

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
December 14, 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 Kevin Van Hise, Esq., Township Attorney; 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.

Ms. Cunningham announced the addition of Cranbury Township Resolution # R 12-15-144, which Ms. Goetz read.

Resolution

On motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously carried, the following Resolution was adopted by vote:

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

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 12-15-144

WHEREAS, James ("Jay") Taylor has been a resident of Cranbury Township for most of his life; and

WHEREAS, Jay has served on the Township Committee since 2010; and

WHEREAS, he was elected by his colleagues as Mayor on January 5, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Jay has managed to volunteer as a fireman on the Cranbury Volunteer Fire Company, often juggling the care of his daughter and twin boys in addition to serving the residents of the Township on the Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, Jay served on the successful subcommittee for the "Downtown Beautification Project";  
and

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WHEREAS, Jay is the liaison to the Township's Police Department and has continued to carry on the tradition of "Coffee with the Mayor and Chief" at Teddy's opening up dialogue for Cranbury's residents; and

WHEREAS, Jay was instrumental in making sure the exterior of Town Hall was painted this year as well as having new landscaping and pavers installed; and

WHEREAS, Jay spearheaded making sure a handicapped parking place was installed at the newly-acquired parking lot to allow anyone with a disability to now have a viable parking place while shopping in the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, Jay was instrumental in amending the Township's Code for "Peddling and Solicitation" to allow any minor under the age of 18 soliciting for the following purposes: snow removal, gutter cleaning, house and fence painting and leaf raking, allowing these tasks to be performed without having to obtain a permit;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury hereby thanks Jay Taylor for a great job and conveys its gratitude and appreciation to him as the Township's Mayor for this past year.

Mayor Taylor thanked the Township Committee and the public and stated the year, though busy, went by quickly.

Regular Township Committee Minutes of November 23, 2015

On motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously carried (with Ms. Goetz and Mayor Taylor abstaining due to absence), the Regular Township Committee Minutes of November 23, 2015 were adopted.

Closed Session Minutes of November 23, 2015

On motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously carried (with Ms. Goetz and Mayor Taylor abstaining due to absence), the Closed Session Minutes of November 23, 2015 were adopted.

Reports and Communication

--Mayor Taylor thanked the Cranbury Woman's Club, the Girl Scouts and the Cranbury Volunteer Fire Company for hosting the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. Mayor Taylor reported Santa will be coming around the Township to hand out gifts to children.

Reports and Communications

--Members of Committee

--Mr. Cook

Mr. Cook stated he wanted to comment on Mayor Taylor's term, stating it takes a lot of time to be involved in various organizations and the public really does not see the amount of time spent. Mr. Cook stated it has been a pleasure working with Mayor Taylor over the last six (6) years, and thanked him for his service to Cranbury.

Mr. Cook stated there has been some progress obtaining the permit to work on the remediation of Brainerd Lake's edge in Village Park.

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--Members of Committee

--Mr. Mulligan

Mr. Mulligan also thanked Mayor Taylor and stated all the Township Committee members have been very busy the past year with various subcommittees. He stated he and Mr. Cook have been involved with affordable housing, working with Ms. Marabello and Mr. Mark Berkowsky of Cranbury Housing Associates to protect and preserve the Town. He stated Cranbury is very fortunate to be working with a Judge, who has been very fair, and stated he feels the Judge has been treating Cranbury well. Mr. Mulligan stated the process has been challenging, and stated there are families that want to take advantage of the affordable housing process and enrich themselves at the expense of the Township. He stated he cannot divulge information on that because it is being discussed in Closed Session and involves litigation. He reiterated they are working very hard to protect the Township.

--Ms. Goetz

Ms. Goetz addressed Mayor Taylor, stating he did a terrific job communicating during his term and congratulated him. Ms. Goetz also thanked Mayor Taylor's wife, Kristen, for stepping up while he was busy at meetings.

Ms. Goetz also thanked the Cranbury Woman's Club for placing greens in the baskets in the Village. She reported the Beautification Project has one (1) last part, which is from School House Lane down to the Lake. She stated that area will have some additional lights. Ms. Goetz reported the work will start this week and should take a couple of weeks to complete.

Ms. Goetz reported there have been several Planning Board meetings on the High Point Project and another meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

--Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson also thanked Mayor Taylor and commented after January 1<sup>st</sup>, Mayor Taylor's phone will stop ringing ... almost the complete opposite of what was experienced during his tenure as Mayor.

Mr. Johnson reported he participated in a conference call with High Point. Ms. Goetz stated there was no public comment concerning the High Point Project at the last Planning Board Meeting.

#### Agenda Additions/Changes

Ms. Cunningham reported Cranbury Township Resolution # R 12-15-145 is being added to the Agenda.

#### Reports and Communications

--Subcommittees

There were no Subcommittee reports.

--Department Heads

Mr. Michael Kervan, Chief of the Cranbury Volunteer Fire Company gave report for November 24<sup>th</sup> through this evening: 27 calls with 115.5 volunteer hours (year-to-date: 508 calls and 3,133.78 volunteer hours). Chief Kervan reported the Fire Company's fund drive has begun. He stated next weekend Santa will visit the homes of families who have signed up for visits. Chief Kervan stated the Company has had their elections. For the 2016 term, he stated he will again be Chief, Todd Kearney, Deputy Chief; Assistant Chief, Jeremy Watkins; Engineer, Charlie Smith; President, Richard Zimmer; Vice President, Sam DiStasio; Treasurer, Tim Norland; Reporting Secretary, Dianne Borsuk; Corresponding Secretary, Marie DiStasio, and Trustee, Richard Hutchinson. Mayor Taylor requested that Chief Kervan e-mail the list to Ms. Cunningham.

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--Department Heads (cont'd.)

Mayor Taylor inquired if the LOSAP switch has been completed, and Ms. Marabello stated there is a small glitch that is being worked out, but is not resolved yet. Ms. Marabello stated the State has to approve Lincoln before the Township can utilize their services.

Public Comment - For Agenda Items

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting to public questions and comments for items on the Agenda. There being no comments, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

Ordinances

Second Reading

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 11-15-19

A motion to enter an Ordinance entitled, # 11-15-19, "A BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PURPOSES OF REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY AND DESIGNED AS BLOCK 20, LOT 15, 19 OLD CRANBURY ROAD; APPROPRIATING \$250,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$237,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF," was presented for second reading and final adoption. The Ordinance was published in the Cranbury Press, posted on the Township's website, posted on the Township Bulletin Board and copies were available to the public. Ms. Cunningham, Municipal Clerk, explained this Ordinance was carried over from the November 23, 2015 meeting because the Statute mandates that three-quarters majority of the full membership must vote in order to adopt a Bond Ordinance. Mayor Taylor asked for comments from Township Committee, and hearing none, opened the public hearing on the Ordinance. There were no comments from the public and Mayor Taylor declared the hearing closed. On motion by Ms. Goetz, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Ordinance was adopted by vote:

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

Nays: (None

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:

**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 \$250,000, including the sum of \$12,500 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 \$237,500 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.

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**Section 3.** (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for financing of which the bonds are to be issued for the acquisition of the following real property situated in the Township of Cranbury known as Block 20 Lot 15 located at 19 Old Cranbury Road for affordable housing purposes.

- (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.

(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 40 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 \$237,500 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$25,000 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

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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.

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 11-15-21

A motion to enter an Ordinance entitled, # 11-15-21, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2665 ROUTE 130 SOUTH (BLOCK 26, LOT 3 ON THE CRANBURY TOWNSHIP TAX MAP) TO CRANBURY HOUSING ASSOCIATES, INC." was presented for second reading and final adoption. The Ordinance was published in the Cranbury Press, posted on the Township's website, posted on the Township Bulletin Board and copies were available to the public. Mayor Taylor asked for comments from the Township Committee.

Mr. Mulligan inquired if Mr. Berkowsky could stay for the Closed Session to discuss some open items.

Mayor Taylor opened the public hearing on the Ordinance. No one present wished to speak, so the hearing was declared closed. On motion by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Ordinance was adopted by a vote:

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

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Resolutions

Consent Agenda

Mayor Taylor asked the Township Committee if there were any questions or comments on the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, he requested a motion to adopt the Consent Resolutions. On motion by Ms. Goetz, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and unanimously carried, the following Resolutions were passed by vote:

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

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 12-15-138

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 12-15-139

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 12-15-139, which approves making application for a grant through the New Jersey Historic Preservation (No Match) for the Historic Preservation Commission, is attached as Exhibit A.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 12-15-140

RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE  
MID JERSEY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury is a member of the Mid Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund;  
and

WHEREAS, said renewal membership terminates as of January 1, 2016\*, unless earlier renewed by agreement between the Municipality and the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to renew said membership;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Township of Cranbury agrees to renew its membership in the Mid Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for a period of three (3) years beginning January 1, 2016, and ending January 1, 2019\*, and to be subject to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, coverages, and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the Fund.
2. The Mayor and Clerk/Administrator/Manager shall be and hereby are authorized to execute the agreement to renew membership annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the Mid Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund evidencing the Municipality's intention to renew its membership.

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Cranbury Township Resolution # R 12-15-140  
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This resolution agreed to the 14th day of December, 2015, by a vote of:

<u>5</u> Affirmative	<u>0</u> Abstain
<u>0</u> Negative	<u>0</u> Absent

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 12-15-141

WHEREAS, a tax lien #15-00004 for unpaid 2014 sewer was sold on October 23, 2015 for Block: 26.01, Lot: 24, Sewer account number 2230-0 also known as 124 North Main Street to DSHC Enterprises in the amount of \$1,593.37 and a premium of \$1,800.00; and

WHEREAS, the property owner filed Chapter 13 Bankruptcy effective October 20, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel Tax Sale Certificate #15-00004 refund the total amount of \$3,393.37 to DSHC Enterprises.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 12-15-142

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING YEAR 2015 BUDGET TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, there are 2015 Budget Accounts which require more funding due to circumstances not known at the beginning of the year; and

WHEREAS, there will be excess balances in budget accounts in which the expenditures will be less than projected at the beginning of the year, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, that the following year 2015 Budget Transfers be authorized and made on the records and accounts of the Township:

	<u>Budget Account</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
5-01-20-150-310	Tax Assessor - OE	\$9,000.00	
5-01-25-240-190	Police – OE	\$7,000.00	
5-01-23-220-655	Group Health Insurance-OE		\$16,000.00
5-01-31-455-011	Sewer –S&W	\$2,700.00	
5-01-26-310-450	Pub Bldgs - OE		\$1,000.00
5-01-26-290-011	Roads – S&W		\$1,700.00
5-01-31-455-315	Sewer – Bioxide	\$27,000.00	
5-01-31-455-325	Sewer – Maintenance		\$12,000.00
5-01-21-190-300	Affordable Housing – Legal		\$15,000.00



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Cranbury Township Resolution # R 12-15-145

A Resolution urging the New Jersey Legislature to consider and pass Assembly Bill No. 4521 of 2014-2015, which establishes a Main Street Economic Growth Program to encourage business development in small, highly-developed municipalities

**WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2015, Assemblyman Daniel R. Benson introduced Assembly Bill, No. 4521 of 2014-2015 (A-4521), the "Main Street Economic Growth Act," which establishes within the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) a "Main Street Economic Growth Program" (program) to encourage business development in a "Main Street" area of small, highly developed municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, A-4521 provides that a "Main Street" area is a commercial area designated for redevelopment within municipalities having populations under 10,000 where 85 percent of the municipality is developed; and

**WHEREAS**, The program is to provide financial and technical assistance to eligible businesses located in a "Main Street" area of these municipalities, if the business has at least 25 percent of its full-time employees reside within that municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, A-4521 requires the EDA to work with other State agencies to explore and implement opportunities to direct resources and create enhanced incentives for a business eligible under the program; and

**WHEREAS**, As an additional incentive to assist an eligible business, A-4521 provides New Jersey corporation or gross income tax credits for a business participating in the program in an amount equal to 15 percent of the cost of the business's employee compensation expenses related to meeting the above-mentioned employment criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, This measure directs the EDA to create a "Main Street Economic Growth Assistance Fund" (assistance fund) from funds available from public or private sources for the purpose of providing loans, loan guarantees, and technical assistance to an eligible business; and

**WHEREAS**, In using funds from the assistance fund, the EDA is to have the discretion to set the terms of a loan or loan guarantee and the amount of technical assistance provided based on the monies made available to the EDA for the purposes of the assistance fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the passage by the Legislature and enactment by the Governor of A-4521 will lead to stronger local businesses, create local jobs, and empower our municipality to support our local economy;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury:

1. For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Township of Cranbury urges the New Jersey Legislature to consider and pass Assembly Bill No. 4521 of 2014-2015, which establishes the "Main Street Economic Growth Program" to encourage business development in small, highly developed municipalities.
2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Mayor and attested to by the Clerk thereof, shall be transmitted to every member of the New Jersey Senate and every member of the New Jersey General Assembly.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution, certified by the Township Clerk to be a true copy forwarded to each of the following:

- (a) Township Auditor
- (b) Township Chief Financial Officer

Reports from Township Staff and Professionals

--Administrator's Report

Ms. Marabello stated she had nothing to report.

--Assistant Administrator's Report

Ms. Cunningham stated the yearly meeting schedule has December 28<sup>th</sup> marked as an "optional" Township Meeting. The Township Committee decided to delay making the decision of cancelling the meeting in case any issues arise that must be addressed before year end. If the meeting is cancelled, Ms. Cunningham will advertise at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Reports from Township Boards and Commissions

There were no reports from Township Boards and Commissions.

Public Comment

The Mayor opened the meeting to public questions and comments.

Mr. Richard Kallan, Wynnewood Drive, thanked the Township Committee for not allowing Amazon to become a tenant in the Township. He stated Robbinsville is having terrible traffic issues and employees' hours will be staggered to reduce traffic. Ms. Goetz stated if Amazon wanted to locate in Cranbury, the Township would have accepted them. Mr. Mulligan stated Cranbury is more organized and planned as a community than Robbinsville with our warehouses being on the east side of Town. Mr. Johnson stated the Township Committee does not always know who a tenant will be.

Mr. Kallan asked about the right-of-way with trees. Ms. Marabello stated rights-of-way depend on the location, and Mr. Kallan disagreed, stating it is a general question. Mr. Mulligan stated he believed the Township was going to work with Mr. Kallan because the rights-of-way can vary within his development. There was additional discussion about rights-of-way. Ms. Marabello stated she did speak with Mr. Jerry Thorne about the issue and will talk with him again. Mr. Kallan stated when he previously brought up the issue, he was told there was no budget to take his tree down; however, he asked about the tree that had fallen down on Main Street and was removed on the Committee's approval. He asked why the tree was not just cut to the sidewalk and the remaining part of the tree left on the private property for the homeowner to remove. Mr. Cook stated he felt at the time it was a safety issue, and it was being disputed by both homeowners. He stated the trunk was in the Township's right-of-way, and the Committee at the time felt it had to be addressed before it became a safety issue for children or pedestrians. He stated it was better to remove the tree before the issue went to litigation. Mr. Kallan stated he was not reimbursed for chipping a Township tree because he was told it was not in the budget; however, the Township can spend thousands of dollars for a tree that was not even the Township's responsibility. There was additional discussion concerning about the Township's prioritizing of what trees need to be removed. Mr. Cook stated the inventory of trees is prioritized according to condition/safety; however, timing also plays a big part concerning the budget.

Ms. Bonnie Larson, Cranbury Neck Road, addressed the issue as a member of the Shade Tree Commission. She stated the Shade Tree Commission did a "priority" survey of the trees on Main Street

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Public Comment (cont'd.)

because they were told the Main Street trees were the only ones that Shade Tree could consider under their domain. She stated she and Ms. Christine Quinn did look at all the trees through the entire Township, but were then told trees not on Main Street were not under Shade Tree's domain even though the trees were in the Township's right-of-way access. Ms. Larson stated everyone in the Wynnewood development has been taking down their own trees. There was additional discussion about Shade Tree having to look at trees before they can be removed, and Ms. Larson agreed, if they are in the public right-of-way. After Ms. Quinn's presentation of the Shade Tree Commission's Annual Report to the Township Committee last meeting, it was decided better clarification was necessary concerning the Commission's responsibilities and powers. Ms. Marabello clarified that after Shade Tree assesses a tree, they may advise a homeowner that the removal of that tree is not an emergency, other trees in worst shape in the Township may have to come down first, and there is a limited budget to remove them. A homeowner may remove a tree at their own expense, if approved by Shade Tree. Mr. Kallan inquired what the budget was for tree removal, and Ms. Marabello stated it was \$30,000. Mr. Mulligan stated there are inconsistencies, but the budget plays a part in the decision. Mr. Cook stated it is based on timing and priority. There being no additional comments, the Mayor closed the public portion of the meeting and requested a Resolution to go into Closed Session.

Resolution

At 7:50 p.m., on motion by Ms. Goetz, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted to go into Closed Session:

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

Resolution

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 12-15-143

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

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) Contract Negotiations": 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.

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On motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Goetz and unanimously carried, the meeting returned to Open Session at 9:18 p.m.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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Kathleen R. Cunningham, RMC  
Municipal Clerk