

The Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **October 9, 2018** at **7:07 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 Ann Dooley
Commissioner Patrick F. Giblin
Commissioner Jean-Albert Maisonneuve
Commissioner Mary O'Connor

Absent: None

Closed Session

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

Resolution No. 2018-94.32:

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

REAL ESTATE MATTER

- Abandoned Property Act

LEGAL MATTERS

- Legal update
- Third Round Affordable Housing Obligations
- Monarch Housing/Myrtle Avenue

MINUTE REVIEW

- Closed Session Minutes of May 22nd and September 25th, 2018

PERSONNEL

- Department of Public Works
- Downtown Management Corporation (DMC)
- Collective Bargaining – Teamsters
- Administration

- Fire
- Police

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Mayor Hannen, Deputy Mayor Dooley, Commissioners Giblin, Maisonneuve and O'Connor
 Nay: None
 Abstained: None
 Absent: None

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Maisonneuve and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at 7:42 p.m.

Engineering Update

Mr. Bill Masol, Township Engineer, provided an update on the following matters:

FY 2016 NJDEP/NJDEIT Program – Phase 2B Flood Control Project

Mr. Masol stated that the Bid opening had been rescheduled to November 8th due to a specification issue. Mayor Hannen inquired about the estimated shovel-into-the-ground time frame. Mr. Masol replied that time would occur in a few weeks.

2017 Municipal Paving Program, Phase 2

Mr. Masol stated that the Preconstruction meeting was scheduled for October 10th.

2018 Municipal Paving Program

Mr. Masol stated that a Notice to Proceed had been issued for October 9th. He stated that the expected substantial completion date had been set for December 23rd.

Rahway River Desilting/Dam Gate Replacement

Mr. Masol stated that Architectural survey quotes had been received, specifically a quote from Mr. Richard Grubb, for a 6 (six) to 8 (eight) week duration for \$15,702.00 and a quote from Hunter Research, for up to a 6 (six) week duration for \$5,129.26.

NJDOT Grant Applications

Mr. Masol stated that the Municipal Aid grant application for Brookside Place Drainage improvements was submitted on October 5th. Mr. Masol stated that the Safe Streets to Transit grant application for Eastman Street Pedestrian improvements was submitted on October 3, 2018.

Mr. Masol stated that his office was working on the Community Rating System (CRS) certification which was due that week and noted that it would be completed.

Paving at the Hanson House

Referring to the Hanson House, discussion ensued regarding impervious surface, stones and paving the driveways and the whole parking lot.

Commissioner Giblin inquired about the paving at the bike path near Orange Avenue. He noted that half the path was paved and half was not paved and further elaborated. Commissioner Giblin further elaborated about walkways both near Park Drive and at Nomahegan.

Pet Vet Vent – 1 (One) Springfield Avenue

Mayor Hannen noted that the applicant (Pet Vet) had proposed a vent on his property at 1 (one) Springfield Avenue which would extend over their property line onto Township-owned property. Mr. Wall stated that the Zoning Officer did not have an issue, per se, with the vent but determined that he had to refer the issue to the Township Committee. Mayor Hannen requested that Mr. Wall refer the issue back to the Zoning Department and check if there was anything they could recommend.

Proposed Cell Tower Ordinance

Mayor Hannen inquired if members of the Township Committee had any comments regarding the proposed Cell Tower ordinance. He asked that this ordinance be placed on the next Township Committee Official Meeting agenda. Discussion ensued. Mr. Wall noted that this ordinance could be another tool in our tool box. Commissioner Giblin stated that he was not in favor of the proposed ordinance and elaborated. Mayor Hannen requested that Township Attorney Cooper incorporate Commissioner Giblin's comments into an updated proposed ordinance.

Late Starter – Review Official Meeting Agenda

Committee consensus was reached to take item number 14, the resolution pertaining to the Department of Public Works Superintendent's agreement with the Township, off the Official Meeting agenda. Mayor Hannen requested that the resolutions pertaining to the Fire Department's Call list and the hiring of per diem Emergency Medical Technicians (E.M.T.s.) item numbers 12 and 13, be moved to a Roll Call vote during the Official Meeting agenda. Committee consensus was reached to table Ordinance Number 2018-07 and to not conduct the public hearing and roll call vote during the Official Meeting. A brief discussion ensued regarding the Scarecrow Night Stroll (Agenda item number 3 (three.)

Public Comments

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

Ms. Rita LaBrutto of Arlington Road stated that she had two questions. She asked where the Township was with the PILOT and the Board of Education. Mayor Hannen, Commissioner Giblin and Deputy Mayor Dooley responded. Ms. LaBrutto inquired about the "24 hour" ordinance, with specific

references to gas stations and security guards. Township Attorney Ryan Cooper responded. Discussion ensued.

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

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Maisonneuve and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at 8:08 p.m.

The Township Committee moved to Council Chambers at 8:08 p.m. to conduct the Official Meeting.

The Township Committee returned to the Workshop meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Mayors Council Rahway River Watershed Flood Control Update

Mr. Daniel Aschenbach of the Mayors Council Rahway River Watershed Flood Control group presented a status of the Rahway River Flood Mitigation Plan. Discussion ensued regarding federal and state efforts, work provided by Winning Strategies, the federal agency, USACE, assistance received from the Essex County engineer, Essex County, and the Essex County Executive. Discussion ensued. Further discussion ensued regarding next steps.

Closed Session Minutes of May 22nd and September 25th

Committee consensus was reached to consider the Closed Session minutes of May 22nd and September 25th at the next Workshop Meeting.

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On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Maisonneuve and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Donahue
Municipal Clerk

Dated: October 9, 2018