

Cranbury Township Committee Meeting
September 22, 2014

The regular meeting of the Township Committee 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: David Cook, Glenn Johnson, Dan Mulligan, Jay Taylor and Mayor Susan Goetz. Also present were: William C. Tanner, Township Engineer, Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/Director of Finance and Kathleen R. Cunningham, Assistant Administrator/Clerk. Mayor Goetz 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 4, 2013 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 4, 2013.
- (3) Was filed on December 4, 2013 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, and
- (4) Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

Closed Session Minutes of September 8, 2014

On motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously carried, the Closed Session Minutes of September 8, 2014 were adopted.

Reports and Communications

--Mayor -- Mayor Goetz reported she had received an email today from the "Middlesex County Wellness Program". This Program was formed by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders to encourage health and exercise. They are asking for each municipality to identify a representative from the Township and it should be someone "who embraces fitness and health". Mayor Goetz asked the Township Committee members to think of someone and get back to her.

Mayor Goetz reported she had married Public Works Employee, Shawn O'Rourke and his wife, at a ceremony in East Windsor and encouraged everyone to "wish him well". Mayor Goetz announced she and Chief Varga will be having another "coffee at Teddy's this Saturday from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. and encouraged residents to stop by. Also from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. this Saturday is the "drug drop off" at the Cranbury Police Station. No "sharks" will be accepted. Mayor Goetz stressed the importance of not throwing away expired drugs or throwing them into the toilet as they then get into the streams and water systems.

Mayor Goetz announced the Princeton Packet is running a series the first of the year to highlight individuals in municipalities who have made extraordinary contributions to that particular municipality. The Township needs to give the Cranbury Press names of individuals and what they have done.

Mr. Charles Kim, Princeton Packet explained the series stating each community is being asked to come up with people who have done something for his/her municipality; it will be "like heroes' of the year" for our coverage area. Mayor Goetz suggested names be given to Denise for any nominations.

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Reports and Communications

--Members of Committee

Mr. Cook

Mr. Cook gave a report on the Brainerd Lake Dam Project. He reported there is now water back in the Lake almost at the level it had been 2 ½ years ago. All the work below the surface of the water has now been completed so the Lake can return to its natural state. Within a few days it should be breaching the spill way. The stone veneering on both sides is done. On the east side, the granite curbing has been installed and is finished and the "bump out" is now installed. On the east side, there will be a few trees planted. The paving on the east side will be done tomorrow. The final paving will be on the west side. The railing should be installed the second week in November. However, before that, there will be a barrier fence installed. Mayor Goetz asked if there is any possibility of getting that done before the annual Halloween Parade. Mr. Cook indicated he did not think that is possible; the fencing will be there (a metal cyclone fence similar to the one presently at the former Cranbury Book Worm. Ms. Betty Conover reported she heard someone went kayaking today in the Lake and was able to go all the way up to the Bridge and how great it was! Mayor Goetz thanked Mr. Cook and Mr. Tanner, Township Engineer for all the work they did on the Project.

Mr. Mulligan

Mr. Mulligan reported the Recreation Board is concerned with the overuse of Millstone Field. He stated he has reported on this in the past and has now contacted Chief Varga and requested he go and speak to the Rec Board to try to figure out how to rectify the problem.

Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson reported since the last meeting, he had attended a Development Review Commission meeting, a School Board meeting and a Municipal Alliance meeting. The School Board is planning to do a feasibility study on utilizing the present Library space once the free-standing Library is built. They also reported their new boilers will be installed and working by October 15, 2014 in compliance of the State law.

Mr. Taylor

Mr. Taylor reported he was walking his daughter to school the other day with a couple of her friends and when they approached the Lake Project, one of whom said, "Wow, this Project really went fast!"; even in the minds of first-graders, congrats go to Mr. Cook! Cleanup weekend is this Saturday and Sunday. He reported he attended the annual Firemen's' Convention last weekend in Wildwood with his family and commended Cranbury Fire Company for representing the Township well and commended Chief Kervan on making sure it was fun for the families who attended. Mr. Taylor reported "a lot of the old timers have asked if music can be brought back at the Lake if there is ice skating on the Lake this year. With the veneer and the sidewalks it is a focal point of the town". Mr. Taylor commended the Cranbury School Board for a fantastic job on "Back to School Night" last week.

Fire Department Report

Chief Michael Kervan, Cranbury Volunteer Fire Department gave his report covering the period between July 22, 2014 and this evening:

The Fire Company had responded to 86 incidents. They spent 528.31 hours volunteering. They responded to a fire at a warehouse in South Brunswick, a few motor vehicle accidents and some vehicle fires out on the Turnpike. A pole went down on Brainerd Drive due to a tractor trailer taking out wires. They also responded to a small brush fire. Chief Kervan reported they will be going out to the vendor this Friday for the

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Fire Department Report (Continued)

Chief Kervan(cont'd)

final inspection of the new fire truck. If everything is ok, they will then ship it out to be lettered. The Fire House is holding an open house/membership drive on October 11th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be equipment and trucks on display as well as handouts for fire prevention. He encouraged everyone to come out. Mr. Taylor asked if the Chief knew how many wires the Township has had down this year as it appears there have been a lot. Chief Kervan indicated he did not know the number.

Agenda Additions/Changes

Ms. Cunningham reported she had no agenda additions/changes.

Public Comment – For Agenda Items

Ms. Betty Conover, North Main Street, asked Mayor Goetz to address the procedures (should storms occur) now that Town Hall has a generator. Mayor Goetz assured Ms. Conover the Township will get the message out should residents lose power and need a “warming station”, etc. Mr. Mulligan recommended specifically reporting what level of service will be available at Town Hall. He recommended placing a sign at the corner indicating “Town Hall has power” to inform the public.

Ordinance

First Reading

An Ordinance entitled, CRANBURY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE # 09-14-08 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 150-23 INDUSTRIAL-LIGHT IMPACT (I-LI) ZONE, was introduced for first reading. On motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Taylor, the Ordinance was passed on first reading by vote:

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

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None

Nays: (None

Public Hearing: October 13, 2014

WHEREAS, Chapter 150-23 of the Code of the Township of Cranbury (“Code”) sets forth, the permitted uses in the Industrial-Light Impact (I-LI) zone ; and

WHEREAS, Section B Area and Bulk Regulations of this chapter addresses maximum building height; and

WHEREAS, the existing maximum building height of 40 feet is less than the allowable height for Planned Industrial Parks in other industrial zones; and

WHEREAS, the Township committee would like to amend the maximum building height to 60 feet in the I-LI zone;

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

SECTION 1. The recitals contained in the foregoing preamble are incorporated herein as if fully restated.

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Cranbury Township Ordinance # 09-14-08
(Continued)

Section 150-23 of the Code of the Township of Cranbury ("Code"), entitled "Industrial-Light Impact (I-LI) Zone," is hereby amended and shall read as follows (additions are underlined; deletions are in [brackets]):

§ 150-23. Industrial-Light Impact Zone.

B. Area and Bulk Regulations:

(6) Maximum building height: [40 feet] 60 feet

SECTION 2. This Ordinance will be referred to the Planning Board for review and comment.

SECTION 3. Repealer. All ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Ordinance, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication, as required by law.

Resolutions
Consent

On motion offered by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Taylor, the following Consent Agenda Resolutions were adopted by vote:

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

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 09-14-105

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 09-14-106

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

WHEREAS, the County of Middlesex has received a grant from the State of New Jersey to be used for alcoholism and drug abuse prevention and education services to Middlesex County residents; and

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Cranbury Township Resolution # R 09-14-106
(Continued)

WHEREAS, the County desires to provide the sum of \$5,931.00, to be used for related Municipal Alliance related activities; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury must provide matching funds in the amount of \$5,931.00 cash and in-kind service to receiving the aforementioned sum; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the Township will match said funds in the amount of \$5,931.00; and

WHEREAS, an Agreement is necessary to set forth the terms and conditions under which the County will pay said monies;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the payment of said monies and the said services to be rendered,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Township of Cranbury the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit or other substantially similar agreement and that has been approved, and to undertake any and all acts necessary to effectuate the terms hereof.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 09-14-107

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF
SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE
AUCTION WEBSITE

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury has determined that the property described on Schedule A attached hereto and incorporated herein is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 requires that all personal property be sold at public sale to the highest bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury intends to utilize the online auction services of US GovBid located at www.usgovbid.com; and

WHEREAS, the sales are being conducted pursuant to the Division of Local Government Services' Local Finance Notice 2008-9; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Township of Cranbury is hereby authorized to sell the surplus personal property as indicated on Schedule A on an online auction website entitled www.usgovbid.com; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms and conditions of the agreement entered into between US GovBid and the Township of Cranbury are available at www.usgovbid.com and in the Township of Cranbury Clerk's office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of the Resolution be forwarded by the Township of Cranbury Clerk to the appropriate agencies and individuals.

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Work Session

a). Review by the Township Committee of the "Best Practices Check List"

Ms. Marabello, Director of Finance, reported every year the State mandates she fill out a "Best Practices Check List" which consist of 50 questions. They then rank the Check List to see what percentage a municipality will get of its Energy Receipts Tax. She stated because the Township had 47 of the 50 questions as "yes", it will receive 100% of the Energy Receipts Tax this year. Mayor Goetz asked what three (3) answers were "no". Ms. Marabello stated one of the questions was if our elected officials attend at least one instructional course on an annual basis, another if we use procurement cards and we do not.

Reports from Township Boards, Committees and/or Commissions

Christine Quinn, Chairwoman, Shade Tree Commission

Christine Quinn, Chairwoman of the Shade Tree Commission presented and discussed with the Township Committee the Commission's Annual Report for 2013. (See Addendum A). Ms. Quinn stated the Community Forestry Plan does not seem to coordinate with the Township's Master Plan and suggested there be some coordination. Mr. Cook suggested she look at the Master Plan and see how it interprets the Shade Tree Commission. He stated he did not believe they work hand in hand. Mr. Cook indicated the Planning Board is able to take whatever the Shade Tree Commission "brings to the table" and the Master Plan is pretty "stagnant". Ms. Quinn reported when she reviewed the Township's Code there are a couple of "loop holes"; residents are taking down trees in public right-of-ways and they should not be taking them down without first getting permission from the Shade Tree Commission. Ms. Quinn indicated the Commission wants to amend the Code and asked Mr. Cook if he is the person she should meet with as he is listed as the liaison to the Commission. Mr. Mulligan added, if the Shade Tree Commission keeps what they do out of the Master Plan it would be more beneficial and give the Commission more flexibility.

Ms. Quinn discussed the proposed tree planting at the new Brainerd Lake Dam. Mayor Goetz shared that the Township is planning trees on the eastern side at the location; just not over the tunnel. Mr. Cook stated there needs to be another discussion about the planters; during a flood there would be a "debris field" and the less on the Bridge is better as items can get caught up in planters and the like. Ms. Quinn explained the proposed planters are very heavy and can hold a 25 foot tree. Both Mr. Cook and Mayor Goetz stressed the planters would block and catch debris. Mr. Cook indicated there will be eight (8) trees planted on the east side of the Bridge which is the same number of trees previously there. Ms. Quinn raised the Shade Tree Commission's concern with tree roots. She reported roots were jeopardized by the "Downtown Beautification Project" and they will eventually die. She indicated George owner of "Teddy's Restaurant" is very upset by the tree to the left of his front door which is tangled in the wires. He realizes he has to take the tree down however, it is going to take time as it is a very dangerous job with the branches being intertwined in the wires.

Ms. Quinn requested there be better coordination between the Public Works Department and the Commission as she is not being told whenever Public Works takes a tree down in the right-of-way. The Township Committee discussed with Ms. Quinn homeowners being allowed to prune their trees. Ms. Quinn indicated as long as they hired a certified person to do so it is allowed. Mayor Goetz inquired what the procedure would be; does the homeowner have to get permission from the Commission. Ms. Quinn responded that at the present time the Commission is working on a process. Mr. Taylor reported the ordinance specifies that branches cannot be hanging; there has to be a clearance for individuals to be able to walk, etc. Ms. Quinn indicated she will be willing to do an article for the next Township newsletter and asked when the next one is. Ms. Cunningham will let Ms. Quinn know when the next one is going out.

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Christine Quinn, Chairwoman, Shade Tree Commission (cont'd)

Ms. Quinn summarized by reporting the Commission had made a decision not to apply for the "CSIP" grant as it is a 100% matching grant and the Township is unable to match the grant.

Sustainable Jersey – Ms. Quinn reported based on tree canopy data from a 2001 survey, a 30% minimum goal for Cranbury was adopted and takes into account the large tracts of farmland that covers most of the Township.

Reports from Township Staff and Professionals
Administrator's Report

Ms. Marabello, Administrator/Director of Finance reported the painting of Town Hall is "moving along" and the majority of the painting of the exterior is done. Mr. Taylor asked if the "borders" were able to be saved and Ms. Marabello indicated they had.

Report from Township Engineer, William Tanner, P.E. on NJDOT Grant Applications for 2015:

Mayor Goetz reported the Township Engineer was asked to attend the meeting this evening to discuss the pending NJDOT grants for 2015.

Mr. Tanner reported the developer of the Viridian property on Brick Yard Road is required to either fix the road when the project is completed or give the Township \$300,000. The proposed Developer's Agreement does not specify the monies be spent only on the road; they can do either. Furthermore, the developer may use the money to repair Hightstown Road, Brick Yard Road or Station Road or not use it for roads at all and just give the Township the money. Mr. Tanner reported the Developer's Agreement is still being worked on and it will be several months before it is finalized and approved. Mr. Tanner stated since he has been with Cranbury Township he has put in for a grant for Brick Yard Road for repairs and every year it has been denied. He reported he had received many complaints about the road from residents and individuals who travel the road. The road is deteriorating rapidly. Mr. Cook asked if \$300,000 would cover the scope of the work which needs to be done. Mr. Tanner indicated it would almost cover half of the road, however that would not solve the problem given the bad shape the road is in; just repaving is not going to be enough. There is approximately 900 feet of the road that "needs serious attention". Mr. Tanner stated he will put the grant amount at \$400,000 and hope they give the Township \$250,000 and use that money to take out the section which is so bad and replace it completely. Mr. Tanner reported there are several categories in the grant application; beautification is one and they only allow one (1) road project. Mr. Tanner reported the last time the Township received the "ranking of its roads" Petty Road was listed as the worst road. However, Petty Road is the road with the most upfront costs. Mayor Goetz asked if Petty Road is worse than Brick Yard Road. Mr. Tanner explained, Petty Road has a very severe bend and it is a very narrow road and it floods. Those three (3) issues together were deemed four (4) points worse than Brick Yard Road. Mr. Tanner reported just to do the bridge on Petty Road would be \$100-\$150,000 for the permitting and the design of the bridge. The grant will not allow for those "soft costs" as the grants all start whenever you break ground. He also stated it will cost between \$5,000 - \$10,000 to obtain the easements for properties on the Road from various residents.

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in order to determine where the road should be. Mr. Tanner recommended the Township get in touch with Middlesex County to see if they have the Petty Road bridge on its list to repair, as they repaired the bridge in Plainsboro. Mr. Cook reported he was going to get the number off of the bridge on Petty Road and call the County to see if it is on any list; there may be a way to accelerate it.

Mr. Tanner expressed his concern with funding being available this year for NJDOT grants as he has heard rumors there is no money left for grants.

Mr. Tanner cautioned if the Township were to start the Petty Road project today, just the permitting itself would probably be over a year and once the money is given to a municipality for a project it must be completed within 18 months. He stated he would not want to bet how long such a project would take. Mr. Cook stated that is why going to the County may be helpful and then ask Plainsboro to help out. Mr. Cook asked Mr. Tanner if a figure of \$600,000 is correct for the bridge. Mr. Tanner confirmed yes as he had reviewed it with his design colleagues. Mr. Mulligan echoed Mr. Cook's sentiments of going to the County and stated Cranbury should not have to "go it alone" as part of the bridge is in Plainsboro. Mr. Mulligan inquired if the Township could pave over Brick Yard Road and Mr. Tanner indicated, "It is putting good money after bad". He asked Mr. Tanner if the grant is awarded for \$200,000 for Brick Yard, will it be able to be done for that cost. Mr. Tanner responded he will be able to get a section of 900 feet by 22 feet in width done for that price. This will involve ripping out the old road entirely and then putting all new road down, including proper draining, etc. The starting point will be where the curve is. Mayor Goetz asked Mr. Tanner why the Township did not get the grant last year and why it would get the grant for Brick Yard this year. He explained because the Township has requested a grant for the past two (2) years and also has been receiving "Downtown Beautification" funds for the past two (2) years. There are a couple of items with the Downtown Beautification grants that worked well for the Township; how quickly the Township got the Project going and how quickly each phase was completed. He feels that the Township was rewarded and explained that is what the NJDOT wants municipalities to do; spend the money quickly. Mr. Mulligan reported Viridian expects to break ground next spring and expects a large volume of heavy-duty trucks and asked Mr. Tanner if Brick Yard Road is repaired, is it a waste to fix the road. Mr. Cook recommended asking Viridian if and when they plan to fix the road. Mr. Tanner responded the problem is the road is in such bad shape if the Township waits there will be no road left. He added, he is becoming very concerned with some of the letters he has received indicating motorists are actually crossing over into the other lane to avoid driving on the other side of the road. Mr. Mulligan asked if any of the roads in Cranbury Greene are earmarked to be in the grant. Mr. Tanner indicated before any of those roads can be repaired the Township needs to repair John White and/or Ancil Davison as they carry more traffic and are in worse shape than the roads in Cranbury Greene. He recommended in the future the Township look at doing maintenance on some of its roads.

Mr. Taylor asked if the Township is going to put sidewalks in with the "Safe Routes to Schools" Federal Grant. Mr. Tanner reported earlier, it seemed from the beginning, NJDOT put roadblocks every step of the way-- it appeared they did not want the Township to receive the funding. He indicated it does not look like it will happen. Mr. Tanner further explained the grant is administered by the NJDOT. He compared it to "playing with an independent league vs. playing with the big leagues". He reported the Township sat down with the representatives from the NJ DOT one afternoon in July 2013, filled out a form which Ms. Marabello and Ms. Cunningham took care of. Three (3) months later they came back and indicated there were other things they needed on the list. In addition, they sent both Mr. Tanner and Ms. Cunningham to a course whereby everyone was informed, "anything you do wrong will cause us to take away portions of the funding from your town". He used as an example, if a municipality has a billion dollar type project with 75 contractors working at the same time and then move down to a sidewalk where

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one (1) person is working with a concrete truck. If the engineer is not standing there, not just to see the concrete, rather to take the ticket from the driver, they will not pay you for that concrete. There are way too many "catches" with the grant. The Township would have had to come up with additional dollars which was never advertised. Mayor Goetz reported the "Beautification" money cannot be used for sidewalks.

Mr. Tanner recommended building a "Plaza" in front of the Municipal building with the "Downtown Beautification" grant this time, if it is awarded to the Township. Mr. Tanner reported the Township needs to be creative with the grant. The Township Committee discussed with Mr. Tanner the other side of North Main Street. It was suggested with the money the Township has now brick be installed in front of the bagel barn to the corner where the consignment shop is. Mr. Tanner suggested placing "street furniture" on the sidewalks; benches, etc. Mr. Cook asked if the grant allows for any structural items on the building (Town Hall). Mr. Tanner indicated it is not permitted. Mr. Mulligan asked if the other side of the Street could be done with brick. Mr. Tanner responded his thoughts are to have something that ties in with the other side of the Street which is completed. Mayor Goetz indicated the plan is to go all the way down to the Bridge with current money and to go up to Bunker Hill. There are also recommendations to do Park Place West; as sidewalks on the "Cranbury Pizza" side are in dire need of being done. There is a lot of repair work on that particular side of the sidewalk and it could be covered in the new grant. Mr. Mulligan asked for as much of North Main Street be done before doing any side streets and asked for the other side of the Street to be done. Mayor Goetz asked if the Township Committee members wished to apply for a fourth (4th) grant. Mr. Taylor asked if curbing is allowed. Mr. Tanner reported curbing is great when there is road work being done however, this grant will not approve it. Mr. Johnson inquired what the categories are for the grant. Mr. Tanner stated bridges, bikeways, mobility (park and rides), pedestrian safety, guardrails and signing devices such as flashing crossing signals. Mayor Goetz asked if new crosswalks are allowed as there are several locations in town that have been identified as needing crosswalks. Mr. Tanner responded they are allowed.

Mr. Taylor reported South Main Street residents feel they are not being paid attention to. Mr. Tanner reported he had expanded the grant area once before and he can do it again; it does not mean it is going to get done, rather the possibility; it will not hurt the Township's chances of receiving a grant. He stated the centerpiece could be the Lake. Mr. Mulligan stated he had always considered "Downtown Beautification" the Commercial Downtown Area and if the Township expands it, he feels Petty Road residents will be upset. The Commercial District should be completed first before "broaching" spending money outside of that area. Mr. Cook stated he looks at everything as one big package; a master plan of projects. Looking at Petty Road as starting with the bridge, beautification east side of the street down Main Street, etc. He added, the Township should address the issue of the small bridge on South Main Street with the County and the issue of the curbs; it will most likely take 12 to 18 months. He reported even though the scope of the County's Project at the corner of Plainsboro Road and Main Street for curbing work will most likely not take place until Spring. Mr. Cook suggested the Committee revisit this particular Project and request to meet with the County again. Mr. Tanner reported he and Mr. Cook are due to meet with the County as they are planning to do three (3) projects on Main Street. The Bridge being one; the intersection of Plainsboro Road and then the intersection of Old Trenton Road. Mr. Taylor asked the Township be sensitive to the Historic area. Mayor Goetz stated the intent was to focus on the Commercial Area. Mr. Taylor stated he was under the impression once the Downtown Area was done the focus would be at some point (if the Township keeps getting grants) to come down Main Street to the "Cranbury Inn", Fire House and the Presbyterian Church, etc.

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Mayor Goetz asked the other members of the Committee if they all agreed number one (1) should be Brick Yard Road and everyone concurred.

Mr. Cook recommended to focus on Mr. Taylor's suggestion, piggyback it on doing the east and west side on North Main Street in applying for the grant. Mr. Tanner indicated he has to make sure the money is there to expand the project.

Mayor Goetz suggested not expanding the Project rather, finishing the Downtown Area, from the Bridge to Bunker Hill, both sides of the Street, furniture, planters and whatever else is needed to finish it. Mr. Cook agreed and recommended finishing this project first rather than expand. Mr. Johnson stated he wishes to expand the area. Mr. Mulligan stated he wants the Commercial District completed and there is no need to expand it. Mr. Cook reported he will contact the County regarding the curbs.

Public Comment

The Mayor opened the meeting to public questions and comments. There being no comments, the Mayor closed the public portion of the meeting.

Mayor's Notes

Mayor Goetz announced she will be doing the following Proclamation on Saturday at "Teddy's Luncheonette"; The team happens to be from Robbinsville however, they have relatives who live in Cranbury. She added she recently found out Cranbury's eleven-year olds had won the State's Championship and she will at some time honor them.

Proclamation – Honoring the Robbinsville Little League Softball Team on its World Series Championship on August 13, 2014:

Proclamation

Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey

WHEREAS, the Robbinsville Little League 12 year old girls all star softball team worked hard and played well throughout the summer to achieve a perfect post season record of 22-0; and

WHEREAS, the team played in the Little League East Regional Softball tournament and in the Little League Softball World Series; and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2014 they defeated Bossier City, Louisiana 4-1 and were crowned Little League Softball World Champions, bringing this title to New Jersey for the first time ever; and

WHEREAS, their parents, Manager Mark Walsh, and coaches, Scott Velsz and Ed James, committed extraordinary time and effort to their girls in this quest and are also to be commended for a "job well done";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Susan Goetz, Mayor of the Township of Cranbury, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 27, 2014 as

Robbinsville Little League Softball Team World Champions Day

On motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Kathleen R. Cunningham, RMC
Municipal Clerk