

The Minutes of the **Workshop Meeting** of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey on **February 19, 2019** at 6:00 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 Mary O'Connor

Absent: Commissioner Jean-Albert Maisonneuve

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

Karen Demicco, 12 Lincoln Avenue, provided a packet to the Township Committee regarding the antismoking protection of renters in Cranford. Explained that her and her husband are temporarily living in a hotel due to the exposure of marijuana chemicals in their apartment from the downstairs tenant. As a result of this, she has developed respiratory issues and is unable to occupy their residence. Mentioned that she contacted Senator Thomas Kean last week who agreed with her in the immediate resolve of this health issue. Is requesting the Township Committee adopt an ordinance to prohibit the smoking of tobacco and marijuana in apartments, two-family dwellings and condo complexes. Also provided an ANFR document which lists effects of Secondhand Marijuana smoke and tobacco smoke.

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

### **Review Official Meeting Agenda**

Mayor Giblin stated that the resolution for Myrtle Street was moved to the March 5, 2019 Official Meeting.

Deputy Mayor Dooley moved the adoption of the January 15 and 29, 2019 Official Meeting minutes to the March 5, 2019 Official Meeting.

### **Fire Department Entrance Exam Testing**

Fire Chief Czeh discussed three anticipated retirements within the Fire Department for 2019. Asked permission to start the hiring process.

Discussion held regarding the previous hiring process.

Deputy Mayor Dooley questioned what the requirements are for someone to submit their application.

Fire Chief Czeh provided the requirements: 1) must be a member of the Call Department; 2) must have at least two years experience on the Call Department; and 3) must be 21 years or older. Mentioned that there are currently 19 members that are eligible.

Township Committee agreed for Fire Chief Czeh to start the hiring process.

### **Capital Budget Meeting Process**

Mayor Giblin spoke about the Capital Budget meeting scheduled on February 25, 2019. Stated that he would like handouts provided for the public

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Teresa Ramos, 615 Hory Street, spoke about the resolution for Myrtle Street and is looking for an update.

Mayor Giblin explained that the resolution was moved to the March 5, 2019 Official Meeting to allow for adequate time for the matter to be looked into.

Ms. Ramos discussed the development of multiple lots that have been put into the Fair Share Housing Plan. Questioned how the lots are being addressed along Myrtle Street.

Discussion held regarding paper streets.

Commissioner O'Connor mentioned that there is a possibility that a spring might run through the Myrtle Street location causing it to be a "wetland".

Ms. Ramos expressed concern with potential traffic created from Commerce Drive if the lots are developed.

Deputy Mayor Dooley explained that all concerns must be addressed at the level of the Planning Board.

Commissioner O'Connor stated that only two group homes can be developed along the Myrtle Street area.

Deputy Mayor Dooley explained that the group homes will not be producing any vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

Ms. Ramos asked if the Township Committee is willing to discuss this issue with the residents residing in that area.

Mayor Giblin encouraged the developer to reach out to the residents in the area to give them a better perspective.

Township Attorney Cooper explained that the sale of property is contingent upon Planning Board approval.

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

#### **TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

Township Administrator Cryan informed the Township Committee that he met with the Mayor and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection earlier in the day. Feels the meeting was a success. Also mentioned that he met with the DMC and a majority of the business owners in the downtown.

#### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS - None**

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

##### **Resolution No. 2019-93.5:**

**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**

- Zoning Office

##### **Legal Matters**

- Legal Update

##### **Recorded vote:**

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

Nay: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Commissioner Maisonneuve

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor seconded by Commissioner Hannen and passed, the Township Committee returned to open session at 7:59 PM

The Township Committee moved to Council Chambers to conduct the Official Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Capone, RMC  
Deputy Township Clerk

Dated: February 19, 2019