

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
November 12, 2019

The Township Committee Meeting of the Township of Cranbury was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Town Hall. Answering present to roll call were Township Committee members: Michael Ferrante, Glenn Johnson, Dan Mulligan, Matt Scott and Mayor James Taylor. No members were absent. Also present were Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/CFO; and Debra Rubin, Municipal Clerk. Mayor Taylor led in the salute to the flag and Debra Rubin 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:

Posted on December 20, 2018 on the Bulletin Board of the Municipal Office at 23-A North Main Street, Cranbury, New Jersey and remains posted at that location.

Communicated to the Cranbury Press, Home News Tribune and Trenton Times on December 20, 2018.

Filed on December 20, 2018 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.

Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

Agenda Additions/Changes – None.

--Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2019

The Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2019 on a motion by Mr. Ferrante, seconded by Mr. Johnson. On a roll call vote of the members of the Township Committee;

Ayes: (Ferrante
(Johnson
(Mulligan
(Scott
(Taylor

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None

Nays: (None

the Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2019 were adopted.

--Reports and Communications

--Members of Committee

--Mr. Scott

Mr. Scott congratulated the newly elected members of the Township Committee, Barbara Rogers and Evelyn Spann.

--Mr. Ferrante

Mr. Ferrante had no report at this time.

-- Mr. Mulligan -

Mr. Mulligan stated he received positive feedback from the public regarding the decision to dredge the lake.

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--Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson attended the Master Plan Subcommittee meeting and the Development Review Committee meetings. He attended the Planning Board meeting where the Master Plan was adopted.

--Mayor Taylor

Mayor Taylor announced that the Township Committee would have both scheduled meetings in December.

Mayor Taylor announced a current vacancy on the Planning Board due to Nancy Witt's recent resignation. Mayor Taylor appointed Wayne Wittman to the Planning Board to fill the vacancy of the Class IV unexpired term due to expire 12/31/22.

He also attended the Planning Board meeting where the Master Plan was adopted. He invited Richard Preiss to attend the Township Committee meeting of December 16th.

Mayor Taylor reported that he also received positive feedback from the residents regarding the recent decision to complete the dredging of Brainerd Lake.

--Subcommittee- Mr. Ferrante reported that the website will be ready for presentation by December 9th meeting.

--Departments Heads –

- Lt. Michael Owens – Police Department – Presented the October 2019 report. Highlights of the report were;
 - Summons total for year to date – 1,940 and the month of October – 123.
 - Locations of most motor vehicle stops – North Main Street - 128, Plainsboro Road - 60 and Station Road - 39.

Mr. Mulligan added he received very positive feedback regarding the implementation of the Traffic Bureau within the Police Department.

--Follow-up Items – None.

--Boards and Commissions

- **Appointments –**
- Mayor Taylor appointed Wayne Wittman to Planning Board as Class IV member earlier in meeting.
- **Vacancies -**
Ms. Rubin read the vacancies for the following boards and commissions:
 - (3) Municipal Alliance - Full Member, 1st and 2nd Alternate
 - (1) Parks Commission – 2nd Alternate

--Ordinances –

First Reading –

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY
ORDINANCE NO. 11-19-15

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SUMP PUMP AND MECHANICAL
WATER DISCHARGE REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, water discharged from sump pumps onto sidewalks, roads, and impermeable surfaces, particularly in winter when it can freeze, creates a hazard to pedestrians and motorists; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks to ensure the proper management of discharge and flow from sump pumps, to provide for enforcement, and thereby to protect the public health, safety and welfare of its residents;

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

Section 1. There is hereby created a new Chapter 132 entitled "Sump Pump Discharge," which reads as follows:

§ 132-1 Sump Pump Discharge

- A. There shall be no sump pump discharges or mechanical discharge of any stormwater directly onto any Township street or sidewalk, into the sanitary sewer, or directly into any public drywell.
- B. The sump pump or mechanical discharge of any stormwater shall be discharged into any of the following:
 - (1) An established watercourse;
 - (2) A natural drainage course, only where an established watercourse is not available; or
 - (3) A yard, only if such yard is capable of absorbing the discharge without creating stagnant water pools; or
 - (4) A drywell or gravel infiltration trench located on the property owner's property.

§ 132-2 Definitions

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ESTABLISHED WATERCOURSE

A man-made condition of the land constructed for the purpose of receiving and transporting surface water runoff. Concave depressions or slopes forming street gutters along curbs shall be considered "established watercourses."

NATURAL WATERCOURSE

A natural condition of the land which serves as a runoff for surface waters.

§ 132-3 Timing

Any occupant, owner or tenant who currently releases sump pump or mechanical water discharge onto public streets or sidewalks shall become compliant with this Ordinance by July 1, 2020.

§ 132-4 Applicability

This chapter is applicable to all sump pump mechanical water discharging, whether by a private person or public entity and whether discharged from private or public property.

§ 132-5 Enforcement

Enforcement of this provision shall begin on July 1, 2020. This chapter shall be enforced by the Township Code Enforcement Officer. All properties shall be inspected at the time of sale to ensure compliance with this Chapter.

§ 132-6 Violations and Penalties

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Any owner, occupant or tenant violating any provision of this article shall be liable for the penalties established in Chapter 1, § 1-15 of this Code, entitled "General penalty; continuing violations," except that no person found to have violated a provision of this article shall be subject to imprisonment for such violation.

Section 2. Repealer. All ordinances or Code provisions or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. Severability. Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any Court of competent jurisdiction that any such portion of this Ordinance is unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause or reason shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.

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

Ayes: (Ferrante
(Johnson
(Mulligan
(Scott
(Taylor

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None

Nays: (None

**Resolutions
Consent Agenda**

Mayor Taylor asked the Township Committee if there were any questions or comments on the Consent Agenda. Hearing no questions or comments, Mayor Taylor requested a motion to adopt the Consent Resolutions. On a motion by Mr. Ferrante, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried, the following Resolutions adopted by vote:

Ayes: (Ferrante
(Johnson
(Mulligan
(Scott
(Taylor

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution #R 11-19-148

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

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Cranbury Township Resolution # R 11-19-149

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, NJ

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING YEAR 2019 BUDGET TRANSFERS.

WHEREAS, there are 2019 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 2019 Budget Transfers be authorized and made on the records and accounts of the Township:

	<u>Budget Account</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
9-01-20-150-800	Tax Assessment – OE	\$40,000.00	
9-01-43-490-320	Municipal Court - OE		\$40,000.00
9-01-20-150-011	Tax Assessment – S&W	\$1000	
9-01-20-145-011	Tax Collector – S&W		\$1000
9-01-20-130-025	Finance – OE	\$2000	
9-01-28-375-500	Parks – OE		\$2000
9-01-25-260-025	First Aid – OE	\$10,000	
9-01-20-155-025	Legal – OE		\$10,000
9-01-25-240-520	Police – Uniforms	\$3000	
9-01-26-315-240	Vehicle Repairs – Police		\$3000

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

Public Comment -

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting to general public comment.

- Richard Kallan – Mr. Kallan presented a cost analysis he prepared regarding Petty Road residents and paying for the road improvements through a 10-year bond as opposed to the agreement with Toll Bros. Discussion ensued from the committee regarding the various items that would be needed if a 10-year bond were to replace the agreement, such as, the need to obtain easements and the possible condemnation of properties. The members also explained the duration of time and substantial additional time it would add to the process. It was explained that a bond could possibly add 3-5 years to the completion of the roadway.
- Tom Macallister - Cranbury Little League – Requesting reimbursement for work done at the baseball fields/batting cages and for the purchase of foul ball netting. Ms. Marabello advised him to send the invoices to the Recreation Department for approval and reimbursement. Mr. Johnson reminded all that no one person should authorize work on parks. The process should be adhered to so that approvals are received prior to work being done and done within the proper parameters.

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- Bill Bauder – Mr. Bauder questioned if all residents received the recent newsletter. Ms. Marabello responded that they were sent along with the sewer bills recently and mailed to those on septic. He stated that he completely disagrees with the decision to not widen Petty Road. He believes the current plan for improvement will not withstand the current wear and tear from traffic.

Mayor Taylor closed the meeting to public comment.

Mayor Taylor requested a motion to adjourn. On motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Scott and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Debra A. Rubin, RMC
Municipal Clerk