

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
July 9, 2018

The Township Committee Meeting 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: Mike Ferrante, Matt Scott, Jay Taylor, Dan Mulligan and Mayor Glenn Johnson. Also present were Steve Goodell, Township Attorney, Dan Davidow, Township Attorney, Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/Director of Finance and Debra Rubin, Municipal Clerk. Mayor Johnson led in the salute to the flag, and Ms. Rubin gave the following Open Public Meetings Act statement:

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

Posted on December 4, 2017 on the Bulletin Board of the Municipal Office at 23-A North Main Street, Cranbury, New Jersey and remains posted at that location.

Communicated to the Cranbury Press, Home News Tribune and Trenton Times on December 4, 2017.

Filed on December 4, 2017 at the Cranbury Municipal Office, 23-A North Main Street, Cranbury, New Jersey, posted on the Township's web site and remains on file for public inspection.

Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

--Township Committee Closed Session Minutes of June 25, 2018

The Township Committee Closed Session Minutes of June 25, 2018 on a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Ferrante, and unanimously carried; the Township Committee Closed Session Minutes of June 25, 2018 were adopted.

--Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2018

The Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2018 on a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Mulligan, and unanimously carried; the Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2018 were adopted.

--Reports and Communications

--Mayor – None to report.

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--Members of Committee

--Mr. Ferrante

None to report

--Mr. Mulligan

Mr. Mulligan discussed the Village Park parking lot being complete and exceeding expectations. He also advised that he has received positive feedback regarding the traffic presentation.

--Mr. Taylor

Mr. Taylor thanked the Department of Public Works in regards to assisting in the painting of the firehouse.

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Mr. Taylor also congratulated Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/Chief Financial Officer on the audit for 2017 where there were no recommendations for improvement.

--Mr. Scott

Mr. Scott met with the Cranbury Business Association regarding their concerns on continuing Cranbury Day in 2019 due to financial issues. They reported they will need financial assistance in order to continue having Cranbury Day in the future.

Mr. Scott also discussed a preliminary suggested list of areas for the street light replacement.

--Subcommittees

There were no reports from Subcommittees.

--Departments Heads – None

--Follow-up Items

- Meeting Guidelines – The committee reviewed the guidelines presented by Denise Marabello. All agreed to have a more informal set of guidelines for the public to be made aware of for each meeting. The committee agreed that the guidelines should be attached to all agendas. The members of the public are to be reminded of the guidelines before each public portion of township committee meetings.

Agenda Additions/Changes – None

--Public Comment (For Items on the Agenda) – Mayor Johnson opened the meeting to public comment.

Megan Daily-Scott stated the committee members cannot violate the Open Public Meetings Act by not allowing residents into public meetings.

Mayor Johnson closed the portion to public comment.

Resolutions

Consent Agenda

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

Ayes: (Ferrante  
(Mulligan Abstain: (None  
(Scott Absent: (None  
(Taylor  
(Johnson

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution #R 06-18-103

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 06-18-104

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Cranbury Cancelling the balance in the Public Assistance fund to Miscellaneous Revenue not Anticipated (PNC Bank);

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Cranbury Township Resolution #R 06-18-105

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Cranbury authorizing the refund of overpayment of taxes on block 10 lot 19.02;

Cranbury Township Resolution #R 07-18-106

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Cranbury authorizing the authorizing release of extra duty escrow – Petillo, Inc.

Cranbury Township Resolution #R 07-18-107

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Cranbury governing body certifies the annual audit for 2017;

--Reports from Township Staff and Professionals

--Administrator's Report - None

--Public Comment

Mayor Johnson opened the meeting to public comment.

Lynn Slavin – Suggested a dog park be developed in Cranbury Township. She questioned if the township had any open space that could be used as a dog park. The Mayor suggested that the Parks Commission and Board of Recreation Commissioners investigate a possible location together. Township Committee Members Taylor and Mulligan gave background on why the township did not support a dog park in prior years. The township is open for further discussion; however, many past concerns would need to be addressed. This may be discussed further at a future meeting.

John Battles – Reported on the replacement of ash trees within the Four Seasons development. The replacement effort was a cooperative effort between Four Seasons, Shade Tree Commission and the township. The Shade Tree Commission has a report on all the replacements within the development.

Mayor Johnson closed the meeting to public comment.

--Mayor's Notes

Mayor Johnson stated he had no additional information.

--Township Committee Members' Notes

Mr. Ferrante asked about jurisdiction and maintenance responsibility for a portion of sidewalk on Westminster Place.

Mr. Ferrante shared that Mike Lovaglio has started a book group discussion and the next date is on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Resolution

At 7:55 p.m., on motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Mulligan and unanimously carried, the following Resolution was adopted by vote:

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

Abstain: (None  
Absent: (None

Nays: (None

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Cranbury Township Resolution # R 07-18-10

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. 34:13A Contract Negotiations

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

On motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Taylor and unanimously carried, the meeting returned to open session at 8:42 p.m.

The Committee agreed to cancel the next scheduled meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. This meeting is listed on the annual meeting schedule as optional.

Mayor Johnson requested a motion to adjourn. On motion by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Taylor and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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Debra A. Rubin, RMC  
Municipal Clerk