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, Susan Goetz, Daniel Mulligan, Jay Taylor and Mayor Glenn Johnson. Also present was Kathleen Cunningham, Municipal Clerk/Assistant Administrator. Mayor Johnson 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 3, 2012 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 3, 2012.
- (3) Filed on December 3, 2012 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 September 23, 2013

On motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Cook, and unanimously carried, the Regular Township Committee Minutes of September 23, 2013 were adopted.

Closed Session Minutes of September 23, 2013

On motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Cook, and unanimously carried, the Closed Session Minutes of September 23, 2013 were adopted.

Reports and Communications

--Mayor

Mayor Johnson reported he attended a Zoning Board Meeting and participated in Candidates' Night. Mayor Johnson reported he also addressed the Cranbury School second graders when they came to tour Town Hall for their Government Studies Class.

--Township Committee

Mr. Mulligan reported Candidates' Night was great and stated he wanted to share with the Township Committee that he has received a lot of positive feedback from residents on the good job the Committee is doing.

Mr. Cook reported he attended the pre-construction meeting at the County for the Brainerd Lake Bridge and Dam Project. Mr. Cook reported the contractor, Rock Solid, has to provide a Performance Bond and insurance before the County will issue a "Notice to Proceed." Mr. Cook stated signs may soon be erected stating the project will proceed "on or about October 28th." Mr. Cook stated some work may begin around the 28th; however, the sidewalks will probably not be affected until after Halloween.

Ms. Goetz reported a Resolution for the Downtown Beautification project is on the agenda for approval. Ms. Goetz explained the lowest bid contractor from the first bid was rejected because the Township Attorney deemed the bidder "nonresponsive" for missing and incorrect documentation. The project went out to bid again and was awarded to another contractor who will do the project as well as all the alternatives listed in the bid specs.

Reports and Communications

--Township Committee

(Ms. Goetz cont'd.)

Ms. Goetz stated this contractor is familiar with historic projects and has worked in many municipalities, including constructing the historic sidewalks in Hopewell. Ms. Goetz stated the sidewalk work will begin in Cranbury after Halloween.

Ms. Goetz reported the Environmental Commission spent a day working on trails on the Reinhardt Property. She urged residents to visit the trails and beautiful preserve and cautioned everybody to wear long pants to avoid tics.

Mr. Taylor reported he participated in Fire Prevention Week. He reported he met with Mr. Greg Farrington, Construction Official, who stated the Township received an ISO rating for Construction of "Class 2". Mr. Taylor stated the highest rating is a Class 1, which municipalities never get. Mr. Taylor explained a good rating reduces homeowners' insurance.

Mr. Taylor reported Old Trenton Road will be closed for a few days on the East Windsor side of the bridge and cautioned Cranbury residents during this construction period there will not be access to One Mile Road from Cranbury.

Mr. Taylor reported approximately \$10,000 in building permits were issued last month, and stated the Township is still not receiving permits for large warehouse construction yet.

Reports and Communications

--Subcommittees

There were no Subcommittee reports.

Agenda Additions/Changes

Ms. Cunningham reported an updated version of Resolution # R 10-13-124 has been distributed, which reflects a corrected total amount of \$431,387.32.

Public Comment (For Items on the Agenda)

Mayor Johnson asked if the public had any comments on agenda items. Hearing no public comment, the Mayor closed the public portion of the meeting.

Ordinance

First Reading

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 10-13-25

An Ordinance entitled, Cranbury Township Ordinance # 10-13-25 "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING VARIOUS CHAPTERS OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY TO REFLECT CHANGES MADE TO CERTAIN FEES CHARGED" 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

(Goetz Abstain: (None (Mulligan Absent: (None

(Taylor (Johnson

Nays (None

Public Hearing: October 28, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 10-13-25 (Continued)

WHEREAS, various chapters of the Code of the Township of Cranbury ("Code") references fees charged which fees need to be amended;

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

- The recitals contained in the foregoing preamble are incorporated herein as fully restated.
- 2. The following Sections of the Code of the Township of Cranbury ("Code") are hereby amended as follows (additions are underlined; deletions are in [brackets]):

§ 82.1 Government Records

- (2) Miscellaneous Records
 - (a) [\$0.25 per CD] \$0.50 per CD.
- (3) Police Department Records.
 - (a) Videotape: [\$30] \$1.00
 - (b) Audiotape: [\$10]. \$1.00
 - [(c) Photographs.]
 - [[1] Five inches by seven inches (from 35 mm): \$3. Each.]
 - [[2] Digital (on CD) \$10 per CD.]

§ 82.2 Miscellaneous Fees

E. Scheduled pickup of white goods and electronic waste, pursuant to

§ [120-4D] <u>120-4 (1):</u>

\$10 per item.

§ 106.2 Outdoor Dining

- B. Each license shall be effective from January 1 until December 31 and shall be annually renewed upon the submission of an application [and renewal fee], provided all conditions of site plan approval and this chapter are met. There is no annual fee for an Outdoor Dining License.
- [C. The annual license fee for establishing or maintaining an outdoor dining use shall be established by Township Committee by resolution.]
- [D. The license fee shall be paid on or before January 1 and shall cover the time period from January 1 until December 31. For a license issued after

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 10-13-25 (Continued)

December 1 and before December 31, the license fee shall be prorated on a per-month basis.]

§ 106.3 Application Process

B. The application shall be accompanied by the following:

[(1) Nonrefundable application fee.]

§ 113.5 Peddling and Soliciting

- A. Registration Fee: At the time the application is filed, a fee of \$ [25]
 75.00 shall be paid to the Township Clerk to cover the cost of processing the application and investigating the facts stated therein.
- B. [License fee. The license fee which shall be charged by the Township Clerk for the issuance of a license hereunder shall be \$2 per day, \$5 per week, \$10 per month and \$50 per year.]

Two (2) money orders or certified checks must accompany the application form. One (1) should be made out to: New Jersey State Police-SBI in the amount of \$18.00 and the other to: Cranbury Township in the amount of \$57.00.

<u>Effective date.</u> This ordinance will take effect upon its passage and publication, as required by law.

Consent Agenda Resolutions

Mayor Johnson asked the Committee if they wished to address any Consent Resolutions separately. There being no questions or comments, the Mayor asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Resolutions. On motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Ms. Goetz, the Resolutions were passed by vote:

Ayes: (Cook

(Goetz Abstain: (None (Mulligan Absent: (None

(Taylor (Johnson

Nays (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 10-13-116

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 10-13-117

WHEREAS, The Tax Collector, Ross E. Maszczak has certified that the following taxpayers overpaid their taxes; and

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 10-13-117 (Continued)

WHEREAS. The Tax Collector is requesting that the overpaid taxes be refunded.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that the following overpayment be refunded:

Taxpayer Refund \$637.82

OWNER: Sally Strong S.

C/O John VR Strong, Jr. Esq.

P.O. Box 78

New Brunswick, NJ 08903

OWNER: Strong, Sally S. LOCATION: 1 Ryan Rd.

BLOCK: 39 LOT: 5 QUALIFIER: N/A

Total \$637.82

Resolution #10-13-118

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, NJ

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF ESCROW

WHEREAS, Wawa has deposited planning escrow with Cranbury Township; and

WHEREAS, Wawa has requested the release of the balance of said escrow in the amount of \$468.75; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury authorizes the release of the above escrow deposit.

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

- Township Director of Finance (a)
- (b) Lorri Krushinski, Wawa

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 10-13-119

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMBINATION OF CERTAIN ISSUES OF GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY INTO A SINGLE ISSUE OF BONDS AGGREGATING \$5,924,000 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 10-13-119 (Continued)

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(f), the Bonds of the Township of Cranbury, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey authorized pursuant to the bond ordinances of the Township heretofore adopted and described in Section 2 hereof shall be combined into a single and combined issue of General Improvement Bonds in the principal amount of \$5,924,000.

Section 2. The principal amount of Bonds authorized by each ordinance to be combined into a single issue as above provided, the bond ordinances authorizing the Bonds described by reference to the number, the improvement description and the date of adoption, and the period or average period of usefulness determined in each of the bond ordinances are respectively as follows:

Principal Amount of Bonds	Number of Ordinance	Description of Improvement and Date of Adoption of Ordinance	Useful Life
\$78,760	#05-04-13	Improvements to sidewalks throughout the Township, finally adopted June 14, 2004.	10 years
\$486,476	#04-06-08	Various capital improvements, finally adopted May 8, 2006.	14.52 years
\$200,000	#11-06-25	Acquisition of property, finally adopted November 27, 2006.	40 years
\$918,524	#03-07-05	Various capital improvements, finally adopted April 9, 2007.	8.12 years
\$977,000	#01-08-03	Acquisition and construction of building and affordable housing, finally adopted February 11, 2008.	40 years
\$202,145	#03-08-08	Various capital improvements, finally adopted April 7, 2008.	9.07 years
\$23,750	#07-08-17	Repairs to the Municipal Building, finally adopted July 28, 2008.	10 years
\$166,250	#01-09-01	An easement purchase of Toscano Farmland Preservation, finally adopted February 9, 2009.	10 years
\$134,900	#04-09-07	Various capital improvements, finally adopted April 27, 2009.	13 years
\$10,450	#12-10-20	Easement purchase of the Toscano Farm, finally adopted December 20, 2010.	40 years
\$7,220	#01-11-01	Upgrade of the tax collector computer system, finally adopted January 24, 2011.	7 years
\$132,050	#11-11-20	Acquisition of a fire brush truck, finally adopted November 28, 2011.	10 years
\$142,500	#01-12-02	Construction of an equipment storage barn, finally adopted January 3, 2012.	30 years
\$105,830	#12-05-02	Acquisition of vehicles, finally adopted March 12, 2012.	5 years
\$161,595	#04-12-08	Various capital improvements, finally adopted April 23, 2012.	10 years
\$2,084,400	#04-13-11	Various capital improvements, finally adopted April 22, 2013.	14 years

\$47,500	13 Pump Station assessment, finally adopted May 28, 2013.	40) years
\$44,650	Upgrade of the Police and Town Hall computer network, finally adopted June 10, 2013.	7	years

SECTION 3. The following matters are hereby determined with respect to the combined issue of Bonds:

- a. The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of Bonds presently authorized to be issued pursuant to each of the bond ordinances and the respective periods or average period of usefulness therein determined, is not less than 18.14 years.
- b. The Bonds of the combined issue shall be designated "General Improvement Bonds" and shall mature within the average period of usefulness herein determined.
- c. The Bonds of the combined issue shall be sold and issued in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law applicable to the sale and the issuance of bonds authorized by a single bond ordinance and accordingly may be sold with other issues of bonds.

SECTION 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

- a. None of the Bonds described in Section 2 hereof has been sold or issued, and the several bond ordinances described in Section 2 have not been rescinded heretofore and now remain in full force and effect as authorizations for the respective amounts of Bonds set opposite the descriptions of the bond ordinances in Section 2.
- b. The several purposes or improvements authorized by the respective bond ordinances described in Section 2 hereof are purposes for which bonds may be issued lawfully pursuant to the Local Bond Law and are all purposes for which no deduction may be taken in any annual or supplemental debt statement.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 10-13-120

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMBINATION OF CERTAIN ISSUES OF OPEN SPACE BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY INTO A SINGLE ISSUE OF BONDS AGGREGATING \$2,425,000 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 10-13-120 (Continued)

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(f), the Bonds of the Township of Cranbury, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey authorized pursuant to the bond ordinances of the Township heretofore adopted and described in Section 2 hereof shall be combined into a single and combined issue of Open Space Bonds in the principal amount of \$2,425,000.

Section 2. The principal amount of Bonds authorized by each ordinance to be combined into a single issue as above provided, the bond ordinances authorizing the Bonds described by reference to the number, the improvement description and the date of adoption, and the period or average period of usefulness determined in each of the bond ordinances are respectively as follows:

Principal Amount of Bonds	Number of Ordinance	Description of Improvement and Date of Adoption of Ordinance	Useful Life
\$1,440,000	#01-04-01	Acquisition of property for use as open space, finally adopted January 26, 2004.	40 years
\$595,000	#01-04-03, as supp. by #01-05-3	Acquisition of property for use as open space, finally adopted January 26, 2004, as supplemented February 7, 2005.	40 years
\$390,000	#10-04-25	Acquisition of land for use as open space, finally adopted November 15, 2004.	40 ears

Section 3. The following matters are hereby determined with respect to the combined issue of Bonds:

- a. The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of Bonds presently authorized to be issued pursuant to each of the bond ordinances and the respective periods or average period of usefulness therein determined, is not less than 40 years.
- The Bonds of the combined issue shall be designated "Open Space Bonds" and shall mature within the average period of usefulness herein determined.
- c. The Bonds of the combined issue shall be sold and issued in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law applicable to the sale and the issuance of bonds authorized by a single bond ordinance and accordingly may be sold with other issues of bonds.

Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 10-13-120 (Continued)

- a. None of the Bonds described in Section 2 hereof has been sold or issued, and the several bond ordinances described in Section 2 have not been rescinded heretofore and now remain in full force and effect as authorizations for the respective amounts of Bonds set opposite the descriptions of the bond ordinances in Section 2.
- b. The several purposes or improvements authorized by the respective bond ordinances described in Section 2 hereof are purposes for which bonds may be issued lawfully pursuant to the Local Bond Law and are all purposes for which no deduction may be taken in any annual or supplemental debt statement.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 10-13-121

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF \$8,349,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2013, CONSISTING OF \$5,924,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND \$2,425,000 OPEN SPACE BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The \$5,924,000 General Improvement Bonds of the Township of Cranbury, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Township") referred to and described in the Resolution adopted by the Township Committee pursuant to the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey on October 14, 2013, and entitled, "Resolution Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues of General Improvement Bonds of the Township of Cranbury, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey Into a Single Issue of Bonds Aggregating \$5,924,000 in Principal Amount," shall be issued as "General Improvement Bonds" (the "General Improvement Bonds"). The General Improvement Bonds shall mature in the principal amounts on November 15 as follows:

<u>Year</u>	Principal Amount	<u>Year</u>	Principal Amount
2014	\$210,000	2023	\$325,000
2015	210,000	2024	400,000
2016	230,000	2025	410,000
2017	240,000	2026	415,000
2018	250,000	2027	420,000
2019	260,000	2028	420,000
2020	275,000	2929	420,000
2021	300,000	2030	420,000
2022	300,000	2031	419,000

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 10-13-121 (Continued)

Section 2. The \$2,425,000 Open Space Bonds of the Township referred to and described in the Resolution adopted by the Township Committee pursuant to the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey on October 14, 2013, and entitled, "Resolution Providing for the Combination of Certain Issues of Open Space Bonds of the Township of Cranbury, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey Into a Single Issue of Bonds Aggregating \$2,425,000 in Principal Amount," shall be issued as "Open Space Bonds" (the "Open Space Bonds" and together with the General Improvement Bonds, the "Bonds"). The Open Space Bonds shall mature in the principal amounts on November 15 as follows:

<u>Year</u>	Principal Amount	<u>Year</u>	Principal Amount
2014	\$ 90,000	2023	\$135,000
2015	90,000	2024	140,000
2016	100,000	2025	145,000
2017	105,000	2026	150,000
2018	110,000	2027	160,000
2019	115,000	2028	170,000
2020	120,000	2029	180,000
2021	125,000	2030	180,000
2022	130,000	2031	180,000

Section 3. The Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity in accordance with the Notice of Sale attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 4. The General Improvement Bonds shall be eighteen in number, with one certificate being issued for each year of maturity, and shall be numbered GIB-1 to GIB-18, inclusive. The Open Space Bonds shall be eighteen in number, with one certificate being issued for each year of maturity, and shall be numbered OSB-101 and OSB-118.

Section 5. The Bonds shall be dated their date of issuance and shall bear interest payable semiannually on the fifteenth day of May and November in each year until maturity, commencing on May 15, 2014, at a rate or rates per annum, expressed in a multiple of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1% and proposed by the successful bidder in accordance with the Notice of Sale authorized herein.

Section 6. The Bonds shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer under the official seal (or facsimile thereof) affixed, printed, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Township Clerk.

Section 7. The Bonds shall be substantially in the following form with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Township to market the Bonds, including in accordance with the requirements of the Securities Depository.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 10-13-122

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A BID WITH SIEMENS WATER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC. FOR BIOXIDE OR APPROVED EQUAL

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received on October 2, 2013 for a contract for the supply of Bioxide or Approved Equal; and;

WHEREAS, one bid was received from Siemens Water Technology LLC of Sarasota Florida with a bid of \$2.23/gallon, \$167,250.00 total; and

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 10-13-122 (Continued)

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to enter into an agreement with Siemens Water Technologies, LLC, Sarasota, FL and

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:

- The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Siemens Water Technology LLC of Sarasota, Florida for the supply of Bioxide of approved equal and
- 2. A copy of the Agreement shall be available for public inspection in the Township Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 10-13-123

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A BID WITH Dee-En ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING, INC. FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING GENERATOR INSTALLATION

WHEREAS, nine (9) bids were received on October 2, 2013 for Municipal Building Generator Installation and;

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to enter into an agreement with Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc., Linden, NJ and

WHEREAS, as Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc. has offered to provide these services to the Township for cost of \$147,300.00; and

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:

- 3. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Dee-En Electrical Contracting, Inc. for the Municipal Building Generator Installation \$147,300.00; and
- 4. A copy of the Agreement shall be available for public inspection in the Township Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 10-13-124

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

WHEREAS, four (4) bids were received on October 4, 2013 for Main Street Beautification Project and;

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

WHEREAS, as Think Pavers has offered to provide these services to the Township for cost of \$309,452.32; and

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 \$431,387.32; and
- 2. A copy of the Agreement shall be available for public inspection in the Township Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 10-13-125

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AUTHORIZING SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL TO FILE A PETITION/COMPLAINT FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY PRINCETON BALLET SOCIETY LOCATED AT 29 NORTH MAIN STREET (B 23/I 59) FOR TAX YEAR 2012 AND THEREAFTER

WHEREAS, the Princeton Ballet South owns property located at 29 North Main Street and designated on the tax map as Block 23, Lot 59 ("subject property"); and

WHEREAS, the subject property is used primarily for teaching dance to children and adults; and

WHEREAS, the subject property has enjoyed tax exempt status under Local property Tax for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury met on March 12, 2012 to consider authorizing the filing of petitions/complaints with the Middlesex County Tax Board and Tax Court of New Jersey to challenge the exempt status of the subject property for tax year 2012 and tax years thereafter until this matter is fully resolved in the courts of this State; and

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 10-13-125

(Continued)

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury unanimously resolved on the March 12, 2012 meeting to authorize special tax counsel to file such a challenge to the tax exempt status of the subject property; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury believes that such a challenge will resolve the issue of whether the subject property is entitled to continue with a tax exempt status under the Local Property Tax; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is being adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury to memorialize its decision to authorize Special Tax Counsel to initiate the judicial challenge to the continuation of the exempt status of the subject property made on March 12, 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey authorizes its Special Tax Counsel, Harry Haushalter, Esquire, to file the necessary documents with the Middlesex County Tax Board and Tax Court of New Jersey to initiate such challenge to the exempt status of the subject property under the Local Property Tax law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution authorizes and ratifies the filing of the subject challenge by Cranbury Township Special Tax Counsel for tax year 2012 and any tax year thereafter until the propriety of the tax exempt status of the subject property is properly considered and resolved by the courts of this State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Cranbury Tax Assessor, Steven Benner, or his successor is authorized on behalf of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury to approve any settlement of this judicial challenge.

Work Session

a). Discussion of Guidelines of Postings on Township's Website and Cable TV Station

The Township Committee discussed the guidelines for postings of notices, etc. on its website and the new Cable TV announcement station. Ms. Cunningham explained with the addition of Comcast's Cable TV announcement station, she requested this Work Session item for the Township Committee to set guidelines for both the web and announcement station. Ms. Cunningham stated she and Ms. Bonnie Larson would need to know what they are allowed to post. Mayor Johnson clarified Comcast has dedicated Channel 3 to residents within the Township's limits and explained currently messages are scrolled

Ms. Larson reported she and Ms. Cunningham would be receiving training on how to post the information. She stated guidelines were necessary. Ms. Cunningham explained previous Township Committees set guidelines for the website, including not allowing businesses to advertise. She stated non-profit organizations were able to advertise their upcoming events; however, it would be in the form of a link back to the organization's website.

Ms. Goetz inquired if political events could be advertised and Ms. Cunningham stated political events could not be posted. Candidates' Night could be posted because it was for both parties.

Ms. Larson stated she felt the school should also post information and stated she asked them if they would like to have someone from the school trained. Ms. Goetz stated it would be beneficial to have school closings posted.

Work Session (Continued)

a). <u>Discussion of Guidelines of Postings on Township's Website and Cable TV Station</u> (Ms. Larson cont'd.)

Ms. Larson stated the current goal was to learn how to post information, and later short general information videos provided by the County could also be posted. Ms. Cunningham stated Ms. Marilynn Mullen, Director of the Cranbury Public Library, inquired if the Library could post events on the cable station. The Township Committee agreed to the Library posting on the station.

Mr. Cook inquired if ad space could be sold to businesses, and Ms. Larson stated Comcast will allow what PBS allows, ("this show is brought to you by.."). Mr. Cook stated the Township should consider selling ad space as a way to raise funds. Ms. Cunningham stated the Township is not allowed to make money on this; however, Ms. Larson stated it would be a way raise funds to upgrade equipment.

Mr. Mulligan stated in addition to the names of the Township Committee being broadcast, names of members of Boards and Commissions should also be posted. Mr. Mulligan recommended starting small and adding information over time. He stated items such as brush pick up could also be included. Ms. Goetz stated the goal is get the community to know the announcement channel exists. Mayor Johnson suggested doing an e-mail blast, and Mr. Mulligan suggested also posting on Nixle. Mr. Taylor stated some municipalities, such as South Brunswick, post everything on Nixle. Cranbury Township currently uses Nixle for emergency announcements.

The Township Committee discussed also having their photos posted on the Cable Channel. The Committee thanked Ms. Larson for her hard work and dedication over the years to make this a reality.

Reports from Township Boards and Commissions
There were no reports from Township Boards and Commissions.

Reports from Township Staff and Professionals
--Assistant Administrator's Report
Ms. Cunningham stated she had nothing to report.

Public Comment

The Mayor opened the meeting to public questions and comment.

Mr. Richard Kallan, Wynnewood Drive, asked for clarification about the Resolution for the Princeton Ballet. Mayor Johnson explained the Township's Tax Assessor and the Special Counsel for Tax Matters came before the Township Committee some time ago to advise them the Princeton Ballet had a tax-exempt status and asked if the Committee wanted to pursue changing the Ballet's status to "tax paying." Mayor Johnson stated the Committee decided to proceed and the Resolution is part of the process.

Mr. Tom Connolly, Petty Road, inquired if the Downtown Beautification Project is being funded by grant money, and the Committee confirmed the funds are 100% grant monies.

Mr. Taylor stated he had an additional item and reported he attended a Township Human Resources meeting. He stated he asked Ms. Marabello, Township Administrator, to take a look at how the new contributions for premium sharing for medical insurance compare to salaries. Mr. Taylor reported when looking at the numbers, some employees' salaries are back to 2010 levels.

There being no additional comment, the Mayor closed the public portion of the meeting.

Mayor's Notes

Mayor Johnson reported there were no Mayor's notes.

Resolution

On a motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Ms. Goetz and unanimously carried, the following Resolution was adopted by vote:

Ayes: (Cook

(Goetz Abstain: (None (Mulligan Absent: (None

(Taylor (Johnson

Nays (None

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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" and "N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (5) (Land Acquisition): Discussion of possible land acquisition.

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 a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Ms. Goetz and unanimously carried, the meeting returned to Open Session at 8:02 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Taylor and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, RMC Municipal Clerk