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK OF CRANFORD. FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING.

Present: Mayor Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.
Deputy Mayor Patrick F. Giblin
Commissioner Ann Dooley
Commissioner Andis Kalnins
Commissioner Mary O'Connor

Absent: None

Commissioner-elect Jean-Albert Maisonneuve was present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

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

Resolution No. 2017-91.43:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee will go into closed session to discuss the following, the minutes of which will be released at some time in the future at the discretion of the Township Committee:

Legal

- Township Attorney update

Contractual

- Collective Bargaining negotiations
- Police Department
- Municipal garbage removal

Personnel

- Department of Public Works
- Office of Business and Economic Development
- Finance Department
- 2018 appointments to committees, boards and commissions

Minute Review

- Closed Session Minutes of November 13 and 27, 2017

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

On motion of Commissioner Dooley seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at 8:00 PM.

Engineering update

Township Engineer Masol was present.

2017 Municipal Paving Program

Informed the Township Committee that paving for the year is done and Oak Lane will be paved in the spring by the Utility Company. Mark Paving has some issues that need to be addressed. Also mentioned that Hawthorne Street will be paved in the spring as well.

NJ American Water improvements

Discussed water main replacements on various roadways to begin in January 2018 by New Jersey American Water. Mentioned that will also reimburse the town for the cost of paving.

Victorian Lights

Discussed the status of the replacement of Victorian lights in Downtown Cranford and the schedule for installation. The installation is underway and scheduled to be completed by January 3, 2018.

Holiday lights

Commissioner O'Connor informed Township Engineer Masol that the wreath lights are blinking across from the Starbucks.

Township Engineer Masol to follow up.

North Union/Alden Street Improvements

Discussed improvements to the North Union Avenue/Alden Street intersection. Mentioned that the lowest bidder was S. Brothers.

NJDEP/NJEIT – Fiscal Year 2016 Clean Water and Drinking Water (Environmental Infrastructure Phase 2B)

Provided an update of the Phase 2B of the Northeast Quadrant Storm Water Management Project and informed the Township Committee that Mott MacDonald is in the process of obtaining permits.

Hillside Avenue Tunnel

Mentioned that each side of the archway on North Lehigh has been taken down and need to be put back up. Is looking to design an archway that swings back and locks up. Stated that Dr. Paul donated the archway.

Mayor Hannen approves the improvements as long as Dr. Paul agrees to pay for them.

Review Official Meeting Agenda

Deputy Mayor Giblin asked to change the orders of the Police Announcements.

Commissioner Dooley mentioned that there was no backup for the resolution authorizing the 2017 vacation carryovers.

Commissioner Dooley questioned the award of contract to Aquatic Service, Inc. for winterizing and startup of the pools for the 2017-2018 season.

All items were approved for action.

Christmas tree pickup process

Township Committee consensus to allow the same pickup program as last year.

Proposed 2018 Township Committee meeting schedule

Township Committee accepts the proposed meeting schedule for 2018.

Minute approval – Closed Session Minutes of November 13 and 27, 2017

On motion of Commissioner Kalnins seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and passed, the Closed Session Minutes of November 13 and 27, 2017 were approved by indicated vote of the Township Committee.

Recorded vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

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Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

On motion of Commissioner Dooley seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at 11:34 PM.

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor seconded by Commissioner Dooley and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 11:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 18, 2017

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