

Cranbury Township Committee
Budget Meeting Minutes
Saturday, January 27, 2018

The Township Committee Meeting of the Township of Cranbury was held at 9:00 a.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Answering present to the roll call were Township Committee members: Dave Cook, Dan Mulligan, Matt Scott and Mayor Glenn Johnson. Also present was Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/Director of Finance. Mayor Johnson led in the salute to the flag, and Ms. Marabello 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 January 11, 2018 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 January 11, 2018.
- (3) Filed on January 11, 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.
- (4) Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

Resolution

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

Ayes:	(Cook	
	(Mulligan	
	(Scott	
	(Taylor	Abstain: (None
	(Johnson	Absent: (None
Nays:	(None	

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 01-18-040

Resolution Naming an Acting Clerk for Public Session

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk is not available for the January 27, 2018 meeting of the Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township Committee to deputize Denise Marabello to perform the duties of the Township Clerk for the public portion of this meeting; and

WHEREAS, Denise Marabello shall perform all the duties of the Township Clerk for said meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that Denise Marabello is hereby named as Acting Township Clerk for the public meeting of the Township Committee on January 27, 2018 and shall perform the duties of the Township Clerk for said meeting.

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The Township Committee agreed to all Capital Items proposed in the 2018 Budget.

Police Chief Varga explained his request for two (2) additional officers: The new officers will be assigned to go on shift work and the two (2) current officers working will then be assigned to the Traffic Bureau. The Township Committee members endorsed the hiring of two (2) officers.

The Township Committee discussed and made a decision to fund LOSAP this year at a rate of \$1,648 per member.

The 2018 Salary Pool was discussed and a decision was made by the Township Committee to approve a 3% increase.

Mr. Thomas Weidner, Chairman of the Parks Commission discussed with the Township Committee the Parks Budget for 2018 and requested \$5000 in the Capital Budget for overall park improvements. He also asked for paving of the parking lot in Village Park. Both items were approved by the Township Committee.

The Township Committee discussed increases in the Operating Line Items and had no issues with any of the items.

All members agreed for 2018, the Township residents' tax rate would remain the same with no increase at all.

Discussion of Shade Tree Budget:

Mr. Cook suggested approving \$10,000 in the budget for tree replacement--\$5,000 for all areas and \$5,000 plus an additional \$2,000 for Four Seasons. Mr. Cook explained the Township Committee is not promising funds for Four Seasons in the future.

Mr. Johnson stated he feels Shade Tree Commission should have a say in where the \$12,000 is spent. Mr. Taylor indicated he would like to leave it to Shade Tree where the money is spent with approximately \$7,000 going to Four Seasons. Mr. Mulligan would like the Shade Tree Commission to make the determination with the goal in mind to replace some trees in Four Seasons. Mr. Scott stated he is okay with the \$12,000.

The Township will put a written agreement in place with Four Seasons that they are responsible for the pruning and maintenance moving forward, even though the trees are in the Right of Way.

Public Comment

The Mayor opened the meeting to public comment:

Mr. John Battles, President, The Four Seasons at Cranbury, thanked the Township Committee for the additional Shade Tree funding and for the process the Township Committee goes through to get the budget passed.

There being no further comments, Mayor Johnson closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

On motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Denise Marabello, Acting Mun. Clerk