

## TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

### MEETING

November 13, 2006

The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury was held at 7:00 p.m. in the School Large Group Community Meeting. Answering present to the roll call was: Township Committee members: Richard Stannard, Pan Stave, David Stout, Wayne Wittman and Mayor Thomas F. Panconi, Jr. Also present was: Trishka Waterbury, Esquire, Attorney, Cathleen Marcelli, Engineer 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.

Regular Committee Minutes of October 23, 2006

On motion by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Stout and unanimously carried, the Regular Committee Minutes of October 23, 2006 were adopted.

Special Meeting Committee Minutes of November 1, 2006

On motion by Mr. Stout, seconded by Mr. Stannard and unanimously carried (with Mr. Wittman and Ms. Stave abstaining), the Special Committee Minutes of November 1, 2006 were adopted.

#### Reports and Communications

--Mayor

Mayor Panconi reported he had met with the Fire Company for the monthly update. Mayor Panconi reported the Fire Company had a total of 19 calls for the month of October, 15 of those calls had been between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and four (4) of the calls were between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Five (5) calls were Monday Friday between 7:00 – 3:00 p.m. Two (2) of the total calls were false alarms.

--Members of Committee

Mr. Stout thanked Ms. Cunningham, Clerk and Mr. Jim Applegate for their assistance in applying for a grant with the NRCS which would allow the NRCS to assist in habitat preservation on the Cranbury Preserve.

Mr. Stout requested Ms. Cunningham, Clerk; ask Mr. Witt, when he returns from vacation, to set up a quarterly update meeting with the representatives of ConAgra.

Mr. Stout reported the Township had received a letter from Richard Goldman, Esquire, regarding his client, Cranbury Brickyard LLC, requesting to meet with the subcommittee on the former Unexcelled site. Mr. Stout suggested the Township Committee send a letter to Mr. Goldman indicating they wish to meet with Deputy Commissioner Adam Zellner first.

Mr. Stout reported the stream corridor ordinance subcommittee will meet on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

--Members of Committee (Continued)

Mr. Stout reported Mr. Jim Applegate had given his resignation from the Environmental Commission and thanked Mr. Applegate for all his years on the Board (he has served since 1991).

Ms. Stave reported the subcommittee for the recreation master plan had met earlier in the evening and would be presenting shortly to the Planning Board, a draft of its recommendations,

Agenda Additions/Changes

Ms. Stave requested Cranbury Township Resolutions #'s R 11-06-142, 143 and 144 be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed during Work Session at the next meeting.

Ordinances  
First Reading

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 11-06-25

An Ordinance entitled, "Cranbury Township Ordinance # 11-06-25, A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,035,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$200,000 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. Stannard, the Ordinance was passed on first reading by vote:

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

Nays: (None

Public Hearing: November 27, 2006

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 improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Cranbury, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Township") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$1,035,000, including the sum of \$835,000 coming from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The Affordable Housing Trust Fund appropriation will constitute the down payment otherwise required by the Local Bond Law.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by the Affordable Housing Trust Fund appropriation, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$200,000 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. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the acquisition of property located at Route 130D for the third

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round of affordable housing units all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file in the office of the Clerk, which plans are hereby approved.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

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.

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

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Township may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this ordinance, is 40 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 \$200,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

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(c) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$100,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

Section 7. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or 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.

Ordinance  
First Reading

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 11-06-26

An Ordinance entitled, Cranbury Township Ordinance # 11-06-26, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, REGARDING THE ACQUISITION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PURPOSES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2665 ROUTE 130 SOUTH (BLOCK 26, LOT 3 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY), COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE "ROUTE 130-D" SITE, 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
	(Stannerd	Absent: (None
	(Stave	
	(Stout	
	(Wittman	

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Nays: (None  
Public Hearing: November 27, 2006

WHEREAS, on November 28, 2005, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury adopted Ordinance 11-05-28, which authorized the acquisition for public use, by voluntary conveyance or condemnation, of a fee simple interest in property commonly referred to as "Route 130-D", located at 2665 Route 130 South, and designated on the Cranbury Township Tax Map as Block 26, Lot 3 ("subject property"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Ordinance, the Township obtained appraisals of the subject property prepared by the firm of DeMartin Schwartz, Inc., Real Estate Appraisal & Consulting Services and the firm of Carduner Valuation Services, Inc., which appraisals were approved by Resolution # R-05-06-082; and

WHEREAS, Resolution # R-05-06-082 also authorized the Township to make an offer of Nine Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$975,000.00) to the record owner of the subject property and to initiate *bona fide* negotiations pursuant to the Eminent Domain Act, N.J.S.A. 20:3-1 *et seq.*, including by making such other and higher counter-offers as may be deemed necessary to acquire the subject property; and

WHEREAS, the Township and Ravi, LLC, the record owner of the subject property, successfully negotiated a purchase price to be paid for the Township's acquisition of the subject property in the amount of One Million Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,000,500.00); and

WHEREAS, the negotiated agreement takes into account the reasonable objectives and interests of both parties and ensures that the property owner receives fair and just compensation for the subject property as required by the Eminent Domain Act, N.J.S.A. 20:3-1 *et seq.*

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

1. The preamble to this ordinance is hereby incorporated as if more fully set forth herein.
2. The Township through its Mayor, Administrator, Clerk, Attorney and other appropriate officers and employees, is hereby authorized and directed to acquire for public use all the lands and improvements located at 2665 Route 130 South and designated as Block 26, Lot 3 on the Tax Map of the Township of Cranbury, from the record owner of the property, Ravi LLC, for the sum of One Million Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,000,500.00).
3. The cost of acquisition of the subject property shall be funded through monies currently available in the Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund and by the issuance of bonds or notes of the Township as provided by the Bond Ordinance being introduced simultaneously herewith.
4. The Mayor, Administrator, Clerk, Attorney, Engineer and other appropriate officers and employees are hereby authorized and directed to undertake any and all such acts and execute any and all such documents as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

5. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication, as required by law.

Resolution  
Consent Agenda

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

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

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # 11-06-139

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 # 11-06-140

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, NJ  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE  
FOR KERZNER BL 2.01 LOTS 2.01 & 2.02 - PUBLIC

WHEREAS, by letter dated August 25, 2006, Kerzner Associates has requested the reduction of their performance guarantee previously posted with the Township in accordance with Planning Board approval and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has, in a letter dated October 4, 2006 (attached hereto as " Exhibit A") recommended that the following Performance Guarantee be released:

Performance Bond	\$ 195,611.00
Cash	\$ 21,735.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury as follows:

1. It has reviewed, agrees with and hereby accepts all recommendations of the Township Engineer as set forth in "Exhibit A".
2. The Township hereby accepts the public improvements, if any so designated pursuant to the Planning Board's approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution, certified by the Township Clerk to be a true copy and forwarded to each of the following:

- (a) Township Engineer
- (b) Township Chief Financial Officer

- (c) Kerzner Associates
- (d) Township Attorney

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 11-06-140  
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CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Township of \_\_\_\_\_ Cranbury at a meeting duly held on November 13, 2006.

Kathleen R. Cunningham

Clerk Cranbury Township Resolution # R 11-06-

141 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, NJ  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE  
FOR CALIFORNIA CLOSETS

WHEREAS, by letter dated September 27, 2006, California Closets has requested the reduction of their performance guarantee previously posted with the Township in accordance with Planning Board approval and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has, in a letter dated October 20, 2006 (attached hereto as "Exhibit A") recommended that the performance guarantee be reduced and the amount that shall be released is as follows:

Performance Bond	\$ 75,560.31
Cash Deposit	\$ 8,542.59

WHEREAS, the amount that shall be retained until all bonded items are complete as follows:

Performance Bond	\$ 32,439.69
Cash Deposit	\$ 3,604.41

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury as follows:

1. It has reviewed, agrees with and hereby accepts all recommendations of the Township Engineer as set forth in "Exhibit A".
2. It hereby authorizes the reduction of performance guarantees set forth in the Township Engineer's letter referenced above.
3. The Township hereby accepts the public improvements, if any so designated pursuant to the Planning Board's approval.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution, certified by the Township Clerk to be a true copy and forwarded to each of the following:

- a. Township Engineer
- b. Township Chief Financial Officer
- c. California Closets
- d. Township Attorney

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CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Township of Cranbury at a meeting duly held on November 13, 2006.

Kathleen R.

Cunningham Clerk Cranbury Township Resolution # R 11-06-

145 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, NJ

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE  
FOR HANNAH & MASON**

WHEREAS, by letter dated August 10, 2006, Hannah & Mason has requested the release of their performance guarantee for bollard lighting previously posted with the Township in accordance with Planning Board approval and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has, in a letter dated October 27, 2006 (attached hereto as "Exhibit A") recommended that the following performance guarantee be released:

Cash	\$ 4,250 00
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury as follows:

1. It has reviewed, agrees with and hereby accepts all recommendations of the Township Engineer as set forth in "Exhibit A".

It hereby authorizes the release of performance guarantees set forth in the Township Engineer's letter referenced above.

3. The Township hereby accepts the public improvements, if any so designated pursuant to the Planning Board's approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution, certified by the Township Clerk to be a true copy and forwarded to each of the following:

- (a) Township Engineer
- (b) Township Chief Financial Officer
- (c) Phyllis Davison, Hannah & Mason
- (d) Township Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R Cunningham do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Township of Cranbury at a meeting duly held on November 13, 2006.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk



Cranbury Township Resolution # R 11-06-146

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, NJ

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF ENGINEERING ESCROW

WHEREAS, Hannah & Mason has outstanding credits in their Engineering escrow accounts previously posted with the Township.

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer and the Township Planner have no outstanding bills

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that the Township of Cranbury release outstanding credits in Hannah & Mason engineering escrow accounts.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution, certified by the Township Clerk to be a true copy be forwarded to each of the following:

- (a) Township Engineer
- (b) Township Chief Financial Officer
- (c) Phyllis Davison, Hannah & Mason
- (d) Township Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Township of Cranbury at a meeting duly held on November 13, 2006.

Kathleen R Cunningham, Clerk

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 11-06-147

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, NJ

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR AMERICAN PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 2, 2006, American Properties has requested the reduction of their performance guarantee previously posted with the Township in accordance with Planning Board approval and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has, in a letter dated August 16, 2006 (attached hereto as "Exhibit A") recommended that the performance guarantee be reduced and the amount that shall be released is as follows:

Performance Bond	\$ 401,509.10
Cash Deposit	\$ 44,612.12

WHEREAS, the amount that shall be retained until all bonded items are complete as follows:

Performance Bond	\$ 154,594.80
Cash Deposit	\$ 17,177.20

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury as follows:

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1. It has reviewed, agrees with and hereby accepts all recommendation's of the Township Engineer **as** set forth in "Exhibit A".
2. It hereby authorizes the reduction of performance guarantees set forth in the Township Engineer's letter referenced above.
3. The Township hereby accepts the public improvements, if any so designated pursuant to the Planning Board's approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution, certified by the Township Clerk to be a true copy and forwarded to each of the following:

- (a) Township Engineer
- (b) Township Chief Financial Officer
- (c) American Properties
- (d) Township Attorney

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Township of Cranbury at a meeting duly held on November 13, 2006.

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Kathleen

R. Cunningham Clerk Cranbury Township Resolution

# R 11-06-148 TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY

**COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX UNDER THE COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION AND FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND/OR IMPROVEMENTS OF CERTAIN RECREATION AND OTHER FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, the County of Middlesex has established and "Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund," pursuant to which it distributes monies to municipalities within the County to be used for various recreation and other purposes for which the Fund was established; and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2006, the Township of Cranbury submitted a proposal to the County for improvement and/or development of certain municipal recreation facilities as identified below; and

WHEREAS, the County has accepted the Township's proposal and has authorized a grant to the Township in the total amount of \$480,000, to be used for the following purposes:

**Improvement to Wright South -- \$400,000**

Completion of regulation baseball field, including grading, seeding, fencing, dugouts, scoreboard, public restroom facilities, storage and bleachers; for walking/jogging path around the perimeter of the site and for adjacent Village Green landscaping and park benches;

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Cranbury Senior Community Center -- \$20,000

For tables, chairs, dance and exercise equipment, and other items for recreational programming; and

Millstone Park -- \$60,000 Re-orientation of ball field.

and

WHEREAS, in order to receive said grant, the Township must enter into a Grant Agreement with the County, a copy of which has been placed on file in the Township Clerk's Office;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury as follows:

1. The Township hereby accepts the grant provided by the County of Middlesex for the improvements listed above and upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Grant Agreement referenced above.

2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Township the above-referenced Grant Agreement, together with any and all other documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms hereof.

2. The Mayor, Administrator, Clerk and other appropriate Township staff and officials are hereby authorized to undertake any and all other acts as may be necessary and proper to effectuate the terms hereof.

3. Any acts that may heretofore have been undertaken or any documents executed in furtherance of the purposes hereof are hereby fully ratified.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk of the Township of Cranbury, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true copy of a resolution passed by the Township of Cranbury at a meeting duly held on November 13, 2006.

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Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Reports from Township staff and professionals There  
were no reports.

Reports from Township Boards and Commissions

Mr. Wittman, on behalf of Municipal Chairperson Jane Holland, reported Ms. Holland, Mayor Panconi, a representative of the Cranbury Police Department, Mayors of both Princeton Borough and Township and representatives of both municipalities' Police Departments would be meeting on November 20, 2006 at Princeton Borough Hall to open a dialogue to discuss drug and alcohol abuse by students. Mr. Wittman will report back in December on the meeting.

Work Session

- a. Monthly report of Police Department by Chief Jay Hansen (Jay Hansen)

Chief Jay Hansen presented and discussed his monthly status report with the Township Committee. Chief Hansen reported there had been a total of 47 summonses issued for the month of October and indicated the low number was due to a minimal number of

Work Session (Continued)

- a. Monthly report of Police Department by Chief Jay Hansen (Jay Hansen)(contd) staff. In the Village area, a total of 25; 10 for speeding and 15 other. Route 130- 2 for speeding and 14 other, East of Route 130 – 0 speeding and 6 other. The bike patrol had been out only on three (3) occasions due to minimal staffing and there had been one (1) arrest for butchering a pig in Village park. Chief Hansen stated it had been a first offense for the individual. Chief Hansen also reported the overtime had been higher than normal due to mandatory training and shift changes. Mr. Stannard requested a list be provided of the mandatory required courses. Chief Hansen indicated he would provide the list.

*NOTE: A FULL TRANSCRIPT OF THE FOLLOWING DISCUSSION WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CLERK'S OFFICE (A FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR COPIES):*

MS. DIANE STASI SUBMITTED TWO LETTERS CONCERNING TRAFFIC CONCERNS WITH OLD TRENTON ROAD AND ASKED THAT THEY BE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. SAID LETTERS ARE ATTACHED AS "ADDENDUM A AND ADDENDUM B".

- b. Discussion of Pedestrian & Traffic Safety issues within the Township (Richard Preiss, Planner, Cathleen Marcelli, P.E., & Andrew Feranda of Shropshire Associates). Township Professionals discussed with the Township Committee various pedestrian and traffic safety issues within the Township. Among the items discussed were: Shady Brook Lane: School bus safety, Old Trenton Road: Traffic calming, school bus pickup and discharge concerns, pedestrian crosswalks, guide rail at corner of Old Trenton and And Davison Roads and possible sidewalk extension, Plainsboro Road: Traffic calming, updated advisory signage plan and implementation, proposed sidewalk extension and suggested shoulder/bike path, Intersection of Main Street at Park Place, Evans Drive and Station Road: Traffic calming, improvement of pedestrian crosswalks and night lighting concerns and Route 130: Proposed advisory signage to alleviate truck traffic in the Village.

Public Comment

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

On motion by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Stannard and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

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Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

**Joan Weglarz  
94C Gloucester Way  
Monroe Twp, NJ 08831**

11/08/06

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I wish to comment on the safety of Old Trenton Road in Cranbury, NJ.

On Christmas Day, 2005 about 8:30 pm, I was traveling from West to East on Old Trenton Road between Main Street and Route 130. It was a foggy night and the visibility was limited so I was driving between 25 and 30 miles per hour. Someone in a large SUV came up behind me and was blinking his lights for me to pull over. The combination of the SUV's bright lights blinding me and dealing with the fog, it was hard for me to see where I was on the roadway. I was about to pull over to the shoulder on my right when the SUV suddenly passed me on the right and then cut in front of me. That forced me to veer to my left and I crashed into the high curb, which is along this part of the road. The Cranbury police were called and a report was made. The SUV did not stop.

Needless to say, this accident caused a lot of damage to my car. I had to have it towed and after several trips to the repair shop, I finally had to get rid of it.

In viewing this stretch of the road in the daylight, I think the SUV thought that the roadway was two lanes. On a dark, foggy or rainy night, the shoulder can easily be mistaken for another lane. This lane ends and suddenly there is a high curb in front of you. That is probably why the SUV cut in front of me so fast.

I was very familiar with this road as I traveled it at least once a week. I now try to avoid it after dark.

Anything that can be done to make it safer should be considered.

Sincerely,

ADDENDUM B

**Diane Stasi**

**From:**  
**Sent:**  
**To :** C c : Su  
**Subject:**

Diane  
Stasi  
[\[dianestasi@comcast.net\]](mailto:dianestasi@comcast.net)  
Monday,  
November  
8, 2006  
8:42 AM  
Rob  
Diamond  
[rjsmithers@aol.com](mailto:rjsmithers@aol.com)  
RE: Old Trenton Rd. Traffic

Dear Rob, Jennifer and Abby,

I am so happy to hear your concerns and ideas. I will bring your comments with me as I attend the public meeting on the 13th. Many residents share your same concerns and quite frankly there has been little effort to make improvements over the years. Usually residents need to rally and force their local government to take action for them, just as we have in this instance.

I am well aware that Old Trenton is a county road. All this means to me is that the township must bring our concerns and request for actions to the county on our behalf. We hope to achieve this starting with the Nov 13th meeting. I hope you attend this meeting. The more comments by the public will activate and motivate the Committee. I'll see you then.

Best Regards,

Diane Stasi

PS For the record: I put the flyer on your mailbox. Not inside.

----- Original Message-----

From: Robert Diamond

[<rob@robdiamond.com>](mailto:rob@robdiamond.com) Date:

Sun, 5 Nov 2006 10:50:45

[To:dianestasi@comcast.net](mailto:To:dianestasi@comcast.net)

[Cc:rjsmithers@aol.com](mailto:Cc:rjsmithers@aol.com)

Subject: Old Trenton Rd. Traffic

Diane,

Thanks for dropping off the Old Trenton Rd. traffic mailing in our mailbox. If you don't mind, I'd like to let you know my experiences & feelings about this matter.

Since we moved to our Old Trenton Rd. House in 1999, we've seen a huge increase in traffic along the road, especially truck traffic. It is not uncommon now for convoys of 3 or 4 tractor trailers, garbage trucks, dump trucks, or cement trucks to be speeding down the road at 4 or 5AM, and it just gets worse as the day goes on. To make things worse, northbound trucks usually engine brake directly in front of our house to slow down for the curve. This literally rattles our windows.

I don't understand what makes Old Trenton Rd. so attractive to truck drivers. I thought Route 133 was supposed to relieve Old Trenton Rd. truck traffic, but it seems to have had the opposite effect. I hardly ever see trucks on Route 133.

The design of the road itself is horrible. The wide shoulders encourage drivers to pass use the shoulders as passing lanes. Jennifer has almost been run down

while walking down the shoulder (due to blocked sidewalks) by cars using the shoulder to pass other vehicles on the right.

Another problem that is a result of the wide shoulders is that

drivers making a left turn onto Old Trenton Rd. from Old Cranbury Rd. and the 4 Seasons section of Liedke Dr. frequently proceed southbound in the northbound lane. Just recently, I saw this happen twice within a few days. Drivers mistake the shoulder for the northbound lane and end up going down the wrong side of the road. I know this will lead to a tragic accident if this problem isn't corrected soon.

Lowering the speed limit to 35 makes sense. If the speed limit on the Cranbury Greene section of the road is 35, with no driveways accessing the road and only one cross street, it should follow that the rest of Old Trenton Rd., which is residential, and has many driveways and cross streets, should have a speed limit of or lower than 35MPH. (Note that the speed limit goes down to 40MPH immediately after crossing the bridge out of Cranbury as well).

Serious thought also need to go into reducing the truck traffic on this road. Connecting it to Liberty Way would be a disaster for residents like me. Trucks need to be encouraged to use Rt. 133 instead. Interestingly, during the time it took to write this letter, I watched 7 Tractor Trailers drive by my window. And it's Sunday.

Thanks for your attention to this matter. I've brought it to the attention of the Township Committee in the past, but never heard anything about it again.

Thanks, Rob.

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