TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING February 27, 2006

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 was: Township Committee members: Richard Stannard, Pari Stave, David J. Stout, Wayne K. Wittman and Mayor Thomas F. Panconi, Jr. Also present were: Trishka Waterbury, Esquire, Attorney, Mr. Harvey J. Moskowitz, Planning Consultant, Thomas C. Witt, Administrator and Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk. Mayor Panconi 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 7, 2005 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 7, 2005.
- (3) Was filed on December 7, 2005 with a Deputy Municipal Clerk at the Cranbury Municipal Office, 23-A North Main Street, Cranbury, New Jersey and remains on file for public inspection, and
- (4) Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

Committee Minutes of February 13, 2006

On motion by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Wittman and unanimously carried, the minutes of February 13, 2006 were adopted.

Reports and Communications

--Mayor

Mayor Panconi reported on February 22, 2006, he and Mr. Stout had an "informational" revaluation meeting in the Community Room of the School with Steve Benner, Tax Assessor and Appraisal Systems representative, Glen Sherman. Mayor Panconi indicated there had been approximately 30 residents in attendance and felt the meeting went well. However, Appraisal Systems had reported they would be starting the inspections on February 27, 2006 and Mr. Benner indicated to them there would have to be background checks first so the start date for the two inspectors will be delayed until the background checks were completed. Mayor Panconi also stated he had Mayor's hours on Saturday, February 25, 2006 and had three residents show up—Mr. and Mrs. Kanawyer and Mr. Bill Bauder. Mr. and Mrs. Kanawyer submitted budget questions, which will be brought forward at the Public Hearing on the Budget on March 13, 2006 and Mr. Bauder had some questions about the upcoming ConAgra meeting scheduled for March 1, 2006 at Town Hall.

-- Members of Committee

Mr. Stout reported he had attended the Environmental Commission meeting on February 22, 2006. The Environmental Commission had presented a draft of the Environmental Resources Inventory, which was scheduled to be heard at the Planning Board meeting either in March or April, 2006. There had also been a presentation by Jim Applegate on a management plan for The Cranbury Brook Preserve, which had been received from the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Mr. Stout also reported Mr. Peter Sibley, Chairman of the Environmental Commission, would be moving out of Cranbury Township and thus leaving the E.C. The Township would need to fill his vacancy.

Reports and Communications

--Mayor

Mayor Panconi reported that he had received a suggestion from Mr. Bauder, to place any vacancies for Boards and Commissions on the web site and he and the Clerk were in the process of having the vacancies posted.

-- Members of Committee

Mr. Wittman reported he had attended the Board of Recreation Commissioners' meeting on February 16, 2006. The Board discussed coming up with a list of organizations using the Township's fields and inventory of its parks. Mr. Wittman reported by the end of March the Board of Recreation Chairperson, Beth Veghte, would like to give a presentation to the Township Committee.

Agenda Additions/Changes

Ms. Cunningham, Clerk, announced Resolution # R 02-06-032 was removed from the Consent Agenda, due to lack of information.

Ordinances First Reading

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 02-06-06

An Ordinance entitled, "Cranbury Township Ordinance # 02-06-06, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 84-19 OF CHAPTER 84,"FIRE PREVENTION" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY", was introduced for first reading. On motion by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Stannard, the Ordinance was passed on first reading by vote:

Ayes: (Panconi Abstain: (None (Stannard Absent: (None

(Stave (Stout (Wittman

Nays: (None

Public Hearing: March 13, 2006

WHEREAS, the Fire Official of the Township of Cranbury is charged with enforcing the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code, N.J.A.C. 5:70-1.1 et seq. ("Fire Code") within the Township of Cranbury; and

WHEREAS, as part of his duties, the Fire Official is responsible for the issuance of a Certificate of Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Compliance ("CSDCMAC") pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.3; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.9(f) permits a municipality to establish by ordinance a permit and certificate of smoke detector compliance fee schedule based on the actual cost anticipated or incurred for the enforcement of the Fire Code;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey, that the "Code of the Township of Cranbury" ("Code") be amended as follows:

- 1. Existing Section 84-19 of Chapter 84 entitled "Fire Prevention", shall be amended to add the following provision to read as follows:
 - C. Notwithstanding Paragraph A of this section, the application fee for a Certificate of Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Compliance ("CSDCMAC"), as required by N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.3, as said provision may from time to time be amended, shall be as follows:
 - (1) Requests for a CSDCMAC received more than 10 business days prior to the change of occupant: \$45.00;
 - (2) Requests for a CSDCMAC received four to 10 business days prior to the change of occupant: \$70.00; and
 - (3) Requests for a CSDCMAC received fewer than four business days prior to the change of occupant: \$125.00.
 - 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon notice and publication, as provided for by law.

Ordinances Second Reading

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 01-06-02

A motion to enter an Ordinance entitled," Cranbury Township Ordinance # 01-06-02, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY REPLEAING IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 93 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY AND REPLACING IT IN PART WITH NEW CHAPTER 21 IN PART I OF THE CODE, ENTITLED "HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION," AND NEW CHAPTER 93 IN PART II OF THE CODE, ENTITLED "HISTORIC PRESERVATION", was presented for second reading and final adoption. The Ordinance was published in the Cranbury Press, posted on the Township Bulletin Board and copies were available to the public. The Mayor opened the public hearing on the Ordinance. Mr. Stannard reported he had received an e-mail from Mr. John Ritter, Plainsboro Road, stating he was unable to make the meeting and wanted to convey his concerns about the Ordinance. Mr. Stannard indicated Mr. Ritter raised his concerns that enforcement would lie with the new Commission and thus there would not be any appeal remedy for someone who would be told they had to do perform work on their home and that person not being able to afford to make the required changes. Mr. Stannard indicated it was his understanding that H.P.C. wants to be able to work with individuals and thus be sensitive to the appeal process. Mr. Stannard also stated he was in favor of the Ordinance, as he did not want to see the Township architecturally changed. Mr. Wittman stated under the new Ordinance, the appeal process would go to the Zoning Board. Mr. Moskowitz, Planning Consultant, stated the new Ordinance provides for an informational meeting right at the beginning of the application process, as well as allowing the Commission to work with an applicant who may have an undue hardship and allow the applicant to come up with an acceptable compromise before it would go to the Zoning Board. Mr. Stout raised questions and discussed with the Township Attorney language issues within the Ordinance. Mr. Stout also asked if the "Administrative Officer" and "Secretary" were one in the same person. Ms. Waterbury, Township Attorney, responded they could be one in the same, however, in this case, were not. Mr. Wittman asked should it be discovered once the Ordinance was in place, a gap or missing information, what the process would be to fix it. Ms. Waterbury responded, should an

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 01-06-02 (Continued)

error be discovered, both she and the Planner would meet to review it and then make a recommendation to the Township Committee to amend the Ordinance. No one else present wished to speak, so the hearing was declared closed. On motion by Mr. Stannard, seconded by Ms. Stave, the Ordinance was adopted by a vote:

Ayes: (Panconi Abstain: (None (Stannard Absent: (None

(Stave (Stout (Wittman

Nays: (None

Ordinances

Second Reading

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 02-06-05

A motion to enter an Ordinance entitled, "Cranbury Township Ordinance # 02-06-05, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40a:4-45.14", was presented for second reading and final adoption. The Ordinance was published in the Cranbury Press, posted on the Township Bulletin Board and copies were available to the public. The Mayor opened the public hearing on the Ordinance. No one present wished to speak, so the hearing was declared closed. On motion by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Stannard, the Ordinance was adopted by a vote:

Ayes: (Panconi Abstain: (None (Stannard Absent: (None

(Stave (Stout (Wittman

Nays: (None

Resolutions

Consent Agenda

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

Ayes: (Panconi Abstain: (None (Stannard Absent: (None

(Stave (Stout (Wittman

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 02-06-029

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Cranbury that all bills and claims as audited and found to be correct be paid.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 02-06-030

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY

WHEREAS the Township of Cranbury has agreed to the establishment of a Deferred Compensation Plan to be made available to all employees and elected officials pursuant to Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, except for provisions added by reason of the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996 (United States Public Law No. 104-188); and except for provisions added by reason of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001; and

WHEREAS, the rationale for the adoption and implementation of a Deferred Compensation Plan is to attract and retain qualified employees, as well as provide enhanced retirement security to eligible employees and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, certain substantial tax benefits could accrue to employees and elected officials;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Cranbury is adopting a Deferred Compensation Plan substantially similar to one on which a favorable Private Letter Ruling has been previously obtained from the Internal Revenue Service except for provisions added by reason of the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996 (United States Public Law No. 104-188) and all such provisions are stated in the plan in terms substantially similar to the text of those provisions in the Internal Revenue Code Section 457 and except for provisions added by reason of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001. The use of the Ruling is for guidance only and acknowledges that for Internal Revenue Service Purposes, the Ruling of another employer is not to be considered precedent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that, it hereby maintains a Deferred Compensation Plan for the voluntary participation of employees and elected officials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that, it hereby maintains a Deferred Compensation Plan for the voluntary participation of employees and elected officials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that, it hereby adopts a Deferred Compensation Plan provided by the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and Lincoln Financial Group, its agent (12-PD-LINCOLN-E100303); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and Lincoln Financial Group, it's agent, has agreed to be one of the providers of the Deferred Compensation Program for employees and elected officials; the other being Great West; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and Lincoln Financial Group it's agent, will provide, for the benefit of the participants the Multi-Fund Variable Annuity contract; and

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 02-06-30 (Continued)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that **in accordance with N.J.A.C.** 5:37-7.1(a) the Township of Cranbury solicited proposals for a Deferred Compensation Plan and Service Agreement from (2 or more) providers of deferred compensation services. The vendors responding to the request for proposals were Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and Lincoln Financial Group, it's agent, AXA and Great West. The successful vendors are Lincoln

National Life Insurance Company, Lincoln Financial Group, its agent and Great West. The Chief Financial Officer has reviewed all of the proposals submitted and met with representatives of the responding companies. Lincoln National Life Insurance Company was selected in addition to Great West because of the level of service, financial stability of the company, features of the plan investment options and recommendations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there has been no collusion, or evidence or appearance of collusion, between any local official and a representative of Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and Lincoln Financial Group, it's agent, in the selection of a provider pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:37 - 5.7;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there has been no collusion, or evidence or appearance of collusion, between any local official and a representative of Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and Lincoln Financial Group, its agent, in the selection of a provider pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:37-5.7.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to execute an Administrative Services Agreement with the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and Lincoln Financial Group, its agent, (12-SA-Lincoln-072595) and such other agreements as are necessary to implement the Deferred Compensation Program. It is implicitly understood that there is to be no cost or contribution by the Township of Cranbury to the program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to serve as the "Administrator" of the plan, represent the Township of Cranbury, and execute individual deferred compensation agreements with each said employee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township of Cranbury that the Clerk forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Chief Financial Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer will submit all necessary documents to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the State Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Thomas F. Panconi, Jr.,
Mayor

Attest:

Kathleen R. Cunningham

CERTIFICATION

Township Clerk

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk, do solemnly swear that this is a true copy of a resolution duly passed by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury at a meeting held on February 27, 2006.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 02-06-031

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2006 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the date of this Resolution is by February 28, 2006 and

WHEREAS, THE TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2005 Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance in said 2005 Budget is the sum of \$7,288,855.89;and

WHEREAS, 1/12th of the total appropriations in the 2005 Budget exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance in said 2005 budget is the sum of \$607,404.66.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to constitute the 2006 Temporary budget the following appropriations be made:

20-100-011 20-100-025 20-110-011 20-130-011 20-130-025 20-145-011 20-150-025 20-165-025 21-180-011 21-180-025 21-181-025 21-185-011 21-185-025 21-190-025 22-205-011 22-205-025 23-220-650 26-315-240 25-240-011 25-240-025 25-25-025 26-290-025 26-290-025 26-305-025 26-306-011 26-306-025 26-310-011 26-310-025 27-335-025 27-335-025 27-340-025 27-340-025	Administrative & Executive – OE Mayor & Council – S&W Finance Administration – S&W Finance Administration – OE Tax Collection – S&W Tax Assessment – S&W Tax Assessment – OE Engineering – OE Planning – OE Planning – OE Master Plan-OE Zoning – S&W Zoning-OE Affordable Housing-OE HPAC-S&W HPAC – OE Group Insurance-OE Vehicle Maintenance-OE Police – S&W Police – OE Emergency Management-OE Fire – OE Roads – OE Shade Tree-OE Garbage & Trash – OE Recycling – S&W Recycling – OE Buildings & Grounds – S&W Buildings & Grounds – OE Health – OE Environmental Commission – OE Animal Control – OE Board of Recreation – S&W	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ 2,000.00 \$103,000.00 \$ 3,000.00 \$ 12,000.00 \$ 500.00 13,000.00 \$ 1,900.00 \$ 7,000.00 \$ 2,000.00 \$ 2,000.00 \$ 3,200.00 \$ 9,400.00 \$ 1,100.00 \$ 300.00 \$ 1,000.00
27-370-011	Cranbury Township Resolution # I (Continued)	R 02-06	
28-370-025 28-375-011 28-375-025 30-420-025 31-440-100 31-440-240 31-455-011 31-455-025 31-460-240 31-460-290	Board of Recreation – OE Parks –S&W Parks –OE Celebration of Public Events-OE Telephone-Admin Telephone-Police Telephone-Public Buildings Sewer –S&W Sewer –OE Motor Fuel – Police Motor Fuel –PW	;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;	5,400.00 \$ 3,400.00 \$ 500.00 \$ 2,000.00 \$ 3,000.00 \$ 35,000.00 \$ 4,900.00 \$ 3,200.00
36-471-020	PERS –OE	9	10,070.00

36-475-020 36-472-670 41-703-012 41-902-310 42-250-025 42-306-025 42-331-025 42-455-025	PFRS –OE Social Security –OE Municipal Alliance Local –S&W Storm water Compliance –OE 911 –OE Recycling MCIA –OE County Health Contract –OE MCUA –OE	\$ 22,933.00 \$ 23,300.00 \$ 600.00 \$ 2,000.00 \$ 9,000.00 \$ 6,500.00 \$ 17,847.00 \$ 32,000.00
43-490-025	MCUA –OE Municipal Court –OE	\$ 32,000.00 \$ 15,000.00

2006 Temporary Budget Total \$ 561,050.00

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution, which was adopted at a regular meeting by the Township Committee on February 27, 2006.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Reports from Township staff and professionals

Mr. Witt, Township Administrator, reported on the numerous complaints from residents concerning street light outages. Mr. Witt indicated, due to assistance from staff and elected officials, all of the lights have been fixed. In addition, fixing the pole which is leaning at the corner of Old Cranbury Road and the KHov development would be addressed and a light had been installed at the corner of Old Cranbury and Old Trenton Road. Mr. Witt also reported the lake was lower than the normal level. This was due to construction going on with a retaining wall on Evans Drive and he had checked with the local farmers and they did not need any water. Mr. Witt indicated the lake would be low until March 15th. Mayor Panconi asked what the large amount of dirt was on the Sharbell (Updike) property, looking from Cranbury Neck Road. Mr. Witt explained the large amount of dirt would be eventually graded, the area stabilized and dedicated to the Township by Sharbell for Open Space.

Reports from Township Boards and Commissions

Work Session

a. <u>Cranbury Housing Associates – COAH 3rd Round Affordable Housing development at The Four Seasons at Cranbury site.</u>

Mark Berkowsky of Cranbury Housing Associates, presented and discussed with the Township Committee, the COAH 3rd Round Affordable Housing development at The Four Seasons at Cranbury site and asked the Township Committee to give its

Work Session (Continued)

a. <u>Cranbury Housing Associates – COAH 3rd Round Affordable Housing development at The Four Seasons at Cranbury site (cont'd).</u>

permission for Cranbury Housing Associates to move forward with the construction project for the twenty units at The Four Seasons at Cranbury site. Mr. Berkowsky reported he had met with residents on Old Cranbury Road and planned to meet with them again to get their input and concerns. After that meeting, Cranbury Housing Associates would present the "concept plan" to the Planning Board, then have a formal presentation to the Planning Board and then come back to the Township Committee to talk about how much the project would cost. Mr. Wittman added he and Mr. Berkowsky had met with the residents on Old Cranbury Road, as well as residents at The Four Seasons Development. Mr. Wittman indicated a couple of concerns from the residents were regarding the site plan and parking issues along Old Cranbury Road, i.e. potential overnight parking on the road and added the residents were very appreciative for the meeting. Mr. Wittman requested that he attend any future meetings Mr. Berkowsky should have with the residents. Mr. Wittman also stated Mr. Witt had researched the Township's Developer's Agreement with KHov and the Agreement, which was from 1998, had clearly indicated twenty (20) units were to go on the site. Mr. Stout requested that Mr.

Berkowsky check with the Planning Board Secretary to get on its future Agenda, as the D.R.C. and Planning Board Agendas were filling up quickly. The Township Committee unanimously gave its permission to Mr. Berkowsky to move forward with the project.

Public Comment

The Mayor opened the meeting to public questions and comments on those items not on the agenda. There being no further comments, the Mayor closed the public part of the meeting.

Mayor's Notes

Mayor Panconi reported the Historic Preservation Commission had requested to appoint a member to its Commission and the Chairperson, Bobbie Marlowe, had recommended Ms. Alana Stops. The resume of Alana Stops was circulated to the Township Committee members who reviewed Ms. Stops resume and unanimously supported the Mayor's appointment of Ms. Stops to a four-year term.

Resolution

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

Ayes: (Panconi Abstain: (None (Stannard Absent: (None

(Stave (Stout (Wittman

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 02-06-028

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 02-06-028 (Continued)

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:

- --- Review of Closed Session Minutes of February 13, 2006;
- ---Litigation: Update on Danser vs. Township of Cranbury;
- ---Land Acquisition: Update on Barclay North & South.

 NOTE: The Township Committee DID NOT DISCUSS THIS ITEM IN CLOSED SESSION.

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 of when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Date: February 27, 2006

On motion by Mr. Stannard, seconded by Ms. Stave and unanimously carried, the meeting returned to Open Session:

Ayes: (Panconi Abstain: (None (Stannard Absent: (None

(Stave (Stout (Wittman

Nays: (None

On motion by Mr. Stannard, seconded by Ms. Stave and unanimously carried, the Closed Session minutes of February 13, 2006 were adopted.

On motion by Mr. Wittman, seconded by Ms. Stave and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk