

The Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **January 28, 2019** at **7:02 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 E-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 Patrick Giblin
Deputy Mayor Ann Dooley
Commissioner Thomas H. Hannen, Jr.
Commissioner Jean-Albert Maisonneuve
Commissioner Mary O'Connor

Absent: None

Public Comments

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

Mr. Mike Normann of 12 Colby Lane stated that he had an issue with a proposed 130-foot cell tower at Union County College. He spoke about the number of residents who shared the same sentiment as well as the creation of a Go Fund Me page for this matter. Mr. Normann spoke about both Verizon's and Union County College's roles. Mr. Ray Licata of 10 Dartmouth Road elaborated about the bid process. He then stated that while the DAS proposal was sufficient, the Tower's installation was unnecessary. He spoke about the solid cell phone service which already existed at the college and the health risks associated with a cell tower. Discussion ensued. Administrator Jamie Cryan inquired whether Mr. Normann and Mr. Licata had approached the Union County Freeholders regarding this matter. Mr. Norman stated that the Freeholders' response was that the College needed the cell tower for security. He also noted that the Freeholders stated they do not control the College. Mr. Norman then stated that the Freeholders fund Union County College.

Mr. Kinney Clark of 300 South Union Avenue stated that the Cranford Historic Preservation Advisory Board (HPAB) wrote Tri-Leaf Environmental Consultants on January 3rd indicating their opposition to the installation of the cell phone tower and briefly elaborated. Mr. Clark also spoke about HPAB's January 3rd letter to Hunter Research in Trenton regarding the proposed desilting and snag removal aspects of the Droescher Dam and Hansel Dam projects, specifically that the HPAB did not oppose such work. Discussion ensued.

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

Closed Session

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

Resolution No. 2019-93.3

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:

Personnel

- Chief Financial Officer

Legal Matters

- Monarch Housing
- Legal update
- Affordable Housing
- Casale Project

Contractual

- Local No. 469 International Brotherhood of Teamsters

Real Estate

- Municipal Liens

Minute Review

- Closed Session Minutes of January 14, 2019 and January 15, 2019

Recorded Vote:

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

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Hannen and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at 7:38 p.m.

Review Official Meeting Agenda

Township Attorney Ryan Cooper stated that because the \$300,000 Elazar litigation payments were not included in the Bill List, they would have to be added to the Bill List and considered for approval at the following evening's Official Meeting.

Referencing the Bill List, Commissioner Hannen inquired whether the appropriate Township Committee meeting minutes supporting the payment of the back-flow preventer were provided to Finance. Municipal Clerk Patricia Donahue stated that the minutes were provided to Finance.

Proposed Late Fee Waiver for Township Property Taxes for Furloughed Government Employees – Commissioner Hannen

Referencing the recent end to the government “shutdown,” Commissioner Hannen noted that discussion of this Agenda topic was no longer necessary.

Master Plan Reexamination

Mayor Giblin spoke about a recent meeting regarding the Master Plan Reexamination which was held with Township officials and employees including the Planning Board chair, the Zoning Officer and the Township Administrator. Township Attorney Ryan Cooper elaborated about the law which required municipalities to conduct Master Plan Reexaminations. He noted that the task had to be completed by September 19th. Mayor Giblin spoke about the proposed process to complete the Reexamination. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Hannen noted that he would provide comments on this matter in Closed Session.

Proposed Ordinance - Fire Insurance Claims

Mr. Cooper provided a description of the intent of a proposed Ordinance which pertained to fire insurance claims and the payment of liens and demolition costs. He noted that it mirrored verbatim the language of a state statute regarding this matter. Deputy Mayor Dooley requested that Mr. Belluscio review the proposed ordinance. Discussion ensued.

Review Official Meeting Agenda

Ms. Donahue noted that the Teen Advisory Board resolution for the following evening had been updated with another member, specifically, Christine Esposito. She also noted that Resolution 2019-125 had been added to the Agenda since the previous Friday distribution of agendas. She noted that such resolution pertained to the placement of a lien by the Tax Collector on a Hillcrest Avenue property. A brief discussion ensued.

Minute Approval – Closed Session Minutes of January 14, 2019 and January 15, 2019

Municipal Clerk Patricia Donahue inquired whether the January 14th and January 15th minutes were approved. Each member of the Committee stated “yes.”

Administrator Report

Mr. Cryan provided updates on recent meetings with PSE&G, Willis Towers Watson, Union County Administrators and Maureen Strazdon of the HPAB

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner O'Connor noted that the Cannabis legislation study panel meeting had occurred the previous Wednesday and briefly elaborated.

Commissioner Hannen stated that he would attend the upcoming Wednesday meeting for the Mayors Council on Rahway River Watershed Flood Control in Millburn

Referencing his 2019 Department assignments, Commissioner Maisonneuve stated his appreciation to the Department Heads for the time spent in recent meetings. He briefly elaborated about using Google sheets for communication tasks.

Deputy Mayor Dooley stated that during the upcoming expected bitter cold days, the Township would seek ways for people to seek shelter.

Mayor Giblin invited members of the Committee to join Public Works Superintendent Steve Wardell, Administrator Jamie Cryan and him on an upcoming visit with members of the Historical Society at the Hanson House. Mayor Giblin noted that he would be in Trenton during the upcoming Wednesday for a Mayors' meeting. The Mayor noted that the Administrator had recently sent the Commissioners a "Path to Progress" report. He briefly elaborated.

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Absent:	None

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Hannen and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at 8:58 p.m.

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dooley and passed, the Township Committee adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 28, 2019

Patricia Donahue
Municipal Clerk