

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 8, 2015

The Township Committee Meeting of the Township of Cranbury was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Answering present to the roll call were Township Committee members: Dave Cook, Susan Goetz, Glenn Johnson, Dan Mulligan, and Mayor Jay Taylor. Also present were Bill Tanner, P.E., Township Engineer; Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/Director of Finance, and Kathleen Cunningham, Municipal Clerk/Assistant Administrator. Mayor Taylor led in the salute to the flag, and Ms. Cunningham gave the following Open Public Meetings Act statement:

In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, it is hereby announced and shall be entered into the minutes of this meeting that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided:

- (1) Posted on December 2, 2014 on the Bulletin Board of the Municipal Office at 23-A North Main Street, Cranbury, New Jersey and remains posted at that location.
- (2) Communicated to the Cranbury Press, Home News Tribune and Trenton Times on December 2, 2014.
- (3) Filed on December 2, 2014 at the Cranbury Municipal Office, 23-A North Main Street, Cranbury, New Jersey, posted on the Township's web site and remains on file for public inspection.
- (4) Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

Regular Township Committee Minutes of August 10, 2015

On motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Goetz and unanimously carried, the Regular Township Committee Minutes of August 10, 2015 were adopted.

Closed Session Minutes of August 10, 2015

On motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously carried, the Closed Session Minutes of August 10, 2015 were adopted.

Reports and Communications

--Mayor

--Mayor Taylor reported three (3) Cub Scouts, who are working on a civics badge, came to Town Hall to meet with various Township employees. He reported the Township did the bid for the next phase of the Downtown Beautification Project, and stated Ms. Goetz will be addressing that later. Mayor Taylor reported the Town Hall repairs are now complete and stated he has received many positive comments. He reported the attendance issues of board members raised at a previous Committee meeting have been resolved. The Board Chairs have spoken with members, and there should be an improvement in attendance.

Mayor Taylor reported there was a car accident in front of Cranbury Pizza, and the Police are looking for witnesses and a video of the accident.

Mayor Taylor reported he, along with the Mayors of South Brunswick and Plainsboro, will be attending a "Meet the Mayor Conference" in Plainsboro on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. He reported Candidates' Night is also October 13<sup>th</sup> in the evening.

Mayor Taylor reported Cranbury School second graders will be coming for a tour of Town Hall of October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

He reported Cranbury Day is next Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> is the Cranbury canoe race.

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Reports and Communications

--Mayor (cont'd.)

Mayor Taylor reported Assemblyman Dan Benson has asked for a resolution to support the Downtown Economic Development Act, which is a bill requiring the State to support small-town businesses and downtown areas. Mayor Taylor stated he will circulate the Bill, and it can be discussed on the agenda at the next Township Committee meeting.

Mayor Taylor reported a number of escrow accounts are in delinquency and have resulted in approximately \$73,000 of charges, or half a cent of tax rate being paid by taxpayers. He stated he would like to get approval from the Committee to use the Planning Board and Zoning Board attorney to seek judgments in Municipal Court. If awarded, all attorney fees and filing fees can be reimbursed. He proposed that a letter be sent to applicants with any escrows older than one year or in the amount of \$1,500 or greater. The letter would ask for payment within 45 days, stating that judgments will be filed against applicants do not clear out their escrow balance after that date. Mayor Taylor proposed writing off negative balances from properties whose owners have gone bankrupt. If payment has not been received within 45 days, the Township would proceed with having the Planning Board/Zoning Board attorney, Ms. Trishka Cecil, Esq. file with the court.

Mayor Taylor also suggested reviewing the ability to revise escrow agreements to allow for liens to be placed on delinquent properties and to increase escrow fees. He suggested reviewing the process currently used to avoid getting into this situation in the future. Mayor Taylor suggested before the 2016 contract negotiations with next year's professionals that a fixed rate be negotiated for residential applications. He stated this would prevent excess charges to residents. Mr. Tanner agreed a fixed amount would be beneficial for residents.

Mr. Johnson reported he had a meeting with the Chairs of the Planning and Zoning Boards and they agreed not to have the Township Planner involved with fence and shed applications. He stated the fees for those applications could run up to \$1,000. Mayor Taylor stated the Township has fixed fees for some professionals attending meetings, and stated he felt applications could have fixed fees for small projects.

Mayor Taylor stated he would like to work with Mr. Mulligan, as Deputy Mayor, and Marilee Meacock, Zoning Board Chair, to have a process in place to avoid having escrows go into deficit again. He stated there is currently bills should not be approved/paid if there is a deficit on the account. Ms. Marabello stated there sometimes is a lag time; however, notification letters are sent out as soon as there is a deficit. She stated if a process is in place, the Township has to be consistent with the process across the board. Mayor Taylor stated if the deficit has not been replenished in a year, the process should kick in.

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--Members of Committee

--Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson stated he had nothing to report this evening.

--Ms. Goetz

Ms. Goetz reported Princeton Hydro applied a second treatment of herbicide to the Lake last week. She stated although some weeds have returned, the Lake looked really good this summer. She stated the two (2) treatments will probably be all that is needed this year.

Ms. Goetz reported the Township received \$490,000 as a two-step grant for the Downtown Beautification Project. She reported the Township went out to bid on the next two (2) phases of the Project, which include sidewalks going south from School House Lane to the entrance of the West Property; the Post Office north to Bunker Hill; and also Park Place West. The bid was awarded to Think Pavers, the firm that just completed work on the front of Town Hall.

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--Members of Committee (cont'd.)

--Mr. Mulligan

Mr. Mulligan reported there will be an affordable housing subcommittee meeting this week.

--Mr. Cook

Mr. Cook reported on Saturday, the Boy Scouts will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> Eagle Scout award. Mr. Cook stated previous Eagle Scouts are being invited to attend. The celebration will be at the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Cook reported the lighting for the Bridge will be wired and complete soon. He reported work on the fountain at the Lake is being donated as an Eagle Scout Project, and a 1906 photo was passed around for the public to view. Mr. Cook stated the outstanding part of the project is the railing that surrounds the fountain, and stated no one has volunteered to do that for free. Mr. Cook stated he has a call in to Mr. Jerry Thorne, Public Works Manager, to get an estimate to replace the railing with a period look. He stated the railing and picking out light fixtures may be the only outstanding issues for the Bridge and Dam Project.

Agenda Additions/Changes

Ms. Cunningham reported Resolution # R 09-15-103 is being deleted from the Agenda, stating the Tax Collector indicated the Resolution is no longer required.

Public Comment - For Agenda Items

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting to public questions and comments for items on the Agenda. Dr. Stuart Alexander, North Main Street, commented about Resolution # R 09-15-102, awarding the bid for the Downtown Beautification Project to Think Pavers. Dr. Alexander stated that approximately two (2) months ago there was a lengthy discussion at a Township Committee concerning the need for handicapped parking on South Main Street. Dr. Alexander stated the discussion ended with the thought of placing the handicapped parking place at 19 North Main Street, in front of his office. He stated he does not need the spot as he has a handicapped spot in his parking lot. He stated he came to Town Hall to view the plans of the Project, and came to find the revised plans sent to the DOT were not in Town Hall for the public to view. Ms. Marabello stated she had a copy of the revised plans in her office; however, the plans in the Main Office were not revised. Dr. Alexander stated, as a member of the public, revised plans were not presented to him to view. He stated Mr. Tanner did call him and stated he was available to answer any questions. Dr. Alexander stated the parking space was relocated from 19 South Main Street to 11 South Main Street, and the reason given to him by Mr. Tanner was it would not require the removal of trees. Dr. Alexander stated the idea of an ADA spot is accessibility, and it is a hardship for a handicapped person to get to the Church from a spot further south on Main Street. He stated the tree in front of his office was planted by the previous resident of his building, and is the wrong type of tree to be planted in that spot as it will grow very large. He stated that tree will destroy the brick sidewalk that will be placed in front of his office. He stated that tree should not be saved.

Ms. Goetz stated the Shade Tree Commission is meeting this week, and the Township Committee takes its direction from them. She stated the other issue was the original location of the parking spot was to try to avoid losing two (2) parking spots to make into one (1). Ms. Goetz stated the objective was not to provide handicapped parking for the Church but to provide parking for the south part of Town. She stated the parking spot south of 11 South Main (just before the driveway to the West Property) has no obstacles

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and would only require one (1) spot to be used (not losing two (2) spots). Dr. Alexander stated the spot down by 11 South Main will not be used on a regular basis for people to see the Lake versus by people who come to Town to use the Church or restaurant. He stated if the Township is going to put in an ADA spot, it should be in the spot that will be used by the most people.

Mayor Taylor stated he was not aware the spot had been moved until a little while ago. He stated he reached out to a handicapped friend, who stated the distance would make a difference to him. Mayor Taylor stated there is a handicapped spot in the Fire House parking lot that gets used a lot. He stated putting the spot in front of 19 North Main Street makes more sense as it allows accessibility to more locations.

There was additional discussion about the placement of the ADA parking spot; however, Mr. Mulligan stated the Shade Tree must first provide input concerning removal of the tree in front of 19 North Main Street. Dr. Alexander stated two (2) trees are slated to be planted in front of 11 North Main. The Township Committee discussed the pros and cons of the two (2) locations. Dr. Alexander inquired if the Township discussed the ADA spot with the Marlowe's, the homeowners of 11 North Main, stating they would be losing a parking space.

Mayor Taylor asked the Marlowe's if they objected to the space being put in front of their home. Mr. Frank Marlowe, North Main Street, stated two (2) parking spaces would be lost in front of his home also. Mr. Marlowe stated for the record he does not see advantages of having the ADA space in front of his home, and hopes trees will be planted in the future.

Dr. Alexander inquired if there was a difference between a tree on a Township property/park or on Main Street. He stated he thought he read about an exception on County roads. Ms. Marabello stated the County does not have a Shade Tree Commission. Since Cranbury does have a Shade Tree Commission, the Township takes over any trees that are in the County right-of-way. Ms. Marabello stated the Cranbury Township Shade Tree Commission has authority over the trees in the County's right-of-way.

Mr. Mulligan asked for clarification on what was being voted on this evening; was it just the Resolution or was it the plan as well. Mr. Tanner clarified there is some flexibility in the plans once the Project gets started. Mr. Tanner stated there are currently two (2) trees that must be removed, and that cost was not included in the bid. Ms. Goetz inquired if the tree removal costs could come out of the grant, and Mr. Tanner confirmed it could.

Mr. Cook stated if two (2) parking spaces would be lost in either location, it would be more beneficial closer to the business district. Ms. Goetz stated Shade Tree's input on the tree in front of 19 North Main is necessary before a decision can be made. Mr. Mulligan clarified the ADA space is currently planned for 11 North Main, and the Marlowe's are not happy about it being put there. If the handicapped space is put in front of 19 North Main, the tree must be removed to accommodate restructuring the sidewalk for a ramp.

Dr. Alexander asked if the Township Committee would make a recommendation to the Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Richard Kallan, Wynnewood Drive, stated putting the handicapped spot aside, the tree in front of 19 North Main will destroy the new sidewalk. The tree should not remain there and the Shade Tree Commission must be convinced that the tree must go, and the handicapped spot will go where originally planned.

Mr. Kallan asked about the bid and inquired what happens to the funds when the bid comes in much lower than the allocated funds. Ms. Goetz reported the Township has petitioned adding to the Project scope since the bid came in lower than anticipated. She stated the money cannot be returned and the Township has to determine how to expand the Project. Dr. Alexander inquired where the sidewalk will end, and Ms. Goetz stated it will go to the driveway of the West Property.

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Mayor Taylor stated the Township Committee will wait for the Shade Tree Commission's input; however, he stated the tree will ruin the sidewalk if left there. He stated the Marlowe's do not want the handicapped space in front of their home, and it seems logical to remove the tree and put the space in front of 19 North Main Street.

Ms. Cunningham read a Resolution, numbered # R 09-15-103 (which was not used this evening). The Township Committee made several revisions to the wording. Dr. Alexander stated there are two (2) trees in front of 19 North Main Street; however, the tree in question is an "October Glory."

Mr. Johnson reported the Township Engineer stated the issue of the handicapped parking space and tree does not have to be decided tonight. He stated there are many trees on Main Street that may impact the integrity of the sidewalk. Mr. Cook stated if the Committee agrees on the ADA space being located in front of 19 North Main Street, then the tree must be removed to make that happen.

Mr. Richard Kallan, Wynnewood Drive, suggested making an inventory of the trees on Main Street; however, that has already been done. After much discussion, Mr. Cook and Mr. Mulligan suggested speaking with the Shade Tree versus memorializing the Committee's decision by a Resolution. Ms. Goetz stated she felt someone could speak to the Shade Tree Commission and state that all members of the Township Committee would like to see the tree removed.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided not to do the Resolution and to instead approach the Shade Tree Commission. If necessary the Resolution could be done in the future.

There being no further comments, the Mayor closed the public portion of the meeting.

Ordinance

First Reading

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 09-15-15

A motion to enter an Ordinance entitled, # 09-15-15, "SUPPLEMENTAL BOND ORDINANCE TO 06-05-16 AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF AN ODOR CONTROL SYSTEM AT THE FOUR SEASONS PUMP STATION APPROPRIATING \$100,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$95,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF," was introduced for first reading

On motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Cook, the Ordinance was passed on first reading by vote:

Ayes:	(Cook	Abstain:	(None
	(Goetz	Absent:	(None
	(Johnson		
	(Mulligan		
	(Taylor		

Nays: (None

Second Reading: September 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

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Cranbury Township Ordinance # 09-15-15  
(Continued)

**Section 1.** The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Cranbury, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Township") as a general improvement. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$100,000, including the sum of \$5,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

**Section 2.** In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$95,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

**Section 3.**

- (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the installation of an odor control system at the Four Seasons Pump Station.
- (b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is stated in Section 2 hereof.
- (c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefore.

**Section 4.** All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**Section 5.** The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

**Section 6.** The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

- (a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Township may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

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- (b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this ordinance, is 25 years.
- (c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$95,000 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.
- (d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$10,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

**Section 7.** Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

**Section 8.** The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

**Section 9.** The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

**Section 10.** This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Resolutions  
Consent Agenda

Mayor Taylor asked the Township Committee if there were any questions or comments on the Consent Agenda. Ms. Marabello reported Mr. Tanner stated there was an error in the math for the Bid Resolution # R 09-15-102. She stated the bid amount should be \$344,913.57 (not \$342,913.57, as listed). Ms. Marabello stated Ms. Cunningham will correct that Resolution. Ms. Goetz asked that that Resolution be

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Resolutions  
Consent Agenda (cont'd.)

considered separately. Mayor Taylor asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions a, d and e. On motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Goetz, and unanimously carried, and the following Resolutions were passed by vote:

Ayes:	(Cook (Goetz (Johnson (Mulligan (Taylor	Abstain: (None Absent: (None
Nays:	(None	

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 09-15-101

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Cranbury that all bills and claims as audited and found to be correct be paid.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 09-15-104

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT PLAINSBORO MUNICIPAL COURT AMEND THEIR LOCAL SUPPLEMENTAL VIOLATIONS SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE A DOG LICENSE FIRST OFFENSE VIOLATION FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY**

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury has a shared services agreement with Plainsboro to provide municipal court services; and

WHEREAS, the Plainsboro Municipal Court has a Local Supplemental Violations Bureau Schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury would like to have Dog Licensing-First Offense added to this with a payable amount of \$50.00; and

WHEREAS, by adding this there will no longer be a mandatory court appearance when issued a first offense summons;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, in the County of Middlesex, that Plainsboro Municipal Court add this violation to their Local Supplemental Violations Bureau Schedule;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution be sent to the Plainsboro Court Administrator.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 09-15-105

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, NJ**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING DEVELOPER'S INDEMNIFICATION RELATED TO CRANBURY STATION PARK STREET INTERSECTION PERMIT**

WHEREAS, Cranbury Station Park, LLC (the "Developer") is the owner of property described as Block 10, Lot 1 on the Cranbury Township Tax Map; and

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Cranbury Township Resolution # R 09-15-105  
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WHEREAS, the Developer has received preliminary major site plan and preliminary major subdivision approvals in connection with the industrial park known as "Cranbury Station Park"; and

WHEREAS, a condition of the Planning Board approvals was that the Developer construct a new municipal road, to be known as "Liberty Way," connecting to US Route 130 at milepost 71.04; and

WHEREAS, this construction requires a street intersection permit issued by the New Jersey Department of Transportation in the name of the Township as the "permittee," despite the fact that the construction of Liberty Way will be undertaken by the Developer; and

WHEREAS, the Township, as permittee, requires certain assurances from the Developer that the Township will not have liability as a result of the Developer's construction of the intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Developer has provided a letter of indemnification to the Township, in a form approved by the Township Engineer and Township Attorney and executed by the Township Administrator and the principals of the Developer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, that the Township confirms and accepts the indemnification set forth in the letter dated September 1, 2015 attached hereto and executed by the Township Administrator and the principals of the Developer.

Resolution

Ms. Goetz addressed the Think Pavers Resolution, stating the Beautification Subcommittee did not know how many lights would be needed in the Project area. She stated the Township Committee will need to commit to the cost of the three (3) or four (4) lights since that cost does not come out of the grant funding. Mr. Tanner stated he must hold a pre-con meeting and include the County, which is typically a two-week lead time. Ms. Marabello stated PSE&G must be involved before any conduit is installed, and their lead time is longer than two (2) weeks. Mr. Tanner reported Think Pavers will probably start the first week of October and should be completed within 45 days. Mr. Mulligan reminded the Committee that Halloween falls in that time period, and the Committee stated they will also be working with the School on a safe route for the students. On motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Goetz and unanimously carried, the following Resolution with the corrected amount of \$344,913.57 was adopted by vote:

Ayes: (Cook  
(Goetz  
(Johnson  
(Mulligan  
(Taylor

Abstain: (None  
Absent: (None

Nays: (None

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Cranbury Township Resolution # R 09-15-102

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A BID WITH  
THINK PAVERS FOR MAIN STREET BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

**WHEREAS**, two (2) bids were received on September 2, 2015 for Main Street Beautification Project and;

**WHEREAS**, the Township wishes to enter into an agreement with Think Pavers, Swedesboro, NJ and

**WHEREAS**, Think Pavers has offered to provide these services to the Township for a total cost of \$344,913.57, as follows:

Base Bid	\$106,260.26
Option 1	\$111,804.30
Option 2	\$ 29,846.30
Option 3	\$ 75,702.67
Option 4	\$ 7,050.00
Alternates	
Light Bases	\$ 13,900.00
Junction Boxes	\$ .04
Conduit	\$ 350.00

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-4.1 et seq., authorizes the award for purposes for which a competitive bid may be used by local units; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there will be sufficient funds for this contract;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, in the County of Middlesex, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Think Pavers for the Main Street Beautification Project for a total cost of \$344,813.57; and
2. A copy of the Agreement shall be available for public inspection in the Township Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

--Administrator's Report

Ms. Marabello stated she had nothing to report. There was discussion about the beavers on the Millstone River, and Mr. Mulligan inquired if the dam can be removed once the beavers are relocated. Mr. Tanner stated a permit will probably be required.

--Assistant Administrator's Report

Ms. Cunningham gave to the Township Committee the location of the Committee table for Cranbury Day. She also advised the Township Committee of the Middlesex County Municipal Clerks Meeting at the Yacht Club in Perth Amboy on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Mayor Taylor stated he will attend, and Ms. Goetz stated she cannot attend. Ms. Goetz stated she will come earlier to Cranbury Day since it starts at 9 a.m. and not 10 a.m. as previously stated. Ms. Cunningham stated Assemblyman Benson will have a table at Cranbury Day.

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Reports from Township Boards and Commissions

Mr. William Tanner, PE, Township Engineer stated the Township will be submitting an application to win an award for Downtown. He then gave his suggestions for the 2016 NJDOT Grant Application, stating Petty Road needs a lot of work; however, the DOT does not fund engineering costs. He stated this year the survey was done on Petty Road. He stated Brickyard Road and Ancil Davison Road also need work. Ms. Marabello and Ms. Cunningham both stated they have received complaints about Brickyard Road. Mr. Tanner stated pedestrian safety is highly considered. Mr. Tanner stated the funding is from a federal grant and stated the requirements for filing for the grant were very time consuming for both him and Ms. Cunningham. Mayor Taylor reported he and Ms. Cunningham had a meeting concerning the process with Assemblyman Benson, who noted Cranbury was not the only municipality having issues applying for the federal grant. Mayor Taylor explained there are many New Jersey municipalities who are turning down federal grants because they are not able to administer them. He stated the Legislature is looking at what it can do to support municipalities. Mr. Tanner stated he is looking for suggestions and feedback at this point for the grant application, which is due back to the DOT by Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Tanner stated the Township has been very successful in obtaining grant monies. Mr. Mulligan stated the Township has done a lot with the beautification of Downtown, which is great; however, he is concerned about repairing some roads. Mr. Tanner stated only one road can be done, and suggested Cranbury Brickyard, which is very dangerous. Mr. Mulligan stated his concern is a lot of construction is underway on Cranbury Brickyard and he inquired if the money can be timed to be post-construction. If awarded, the funding would have to be expended within 18 months, and the Township Committee is not certain the construction would be completed by that time. Ms. Marabello stated it would make for a better argument for Ancil Davison Road, which was Mr. Jerry Thorne's "number one" road for repairs. Mr. Tanner agreed that Ancil Davison Road and John White Road are both in bad shape. There was discussion about speed limit flashing signs. Mr. Mulligan inquired if we could apply for multiple signs for various locations in the Township. Mr. Tanner stated the flash of the strobe is very eye catching. Mr. Cook stated he would agree with the signs on the border of Town, but not in the center of Town. Mr. Mulligan suggested some locations could include Maplewood Avenue coming in off Route 130, Plainsboro Road, North Main Street, and South Main Street.

Mayor Taylor stated the Fire House in Cape May has glass doors that allow people to see the antique fire trucks, and asked if glass doors could be part of the downtown grant. Mr. Tanner did not believe the doors would be eligible for the grant. The Township Committee decided to apply for a grant for repairs to Ancil Davison Road. Mr. Tanner stated he would check on the cost of the flashing speed signs. He stated the last two years he did not think the Township would receive additional funding for "Downtown Beautification" and was wrong; however, he stated again he did not think there would be grants for beautification this year. Ms. Goetz stated the Township has additional funding this year and is petitioning to use those funds to expand this phase of the Project. She stated expanded areas would include a new sidewalk down School House Lane and also Park Place East. Mr. Tanner stated if using the same contractor, 20% could be added to the Project. Ms. Goetz stated hopefully School House Lane can be done this year and Park Place East could be for next year's grant application. Mr. Tanner stated Think Pavers has been asked to give a quote on the School House Lane sidewalk, and if it falls with the approximately \$68,000, it can be added to this year's phase. There was discussion about the beautification grant not covering curbing, and expanding the beautification area down to the Cranbury Inn in the future.

Mayor Taylor reported there were many Petty Road residents that spoke with him at "Coffee with the Mayor." He stated questions concerning Petty Road can be addressed at the October Township Committee meeting. Mr. Tanner reported the Petty Road survey has been done, and the now the drainage problem must be investigated. Mr. Mulligan asked to view the Petty Road survey. Ms. Goetz stated the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will have a Work Session item to address Petty Road.

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(NJDOT Grant Application for 2016 cont'd.)

Mr. Mulligan asked if an explanation accompanies each request, and suggested for the speed devices using the explanation that speed changes on various roadways were just enacted in the Township.

On a separate topic, Mr. Mulligan reported he met with Mr. Lum, a farmer on John White Road, who has put a bid in on the Cranbury Swim Club. Mr. Mulligan stated it is very interesting as Mr. Lum runs an organic farm and anticipates growing crops in the pool.

Public Comment

The Mayor opened the meeting to public questions and comments.

Mr. Richard Kallan, Wynnewood Drive, stated that the Davison farm on Cranbury Neck Road looks like it will have a farm stand on the property, and he asked if the Township Committee was aware of that. No one was aware of the new structure.

Mr. Kallan stated the condition of Cranbury Neck Road has deteriorated. He stated the pot holes were patched after last winter and will not survive this winter. He asked if the County can fix the pot holes, and Ms. Marabello stated she will advise the County.

Mr. Kallan stated this Saturday is Cranbury Day and it is also recycling day. He inquired if that is a problem, and Mayor Taylor stated he asked Ms. Linda Scott, who confirmed the recycling company is aware and will be through Town very early in the morning.

Mr. Kallan reported there is a sign saying "Welcome to East Windsor Township" on the Cranbury side of the Bridge. He stated that sign does not belong in Middlesex County, and should be posted on the other side of the Bridge.

Mr. Kallan asked why there was a three-week gap between Township Committee meetings, and he was advised the Jewish holiday was taken into consideration when determining this year's calendar.

There being no further comments, the Mayor closed the public portion of the meeting.

Resolution

At 9:15 p.m. Mayor Taylor requested a motion to go into Closed Session. On a motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried, the following Resolution was adopted by vote:

Ayes:	(Cook	Abstain:	(None
	(Goetz	Absent:	(None
	(Johnson		
	(Mulligan		
	(Taylor		
Nays	(None		

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
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Cranbury Township Resolution # R 09-15-106

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey as follows:

The general nature of the subject to be discussed in this session is as follows:

"N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (7)/Discussion of Possible Contract Negotiations

It is unknown at this time precisely when the matters discussed in this session will be disclosed to the public. Matters involving contract negotiations or the acquisition of land will be disclosed upon conclusion of the negotiations or upon approval of the acquisition. Matters involving personnel will be disclosed when the need for confidentiality no longer exists. Matters concerning litigation will be announced upon the conclusion of trial or settlement of that litigation or when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

On motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously carried, the meeting returned to open session at 9:34 p.m.

On a motion by Ms. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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Kathleen R. Cunningham, RMC  
Municipal Clerk