

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
April 11, 2011

The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury was held at 7:00 p.m. in the in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Answering present to the roll call were Township Committee members: David Cook, Glenn Johnson, Daniel Mulligan, and Jay Taylor. Mayor Winthrop Cody was absent. Also present were Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/Director of Finance; Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk/Assistant Administrator, and Jean Golisano, Deputy Clerk. Mr. Cook 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 March 28, 2011

On motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Mulligan and unanimously carried, the Regular Township Committee Minutes of March 28, 2011 were adopted.

Closed Session Minutes of March 28, 2011

On motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried, the Closed Session Minutes of March 28, 2011 were adopted.

Reports and Communications

-- Township Committee

Mr. Cook announced he is filling in for Mayor Cody who is traveling on business. Mr. Cook stated the review of Capital Ordinances was being moved to the April 25th meeting. He announced the Township Committee received many letters concerning the easements in Shadow Oaks, and complimented Mr. and Mrs. Janovitz on their efforts coordinating the residents. Mr. Cook stated Mr. Weidner, Chairman of the Park Planning Commission will be giving his annual presentation to the Township Committee at the April 25th meeting. He reiterated his position of not being in favor of marking the easements as described and requested a straw poll vote and comments from the other Township Committee members concerning the issue. Mr. Mulligan stated he is also not in favor of marking easements. Mr. Johnson stated it would be preferable to provide some other access to the open space and is not in favor of marking the easements. He stated he would like some other solution to give Township residents access to the property without intruding on the privacy of residents living adjacent to the easements, but the Township needed to arrive at a solution which is best for the entire community. Mr. Taylor stated he and Mr. Mulligan walked the property. White cedars had been planted in the past to mark the easements because it was the least obtrusive. Mr. Taylor suggested listing the open space on the web, and not otherwise advertising it or marking it. Mr. Cook stated the open space is listed on the web already as part of the Master Plan and doesn't see any reason to make the information more obvious than it currently is. Mr. Cook stated he hoped the Township

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Committee's positions give some comfort to the Shadow Oaks residents and apologized for the change in the agenda.

Mr. Cook addressed the ongoing issue of tree trimming in Cranbury, and the possible damage to trees caused by improper trimming. Mr. Cook proposed the Township Committee look into an ordinance addressing trees in general, i.e., tree trimming by utility companies, dead trees and giving the Township the ability to be involved and keep a review of any radical maintenance of trees. Mr. Mulligan stated he received many negative comments concerning the tree trimming and he spoke directly to the team cutting the trees on his property. He supported the idea of the Township being more involved in the process. Mr. Johnson said that every resident has rights to that property, and he is willing to leave the easements unmarked as long as a solution can be found that protects those rights.

Mr. Cook stated he attended a meeting with Middlesex County this past Monday concerning the work on the Brainerd Lake Dam Bridge. Mr. Cook reported the project will not require the closing of both lanes of Main Street. It may require closing one lane at a time to stagger traffic, but the Township will not be cut off or have to use Route 130. Cranbury School was concerned about Main Street being closed because additional busing would be needed for students, but this is no longer an issue. Mr. Cook stated the other issue concerns "cement beach" on the west side of the spillway. He reported the County intends to remove the cement and replace it with a retaining wall similar to the previous wall, which was a concrete wall with a slate top. The wall will not be elaborate, but would be more aesthetically pleasing than the "cement beach" and would still handle the spillway. Mr. Cook stated the project will probably not start until next year. The Township Committee will review the options which provide the ability to modify some of the pricing schedules. At this point, the options include the most minimal change of bringing the bridge and dam up to State Code; or getting the bridge and dam to a point where it would survive a flood typical in a 15 to 25 year period. Mr. Cook described the definition of a "flood" according to the County Engineer as being a foot of water over a roadbed for over five (5) hours.

Mr. Johnson reported on two Historic Preservation Commission applications, including the front of the former PNC Bank which is being remodeled slightly. The basic elements of the entryway are being retained, but are being moved. Mr. Johnson also reported the Princeton Ballet School on Main Street will be doing some remodeling on the building's façade. There is currently no specific plan in place, and an architect has been retained. Some of the wood trim will be removed from the front of the building to see what is underneath before proceeding. The Ballet School has viewed old photographs of the building, and the façade was very stark with no decorative aspect. The School does not want to replicate the old facade, but will decide how to proceed once the wood is removed. Mr. Johnson stated former Mayor David Stout will be replacing windows on his house.

Mr. Johnson reported the Shade Tree Commission will be holding the Arbor Day celebration. Second grade students from Cranbury School will be participating in the celebration later this month.

Mr. Taylor reported a meeting was held with the Fire Department, First Aid Squad and the Police. Mr. Taylor will present the monthly Police report at the next meeting. Mr. Taylor stated there is mold on the Fire House roof which needs to be removed, and if Public Works cannot clean the roof, the Township may need to contract out the work. Mr. Taylor requested identification cards for Fire Department and First Aid Squad volunteers. Ms. Marabello stated she will get information to them. Mr. Taylor inquired about the cost of a cleaning crew once a month for the Fire House. Currently volunteers clean the building. Ms. Marabello stated the Fire House was not part of the cleaning bid. Since the Township is above threshold, adding the Fire House

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cleaning to the contract would require going out to bid again. Mr. Taylor reported the Fire Company had 12 calls last month, four (4) day and eight (8) night calls. The First Aid Squad had 50 calls, four (4) of which were to Hightstown. Three rigs were dispatched to one (1) accident scene. Mr. Taylor stated fire trucks had trouble getting through Main Street this past winter because of all the snow, and he requested this be addressed at a future meeting in May.

Mr. Taylor reported the June 11th Civil War Memorial Dedication plans are moving forward. A meeting was held with the Park Planning Commission. The dedication is for a monument honoring the 14th Infantry, which included soldiers from Cranbury and surrounding towns. The dedication ceremony will be at 10:00 a.m. on June 11th at Memorial Park. Also, as part of the celebration, there will be a campout to the left of the History Center on Main Street on June 10th. There will be a campfire, tents, equipment and uniforms of the Civil War period. Children will be permitted to tour the tents to see what camp life was like. Mr. Taylor reported Andrew Zysk did a wonderful job planning the sidewalk to the memorial for his Eagle Scout project, and Mrs. Zysk has assisted by attending the meetings.

Mr. Mulligan stated previous discussions were held concerning the Board Secretary vacancy left by Kristen Hamilton. Mr. Mulligan reported he met with the Chair of the Municipal Alliance who will be advertising at the Drug Free Fair in May for volunteers to run next year's fair. Mr. Mulligan stated he received a letter from the Lions Club asking the Township Committee to march in the Memorial Day Parade on May 30th. He stated he will be marching and hopes other Township Committee members will join him. Mr. Mulligan stated there have been communications concerning the use of the Gourgaud Gallery for meetings and reaffirmed the Second Floor Conference Room should be used before the Gallery so the Gallery is available for visitors to view the art. A letter was sent to the Arts Council stating the Second Floor Conference Room will be the primary meeting room, with the Gourgaud Gallery as the second option.

Mr. Taylor reported the Construction Department installed the tarps over the dugouts at the baseball field today.

Agenda Changes/Additions

Ms. Cunningham, Clerk/Assistant Administrator, announced there were no changes to the agenda.

Mr. Cook repeated for any residents arriving late to the meeting the issue of Shadow Oaks easement markings was being deferred to the April 25th meeting. Mr. Cook stated a straw vote was held regarding the easements and it is unanimous with the present Township Committee members not to change anything with the easement markings.

Ordinance

First Reading

An Ordinance entitled, Cranbury Township Ordinance # 04-11-08, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY AMENDING "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES, WAGES AND BENEFITS FOR VARIOUS OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF PAYMENT THEREOF, AND RATIFYING SALARIES AND PAYMENTS TO EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS PREVIOUSLY PAID" was introduced for first reading. On motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Taylor and unanimously carried, the Ordinance was passed on first reading by vote:

Ayes: (Cook
(Johnson
(Mulligan
(Taylor

Abstain: (None
Absent: (Cody

Nays: (None

Second Reading: April 25, 2011

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CRANBURY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE 04-11-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY AMENDING "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES, WAGES AND BENEFITS FOR VARIOUS OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF PAYMENT THEREOF, AND RATIFYING SALARIES AND PAYMENTS TO EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS PREVIOUSLY PAID"

SECTION 1. The following salaries, wages and fees shall be paid to the various Township Officials and employees of the Township of Cranbury as hereinafter specified, effective, January 1, 2011 unless otherwise noted:

TITLE	ANNUAL SALARY RANGE		Minimum Hourly Rate	Maximum Hourly Rate
	Minimum Salary	Maximum Salary		
Mayor - Part Time	\$5,000	\$10,000		
Township Committee - Part Time	\$4,000	\$8,000		
Township Administrator – Full Time	\$20,000	\$40,000		
Director of Finance/Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer – Full Time	\$90,000	\$110,000		
Township Clerk/Registrar - Full Time	\$45,000	\$85,000		
Assistant Administrator – Full Time	\$1,000	\$3,000		
Tax Assessor - Part Time	\$20,000	\$55,000		
Zoning Officer - Part Time	\$5,000	\$10,000		
Chief of Police - Full Time	\$90,000	\$140,000		
Construction Official/Building Inspector - Full Time	\$60,000	\$90,000		
Building Sub-Code/Building/Fire Inspector – Full Time	\$50,000	\$80,000		
Building Inspector - Part Time	\$20,000	\$50,000		
Plumbing Inspector - Part Time	\$20,000	\$50,000		
Electrical Inspector/Asst Fire Inspector - Part Time	\$20,000	\$50,000		
Fire Sub Code Official – Part Time	\$6,000	\$7,000		
Sewer Superintendent	\$5,000	\$10,000		
Fire Official - Part Time	\$15,000	\$30,000		
Director of Recreation - Part Time	\$8,000	\$20,000		
Summer Recreation Art Director – Seasonal	\$3,000	\$6,000		
Summer Program Director – Seasonal	\$6,000	\$8,000		
Summer Program Employees – Seasonal			\$5.00	\$20.00
Assistant Fire Official – Part Time			\$15.00	\$20.00
Deputy Treasurer/Payroll Clerk/Tax Clerk/Sewer Supervisor – FT			\$16.00	\$28.00
Purchasing Agent/Accounts Payable Clerk/Finance Assistant – FT			\$20.00	\$30.00

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Deputy Clerk/Deputy Registrar - Full Time	\$13.00	\$31.00
Tax Collector – Part Time	\$25.00	\$35.00
Assessing Clerk – PT	\$20.00	\$30.00
Planning Admin. Officer/Info Systems Coord - FT	\$21.00	\$32.00
Police Administrative Assistant - Full Time	\$18.00	\$30.00
School Crossing Guards - Part Time	\$11.00	\$20.00
Technical Assistant/Alt Deputy Registrar - FT	\$13.00	\$31.00
Certified Public Works Mgr/Small Animal Control Officer – FT	\$19.00	\$43.00
Public Works Admin Asst/ Recycling Coordinator - FT	\$20.00	\$32.00
Heavy Equipment Operator/Foreman - Full Time	\$20.00	\$45.00
Public Works Mechanic - Full Time	\$15.00	\$35.00
Sewer Assistant - Full Time	\$15.00	\$35.00
Public Works Employees - Full Time	\$15.00	\$35.00
Part Time Help	\$18.00	\$50.00
Temporary Help	\$12.00	\$30.00
Emergency Incentive First Aid or Fire Responders	\$1.00	\$1.00
Board Secretary - Part Time	\$13.00	\$25.00
LOSAP - retroactive to year end 2010	\$1,506	\$1,506

PAID HOLIDAYS for 2011

All non-bargaining unit full-time employees and certain part-time employees, shall be entitled to eleven (11) paid holidays annually as follows:

1. New Years Day (Floating Holiday)
2. Martin Luther King Day
3. President's Day
4. Memorial Day
5. Independence Day
6. Labor Day
7. Veteran's Day
8. Thanksgiving Day
9. Friday after Thanksgiving Day
10. Christmas (December 26)
11. Floating Holiday

HEALTH BENEFITS

Full-time employees are eligible to enroll in the Township's health benefit programs. For purposes of determining eligibility, a full-time employee is defined as one who works a minimum of thirty-five hours a week.

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Effective January 1, 2011 all employees who are enrolled in the health benefits program shall be required to contribute one and one half percent of their annual base salary toward the cost of their health insurance premiums.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Chief shall receive salary increases, longevity, perfect attendance payments, sick leave, holidays or holiday pay, physical exams, clothing allowances and retiree health benefits in accordance with the Police Contract. The Police Chief is an overtime exempt employee. The Police Secretary shall receive a clothing allowance of \$700.00 per year and the School Crossing guards shall receive a clothing allowance of \$275.00 per year. These expenses will be reimbursed by voucher and approved by the Chief of Police.

SECTION II.

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase in the Ordinance is for any reason held or determined to be unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION III.

All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication according to law.

Ordinances

Second Reading

After introduction at the last meeting, the Ordinances have been referred to the Environmental Commission and Planning Board for review, and the Ordinances are being carried over until such time the Township Committee receives feedback from the Environmental Commission and Planning Board. Ms. Cunningham, Clerk, explained to the public Middlesex County requested the Township adopt these Ordinances so Middlesex County could receive approval by the Department of Environmental Protection.

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE # 03-11-06

An Ordinance entitled, Cranbury Township Ordinance # 03-11-06, "AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING RIPARIAN ZONES AND PROVIDING FOR LAND USE REGULATIONS TO PROTECT STREAMS, LAKES AND OTHER SURFACE WATER BODIES OF CRANBURY TOWNSHIP.

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE # 03-11-07

An Ordinance entitled, Cranbury Township Ordinance # 03-11-07, "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE INTENSITY OF USE IN AREAS OF STEEPLY SLOPING TERRAIN TO LIMIT SOIL LOSS, EROSION, EXCESSIVE STORMWATER RUNOFF, THE DEGRADATION OF SURFACE WATER AND TO MAINTAIN THE NATURAL TOPOGRAPHY AND DRAINAGE PATTERNS OF LAND"

Mr. Cook reported the Ordinances are linked back to the Clean Water Act of the 1970's. He explained, the State of New Jersey nullified previous ordinances and acts since the Clean Water Act and is now re-introducing the ordinances through the Counties. This is a State mandate for the County to become compliant. Mr. Cook stated the Township Committee is not prepared to make a decision on these Ordinances.

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Resolutions
Consent Agenda

Mr. Cook asked the Township Committee if there were any questions or if any Resolutions under the Consent Agenda needed to be addressed individually. Mr. Taylor requested Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-11-056 be treated separately as he had some questions.

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

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

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-11-052

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 04-11-053

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CITY CONNECTIONS, LLC.

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury requires the services of a consultant to host and maintain its website; and

WHEREAS, the Township entered into contract with City Connections, LLC to provide those service during the calendar years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to enter into an agreement with City Connections, LLC to provide these services from April 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, City Connections, LLC has offered to provide these services to the Township for cost of \$6,367.92; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*, authorizes the award of a services contract without competitive bids when the cost of the contract does not exceed the applicable bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are 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 City Connections, LLC to host and maintain Cranbury Township's Web Site for \$6,367.92; and
2. A copy of this agreement will be made available for public inspection in the Township Clerk's Office during regular business hours, and

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- 3 A notice of this Contract shall be advertised within 10 days of the award of said contract.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-11-054

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Middlesex, by resolution dated September 21, 2000, established the Middlesex County Downtown and Business District Improvement fund (the "Program") to provide the funding to local municipalities for certain types of revitalization projects proposed for downtown areas or town centers; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2010, Kathleen R. Cunningham, Municipal Clerk, applied for a \$100,000 grant to fund the replacement of approximately 65 out of 100 storm windows at Town Hall, 23-A North Main Street, Cranbury, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, by reducing costs of heating and air conditioning in the Town Hall building, the Township's taxpayers will benefit; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that the application meets the criteria for funding under the Program and wishes to provide a grant in the amount of \$100,000 under the terms and conditions set forth in said Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County shall provide a grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 to Cranbury Township to be utilized for the Project enumerated in the "Middlesex County Sustainable Economic Growth District Improvement Fund" Grant Application dated October 6, 2010 and it is agreed and understood that the grant shall be used to offset the cost of the Project and for no other purposes. It is further agreed and understood that the grants funds must be used within one (1) year from the date of the award by the Board of Chosen Freeholders; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said Agreement.

Concerning Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-11-055, "A Resolution authorizing the mayor and Clerk to execute a yard waste recycling and marketing services agreement for shared services with the Middlesex County Improvement Authority," Mr. Taylor inquired if the Township is obligated to have separate containers for yard waste materials. Ms. Linda Scott, Township Recycling Coordinator, stated this is a backup plan to take recycling to a facility to compost, and by doing this resolution the Township is not changing anything. Mr. Taylor stated the Township is currently recycling leaves and brush, but according to the resolution, grass is also recycled. Mr. Cook inquired if the contract is all inclusive, and if a Township picks what it would be responsible for. Ms. Scott stated the Township does not currently pick up grass clippings because of the fertilizer used on grass. She stated the Environmental Commission just endorsed a type of fertilizer, but many residents use inorganic fertilizers on their grass. Ms. Scott stated some residents throw their grass clipping in the trash. Mr. Taylor inquired if this resolution would commit the Township to picking up grass clippings. Ms. Marabello suggested it would be beneficial to compare changes from last agreement. Mr. Taylor stated he will provide a list of concerns to Public Works. Mr. Mulligan confirmed this is a two year agreement, and it would be helpful to highlight any changes from the last agreement. Mr. Cook stated the Agreement will be addressed at the April 25th Township Committee Meeting.

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Reports from Township Staff and Professionals

Administrator

Ms. Marabello reported the Township received a \$450,000 check from the Middlesex County Improvement Authority for the purchase of the Reinhardt North property. Ms. Marabello stated the Township will be receiving funds from Green Acres; however, it may take up to one (1) year to receive the funds from that program. Mr. Taylor asked Ms. Marabello to clarify the information concerning the funds. Ms. Marabello stated the funds received will be reserved and will be in next year's budget to pay down the note. Mr. Cook clarified this is a two step process. Since this property is not tillable, the Township had to purchase the land outright with the understanding the County would contribute a significant portion and Green Acres would contribute for the second part of the purchase. Mr. Cook stated it is the Township's hope to have the purchase funded totally with State and County funds.

Work Session

Mr. James Gallagher, Chairman of the Environmental Commission (EC) presented and discussed with the Township Committee the EC's Annual Report, which is attached as Addendum A. Mr. Gallagher reported the EC has a full membership on its board. Some of the EC's accomplishments include the Cranbury Preserve completing its obligations of a grant received a few years ago to plant herbaceous native plants along the stream corridor. The plants were purchased through the grant and the EC installed the plants. Last year the EC established the Alfred Meiss Environmental Appreciation Award for Cranbury School Eighth Grade Students. The students were required to identify a natural resource in Cranbury and to share their favorite place. Mr. Gallagher reported the EC received essays, songs, poems, and photos. The winner was Matthew Purdy, who received a \$100 bond. The EC anticipates this contest to be an annual program. The response was terrific, and the EC hopes the contest will promote awareness of the environment. Mr. Gallagher reported the 2010 Spring Cleanup saw a greater participation thanks to EC Board member Barbara Rogers, and 41 bags of trash, a slide, chair, milk crates, tires, buckets, hub caps, and Styrofoam were collected. He stated the 2011 Spring Cleanup held last weekend was even more successful.

Mr. Gallagher reported an art project of Unami Woods was completed. Fourth Graders from Cranbury School painted murals of Unami Woods, which were displayed at the Art Show on Cranbury Day. Ms. Anna Drago was the driving force behind the project. Mr. Gallagher reported Peter Sockler's Eagle Scout project to remove the multi-flora rose from an area of the preserve and re-introduce native vegetation in its place was approved by the EC. At the request of the Township Committee, the EC visited the Reinhardt South property to make recommendations of its use. The recommendations were made to the Township on December 6th. The EC continues its educational activities by providing public education at Cranbury Day activities, including the benefits of using rain barrels. Three EC members and Linda Scott attended a rain barrel workshop, and a rain barrel workshop was held this past Saturday, April 9th. Mr. Gallagher stated a number of articles were submitted for the Township Newsletter during 2010. He stated some of the environmental initiatives included reviewing and commenting on the energy audit of Cranbury School, revisions of the Master Plan, promotion of Sustainable New Jersey, and reviewing numerous applications to the Planning and Zoning Boards. For the coming year, some of the EC's goals include assuring all development is undertaken with a sensitivity to a clean natural environment, developing a plan for the Reinhardt property, continuing to eradicate all invasive species along the preserve and promoting native species, continuing with Alfred Meiss Environmental Appreciation Award, and promoting green building. Mr. Cook thanked Mr. Gallagher and the EC for their hard work and efforts.

Township Committee Report

Mr. Taylor stated he did not mention the Township's visit to Cranbury Court in his previous report. On April 6th, Ms. Marabello, Chief Rickey Varga and Mr. Taylor went to Plainsboro to meet with the judge, the prosecutor and attorney and to watch the Court in session. Mr. Taylor described some of the court cases. He asked Plainsboro Township about cost sharing and Plainsboro Township provided a list of revenues and expenses. Currently, Cranbury Township

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(Mr. Taylor continued)

breaks even with the Plainsboro Township agreement. Mr. Cook inquired if Plainsboro Township is comfortable with the agreement, and Mr. Taylor confirmed the judge is comfortable. Ms. Marabello stated Cranbury Township will continue to look at the numbers for both Townships each year, and the Townships can enter a discussion if necessary. Mr. Taylor announced the old Plainsboro Library will soon be a recreation center and Cranbury may want to consider a future shared services agreement for use of the facility. Mr. Cook then opened the meeting to Public Comment.

Public Comment

Mr. Fran McGovern, Washington Drive, commended Public Works for the great job of snow removal this past winter. He suggested the Township Committee be sure the Riparian Ordinance would not include a regulatory taking of land. He stated the Ordinance may impact the use of the land, and cited putting up a shed as an example. Mr. Cook stated he recused himself because he owns property on Brainerd Lake, and stated the Township Committee did not want to act on the Ordinance because the members wanted an evaluation from the Planning Board and Environmental Commission first.

Mr. Evan Janovitz, Washington Drive, appreciated the feedback on the Shadow Oaks Easements. Ms. Cunningham, Clerk, advised Mr. Janovitz she has a copy of his petition for the meeting on April 25th. Mr. Janovitz asked Mr. Gallagher of the EC if individuals could contribute towards the Alfred Meiss Environmental Appreciation Award so there would be more prizes. Mr. Cook encouraged the idea. Mr. Janovitz commented on the possible snow removal ordinance and stated this was a hard winter and keeping sidewalks was difficult with the amount of snow. Mr. Johnson stated two residents came before the Township Committee to discuss the safety of children walking on streets because sidewalks were not cleared. Mr. Cook stated safety is a priority.

Mr. Connie Bauder, Petty Road, stated the snow removal ordinance must take into account sidewalks adjacent to the road as there is no place for the snow to go. Mr. Taylor stated police and residents complained about children walking in the road. Ms. Bauder stated older residents would need to pay to have their snow removed. Mr. Taylor stated other Townships offer services and perhaps Cranbury could look into that. Ms. Bauder stated if snow is not removed immediately, it turns to ice, and suggested establishing snow emergency routes. She also stated the Township needed an ordinance to have cars off the streets during street cleaning. Ms. Scott reported the Township cleans the streets before Memorial Day and Cranbury Day, and residents are requested to move their cars prior to the cleaning. When the County cleans the streets, the Township is not notified of the date. Mr. Mulligan asked Ms. Marabello if the Township can work with the County, and Ms. Marabello explained the Township can ask, but the County cannot give an exact date. Ms. Bauder then stated the stream ordinance was worked on several years ago with former Township Engineer Cathleen Marcelli. Ms. Bauder stated she was on the ordinance committee and a lot of time and money was spent before work on the ordinance stopped. Ms. Bauder then reported there is a problem with parking near yellow curbs by the Post Office. She stated it is difficult to get near the Post Office since Gil & Bert's opened. She is afraid someone will get hurt and would like to see enforcement of the no parking area. Mr. Mulligan inquired if a "no parking" signs can be put up. Ms. Bauder also stated curbs are the responsibility of the property owners and stated some residents are throwing pieces of the curbs away. Ms. Bauder stated the soil erodes away and goes into the water system. Ms. Bauder stated the Township addresses sidewalk maintenance, but not curbs, and she would like the Township to do something about the deteriorating curbs. Mr. Taylor stated he lives on a County road and stated residents must go to the County Planning Board before making repairs. Ms. Bauder stated an ordinance is needed to stop residents from cutting down trees on their property. Currently the Township has a street tree cutting ordinance, but not for a resident's property. The Township Committee suggested taking a look at tree ordinances of other Townships and possibly incorporating wording in the Cranbury Township's ordinance.

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Public Comment (Continued)

Mr. D. Wahlers, Hagerty Lane, stated the current stream ordinance has been in effect for approximately 25 years, and stated the ordinance served the Township well. Mr. Wahlers stated it would be a mistake to overcomplicate the matter.

Ms. Linda Scott, North Main Street, encouraged the Township Committee to look at Township trees on County roads. Trees on County roads do not receive any attention from the County.

Mr. Mulligan suggested better signage for Village Park. He stated it is very common for visitors to miss the entrance and then pull into Bennett Place to make a u-turn. Ms. Marabello stated she thought Public Works was going to move the sign out, but Mr. Mulligan stated it didn't look like the current sign could be moved. Mr. Mulligan stated he would e-mail Mr. Tom Weidner of the Park Planning Commission to look into the signage. There being no further public comments, Mr. Cody closed the public part of the meeting.

Resolution

On motion offered by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following resolution was adopted by vote:

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

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-11-056

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

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

The general nature of the subject to be discussed in this session is as follows:

"N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (7)/Contract Negotiations": Discussion of upcoming F.O.P. # 68 Contract Negotiations.

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

"N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (8) (Personnel): Discussion of vacancy of Board Secretary

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.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
April 11, 2011

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

Ayes: (Cook
(Johnson
(Mulligan
(Taylor

Abstain: (None
Absent: (Cody

Nays: (None

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

Jean Golisano, Deputy Clerk