

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
October 22, 2018

The Township Committee Meeting of the Township of Cranbury was held at 6:00 p.m. in the Cranbury School Cafeteria. Answering present to the roll call were Township Committee members: Mike Ferrante, Dan Mulligan, Matt Scott, Jay Taylor and Mayor Glenn Johnson. Also present were Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/CFO, Daniel Davidow, Township Attorney 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 October 12, 2018 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 October 12, 2018.

Filed on October 12, 2018 at the Cranbury Municipal Office, 23-A North Main Street, Cranbury, New Jersey, posted on the Township's web site and remains on file for public inspection.

Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

--Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2018

The Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2018 on a motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Taylor, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote of all members present; the Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2018 were adopted.

--Reports and Communications

--Mayor – Mayor Johnson attended "Candidates Night". He met with the Traffic Subcommittee and had a meeting with a developer.

Mayor Johnson reported he attended the memorial service for retired Chief Jay Hansen.

Mayor Johnson requested that the Middlesex County Improvement Authority information regarding the cleanliness of the recycling stream be placed in the township newsletter for residents to receive.

Mayor Johnson reported on the September monthly report from the Police Department.

--Reports and Communications

--Members of Committee

--Mr. Mulligan

Mr. Mulligan also attended the memorial service for retired Chief Jay Hansen.

Mr. Mulligan discussed the need for residents to be more cognizant of recycling guidelines and expense in our future.

Mr. Mulligan also attended the Library and Parks subcommittee meetings. Reported on the discussion of adding a new park near the existing library. Mr. Mulligan advised of the donation for a bike changing station to be located in Village Park.

Mr. Mulligan also discussed the future of the legal use of marijuana for recreational use. The public was reminded of the resolution banning recreational sales in the township. He suggested that the local smoking ban in the township parks be reviewed and expanded as State law does not cover.

-- Mr. Taylor

Mr. Taylor added statistics from the New Jersey Institute of Highway Safety traffic accident study showing that in states where marijuana use is legal for recreational use there has been an increase by 5-

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6% in traffic accidents. Currently there is no test for marijuana comparable to alcohol for impaired drivers.

Mr. Taylor agreed that the local ordinance for no smoking in the township parks will cover the use of smoking marijuana in the parks as well.

--Mr. Scott

Mr. Scott advised that the initial lighting project has been implemented and completed with PSE&G. Mr. Taylor advised that some residents were requesting lower wattage bulbs in the residential areas than what was placed on Main Street.

--Mr. Ferrante

Mr. Ferrante attended the Board of Education meeting the previous week. He reported on the security upgrade to the school.

Mr. Ferrante discussed his suggestion for a potential agenda item "Demystifying the Municipal Government Budget Process" to be held in early 2019 for residents to better understand the budget process and also include descriptions for OPMA (Open Public Meetings Act) and OPRA (Open Public Records Act). He asked that Ms. Marabello lead the presentation for the public at a meeting to be decided in early 2019. He suggested this take place prior to the 1st budget meeting with the Township Committee.

--Subcommittees

There were no reports from Subcommittees.

--Departments Heads –

Mike Kervan reported on the September monthly calls and October calls and volunteer hours to date. He reported on the number of calls answered and added about the success of the Fire Prevention Open House the previous Saturday. He added that fliers were distributed at the Open House to inform all of the upcoming "Santa Run" in December and addressed the public that volunteers are still needed. He advised that children can begin volunteering at the age of 14 years old for the Fire Department.

--Follow-up Items – Three (3) Mayoral Appointments:

- Donna Eisenhower appointed to the Recreation Commission to fill an unexpired term of December 31, 2021;
- Bob Berner appointed to the Recreation Commission to fill an unexpired term of December 31, 2019 as Alternate 1;
- Michele Till was appointed to the Environmental Commission to fill an unexpired term of December 31, 2018 as Alternate #1;

--Public Comment (For Items on the Agenda) –

Mayor Johnson opened the meeting to public comment.

Cranbury resident – Asked when the budget process meeting would be scheduled and what was the next step. She was advised that a date had not been scheduled, however, the public would be notified when a meeting date was planned.

Mayor Johnson closed the portion to public comment.

Resolutions

Consent Agenda

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

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

Cranbury Township Resolution #R 10-18-140

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 10-18-141

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT TO THE TOWNSHIP'S PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL FOR MANAGERIAL/SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

WHEREAS, the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund has recently modified the Open Public Meetings Act Procedures section; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee already adopted the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual for Managerial/Supervisory Employees.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury in the County of Middlesex that *Section 5 Open Public Meetings Act Procedures Concerning Personnel Matters* be amended by deleting the entire section and replacing it with the following:

Discussions by the governing body or any public body concerning appointment, termination terms and conditions of employment, performance evaluations, promotion or discipline of any current or prospective officer or employee may be held in closed session. Ultimately, the guidance as to notification of employees and the right to have the discussion in executive or the open session should be discussed with and be based upon the guidance and advice of the legal counsel for the public entity and recent court decisions.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 10-18-142

THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR CRANBURY BRICKYARD-BUILDING 3

WHEREAS, by letter dated September 19, 2018 Cranbury Brickyard has requested the release of their performance guarantee previously posted with the Township in accordance with Planning Board approval and

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WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has, in a letter dated October 9, 2018 (attached hereto as "Exhibit A") recommended that the following performance guarantee be released:

Cash Deposit	\$ 8,968.00
Bond	\$ 80,713.00

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

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

1. It hereby authorizes the release of performance guarantees set forth in the Township Engineer's letter referenced above.
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) T&M Associates, Glenn Gerken
- (b) Township Chief Financial Officer
- (c) Cranbury Brickyard

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #R 10-18-143

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY

Resolution Supporting the Cranbury Green Team Advisory Committee

WHEREAS, the Cranbury Township Committee adopted Cranbury Township Resolution No. R 02-12-025, establishment of the Cranbury "Green Team Advisory Committee" at a regular meeting conducted on February 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Cranbury Township Committee resolved in that resolution that they wished to pursue local initiatives and actions that would lead to Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification; and

WHEREAS, the Cranbury Township Committee further resolved in that resolution to create the Cranbury Green Team Advisory Committee, to serve as the Cranbury Township's agents for the Sustainable Jersey municipal certification process; and

WHEREAS, the Green Team Advisory Committee was composed of individuals who are interested in advancing the efforts of Cranbury Township in the Sustainable Jersey municipal certification program, and that have been actively working as a Green Team for six years; and

WHEREAS, that group, has been creating and cataloging significant sustainability actions so that Cranbury may maintain Sustainable Jersey certification at the Bronze Level in 2013 and 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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- 1) The Green Team Advisory Committee of Cranbury Township is active in the community and advancing sustainable practices and actions included in the Sustainable Jersey municipal certification program;
- 2) The Green Team Advisory Committee has been and shall continue to be composed of individuals who have demonstrated interest in advancing the efforts of Cranbury Township to pursue certification through the Sustainable Jersey municipal certification program;
- 3) The role of the Green Team Advisory Committee has been and shall continue to be to lead and coordinate the sustainability activities of the community.

Work Session –

a). **Traffic Update** - Mayor Johnson gave his traffic presentation as a follow up from the traffic presentation previously presented. Prior to his presentation, he advised the public that the presentation will be placed on the township's website for further review. The presentation included township personnel changes in the Police Department from past to present, as well as, installation of electronic speed signs, training on the covert speed reader and distracted driving enforcement. Mayor Johnson added the completion of the streetlighting initiative that began this summer with PSE&G. He touched on the success of the anti-speeding lawn sign campaign which encouraged Cranbury students to participate in the design and implementation of various signs throughout the entire township.

Discussion ensued amongst the Committee members regarding the reasons for not having the baseline data from the speed reader technology and the need for creative solutions to assist in the design of the infrastructure.

Chief Varga was present in the audience and addressed various points that were discussed; he explained that data collected would be used towards operation issues; he reminded the members and the public that traffic is a small part of the department's responsibilities and there many facets to covering the entire township; and asked for all to be patient as the Police Department reinstates the Traffic Division in the upcoming year.

--Public Comment – Work Session

Mayor Johnson opened the meeting to public comment.

Richard Kallan – Pedestrians need to adhere to the rules and walk in the crosswalks and be alert while walking. He added that pedestrians do have a responsibility and that the pedestrians need to be educated on how to properly cross the roadways. All need to be more alert.

Wayne Wittman – He stated that proper engineering is the solution. He added that traffic enforcement is only half of the equation. We need the engineering solutions to go along with the enforcement or it is a superficial conversation. We need to channel the traffic through the town more effectively. Suggested making safe truck routes for the town and color code them throughout the town.

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Claudette Guy – Ms. Guy stated she came to this particular meeting expecting the data and plans for the future with the traffic update. She expressed that she feels the tone of the meeting has changed and the blame has been placed on the pedestrians. Ms. Guy expressed her disappointment that it was not communicated to the residents that there was no data that would be shared at this meeting. She stated that she had expectations for a report regarding the conversations with the County and the Township Committee regarding the crosswalks. She questioned if anyone has actually even spoken to the County. Mayor Johnson stated that the County will come and address any one crosswalk with concern. She addressed a tree blocking a crosswalk as an example of the need for something to be done at the crosswalks in town.

Kelly Devine – Ms. Devine stated that traffic from Route 130 is dangerous for residents in the area of Evans Drive and Stockton Drive. She reported that vehicles, including tractor trailers, are making illegal U-turns on Station Road which has caused the police to monitor the area. She commends the Police Department for trying to monitor the traffic but realizes they cannot be there 24/7. Everyone in town is reaping the benefits of the warehouses in the area, however, the residents living in the area do not have the same quality of life. There is a serious problem going on in that part of town. She sat in on the Amazon meetings and discussed the Liberty Way failure and asked why there is no plan B for Liberty Way. Requested a time line for signs in that area for that Township Committee and requested solid answers. The safety in that area is a huge factor.

Mr. Taylor added that it is necessary to work with GPS companies that are showing these roads as thoroughfares on the GPS. These electronic systems need to be corrected to better aid in cutting down on truck traffic through the residential areas and be proactive.

Mr. Scott added that these issues need to be addressed at budget time. Discuss the idea of having the means to fix the infrastructure.

Chief Varga asked the residents if the large DOT sign placed on Route 130 was successful in directing tractor trailers away from the residential area. The response from Ms. Devine was no noticeable difference. He thanked the residents for their input on the signage in order to move forward.

Mike Golisano – Mr. Golisano directed the Committee's attention to a specific crosswalk at South Main Street and Station Road, particularly the south bound lane. Drivers begin to speed up as they are towards the end of Main Street. Drivers are passing vehicles that are stopped to make a left-hand turn onto Station Road and it causes a very dangerous situation for pedestrians in the crosswalk. If a vehicle is only stopped for a pedestrian in the crosswalk, a vehicle has enough room in that area of the roadway to go around on the right and cause a major hazard to any pedestrian in the crosswalk. He suggested

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that this area of roadway would be a prevalent place for the “bump out” that was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Brian Scarpulla – Shared that a tractor trailer crashed into a large tree in front of his house. The roads are improperly signed. Halsey Reed Road cannot handle the truck traffic that the warehouses are bringing into the area.

Lorraine Morris – The area of Halsey Reed Road cannot handle the truck traffic of the warehouses. She added how dangerous it has become to turn onto their own road due to the additional turnpike traffic. She also questioned how the road is expected to handle more warehouse truck traffic if it is unsafe now.

Tiffany Moody – She advised the Committee that the traffic is out of control in other areas of the township, not just Main Street. She asked that they consider all of Cranbury and make all of Cranbury safe. The warehouses are here and now is the time to figure out the best solutions to make the areas safe. Ms. Moody agreed that additional signage is helpful but not the only solution.

Andrew Huang – Mr. Huang stated that at the time his daughter was struck in the crosswalk, he was promised that the township would improve pedestrian safety. He agreed that the tone of the meetings has changed. His hope is that the Committee sees the emotions of the residents and that it is a serious concern for the residents.

Claudette Guy – Reread excerpts from the Mayor’s report earlier. She stated that she feels the Committee has good intentions, but there is a concern with communication.

Glenn Schulte – Spoke directly to Chief Varga in the audience regarding signage. Then he addressed the Committee and suggested going back to the Master Plan regarding Liberty Way and questioned where the escrow money is. He suggested another turnpike exit to help alleviate traffic.

Mayor Johnson closed the meeting to public comment.

--Reports from Township Staff and Professionals
--None

--Public Comment

Mayor Johnson opened the meeting to public comment.

Wayne Wittman – South Main Street, before circle, work on bridge. American Water Company workers advised that they were there to survey the road to run a water line. Ms. Marabello advised that this is the preliminary design stage between the DEP and American Water. No sewer will be connected. Residents may have opportunity for hook up to water in the future.

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Mayor Johnson closed the meeting to public comment.

--Mayor's Notes -

Mayor Johnson stated he had no additional information.

--Township Committee Members' Notes

Mayor Johnson requested a motion to adjourn. On motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Ferrante and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Debra A. Rubin, RMC
Municipal Clerk