

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 24, 2008

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: Richard Stannard, Pari Stave, Wayne Wittman and Mayor David J. Stout. Mr. Panconi was absent. Also present was: Trishka Waterbury, Esquire, Attorney, Christine Smeltzer, Administrator and Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk. Mayor Stout led in the salute to the flag and Ms. Cunningham gave the following Open Public Meetings Act statement:

In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, it is hereby announced and shall be entered into the minutes of this meeting that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided:

- (1) Posted on December 3, 2007 on the Bulletin Board of the Municipal Office at 23-A North Main Street, Cranbury, New Jersey and remains posted at that location.
- (2) Communicated to the Cranbury Press, Home News Tribune and Trenton Times on December 3, 2007.
- (3) Was filed on December 3, 2007 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.

Township Committee Minutes of March 10, 2008

On motion by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Stannard and unanimously carried, the Township Committee Minutes of March 10, 2008 were adopted.

Township Committee Closed Session Minutes of March 10, 2008

On motion by Mr. Wittman, seconded by Ms. Stave and unanimously carried, the Closed Session Minutes of March 10, 2008 were adopted.

Reports and Communications

--Mayor

Mayor Stout thanked approximately 300 residents, The Cranbury School, Senator Bill Baroni and Assemblywoman Linda Greenstein, members of the Township Committee and the Township's Professionals for participating in the Special Township Meeting which was held on Monday, March 17, 2008 concerning the Third Round Council on Affordable Housing proposed rules. Mayor Stout gave the following updates concerning the issue: The Township submitted its comments on the proposed rules by electronic and U.S. Mail on Thursday, March 20, 2008. Those comments are available on the Township's web site for viewing. Mayor Stout reported last Thursday, March 20, 2008 he and Christine Smeltzer, Township Administrator had met with Commissioner Joseph Doria, Department of Community Affairs which has responsibility for COAH and presented the key issues that affect Cranbury. Commissioner Doria indicated in response to the growth share formula (pertaining the job generation based on how many units would be needed) COAH understands that additional data exists and hopes to receive additional data. The Commissioner stated the growth share would be reviewed in relationship to the comments that were submitted to COAH. Concerning the other issue of retroactivity; the Court, not COAH mandated to reach back to 2004. The Fair Housing Act prohibits use of tax monies for building affordable housing.

Mayor Stout reported he and Christine Smeltzer had met in Trenton with members of the Office of Economic Growth in Governor Corzine's Office, on Thursday, March 13, 2008, concerning a possible regional planning initiative related to the Route 1 Corridor. Mayor Stout explained, two years ago they had started an initiative with New Jersey Future where they were

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looking at towns adjacent to or along the Route 1 Corridor and opportunities for a regional ombudsman and to have towns communicate better on planning and issues that would affect their communities.

Mayor Stout reported he had received a letter from the County indicating they will be paving Wynnewood and Woodview Drives. Also, Cranbury Neck Road, from South Main Street to George Davison and John White Roads, Maplewood Avenue, Plainsboro Road to Park Place, Old Trenton Road and Route 130 to the Mercer County line and South Main Street from Evans Drive to Cranbury Neck Road.

Mayor Stout stated the Township Committee will be conducting the Public Hearing this evening on the proposed 2008 Budget and mentioned the Township has lost State aid in the approximate amount of \$ 138,000.00. In terms of good news, Ms. Smeltzer had informed the Township Committee the Township had received a \$100,000 grant from the County in connection with the Sustainability/Alternative Energy Work Group which will enable the Township to take some energy-saving projects this year. Mayor Stout congratulated the Work Group on its hard work.

Agenda Additions/Changes

There were no additions/changes to the Agenda.

Resolution

On motion offered by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Stannard, the following resolution was adopted by vote:

Ayes: (Stannard	Abstain: (None
(Stave	Absent: (Panconi
(Stout	
(Wittman	

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-08-054

SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the *Township of Cranbury* has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2008 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the *Township of Cranbury* that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

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1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:

- a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
- b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
- c. Cash deficit of preceding year
- d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
- e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
- f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.

2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).

3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.

4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:

- a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
- b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
- c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.

5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

Public Hearing on 2008 Municipal Budget:

Mayor Stout opened the Public Hearing on the Township's 2008 Budget at 7:15 p.m.

**CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION R-02-08-037
2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

of the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex for the fiscal year 2008.

Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2008	2007
1. Surplus	\$1,543,326.00	\$1,227,859.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$3,829,822.75	\$4,421,874.09
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	\$155,000.00	\$107,000.00
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	\$6,878,182.07	\$6,483,164.24

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b) Addition to Local District School Tax
Tot Amt to be Raised by Taxes for Mun Budget \$6,878,182.07 \$6,483,164.24

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Total General Revenues	\$12,406,330.82	\$12,239,897.33
<u>Summary of Appropriations</u>	<u>2008 Budget</u>	<u>2007 Budget</u>
1. Operating Expenses: S&W	\$3,162,922.00	\$2,950,764.34
Other Expenses	\$4,957,008.32	\$4,521,895.20
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	\$597,560.00	\$433,636.10
3. Capital Improvements	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
4. Debt Service (include for School Purposes)	\$3,428,840.50	\$4,023,463.04
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$200,000.00	\$250,000.00
 Total General Appropriations	 \$12,406,330.82	 \$12,239,897.33
 Total Number of Employees	 88	 86

Balance of Outstanding Debt

Interest	\$962,984.50
Principal	\$1,489,578.00
Outstanding Balance	\$23,556,681.66
(12/31/07)	

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 25, 2008.

Mayor Stout asked Ms. Denise Marabello, Chief Financial Officer, to give a brief summary of the proposed 2008 Township Budget:

"Good evening. Tonight we are here to adopt the 2008 Municipal Budget. The decisions concerning this budget were a collaborative effort between me, the Township Committee, Administrator, Staff and volunteers to our Commissions and Boards. In a year when the new State levy cap takes effect, all those involved in the budget preparation worked very hard to come up with a fiscally-sound budget that funds Township needs and pays down debt, while conforming to a State-mandated limit on the amount to be raised by taxes.

As you can see from the handout, the proposed Total Municipal Budget for 2008 is \$12,406,330.82. Combining revenues, State aid and grants and with the use of \$1,543,326.0 in surplus the amount to be raised by taxes is \$6,878,182.07. The amount to be raised by taxes has increased by \$395,017.83 from 2007. The revenue and appropriations summary sheets show that revenue has decreased by \$681,799 from 2007 and expenses have only increased by \$166,433. This yields a Municipal Tax Rate of 38 cents which is an increase of 3 cents from 2007.

There were other factors contributing to this 3 cent increase. Some were controllable and others were not. As you can see from the next page those expenditures which could be controlled by the Township were decreased from 2007 to 2008. However, the costs beyond the Township's

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Remarks by Denise Marabello, Chief Financial Officer (Continued):

control, such as pension costs, insurance costs and affordable housing costs as well as the amount of money which we are required to give the Public Library, show a large increase from 2007 to 2008.

The first pie chart is of the Adjusted Budget of \$10,659,863.82 which is the total budget of \$12,406,330.82.00 less \$1,746,467.00. The \$1,746,467 represents money which we have collected and will now use to pay off notes. We have broken down the adjusted budget (or what we consider the Operating budget) by the major functions which keep our Town running. These are Administrative Staff and Professionals, Public Safety, Public Services, Government Mandated Expenses, Debt and Utilities.

The bar graph and pie chart shows the allocation of the 38 cent tax rate by function.

The sheet on Total Debt is broken up into Short Term Debt which is all our outstanding Bond Anticipation Notes and Long Term Debt which is all our outstanding Bonds. We continue each year to pay down additional debt and to control spending which would further increase our debt.

The next bar graph represents the difference between the 2007 and 2008 budget by function. The graph shows that the expenses from 2007 to 2008 are remaining relatively steady in most areas.

The last chart is a breakdown of the 2008 Property Tax Rate. We are estimating the 2008 total tax rate to be \$1.50 per \$100 of your new assessed value. This is an estimate because we do not have final tax rates from the School or County.

Cranbury strives to maintain its quality services while allowing the Township to function in an environment with increasing expenses that are beyond our control. With the third round of affordable housing on the horizon we have worked very hard to come up with a budget in 2008 that will help Cranbury to continue to grow while actively managing the tax rate. Thank you and if you have any questions we would be happy to hear them now."

Mayor Stout stated he had gone on-line at the D.C.A. Division of Local Government Services to see how Cranbury's effective tax rate compared with other municipalities in both Middlesex and Mercer Counties. He reported that in 2007 Cranbury had the lowest effective tax rate for the towns listed for both Mercer and Middlesex Counties. Mayor Stout stated the Township Committee is trying to continue the trend of not burdening the residents with taxes and meeting its needs and not wants.

Ms. Stave recommended having all of Ms. Marabello's information placed on the website for the residents, including the graphs and pie charts.

Mr. Richard Kallan, 10 Wynnewood Drive: Asked for an explanation of why engineering costs are increasing by 150% for this year. Ms. Marabello responded, the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan had to be increased by \$150,000 this year because the Township must update its Master Plan (every 10 ten years) which is a mandated requirement and each year, rather than do everything at once. Mr. Kallan also asked why the Township expects legal costs to be reduced by \$62,000 for this year and asked if this figure was unrealistic, given the COAH issue. Mayor Stout responded it is not calculable what potential litigation would cost the Township in reference to COAH and if it should choose to do so, the Township would most likely be part of a large group with other towns

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and/or groups. Mr. Kallan noted the Police Budget had increased by approximately 10% and inquired why the increase. Mayor Stout responded it could have been due to the loss of some grant monies it had received in 2007 and further explained they had lost approximately \$30,000 in homeland security grant monies. Ms. Smeltzer added, the younger officers' salaries are in "steps" (more than 4%) and that could explain why there is an increase. Mr. Kallan asked why the Fire Company was receiving more aid than in the past from the Township. Mayor Stout explained previously the Township helped with the funding for the purchase of the new fire truck. It had cut back on the aid it gave the Fire Company and now has resumed paying the former aid level. Mr. Kallan asked if South Brunswick had increased the Township's contribution for aid for Sewer. Ms. Marabello explained every year the Township pays South Brunswick a quarterly set amount. They review their numbers (at the end of the year) and determine if those numbers were correct; if they are not, the Township must make up the difference. She added the Township budgeted this year an amount of \$50,000. Mayor Stout stated the cost represents the infrastructure the Township shares with South Brunswick. Mr. Kallan noted the Township was paying \$105,000 to Plainsboro to collect fines. He stated the pro-rated share of tickets has resulted in \$7,000 and had thought they were making money "hand over fist". Mayor Stout responded the cost of the Township operating its own court would be many multiples of that figure. Ms. Marabello explained whatever monies the Court takes in they send a check to the Township and the Township turns around and send its back to them. It cancels itself out. Ms. Smeltzer explained there are really two (2) separate courts in Plainsboro. When the Township first explored the idea of combining the two (2) courts if the Township had actually merged with Plainsboro, the Governor would then have had the power of appointing a Judge. Cranbury wanted to have a say in the Judge's appointment. Ms. Marabello indicated under the Revenue Sheet, under Municipal Court, the revenue was \$ 156,000.00. The State Law mandates the Township is only allowed to take in as much revenue as it collected the previous year and that figure is an estimate. If the Township does not need to send that amount, the overage will go into the Township's surplus. Mr. Stannard added some of the monies collected do go to the State as well. Mr. Kallan added, he noticed the Township is also trying to pay off debt. Mr. Stannard commended Ms. Marabello for looking for opportunities to continually reduce the Township's interest rate and paying on its debt.

Mr. Dietrich Wahlers, 33 Hagerty Lane, asked for an explanation for the significant increase in the Township's surplus usage and indicated it appears that the Township is using more money out of its surplus to pay every day operating costs. Mr. Wahlers asked the history of using surplus at the expense of not increasing taxes. Ms. Marabello explained the Township actually had a significant increase in surplus this year due to the sale of the Barclay property. Those monies were put directly into surplus and because the sale had taken so long the Township actually had paid a lot of the debt for that property off. The Township's surplus at the end of 2007 was over \$5-million (the highest it has been in years). Ms. Marabello gave the following five-year history of the Township's surplus use: 2003-\$2.5 million was used, \$2.6 –million in 2004, \$2.2 million in 2005, \$ 2.3-million in 2006 and \$1.2-million in 2007. In addition, the Township had left a reserve of \$1.4-million for tax appeals in 2007. For 2008 there is \$1.5 to fund the Budget and a \$1.8-million reserve for tax appeals. That leaves over \$1-million in surplus. Mr. Wahlers asked what some of the items that build the surplus are and if the Township anticipate building the surplus over the next couple of years. Ms. Marabello responded some of the items that contribute to surplus would be sale of land. The major item would be an excess in tax collections caused by an added assessment. Mr. Wahlers raised his concern with a possible decrease over the next five years of surplus monies and augmenting the Township's tax rate. Mr. Wahlers indicated this could create a problem with the surplus going down to zero in five years or so. Mayor Stout stated the "glory days" of being able to buffer the tax rate by using surplus needs to be "weaned". The surplus should be used for emergency needs so that the Township would not have to bond

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for any emergency needs. Mr. Wahlers recommended the Township start looking at ways to reduce its expenditures and identify by next year's Budget those items. Mr. Wittman stated one of the largest items in the Budget, which is outside of the Township's control, is the Library Fund. Mr. Wahler recommended letting the voters vote on the type of Library the Township's wants. Mr. Wahlers asked when the Township would start paying regular pension payments rather than triple rate it has been paying. Ms. Marabello responded in the year 2010 the payments should be back to where they were prior to the present rate the Township and other municipalities are contributing due to the State's mismanagement in earlier years.

Mr. Bob Dillon, Hightstown-Cranbury Road, stated this was the first time, since moving here 37 years ago that he has seen eleven homes for sale, not counting the homes for sale by owner, in the last few months in the newspaper. He attributed this to the recent 40% + new assessments on homes within the Township. People on fixed incomes cannot live in the Township any longer and stated this is a warning sign. One of things he noticed was that the municipalities do not take notice from the State in cutting costs and stated the State uses cars which have over 200,000 miles on them. Mr. Dillon used as an example the recent hiring of two (2) new police officers by the Township—the State has not promoted individuals in the last two (2) years. Mayor Stout responded the Township had hired the police officers in 2007. Mr. Dillon also asked if the municipal employees pay into their health insurance. Ms. Marabello responded they do not. Mr. Dillon indicated the State employees now pay 1.5% of the cost of their health insurance and recommended the Township monitor how the State is treating its employees. He also suggested not offering Township employees the present Pension Program but rather a 401K. Mayor Stout responded to Mr. Dillon's remarks concerning the benefits package given to Township employees and stated the Township has been discussing the issue, however, has not made a lot of progress on the issue. Mr. Dillon made reference to many of the Township's elderly residents now moving to Delaware because of the recent revaluation.

Mr. Richard Kallan, 10 Wynnewood Drive, stated he has lived in the Township for 39 years and people like him are starting to move out of town. Further, the new residents have two to three children and the Township will have serious problems due to the increase children of school age replacing the elderly. Mr. Kallan then addressed his opposition to giving across-the-board increases to all Township employees; stating there is no reason for a good employee to be "motivated" if every employee receives the same amount. Mr. Kallan recommended in the future the Township do "zero base budgeting" and look at only those items that are absolutely necessary. Mayor Stout responded the Township distinguishes between "wants vs. needs" and those items which are statutory requirements. Mayor Stout referenced the Township recently adopting a Resolution for a fee system for its parks as the Township can no longer afford burdening the taxpayer with the costs associated with maintaining its parks. Mr. Kallan asked what percentage of increases would be given to employees in this year's Budget. Ms. Marabello responded it is 4%. Mayor Stout added; this year the structure of raises will be different and based on merit and not across-the-board cost-of-living increases. Mr. Kallan agreed with the remarks Mr. Dillon previously made concerning the Township re-thinking the benefits, etc. Mayor Stout stated the Township still needs to maintain its services to the residents of the Township. Mr. Stannard stated statutorily if the Township gives a cost-of-living increase to one employee then all employees must get a cost-of-living increase (however it does not need to be of the same amount). This year, however, the Township is considering employee's performance in giving out raises.

Mayor Stout thanked everyone for coming out to the Public Hearing, asking questions and making recommendations. He added, the Township's revenue streams are not what they were

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five years ago and even ten (10) years ago. The Township needs to seek the monies from other sources while they are there.

Mayor Stout closed the Public Hearing on the Budget at 7:55 p.m..

Resolution

On motion offered by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Stannard, the following resolution was adopted by vote:

Ayes:	(Stannard	Abstain:	(None
	(Stave	Absent:	(Panconi
	(Stout		
	(Wittman		

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R-03-08-055

Date of Adoption: March 24, 2008

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, NJ

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE LOCAL MUNICIPAL 2008 BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2008 was approved on the 24th of March, and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and

WHEREAS, it is desired to further amend said budget, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2008 be made:

Recorded Vote	Ayes (Stannard)	Nays (NONE)	Abstained (NONE)
	(Stave)	()	()
	(Stout)	()	()
	(Wittman)	()	Absent (PANCONI)

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	From	To
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Anticipated Revenues:

1. Miscellaneous Revenues-Section B:		
State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations:		
Legislative Initiative Municipal Block Grant	\$12,653.00	\$0
Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief	\$115,892.00	\$0
Energy Receipts	\$515,210.00	\$568,540
Supplemental Energy Receipts Tax	\$24,375.00	\$0
Garden State Preservation Trust Fund	\$2,055.27	\$2,055.27
Municipal Homeland Security Assistance	\$25,000.00	\$0

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Municipal Property Tax Assistance	<u>\$13,158.00</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Section B: State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations	\$708,343.27	\$570,595.27
2. Miscellaneous Revenues:		
Total Section B: State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations	\$708,343.27	\$570,595.27
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$3,829,822.75	\$3,692,074.75
3. Subtotal General Revenues	\$5,528,148.75	\$5,390,400.75
4. Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget:		
a.) Local Tax for Municipal Purpose Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$6,878,182.07	\$7,015,930.07
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget	\$6,878,182.07	\$7,015,930.07
5. Total General Revenues	\$12,406,330.82	\$12,406,330.82
6. General Appropriations – Section E:		
(2) Statutory Expenditures:		
Social Security System	\$243,715.00	\$243,713.00
Defined Contribution Retirement Program	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2.00</u>
Total Deferred Charged and Statutory Expenditures within CAPS	\$243,715.00	\$243,715.00
(H-1) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes within CAPS	\$6,780,323.00	\$6,780,323.00
7. Total General Appropriations	\$12,406,330.82	\$12,406,330.82

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services for his certification of the Local Municipal budget so amended.

Motion: On motion by Mr. Stannard, seconded by Ms. Stave a motion was made to adopt Cranbury Township Resolution # R 02-08-037 – 2008 Budget for the Township of Cranbury:

Ayes:	Abstain: (None
(Stannard	Absent: (Panconi
(Stave	
(Stout	
(Wittman	

Nays: (None

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Ordinances

First Reading

Cranbury Township Ordinance 03-08-08

An Ordinance entitled Cranbury Township Ordinance 03-08-08, A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$312,788.50 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$202,145 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF", was introduced for first reading. On motion by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Wittman, the Ordinance was passed on first reading by vote:

Ayes:

(Stannard
(Stave
(Stout
(Wittman

Abstain: (None

Absent: (Panconi

Nays: (None

Public Hearing: April 7, 2008

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Cranbury, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey as general improvements (the "Township"). For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$312,788.50, including a \$100,000 State of New Jersey Department of Transportation Grant (the "State Grant") expected to be received and further including the aggregate sum of \$10,643.50 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c), no down payment is provided for the portion of the costs of the improvements to be funded from the above referenced State Grant (\$100,000). The amount of the down payment appropriated is 5% of the \$212,788.50 in costs of the improvements which are not to be funded by the above referenced State Grant. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments and in anticipation of receipt of the State Grant referenced in Section 1 hereof, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$202,145 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefore, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

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<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
a) Various municipal road improvements, including all work and materials necessary therefore and incidental thereto.	\$100,000 (includes a \$100,000 State of New Jersey Department of Transportation Grant)		10 years
b) The acquisition of vehicles, including a mason dump truck and a sport utility vehicle for the Fire Official, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$86,000	\$81,700	5 years
c) Acquisition of various equipment, including a leaf vacuum, a live scan fingerprint scanner, rifles, shotguns and accessories, pistols, and rain gear for CERT members and the replacement of the Firehouse Heating System, including all work and materials necessary therefore and incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto	\$67,638.50	\$64,255	15 years
d) Acquisition and installation of a network server and phone service equipment, including all work and materials necessary therefore and incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$25,000	\$23,750	7 years

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<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
	\$ 28,250	\$26,835	10 years
e) Various improvements, including the Boy Scout Room wood floor, Town Hall and the Public Works recycle shed, including all work and materials necessary therefore and incidental thereto.			
f) Acquisition of various equipment, including a digital camera and printer and a mobile vision in car camera, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$5,900	\$5,605	5 years
TOTALS	<u>\$312,788.50</u>	<u>\$202,145</u>	

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

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Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements that the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the costs thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 9.07 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$202,145, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$15,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated costs indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

Section 7. Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or, if other than the State Grant referenced in Section 1 hereof, to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 8. The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 9. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 10. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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Resolutions
Consent Agenda

On motion offered by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Stannard, the following Consent Agenda Resolutions were adopted by vote:

Ayes:	Abstain: (None
(Stannard	Absent: (Panconi
(Stave	
(Stout	
(Wittman	

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-08-056

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 03-08-059

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO PHOENIX ADVISORS, LLC

WHEREAS, Township of Cranbury ("Township") requires professional financial advisory services in connection with the issuance of Bonds and other matters relating to Fiscal Management; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of said services will not exceed \$ 9,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract is from March 24, 2008 through March 23, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Phoenix Advisors, LLC has submitted the attached proposal dated February 11, 2008 to provide financial advisory services to the Township; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township's 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, in Middlesex County, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Agreement with Contractor pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.
2. A copy of this Resolution, the Determination of Value, the Business Disclosure Certification, and the executed Agreement and all pertinent documents shall be placed on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

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Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-08-060

WHEREAS, the County of Middlesex purchased a parcel in the Township of Cranbury, identified as Block 25, Lot 2 on November 8, 2007; and

WHEREAS, property taxes were paid on said parcel and Middlesex County is exempt from paying property taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that the following 2008 1st and 2nd quarter tax payments be refunded:

BLOCK	LOT	ASSESSED TO	1 st qtr Taxes	2 nd qtr Taxes
25	Lot 2	Middlesex County	\$ 176.40	\$176.40

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-08-061

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO REILLY SWEEPING INC., NEW JERSEY FOR SPECIFIED STREET SWEEPING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY

WHEREAS, Township of Cranbury ("Township") requires street sweeping services and has a need to acquire such services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, Reilly Sweeping Inc., New Jersey, located at 748-B Lincoln Blvd., Middlesex, New Jersey 08846, has provided to the Township of Cranbury a proposal for said services; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of said services will not exceed \$ 4,037.00; and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract is from March 24, 2008 through March 23, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Reilly Sweeping Inc., New Jersey has submitted the attached proposal dated February 1, 2008 to provide street sweeping services in the Township of Cranbury on specific streets as outlined on a map provided to Reilly Sweeping Inc., New Jersey by the Township's Director of Public Works, Jerry Thorne; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township's 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, in Middlesex County, New Jersey, as follows:

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1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Agreement with Contractor pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.
2. A copy of this Resolution, the Determination of Value, the Business Disclosure Certification, and the executed Agreement and all pertinent documents shall be placed on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

Resolutions

On motion offered by Mr. Wittman, seconded by Ms. Stave, the following resolution was adopted by vote:

Mr. Stannard remarked in this effort by the Governor to cut expenses, however, other State Departments would have to be found from somewhere else. Mayor Stout stated the Township has relied on the State Dept. of Agriculture to help preserve much of Cranbury's open space.

Ayes:	Abstain: (None
(Stannard	Absent: (Panconi
(Stave	
(Stout	
(Wittman	

Nays: (None

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-08-057

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey is an agricultural community which enjoys the quality of life and economic benefits from farms and farming; and

WHEREAS, Cranbury Township is an active participant in farmland preservation dedicating \$17,280,900 dollars over the last nine (9) years to preserve 2,560 acres of farms; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is nationally recognized as the Garden State and the New Jersey Department of Agriculture supports the farming profession with essential services for plant inspection and trade, animal health and transport, inspection and promotion of "Jersey Fresh" produce and organic certification; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Agriculture develops the school nutrition guidelines and operates the federal school meal programs as well as emergency food purchase and distribution linking New Jersey farmers with nutrition programs; and

WHEREAS, Governor Jon Corzine has initiated an effort to abolish the New Jersey Department of Agriculture as a cost-cutting measure, that would result in no-substantial savings to the taxpayers of the State while resulting in a reduction of services to the farms, farmers and citizens of New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Township of Cranbury adamantly opposes any effort to abolish the New Jersey Department of Agriculture as a Cabinet-level Department and strongly supports the funding of the Department of Agriculture's essential programs; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Jon Corzine and the Department of Agriculture.

Resolutions

On motion offered by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Wittman, the following resolution was adopted by vote:

Ayes:	Abstain: (None
(Stannard	Absent: (Panconi
(Stave	
(Stout	
(Wittman	

Nays: (None

Ms. Smeltzer reported this Resolution is due to the selection of the Township's new Police Chief. One of the items in the process will be the interviewing by the Chiefs of Police Association of the candidates. Mayor Stout stated it gives the Township the opportunity to work with a group that can assist the Township in its selection:

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-08-058

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO NEW JERSEY STATE ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE

WHEREAS, Township of Cranbury ("Township") requires oral examination services in conjunction with its selection of a new Police Chief and has a need to acquire such services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

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WHEREAS, the Township's Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of said services will not exceed \$ 1,625.00; and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract is from March 24, 2008 through March 23, 2009; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police ("The Association") has submitted the attached proposal dated March 4, 2008 to provide oral examination services in conjunction with the Township's selection of a new Police Chief; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township's 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, in Middlesex County, New Jersey, as follows:

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1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Agreement with Contractor pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.
2. A copy of this Resolution, the Determination of Value, the Business Disclosure Certification, and the executed Agreement and all pertinent documents shall be placed on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

Reports from Township Staff and Professionals

Ms. Smeltzer urged the Township Committee to schedule interviews with the Police Chief candidates and indicated it should take place in April.

Reports from Township Boards and Commissions

There were no reports.

Work Session

a. Report from Police Chief Jay Hansen on Police Department

Chief Jay Hansen gave the Township Committee an update on the Police Department for the month of February. Chief Hansen reported the overtime expenses were well within the Budget. Shift coverage was the highest amount spent, followed by training and schools and after that the shift extensions for officers having to fill in for an officer absent for a short period of time. Chief Hansen reported a total of 243 Summonses had been issued: In the Village Area: 26 speeding, 70 for other moving violations, Rt. 130-5 speeding, 108 other; East of /Rt. 130 0-speeding, 3 other. Chief Hansen indicated he was pleased with the numbers and stated of the 243 summonses issued the new Traffic Safety Bureau had issued 50% of them. During the month of February, 45 hours were lost due to illness (victims of the flu) and vacations. Bike Patrol for the month had zero activity. Chief Hansen reported the Police Department would be receiving a grant in the amount of \$20,000 for a portable message board to warn motorists of traffic detours, hazardous conditions and Town functions. Chief Hansen gave credit to the hard work of Sgt. Frank Dillane, who has been obtaining funding over the past few years. The Police have also received grant money for the Aggressive Driver Program. Chief Hansen reported the trucks parking on Township roads are becoming more and more of a problem. He reported the locations are: Liberty Way, Station Road, South River Road, Prospect Plains Road and recently Half Acre Road. Part of the problem is that the warehouses are not open for deliveries when the trucks are arriving. He raised his concerns over the safety of the truckers and the motoring public.

Public Comment

The Mayor opened the meeting to public questions and comments. Mr. Richard Betz, 31 Hagerty Drive, raised his concern with not being able to make a right turn off of Route 130 onto Old Trenton Road from the shoulder and added that approximately 95% of the cars are making the illegal turn. Mr. Betz indicated if a vehicle is in the proper right-hand lane to make the turn, other cars approach the shoulder and make the turn. Mr. Betz asked for a sign to be placed there or corrected. Mayor Stout responded he thought the problem was going to be corrected and would have someone re-check with the State. Mr. Betz also stated there is a problem heading South on Old Trenton Road and trying to make a left onto Old Cranbury Road. Cars are passing other cars making the turn onto Old Cranbury Road and it is very dangerous. Mayor Stout responded the Township would check on that issue as well.

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Bill Schraudenbach, 19 Wynnewood Drive, stated he was commenting on the Township's new regulations for field use: Mr. Schraudenbach reported he had a couple of concerns with the policy. One being the process and the other the question of need. He reported the problem with the process had been prior to the Ordinance coming before the Township Committee. The Parks Board did not have any "heads up" from the Rec. Commission that the policy was being adopted by the Township Committee, even though most of the soccer fields except for the West Property are in the Township's parks. In addition, the School Board had not been given any notification by the Recreation Board, even though the School would be the most affected as they are contiguous to the Township's fields on the West Property. Mr. Schraudenbach indicated a little over one year ago, Ms. Veghte, Recreation Board Chairperson, had brought a draft copy of the proposed changes to the Parks Board and they had concerns and corrections. She indicated she would take it back to the Recreation Board and then bring it back to the Parks Board. In addition, no one from the Recreation Board had attended a Parks Board meeting since September 12, 2007. He indicated he had found out about the adoption of the changes when he read it in the newspaper and no one on the Parks Board had ever been notified it was going to be adopted by the Township Committee. Mr. Schraudenbach stated Parks should be more aware and should have been looking at the Township Committee's Meeting Agendas on a regular basis as well as have someone attend Township Committee meetings on a regular basis, etc. Mr. Schraudenbach added, after the Parks Board had seen a draft (more than a year ago), last Spring the Recreation Board unilaterally started to deny some teams in The Cranbury Soccer Club use of the fields without going before the Township Committee or the Parks Board. The teams that were denied field use are no longer in existence. And another Cranbury soccer team is also gone. Mr. Schraudenbach indicated he did not know how much of that had been due to the denial of field use. Secondly, is the issue of need and he asked why the Township had decided to single out youth and the sports fields and gave an example of individuals not being charged for use of the Picnic Pavilion and Gazebo in Village Park nor the picnic area at Millstone Park. If the Township is trying to maximize revenues, it may drive over time (within two years) there will be a significant reduction in the use of fields. Mr. Schraudenbach indicated he had obtained usage list and very few groups are using the fields. Mr. Schraudenbach stated he is against fees for playing fields and in his opinion, what will happen is fewer and fewer teams will utilize the fields. Mayor Stout responded the Township did not set out to generate revenue. The fees are charged to offset maintaining the fields. Mayor Stout added, he had been told by various soccer groups, the fees were too low and once people find out the fields are available, and teams will not mind paying the fees and will be here to use the fields. Mayor Stout added, he could not explain the process issue, it had been explained to the Township Committee that the fee structure draft had been through the "punt mill" several times and took over two years to get there. Mayor Stout made reference to a public meeting a few years ago in the Large Group Community Meeting Room at the School and the cry had been to build many, many fields in the Township. Mayor Stout added, the Township passed an Ordinance that was simply a framework. The item referenced by Mr. Schraudenbach was a Resolution setting the fees which can be changed at any time. Mayor Stout explained the governing framework is that the Township Committee is allowed as a governing body to establish a prioritization and fee system. Whatever those become can be flexible. What was established is what was presented to the Township Committee as being reasonable. Mr. Schraudenbach indicated there is some incidence within the process that he is not aware of. Mayor Stout stated there will be a work session scheduled soon on the issue.

Ms. Stave, as the liaison, stated she had assumed that Ms. Veghte had brought it back to the Parks Board and apologized.

Mr. Vinnie Kotowsky, 83 North Main Street and President of The Cranbury Soccer Club spoke concerning the issue. He stated he also questions the process resulting in the usage and fees, etc. Mr. Kotowsky thanked the Township Committee, Parks Board, Recreation Commission and Public Works for the superb fields in the Township. As President of The Cranbury Soccer Club

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Public Comment (Continued)

since 1998 and a member since its inception in 1986, his input had never been sought by the Parks Board or Recreation Board. Mr. Kotowsky stated he applauded the hard work of those individuals who put together the policy. Mr. Kotowsky indicated in the ten years he has been involved, there had only been one conflict and that was at Millstone Park. He stated there have been teams that have left the Cranbury Soccer Club because of the "capricious and arbitrary, no basis, no policy whatsoever--just a couple individuals thought they did not want that team to play in Cranbury and a permit had been denied to that team". A policy was drafted and adopted at the Recreation Board meeting after they had been denied. Mayor Stout responded the Township cannot go back and undo what happened, however, the Township will address the issues at a work session and he added, the Township Committee would not have taken action had it known that the issue had not been worked out. Mr. Stannard stated the issue needs to be vetted at a work session. However, the Township Committee needs to know precisely what issues need to be addressed, etc. and everyone that has concerns or complaints needs to attend the meeting so that the Township Committee is able to determine what the problem is and how to address or correct it. Ms. Stave added the Township Committee can fix the problem whatever it is. Mayor Stout asked that the affected Clubs come in with what is an agreeable solution to all. Mayor Stout added the problem can be fixed moving forward.

Mr. Bob Dillon, Hightstown-Cranbury Station Road spoke concerning a problem with garbage being thrown over onto the roadway from the New Jersey Turnpike Bridge. Mr. Dillon reported a patrolman was going through the garbage on Saturday to determine who had dumped it. Mr. Dillon requested a "no dumping" sign be placed on the road as a deterrent. Mayor Stout responded the Township needs to look at its Township Code to determine if a fine can be levied against the perpetrator or perpetrators.

Mr. David Cook, 143 North Main Street, asked if there is any similar precedence with a municipality that will go through what Cranbury will concerning COAH's proposed Third Round Rules. Mr. Cook also asked if there had been any impact studies done. He asked if the Township could file insolvency or a Chapter 11. Mayor Stout responded doing so would invite a solution that Township does not want. Ms. Waterbury responded to the question of insolvency, etc., a builder can then build the homes for the Township so there does not need to be a fiscal impact on the Township. Mayor Stout added the Township does not want to do a lot of speculative planning at the present time and all the Township can focus on right now is what COAH has told the Township; what they have told the Township is errant. Mayor Stout explained the Township had already had a plan submitted; the Four Seasons Affordable Houses were the first step in the Township's submitted plan to COAH for compliance. It had already been taking care of its COAH obligations and then they "pulled the rug out from us". Mayor Stout stated the Township has no control how the decision will turn out.

Mr. Bill Schraudenbach, 19 Wynnewood Drive, asked the status of the Bill in the Legislature concerning the Regional Contribution Agreements. Mayor Stout indicated he did not know. There being no further comments, the Mayor closed the public part of the meeting.

Mayor's Notes

Mayor Stout had no Mayor's Notes.

On motion by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Wittman and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk