

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
February 28, 2011

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, Daniel Mulligan, and Mayor Win Cody. (Mr. Taylor arrived at 7:03 p.m.) Also present were Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/Director of Finance; Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk/Assistant Administrator, and Jean Golisano, Deputy Clerk. Mayor Cody 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, 2010 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, 2010.
- (3) Was filed on December 2, 2010 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.

Minutes

Regular Township Committee Minutes of February 7, 2011

On motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously carried (with Mr. Taylor being absent), the Regular Township Committee Minutes of February 7, 2011 were adopted.

Closed Session Committee Minutes of February 7, 2011

On motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried (with Mr. Taylor being absent), the Closed Session Township Committee Minutes of February 7, 2011 were adopted.

Special Budget Township Committee Minutes of February 15, 2011

On motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried, the Township Committee Minutes for the Special Budget Meeting of February 15, 2011 were adopted.

Reports and Communications

-- Mayor

Mayor Cody reported he attended the New Jersey League of Municipalities Mayors' Training Meeting, which was attended by 74 mayors. Mayor Cody stated met other local mayors, and many interesting topics were covered, such as budgets, layoffs, furloughs, and unfunded mandates. He stated discussions included increased shared services and higher employee contributions for health care and pensions.

-- Township Committee

Mr. Mulligan reported he and Mayor Cody met with the Board of Education (BOE) to open communication between the Township Committee and the BOE. Mr. Mulligan stated the meeting was very positive, and he hopes to continue good open dialogue to work on ideas such as sharing services within the community, for example, the possibility of the Township cutting grass for the BOE. As liaison to the Arts Council, Mr. Mulligan will work to maintain open

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Reports and Communications

-- Township Committee

Mr. Mulligan (continued)

communication. He thanked Mr. Johnson for attending the Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Dinner. Mr. Mulligan reported he has not met yet with the Business and Professional Association.

Mr. Cook reported Cranbury Township received a formal request to meet with the County concerning the Liberty Way Bridge to determine Cranbury's intention of proceeding with the project. On the sanitation issue, Mr. Cook and Ms. Linda Scott, Recycling Coordinator, are investigating the possibility of a single trash carter providing residential trash services to the Township. Mr. Cook stated a subcommittee will be resurrected the third week of March and invited residents in the audience to join. The subcommittee will be looking at a number of municipalities that may be interested in sharing services. Two municipalities, Woodbridge and Milltown, as well as private contractors Midco, Central Jersey and Waste Management, may be interested in providing services. Mr. Cook stated he is waiting for a response from East Windsor Township. The cost of services provided by municipalities would be significantly lower than private contractors. Mayor Cody inquired about the timeline for an RFP for residential trash collection, and when information would be available so residents would know the options. Mr. Cook stated information could be available and posted on the website in the summer. Mr. Cook reported on open space preservation, stating Mr. Roy Reinhardt would like to proceed with the process to preserve 41 acres of farmland on the south side of Plainsboro Road. Mr. Cook stated preserving this land would offer a clear view from the back of the Cranbury School to Plainsboro Road.

Mr. Taylor reported the Police, Fire and First Aid Squad will meet on Saturday for the first joint meeting of 2011. The police have new shifts, and the detectives and lieutenants are doing very well. Lt. Frank Dillane has worked on the server and is it working well. For the Parks Commission, Mr. Taylor reported he, Township Administrator Denise Marabello, Public Works Manager Jerry Thorne and Mr. Tom Weidner of the Parks Commission will be meeting on Friday to discuss the 14th Infantry Re-enactor's dedication of the Civil War Monument in Memorial Park on June 11, 2011. Mr. Taylor stated he is hoping to include the business community in the event and will contact New Jersey News to cover the dedication. Mr. Taylor also reported he and Ms. Marabello will meet with Plainsboro Court to discuss the Cranbury Court agreement. Mr. Taylor stated sometime in early spring there will be a meeting to discuss the dispatcher services agreement with Hightstown. Bus stop signs for Old Trenton Road will be installed in mid March.

Mr. Johnson reported at the Cub Scout Blue and Gold Dinner, the Scouts were also celebrating 101 years of scouting, and the Scouts presented a certificate of appreciation to the Township.

Agenda Additions/Changes

Ms. Cunningham, Clerk, announced there are no changes to the agenda.

Ordinance

First Reading

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE # 02-11-05

An Ordinance entitled, Cranbury Township Ordinance # 02-11-05, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REVISING CHAPTER 150-56 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, N.J. ENTITLED "LANDSCAPING" was introduced for first reading. On motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Ordinance was passed on first reading by vote:

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Ayes: (Cook
(Johnson
(Mulligan
(Taylor
(Cody

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None

Nays: (None

Public Hearing: March 14, 2011

WHEREAS, the Township Shade Tree Commission has completed its review of Ordinance 150-56 in accordance with the Township's Community Forestry Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Commission has recommended that the plantings list contained in Ordinance 150-56 be updated due to the fact that many of the trees listed in the Ordinance are invasive species or are prone to disease;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that the Code of the Township of Cranbury be and hereby is amended as set forth below:

Section 1. Chapter 150-56 is amended as follows (insertions underlined and deletions ~~struck through~~):

§ 150-56. Landscaping.

A. Purpose. It is the objective of this chapter to require extensive landscaping as part of any development. Landscaping improves the livability of residential neighborhoods, enhances the appearance and customer attraction of commercial and industrial areas, improves the compatibility of adjacent uses, screens undesirable views and can reduce air and noise pollution. It is also the objective of this chapter to require applicants to expend a maximum effort to retain the existing natural features, including trees and plants on any site proposed for development.

B. Landscape plan. Every application for approval of a site plan or subdivision shall include a comprehensive and detailed landscape plan. Said plan shall identify, locate and provide planting details for all proposed trees, shrubs, bushes, plant material and ground cover, all existing plant materials proposed to be retained and all ground cover and natural features. For all existing natural growth proposed to be retained, the plan shall state the method(s) proposed to be used for its protection during and after construction (e.g., fences, tree wells, curbing or similar devices).

C. General standards. The landscape plan shall conform to the following requirements, as applicable:

(1) Existing mature trees, hedgerows, tree lines, stone rows, woodlands, and existing vegetation shall be preserved and included as a design element in the landscaping plan for all development. Building placement shall preserve existing vegetation and the character of the site. Existing vegetated areas and natural resources of great importance and significant value (i.e., riparian corridors, floodplains, wellhead recharge areas, old-growth woodlands, etc.) shall be preserved within conservation easements and/or deed restrictions.

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- (2) A minimum of 10 trees shall be planted for each acre of the tract not occupied by buildings or impervious coverage. The Board may waive or reduce this requirement when this standard is generally met by existing tree growth or the open space is proposed for agricultural purposes.
- (3) At planting, shade trees shall have a minimum caliper of three inches and evergreen trees shall be at least five feet high. Shrubs shall be at least two feet in height or breadth at planting. All trees shall be balled and burlaped.
- (4) Trees with calipers over eight inches in diameter shall be preserved, whenever possible. Grading, filling or impervious coverage must not intrude on the "drip line" of trees which are to be preserved.
- (5) Existing trees or landscaping located within 20 feet of any street or lot line or zone boundary shall be maintained unless shown to be removed as part of an approved site plan. The existing grade within that space shall not be disturbed without such approval.
- (6) Landscaping shall be provided in public areas, recreation sites and adjacent to buildings.
- (7) The landscaping plan shall provide for a variety and mixture of plant materials, taking into consideration their susceptibility to disease; colors by season; textures; shapes; blossoms; and foliage. Native species, as illustrated in the attached list, and not manicured turf shall be included in the design for the revegetation of a developed site.
- (8) The choice of landscaping shall be appropriate to local soil conditions and availability of water.
- (9) Low-maintenance, dense, ground cover and flat ground slope shall be used to prevent erosion and to provide a vegetative filter, in accordance with the standards of the New Jersey Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual.
- (10) The impact of any proposed landscaping plan at various time intervals shall be considered. Shrubs may grow and eventually block sight distances and foundation plants may block buildings.
- (11) It is preferable to have fewer larger specimens than more smaller ones.
- (12) All landscaping shall be consistent with the natural surroundings and shall be properly maintained throughout the life of any use on said lot.
- (13) No building or parking area shall be located within 200 feet of the center line of any stream or within a floodway. Such area may be part of any required setback or any required landscape or buffer area.
- (14) Irrigation systems for landscaped and lawn areas shall be designed in zones with timer controls to minimize water usage. Irrigation systems shall be provided with a precipitation detection timer bypass.

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(15) Sheet plastic and other impervious materials shall not be used in any landscape area. Weed retardant mulch, porous non-woven synthetic landscape fabric or other materials shall be used.

(16) The Planning Board may require that the applicant submit prospective views of landscape treatment, for different time intervals, particularly in critical areas such as loading and unloading areas, to determine their effectiveness in buffering and shielding these areas.

D. Recommended plantings.

(1) Ornamental trees- Those trees set forth in the list on file with the Township Clerk's Office known as Exhibit A to Ordinance 150-56 which are incorporated by reference herein.

~~(a) Flowering dogwood - Cornus florida.~~

~~(b) Siberian crab - Malus baccata.~~

~~(c) Kwanzan cherry - Prunus serrulata "kwanzan."~~

~~(d) Yoshino cherry - Prunus yedoensis.~~

(2) Shrubs- Those shrubs set forth in the list on file with the Township Clerk's Office known as Exhibit B to Ordinance 150-56 which are incorporated by reference herein.

~~(a) Burning bush euonymus - Euonymypaintingstus alatu.~~

~~(b) Arrowwood viburnum - Viburnum dentatum.~~

~~(c) Viburnum tomentosum - Doublefirie viburnum.~~

~~(d) Viburnum opulus - European Cranberry bush.~~

(3) Plantings in wooded settings- Those plantings set forth in the list on file with the Township Clerk's Office known as Exhibit C to Ordinance 150-56 which are incorporated by reference herein.

~~(a) Shadblow - Amelanchier canadensis.~~

~~(b) Redbud - Cercis Canadensis.~~

~~(c) Flowering dogwood - Florida.~~

~~(d) American holly - Ilex opaca.~~

~~(e) Rosebay rhododendron - Rhododendron maximum.~~

~~(f) Canadian hemlock - Tsugua canadensis.~~

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~~(g) Mountain laurel – Kalmia latifolia.~~

~~(h) Summersweet clothra – Clothra alnifolia.~~

(4) Plantings in and around detention basins- Those plantings set forth in the list on file with the Township Clerk's Office known as Exhibit D to Ordinance 150-56 which are incorporated by reference herein.

~~(a) Red maple – Acer rubrum, "October Glory," "Red Sunset."~~

~~(b) Pin oak – Quercus palustris.~~

~~(c) Green ash – Fraxinus pennsylvanica, "Summit," "Newport."~~

~~(d) Amelanchier – Amelanchier canadensis.~~

~~(e) Weeping willow – Salix babylonica.~~

~~(f) Sweetgum – Liquidambar styraciflua.~~

~~(g) Sweetbay – Magnolia virginiana.~~

~~(h) Vernal witchhazel – Hamamelis vernalis.~~

~~(i) Winterberry – Ilex verticillata.~~

~~(j) Arrowwood viburnum – Viburnum dentatum.~~

~~(k) Nannyberry viburnum – Viburnum lentago.~~

~~(l) European Cranberry bush – Viburnum opulus.~~

(D) Plantings in large open areas- Those plantings set forth on the list on file with the Township Clerk's Office known as Exhibit E to Ordinance 150-56 which are incorporated by reference herein.

E. Shade trees - Those trees set forth on the list on file with the Township Clerk's Office known as Exhibit F to Ordinance 150-56 which are incorporated by reference herein.

~~(1) Recommended trees. The following tree species are recommended shade trees:~~

~~(a) Red Oak – Quercus rubra.~~

~~(b) Scarlet Oak – Quercus coccinea.~~

~~(c) Honey Locust – Gleditsia tricanthos (thornless variety, "inermis").~~

~~(d) Red Maple – Acer rubrum, "October Glory," "Red Sunset."~~

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- ~~(e) Sugar maple – Acer saccharum "Green Mountain," "Bonfire."~~
- ~~(f) Ginkgo – Ginkgo biloba (male).~~
- ~~(g) Redspire Callery pear – Pyrus calleryana, "Redspire."~~
- ~~(h) Chinese scholartree – Sophora japonica.~~
- ~~(i) Japanese Zelkova – Zelkova serrata "Village Green."~~
- ~~(j) White ash – Fraxinus americana "Autumn Purple," "Rosehill."~~
- ~~(k) Green ash – Fraxinus (lanceolata) pennsylvanica "Summit," "Newport."~~
- ~~(l) Silver linden – Tilia tomentosa.~~

(2) Planting. Shade trees shall be planted along all public rights-of-way and shall be spaced as follows. Trees on opposite sides of the street shall be staggered:

- (a) Large trees (40 feet high or more at maturity): every 60 feet.
- (b) Medium-sized trees (less than 30 to 40 feet high at maturity): every 50 feet.

(3) Each tree shall have a minimum caliper of three inches.

(4) Street trees shall not be closer than 15 feet to any existing or proposed streetlight or street intersection.

(5) All trees shall be nursery-grown stock and shall have a root ball wrapped in burlap, with a replacement guaranty by the developer of two years.

F. Landscaping for nonresidential uses.

(1) Purpose. Landscaping is required in nonresidential areas where the proper placement of trees and shrubs can soften the appearance of large buildings and reinforce the berms that screen parking lots, buildings and structures, loading areas, utility and telecommunications equipment and storage areas.

(2) In addition to the general standards established in §§ [150-56C](#) and [150-57](#), all nonresidential uses shall meet the following requirements:

- (a) The entire lot, except for areas covered by buildings, parking, recreation or service areas, shall be seeded, sodded or planted with ground cover and suitably landscaped in accordance with an overall landscape plan.
- (b) Landscaping shall be used to accent and complement buildings. For example, groupings of tall trees to break up long, low buildings and lower plantings for tall buildings.

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- (c) Vines and climbing plants shall be considered for large expanses of wall.
- (d) Massing trees shall be planted at critical points rather than in a straight line along buildings.
- (e) Entrances to lots shall be given special landscaping treatment.
- (f) All landscaping in parking areas shall be carefully located so as not to obstruct vision. A variety of different types of trees shall be grouped to break up the mass of cars and as required in § [150-43B](#).

SECTION 2. Repealer. All ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Ordinance, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provisions 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 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication, as required by law.

Ordinances
Second Reading

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE # 02-11-03

A motion to enter an Ordinance entitled, Cranbury Township Ordinance # 02-11-03, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR HISTORICAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PURPOSES TO THE CRANBURY HISTORICAL AND PRESERVATION SOCIETY FOR TOWNSHIP-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6 SOUTH MAIN STREET (BLOCK 23, LOT 73) AND COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "GRISTMILLER'S HOUSE", was presented for second reading and final adoption. The Ordinance was published in the Cranbury Press, posted on the Township Bulletin Board and copies were available to the public. Mr. Johnson stated the lease had two terms listed (30 years and 50 years) and asked for clarification. Mr. Mark Berkowsky, Cranbury Historical Society, explained the old lease was for 30 years, and the new lease is for 50 years. He stated there is a 30 year restriction, but the lease is for 50 years. The Mayor 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. Taylor, the Ordinance was adopted by a vote:

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

Nays: (None

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CRANBURY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE # 02-11-04

A motion to enter an Ordinance entitled, "Cranbury Township Ordinance # 02-11-04, CALENDAR YEAR 2011 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)", was presented for second reading and final adoption. The Ordinance was published in the Cranbury Press, posted on the Township Bulletin Board and copies were available to the public. The Mayor opened the public hearing on the Ordinance.

Mr. Richard Kallan, Wynnewood Drive, asked if the Township doesn't spend the 2%, can it be banked, and can the Township exceed last year's budget by 3-1/2%. Ms. Marabello agreed, stating it is only for inside cap budget, not for the total budget. This ordinance allows the Township to increase the budget by 3-1/2%, and if not used, it can be banked. Mr. Kallan asked how the total expenditures compare to last year, and Ms. Marabello stated we are less than our 2% cap. In total, Ms. Marabello confirmed the Township is spending less than 2% in total expenditures of last year's budget.

On motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Mulligan, the Ordinance was adopted by a vote:

Ayes: (Cook
(Johnson
(Mulligan
(Taylor
(Cody

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None

Nays: (None

Work Session

- a). Discussion of request from Environmental Commission to adopt resolution supporting participation in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program.
Ms. Susan Goetz, Mr. Paul Mullen and Mr. John Reinfelder, members of the Environmental Commission (EC) discussed with the Township Committee the EC's goal of Cranbury being certified as a Sustainable Jersey Municipality. The members requested the Township Committee approve a resolution stating Cranbury Township would like to participate in the Program. The members explained once enrolled in the Program, the Township would be eligible for grants and expert guidance. There are no requirements for the Township to spend money to participate in the program. The EC members explained a "green committee" would be needed to oversee the program and believe Environmental Commission members would be the logical volunteers. So far, 326 municipalities have registered to join the Program. Ms. Goetz explained it is prestigious to be "green." The EC members requested the Township Committee's support in adopting the resolution authorizing Kristen H. Hamilton, Secretary to the EC, to complete the municipal registration on behalf of Cranbury Township. The Township Committee agreed, and Mayor Cody reported the Resolution would be addressed later in the meeting.

Resolutions

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION R-02-11-037
2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mayor Cody stated the 2011 Municipal Budget was being introduced and stated the Township Committee worked hard. He explained headcount was reduced when two positions were not filled, and there were no cuts in services. Mayor Cody stated Cranbury is doing well as the

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2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
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surplus grew by \$300,000 this year and there will not be a reduction in state aid. Mayor Cody stated he wants to keep taxes flat.

Mr. Cook stated the environment has been tough the last two (2) to three (3) years, and the Township has been dipping into the surplus the last ten (10) years. During the building boom, sewer fees and hookups were significant, but development on the east side of Route 130 has come to a halt. Mr. Cook said the Township is spending the surplus faster than it is being replenished, and stated the surplus would be depleted by 2016. Mr. Cook stated he agreed to a \$0.02 increase now because of possible large expenditures in the future, such as the retrofit of the sewer system, the Liberty Way Bridge and repairs to the Cranbury Dam.

Mr. Mulligan stated he didn't join the Township Committee to raise taxes, and agreed a \$0.02 tax increase is necessary to avoid cuts such as Police, Public Works and fireworks. The Township Attorney is advising the Township to set aside \$1 million for possible tax appeals, and the Tax Assessor is predicting flat revenue. The Aetna Building may be torn down which would result in less tax revenue. Mr. Mulligan stated the Township Committee reviewed the budget as a team. He is concerned about the decreasing surplus over the next three (3) to five (5) years, and recommends the \$0.02 increase to have something to fall back on.

Mr. Johnson stated he is reluctant to raise taxes, stating the Township Committee had three (3) good budget meetings and reviewed mountains of materials. He stated the current economy is not good and the prudent thing to do is to plan for the inevitable. He is very concerned about the surplus and the Township maintaining its excellent bond rating which allows the Township to borrow at lower rates. Mr. Johnson also reported during campaigning he received many complaints about the huge increase in sewer rates.

Mr. Taylor also cited the possibility of having to pay for major projects next year such as the Liberty Way Bridge. The surplus must remain at 20% to keep the bond rating. Mr. Taylor stated the budget does not have a lot of fat to cut. A reserve of surplus may be necessary for negotiations of the FOP contract in the future.

Mayor Cody stated the budget has been introduced, but not yet adopted. The public hearing will be held at the Township Committee meeting on Monday evening, March 28th.

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Cook, the following Resolution was adopted by vote:

Ayes: (Cook
(Johnson
(Mulligan
(Taylor

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None

Nays: (Cody

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CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 02-11-037
2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

of the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex for the fiscal year 2011.

Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

Summary of Revenues	2011	Anticipated 2010
1. Surplus	\$1,704,000.00	\$1,146,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$2,667,217.64	\$3,148,055.05
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	\$113,000.00	\$128,691.00
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	\$6,327,339.06	\$6,365,360.00
b) Addition to Local District School Tax		
Tot Amt to be Raised by Taxes for Mun Bdgt	\$6,327,339.06	\$6,365,360.00
Total General Revenues	\$10,811,556.70	\$10,788,106.05

Summary of Appropriations	2011 Budget	2010 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: S&W	\$3,276,389.38	\$3,233,833.32
Other Expenses	\$5,171,014.66	\$5,228,442.40
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	\$25,000.00	\$0
3. Capital Improvements	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
4. Debt Service (include for School Purposes)	\$2,149,726.86	\$1,694,225.73
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$149,425.80	\$149,425.80
Total General Appropriations	\$10,811,556.70	\$10,345,927.25

Total Number of Employees	70	72
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Balance of Outstanding Debt

Interest	\$ 361,125.84
Principal	\$1,321,581.02
Outstanding Balance	\$ 21,922,109
(12/31/10)	

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex on February 28, 2011.

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held in the Committee Meeting Room, Town Hall, 23A North Main St, on March 28, 2011 at 7:00 o'clock PM at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2011 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

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Copies of the budget are available in the office of the Township Clerk at the Municipal Building, 23A North Main St Cranbury, NJ, (609) 395-0900 ext 234 during the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 02-11-038

A Resolution to Support Participation in the
"Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program"

On motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Cook, the Ordinance was adopted by a vote:

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

Nays: (None

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, Cranbury Township strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments as steps to building a sustainable community that will thrive well into the new century; and

WHEREAS, Cranbury Township hereby acknowledges that the residents of Cranbury Township desire a stable, sustainable future for themselves and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Cranbury Township wishes to support a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future by exploring and adopting sustainable, economically-sound, local government practices; and

WHEREAS, by endorsing a sustainable path Cranbury Township is pledging to educate itself and community members further about sustainable activities and to develop initiatives supporting sustainable local government practices; and

WHEREAS, as elected representatives of Cranbury Township, we have a significant responsibility to provide leadership which will seek community-based sustainable solutions to strengthen our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 28th day of February, 2011, by the Cranbury Township Committee that we do hereby authorize Kristen H. Hamilton, Secretary of the Cranbury Township Environmental Commission, to serve as Cranbury Township's agent for the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification process and authorize Kristen H. Hamilton to complete the Municipal Registration on behalf of Cranbury Township.

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 02-11-039
RESOLUTION AWARDED BID FOR "MUNICIPAL COMPLEX IRRIGATION WELL"
TO STEFFEN DRILLING COMPANY, LLC

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury requires the services of a company to install a well for irrigation purposes; and

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CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 02-11-039
RESOLUTION AWARDDING BID FOR "MUNICIPAL COMPLEX IRRIGATION WELL"
TO STEFFEN DRILLING COMPANY, LLC
(Continued)

WHEREAS, after legal proper notice and publication, four (4) bids were received on February 23, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bid was submitted by Steffen Drilling Company, 100 South Delsea Drive, P.O. Box 278, Glassboro, New Jersey 08028, in the total lump sum amount of \$ 28,860.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has reviewed the qualifications of Steffen Drilling Company, and has recommended that the contract be awarded to Steffen Drilling Company; and;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for this purpose.

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Steffen Drilling Company, 100 South Delsea Drive, P.O. Box 278 Glassboro, New Jersey 08028 to install a well for irrigation purposes, for an amount not to exceed \$ 28,860.00.

Resolutions
Consent Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Cook the following Consent Agenda Resolutions were adopted by vote:

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

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # 02-11-040

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 02-11-041
2011 TEMPORARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2011 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided;
and

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WHEREAS, the budget deadline has been extended to April 22, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is by February 28, 2011 and

WHEREAS, THE TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2010 Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance in said 2010 budget is the sum of \$9,099,158.34.

WHEREAS, 1/12 of the total appropriations in the 2010 Budget exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance in said 2010 budget is the sum of \$758,263.20.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that to constitute the 2011 Temporary Budget the following appropriations be made:

		Original	1/12	Total
# R 02-11-041		Temp Budget	Budget	Temp Budget
20-100-011	Administrative & Executive - S & W	\$46,804.00	\$15,601.00	\$62,405.00
20-100-025	Administrative & Executive - OE	\$28,076.00	\$9,359.00	\$37,435.00
20-110-011	Mayor & Council - S & W	\$6,486.00	\$2,162.00	\$8,648.00
20-130-011	Finance Administration - S & W	\$36,538.00	\$12,179.00	\$48,717.00
20-130-025	Finance Administration - OE	\$19,248.00	\$15,236.20	\$34,484.20
20-145-011	Tax Collection - S & W	\$5,562.00	\$1,854.00	\$7,416.00
20-145-025	Tax Collection - OE	\$3,238.00	\$1,079.00	\$4,317.00
20-150-011	Tax Assessment - S & W	\$29,428.00	\$9,810.00	\$39,238.00
20-150-310	Tax Assessment - OE	\$14,508.00	\$4,836.00	\$19,344.00
20-151-025	Tax Map - OE	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00
20-155-025	Legal - OE	\$66,668.00	\$22,223.00	\$88,891.00
20-165-310	Engineering - OE	\$36,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$48,000.00
21-180-011	Planning - S & W	\$12,356.00	\$4,119.00	\$16,475.00
21-180-025	Planning - OE	\$50,016.00	\$0.00	\$50,016.00
21-181-025	Master Plan - OE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
21-185-011	Zoning - S & W	\$5,044.00	\$1,682.00	\$6,726.00
21-185-025	Zoning - OE	\$7,900.00	\$0.00	\$7,900.00
21-190-025	Affordable Housing - OE	\$16,532.00	\$5,511.00	\$22,043.00
22-200-011	Fire Official - S & W	\$11,556.00	\$3,852.00	\$15,408.00
22-200-025	Fire Official - OE	\$1,568.00	\$523.00	\$2,091.00
22-205-011	HPAC - S & W	\$2,840.00	\$947.00	\$3,787.00
22-205-025	HPAC - OE	\$1,168.00	\$390.00	\$1,558.00
23-210-652	Other Insurance - OE	\$45,582.00	\$15,194.00	\$60,776.00
23-215-651	Worker's Comp - OE	\$83,496.00	\$27,832.00	\$111,328.00
23-220-650	Group Insurance - OE	\$222,332.00	\$74,111.00	\$296,443.00
26-315-240	Vehicle Maintenance - OE	\$14,768.00	\$4,923.00	\$19,691.00
26-315-301	Vehicle Maintenance - OE	\$24,600.00	\$8,200.00	\$32,800.00
25-240-011	Police - S & W	\$483,262.00	\$161,088.00	\$644,350.00
25-240-025	Police - OE	\$51,148.00	\$17,050.00	\$68,198.00
25-252-025	Emergency Management - OE	\$1,200.00	\$400.00	\$1,600.00
25-256-025	LOSAP - OE	\$44,000.00	\$0.00	\$44,000.00

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25-265-600	Fire - OE	\$37,725.00	\$12,575.00	\$50,300.00
26-290-011	Roads - S & W	\$78,052.00	\$26,018.00	\$104,070.00
26-290-025	Roads - OE	\$15,332.00	\$5,111.00	\$20,443.00
26-295-011	Shade Tree - S&W	\$760.00	\$254.00	\$1,014.00
26-295-025	Shade Tree - OE	\$10,532.00	\$3,511.00	\$14,043.00
26-305-025	Garbage & Trash - OE	\$8,373.00	\$2,791.00	\$11,164.00
26-306-011	Recycling - S & W	\$10,998.00	\$3,666.00	\$14,664.00
26-306-025	Recycling - OE	\$2,352.00	\$784.00	\$3,136.00
26-310-011	Buildings & Grounds - S & W	\$8,484.00	\$2,828.00	\$11,312.00
26-310-025	Buildings & Grounds - OE	\$23,800.00	\$7,934.00	\$31,734.00
27-330-011	Health - S & W	\$558.00	\$186.00	\$744.00
27-330-025	Health - OE	\$2,100.00	\$700.00	\$2,800.00
27-335-011	Environmental Commission - S & W	\$790.00	\$264.00	\$1,054.00
27-335-011	Environmental Commission - OE	\$654.00	\$218.00	\$872.00
27-340-011	Animal Control - S & W	\$576.00	\$192.00	\$768.00
27-340-025	Animal Control - OE	\$3,999.00	\$1,333.00	\$5,332.00
27-360-011	Human Services - S & W	\$1,282.00	\$428.00	\$1,710.00
27-360-025	Human Services - OE	\$3,501.00	\$1,167.00	\$4,668.00
28-370-011	Board of Recreation - S&W	\$6,378.00	\$2,126.00	\$8,504.00
28-375-011	Parks - S & W	\$11,676.00	\$3,892.00	\$15,568.00
28-375-025	Parks - OE	\$5,901.00	\$1,967.00	\$7,868.00
41-703-021	Municipal Alliance - Local	\$14,815.31	\$4,939.00	\$19,754.31
29-390-030	Library - S & W	\$70,154.00	\$23,385.00	\$93,539.00
29-390-025	Library - OE	\$57,332.00	\$19,111.00	\$76,443.00
31-430-310	Electric - OE	\$17,332.00	\$5,778.00	\$23,110.00
31-430-240	Electric - Police	\$12,668.00	\$4,223.00	\$16,891.00
31-435-600	Street Lighting - OE	\$29,668.00	\$9,890.00	\$39,558.00
31-440-100	Telephone - Admin	\$1,488.00	\$496.00	\$1,984.00
31-440-310	Telephone - Public Buildings	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$20,000.00
31-445-310	Water - OE	\$6,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$8,000.00
	Gas -			
31-446-310	OE	\$8,000.00	\$2,667.00	\$10,667.00
31-446-240	Gas - Police	\$3,332.00	\$1,111.00	\$4,443.00
31-455-011	Sewer - S & W	\$25,200.00	\$8,400.00	\$33,600.00
31-455-025	Sewer - OE	\$102,600.00	\$34,200.00	\$136,800.00
31-460-240	Motor Fuel - Police	\$12,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$16,000.00
31-460-290	Motor Fuel - PW	\$11,668.00	\$3,890.00	\$15,558.00
36-472-670	Social Security - OE	\$70,286.00	\$23,429.00	\$93,715.00
36-477-025	DCRP - OE	\$570.00	\$190.00	\$760.00
41-702-025	Municipal Alliance Grant - OE	\$5,166.00	\$0.00	\$5,166.00
41-703-021	Municipal Alliance - Local 911 -	\$5,166.00	\$0.00	\$5,166.00
42-250-025	OE	\$49,952.00	\$19,651.00	\$69,603.00
42-290-025	Rock Salt Shared Services - OE	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00
42-306-025	Recycling MCIA - OE	\$15,500.00	\$5,168.00	\$20,668.00
42-331-025	County Health Contract - OE	\$4,711.75	\$1,571.00	\$6,282.75

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42-340-025	Animal Control Shared Service - OE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
42-455-025	MCUA - OE	\$106,092.00	\$35,364.00	\$141,456.00
42-456-025	MTUA - OE	\$43,749.00	\$14,583.00	\$58,332.00
43-490-320	Municipal Court - OE	\$57,332.00	\$19,111.00	\$76,443.00
2011 Temporary Budget Subtotal		\$2,388,529.06	\$758,263.20	\$3,146,792.26
Debt Service:				
45-944-026	Police Lease Interest	\$933.22	\$0.00	\$933.22
45-942-025	EDA Interest	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
45-935-027	Interest on Jan Note - January	\$46,445.00	\$0.00	\$46,445.00
45-935-028	Interest on June Note - January	\$17,680.00	\$0.00	\$17,680.00
44-900-025	Capital Improvement Fund	\$380.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,880.00
2011 Temporary Budget Total		\$2,454,417.28	\$770,763.20	\$3,225,180.48

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 02-11-042

WHEREAS, Delaware & Raritan Greenway, The State Department of Environmental Protection and Cranbury Township are the co-owners, as tenants in common, of certain real estate located in Cranbury Township, which contains natural features of recognized value, hereinafter referred to as the "Property"; and

WHEREAS, the Greenway is a nonprofit conservation organization dedicated to the identification, protection and stewardship of significant natural areas; and

WHEREAS, the Greenway, the Township and the Department of Environmental Protection are interested in preserving the Property and are committed to preserving the natural features of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Partners wish to formalize their relationship and set forth the rights and obligations of each party concerning the operation, management, monitoring and maintenance of the Property;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Management Agreement with the Delaware & Raritan Greenway, The State Department of Environmental Protection for the Property located in Cranbury Township and identified as Block 25, part of Lot 60.01 ("Frosztega Property"); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a certified copy of this resolution be sent to the Delaware & Raritan Greenway and the State Department of Environmental Protection.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 02-11-043

WHEREAS, the Cranbury Recreation Camp ("Summer Camp Program") has a need to provide swimming during their 2011, 2012 and 2013 camp seasons; and

WHEREAS, The Cranbury Swim Club ("Contractor") has agreed to provide such services for the amounts of: \$3,360 for year 2011, \$3,600 for year 2012 and \$3,600 as an option for year 2013 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and

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WHEREAS, the dates and times will be mutually agreed upon no later than March 1st of a given year; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated the Summer Camp Program will be using the facilities a minimum of eight (8) weeks for a minimum of six (6) hours per week; and

WHEREAS, if the Summer Camp Program elects to exercise its option for year 2013 it shall so notify the Contractor between January 1, and March 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, prior to the first use of the facility, the Summer Camp Program will provide the Contractor with a copy of Cranbury Township's current liability insurance naming the Contractor as additionally insured;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury it hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with The Cranbury Swim Club;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a duly authenticated copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Cranbury Swim Club.

Reports from Township Staff and Professionals

Administrator's Report

Ms. Marabello reported Ms. Bonnie Larson, Chairperson of the Citizen's Committee on Cable Television, is working with Comcast to build a channel for Cranbury postings. Comcast advised it will take approximately one (1) year to build a channel. Ms. Larson advised Comcast needs a letter from the Township to get the process started. The Township will need a regular computer with a card, and the \$12,000 technology funds received from Comcast will be used to cover the computer.

Ms. Marabello reported the previous Township Committee decided to limit the use of the Gourgaud Gallery for Township meetings and board meetings. For the current year, boards are scheduled to meet in the Second Floor Conference Room. Some boards have questioned why the Gourgaud Gallery cannot be used, and Ms. Marabello emphasized the Arts Council is happy to have the space used, but the Township Committee decided to limit its use for meetings to keep the room available for residents to view the art. Mr. Marabello stated the policy can be changed if the current Township Committee wishes. It was agreed the Second Floor Conference Room be used first, and if more space was needed, the Board secretary request permission from Ms. Marabello to use the Gallery.

Ms. Marabello stated City Connections will continue to provide website services to the Township for 2011. Mr. Mulligan suggested the Township keep City Connection for the year. Ms. Marabello stated the Township was paying a little more to have quarterly contract, but City Connections has agreed to return to the original pricing for a yearly contract. Mr. Mulligan stated City Connections will provide a full site design, and he will work with Mr. Rob Diamond, Ms. Lynne Fox and other volunteers to update the site. Ms. Cunningham, Clerk, reminded the Township Committee the current quarterly contract with City Connections will expire on March 31, 2011.

Reports from Boards and Committees

Board of Recreation Commission

Mr. Ken Jacobs, Recreation Director, Ms. Beth Veghte, Chairperson and Ms. Lynne Fox, Members of the Board of Recreation Commission, presented the Board's proposal to build a track for the community. The Board is seeking the Township Committee's permission to form a

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committee to look at what needs to be done to bring a track into Town. The Board is not asking for any funds to build the six (6)-lane track, and has received support from the Board of Education, School gym teachers, and the School Facilities Department. Ms. Fox stated an investment this large could be used by the school and the community. Since there are not many six (6)-lane tracks at middle schools, Ms. Veghte stated the track could be rented and fees could be used to maintain the track. Ms. Fox stated the largest hurdle will be finding a location since the land usage around the school is a challenge and Township property may need to be considered. The property would need to be near the school for the students to use. Ms. Veghte stated the school would be involved and the Board of Education would have a representative as a contact. The issue would be the location as the school has no extra acreage to spare. She stated fundraising has been postponed until more information can be gathered, and stated there are a lot of good ideas on how to raise funds. Ms. Marabello stated the track would be beneficial to the Town. Ms. Fox stated senior residents could benefit from the track using it as a walking track. Mr. Mulligan volunteered to work with the committee, and Mayor Cody stated his daughter, Jenna, would be interested in working with the committee. The Township Committee gave support to the project and thanked the Recreation Board for the presentation.

Public Comment

Mayor Cody then opened the meeting to public comment and questions. Mr. Richard Kallan inquired about the amount of tax increase for the average home assessment value. Mr. Taylor stated the average increase would be \$87/year. Ms. Marabello clarified the average household assessment last year was \$617,439, and this year the figure is \$608,299, which means some homes were reassessed by the Tax Assessor and the values went down. Ms. Marabello further explained the 2010 municipal tax on a home assessed at \$617,439 at \$0.375 was \$2,315; the 2011 municipal tax for a home assessed at \$608,299 at \$0.395 would be \$2,402, or an \$87 increase over last year. Ms. Marabello stated Mr. Benner, Tax Assessor, has been doing a compliance plan over the past three (3) years to bring assessments back into line.

Ms. MaryJean Mucciarone, Plainsboro Road, and Ms. Marie Stiglic, Wheatfield Road, voiced concerns over the lack of sidewalk clearing on Plainsboro Road during the winter storms. School children had to walk on Plainsboro Road to get home from bus stops and school. This is especially dangerous for students dropped off from late buses after dark. Ms. Mucciarone and Ms. Stiglic stressed their safety concerns and asked the Township Committee to consider an ordinance requiring sidewalks be cleared after storms. Since the sidewalks were put in on the north side of Plainsboro Road, school children on Plainsboro Road no longer receive busing. Sidewalks must be cleared so children can walk home safely. Mayor Cody confirmed the Township does not currently have an ordinance, and the issue has come up before. He stated the issue would be discussed at a Work Session. Mr. Taylor stated the clearing of fire hydrants be discussed as well. Mayor Cody stated research will be done and a work session will be scheduled.

Ms. Phyllisanne Stehn, Hardley Drive, asked the Township Committee to consider other options rather than raise taxes \$0.02, and asked for a \$0.01 increase and use some surplus. Mr. Cook stated the Township Committee ran a number of scenarios, but the decision was based on the future impact of the "burn rate" of the surplus. The reasoning behind the \$0.02 increase is to address issues that could become worse in two (2) to three (3) years. Mr. Mulligan stated in order to not raise taxes, \$320,000 would need to be cut resulting in a reduction of services, such as police, public works and fireworks. Ms. Stehn asked if the Township Committee requested Ms. Marabello's opinion on the increase. Ms. Marabello stated she recommended tax increases the last two years, and the Township Committee chose not to increase taxes. She stated this year \$0.04 was the maximum and \$0.02 would be the middle to be considered. Ms. Marabello stated she is not uncomfortable about the surplus, but looking ahead, the Township needs to be fiscally responsible to avoid going to referendum. Mr. Mulligan stated State aid is not a given,

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and if the Township receives the aid, it would be good to pay down debt. He reported several large expenses, such as the Liberty Way Bridge, repairs to the Cranbury Dam, and affordable housing costs, will be coming up in the future which will reduce the surplus. Ms. Stehn stated the track is a great idea, but commented if the services of the Township engineer are required, it could be expensive to the Township.

Mr. Kallan, Wynnewood Drive, gave a brief history on the past snow removal discussions. He reported residents in the Wynnewood development walk on the street after snow storms so most residents do not shovel the sidewalks. He asked if the ordinance could only apply to sidewalks on traveled roads or on roads where children walk to school, or if it would apply to the whole town. Former Mayor Danser was in the audience and stated he was opposed to selective enforcement because who would make the decision on which sidewalks would need shoveling. In the larger developments, there is room to walk on the streets, and those residents would be opposed to the ordinance.

Mr. John Consoli, Parkview Road, stated it is admirable to be fiscally prudent, and requested the Township Committee consider keeping the budget level this year. He stated the increase does affect residents' quality of life, since the increase will need to come from somewhere in a resident's budget. Mr. Consoli asked if a study was performed concerning the bond rating. Mayor Cody replied the bond rating will only be impacted if the surplus went below 20%.

Mr. Danser, Petty Road, commented he doesn't envy the difficult job the Township Committee is facing. He stated the important number is not the amount of the surplus. Mr. Danser advised if the expenditures are managed, the revenues will take care of themselves. He stated the target has always been to maintain a constant tax rate, and he recognized it is not an easy thing to do.

Mr. Tom Ingegneri, South Main Street asked the Township Committee to identify the costs being cut, stating it would be helpful for residents to see what was cut from the budget. Mr. Ingegneri stated Township Committee members needed to come to agreement on assumptions and needed to look at the surplus. Before taxes are increased, Mr. Ingegneri said tough decisions need to be made. He said it is easy to say a \$0.02 increase, but the Township has a surplus to draw from, and what does the Township have to cut to remain flat. Mr. Ingegneri stated cost reduction is the answer. Mr. Mulligan stated some assumptions addressed by the Township Committee included the rising costs of health care and pensions. Mayor Cody stated it would be helpful to have more information for residents at the next Township Committee meeting on March 14. Mr. Mulligan inquired about the procedure of the budget's introduction and possible amendments. Ms. Marabello stated the budget is introduced and adopted, and then amended with new numbers if necessary. Mayor Cody stated the entire budget in detail will be shared with the public during the Work Session at the March 14th meeting.

Mr. Michael Stehn, Hardley Drive, suggested the Township Committee make a list of possible cuts and let the residents decide on what cuts should be made.

Ms. Florence Kettelkamp, Labaw Drive, stated the Township Committee should not be like past Committees. She asked the Township Committee look at what comes in and what goes out and to do what needs to be done. Ms. Kettelkamp requested information be shared with the public, and Mr. Taylor responded information has been available all along. The Township Committee had three budget meetings and only one resident attended. Ms. Kettelkamp inquired if health care benefits could be cut, and the Township Committee assured her the State benefits are less expensive than if benefits were acquired separately by the Township. Ms. Marabello stated a larger employee contribution for health care benefits will be revisited in October, and assured the public the Township Committee is proactively looking at health care costs. The State is proposing employees contribute 30% of the premium cost.

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Ms. Susan LeDonne, Stites Way, asked for clarification on the \$16 million cost of the Liberty Way Bridge and the Township's cost of \$8 million. Mr. Cook explained if the bridge is built, the Township is responsible for \$8 million. If it is not built, the Township is responsible for engineering costs, which are approximately \$1million. The Township is hoping to work with the County to stop the costs from escalating further. Mayor Cody stating the Township is looking at potential grants to cover some costs. Ms. LeDonne inquired about the actual amount of surplus and stated she doesn't see why taxes must be raised.

Mayor Cody asked for any additional comments from the public, and hearing none, he closed the public portion of the meeting and asked for a motion to go into closed session.

On motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously carried, the meeting went into closed session at 9:30 p.m.

Ayes: (Cook
(Johnson
(Mulligan
(Taylor
(Cody

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 02-11-044

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 (8) /Personnel; Discussion of personnel matters.

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

On motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Cook, and unanimously carried, the meeting returned to Open Session.

Ayes: (Cook
(Johnson
(Mulligan
(Taylor
(Cody

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None

Nays: (None

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On motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Jean Golisano, Deputy Clerk