

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
March 28, 2022

The Township Committee Regular Meeting of the Township of Cranbury commenced at 7:06 p.m. by remote access videoconferencing in response to COVID-19 and the updated Open Public Meeting Act guidelines. Answering present to roll call were Township Committee members: Eman El-Badawi, Michael Ferrante, Matthew Scott, Evelyn Spann, and Mayor Barbara Rogers. Also present were Chief Michael Owens, Chief of Police and Debra Rubin, Municipal Clerk. Mayor Rogers led the salute to the flag, and Ms. Rubin read 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 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 January 5, 2022.

Filed on January 5, 2022 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. Township website was previously updated with remote access information on April 24, 2020, and updated June 18, 2020.

Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

Ms. Rubin read the following additional statement:

Cranbury Township

Statement on Public Comment during Remote Meeting

The public may electronically submit questions or comments to twpcclerk@cranbury-nj.com or in written letter form via mail to Cranbury Township Town Hall no later than 4:00 p.m. the day of the scheduled Committee Meeting. Name, address and phone or email must be included. Timely submitted questions or public comment shall be read aloud and addressed during the public meeting. Duplicate written comments may be summarized and noted for the record in a consistent manner.

To eliminate background noise so that all meeting participants may hear, please mute your microphone and remain in listening mode only. The Clerk will place all remote attendees on this platform on mute as well and will manage the order of the remote participant's comments. During public comment period(s), the Clerk will make an announcement that any remote participant seeking to comment must signify their intent by using the "raise hand" feature on Zoom. The Clerk will then unmute each participant individually when it is their designated time to speak. If you do not have a question or comment, please keep your microphone muted. Please unmute yourself only at the direction of the Clerk. All remote users must state their name and address at the beginning of his/her public comment.

Should a member of the public using the Zoom platform become disruptive, that individual will be kept on mute and receive a warning that continued disruption may result in their being prevented from speaking or removed from the meeting entirely. If time permits, the disruptive individual shall be allowed to speak after all other members of the public have been given the opportunity to speak.

The Township Committee will facilitate a dialogue with all commenters to the extent permitted by Zoom.

Approval of Minutes: Mayor Rogers asked if any members of the Township Committee would like to address changes or amendments to the following minutes. Hearing none, Mayor Rogers asked for a motion to adopt the following minutes:

-- Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2022;

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On a motion by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mrs. El-Badawi, along with the following roll call vote of the members of the Township Committee;

Ayes: (El-Badawi
(Ferrante
(Spann
(Rogers

Abstain: (Scott
Absent: (None

Nays: (None

the Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2022 were adopted.

**Reports and Communications
Members of Committee**

- Mrs. El-Badawi – Mrs. El-Badawi had no liaison meetings scheduled since her last report. She did add the Parks Commission will have “Arts in the Park” on April 3rd. The wind sculptures have been scheduled for reinstallation in Heritage Park.
- Mr. Ferrante – Mr. Ferrante reported on his attendance at the Board of Education, Library Board and Planning Board meetings. He provided an update on the Board of Education searches for Superintendent/Principal. The library construction is on track for summer completion and fall opening. He reported on his recent introduction to Senator Cory Booker.
- Mr. Scott – Mr. Scott reported on his attendance at the Historical Preservation Committee and Board of Recreation meeting. He did not attend the Environmental Commission but reported the township Stream Clean Up is scheduled for April 23rd.
- Mrs. Spann – Mrs. Spann reported on her attendance at Municipal Alliance meeting. She reported on recent Zoning Committee meeting where the members are working on Complete Streets and updates to flood ordinance.

Mayor

Mayor Rogers – The following items were covered under the Mayor’s Updates and Upcoming Events;

- **Mayor’s Wellness Committee:** Gentle Yoga w/Ruth Gatling from in Motion Fitness & Wellness
- **Lake Dredging** – Followed up with engineer about dredging
- **CSA Forum** –
- **Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce** – Invited to speak at “Meet the Mayor” event with 3 other mayors March 31st in Plainsboro. NJ Dept of Tourism requested photos of Cranbury. Cranbury was selected with 8 other towns in NJ to be featured in an article in East End Taste magazine in an article called “The Most Beautiful Towns Across New Jersey”

Sustainability:

- **Municipal Energy Audit** – Requested TC to review & send comments prior to 4/1 meeting set w/NJ Clean Energy program auditors.
- **Community Solar Resolution** – On agenda for consideration for adoption
- **Resiliency** – subcommittee getting input from township engineer about SW inventory/mapping
- **Download Recycling Coach app** – recycling pick-up reminders, a “what goes where” search tool, and quizzes

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Reminders:

- **March 7-30: Gourgard Gallery** 9 am – 3 pm – Stop by to see Cranbury School's artists!
- **April 3 – Arts in the Park Day – Heritage Park**
- **April 20 – Mayors Wellness Committee TBD**
- **April 23 – Town-wide Yard Sale** – sponsored by CBA
- **April 30-May 1 – Clean Up Weekend**; Bring items to Public Works Yard, 100 Dey Rd.
- **May 30 – Memorial Day Parade – Lions Club** begins promptly at **1:00 pm**
- **Summer:** Cranbury Recreation Camps; Art & Steam Camps by Cranbury Arts Council

325 Anniversary Events:

- **April 3** – Art in the Parks; 1-3 pm
- **April 23** - Stream Clean Up; 9-11 am - Village Park
- **Cranbury School:** Mayors Walk to School (April 21); Earth Day (April 22)
- Send Cranbury iconic photos to mferrante@cranbury-nj.com

Tour de Cranbury: Fall biking event w/stops at farm stands:

Department Heads:

- Debra Rubin, Municipal Clerk – Ms. Rubin announced the Nomination by Petition forms deadline is April 4th. All forms should be delivered to Deputy Clerk, Jean Golisano, in her absence. She stated the Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 7th.
- Chief Michael Owens, Chief of Police – Chief Owens gave his February report. He added speed enforcement will have a concentrated effort in particular areas of town.

Boards – Historic Preservation Commission – Steven Golisano, 2021 Chair and current Vice Chair provided the 2021 accomplishments and 2022 goals on behalf of the members.

Agenda Additions/Changes – Ms. Rubin announced Cranbury Township Ordinance 03-22-05 will be added to the agenda for first reading under the ordinance portion of the agenda.

Boards and Commissions – Mayor Rogers made the following appointments:

- William Gittings – Planning Board – Class IV - unexpired term to expire 12/31/22
- Desiree Abad – Board of Recreation Commissioners – 2nd Alternate – unexpired term to expire 12/31/24

Vacancies: Mayor Rogers announced vacancies on Municipal Alliance

Ordinances –

First Reading - – Ms. Rubin read the following ordinance by title only:

Cranbury Township Ordinance #03-22-03

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF CRANBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,189,340.00
THEREFORE, FUNDING \$300,000 FROM OFF SITE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FUND,
REAPPROPRIATING \$325,000.00 OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES**

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**IN VARIOUS CAPITAL ORDINANCES, \$88,190 FROM RECREATION TRUST, \$73,808 FROM
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,402,342 BONDS OR
NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

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 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 several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2,189,340.00, including the sum of \$73,808.00 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now 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 improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,402,342.00 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 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 the bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation And Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
a) Replacement of pistols	\$6,100	\$5,795	15 years
b) Police Traffic Safety	\$13,500	\$12,825	5 years
c) Police Vehicle & Equipment	\$147,000	\$139,650	5 years
d) Police Buildings & Grounds	\$14,000	\$13,300	5 years
e) Computers & Equipment-TH	\$11,750	\$11,163	5 years

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f) Parks Improvements	\$13,700	\$13,015	5 years
g) Engineering Costs Plainsboro Road	\$25,000	\$0	40 years
h) Fire Chief Vehicle	\$100,000	\$95,000	5 years
i) Walking Trail – Village Park	\$75,000	\$71,250	20 years
j) Building Repairs-Misc	\$200,000	\$190,000	5 years
k) Replace Gas & Diesel Tank	\$175,000	\$166,250	15 years
l) Replace Village Park Basketball	\$60,000	\$57,000	15 years
m) Bike Network Plan	\$60,000	\$57,000	40 years
n) Sewer Improvements-So Bruns	\$277,000	\$263,150	20 years
o) Sewer Improvements-Cranbury	\$50,000	\$47,500	20 years
p) Road Repairs – Cranbury Greene	\$752,100	\$144,494	40 years
q) Misc Road Repairs	\$20,000	\$19,000	40 years
r) Pathway from CHA to Ingerman	\$50,000	\$47,500	40 years
s) Village Park Topography Study	\$11,000	\$10,450	5 years
t) Volleyball Court	\$88,190	\$0	15 years
u) Grading of Heritage Park	\$40,000	\$38,000	20 years

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

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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 improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not a current expense. They are all improvements or purposes 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 18 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 \$1,402,342.00 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$25,000 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.

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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.

Mrs. Spann made a motion to introduce the following ordinance. Mr. Scott seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the ordinance passed for introduction. Second reading will be held on April 11, 2022.

Ayes: (El-Badawi
 (Ferrante
 (Scott
 (Spann
 (Rogers

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None

Nays: (None

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CRANBURY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE 03-22-04

**A CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY AUTHORIZING THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE EDEN HOUSE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF
MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$400,000.00 FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING
TRUST FUND TO COVER THE COST THEREOF**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury as follows:

SECTION 1: There is hereby approved as a capital project within the Township of Cranbury not to exceed the costs noted below:

<u>Project/Purpose</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Construction of Eden House	\$400,000.00

SECTION 2: There is hereby appropriated from Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the sum of \$400,000.00 to cover the cost of the capital projects as described in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication according to law.

SECTION 4: The capital budget of the Township of Cranbury is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of Local Government Services is on file with the clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Mr. Scott made a motion to introduce the following ordinance. Mrs. El-Badawi seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the ordinance passed for introduction. Second reading will be held on April 11, 2022.

Ayes: (El-Badawi
(Ferrante
(Scott

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None

Nays: (Spann
(Rogers

**TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 03-22-05

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY GRANTING AN EASEMENT TO PUBLIC
SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 23, LOT 14.03**

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury is the owner in fee simple of a certain tract of real property located at Block 23, Lot 14.03 ("the Property"); and

WHEREAS, in order for construction of the new library parking lot to proceed, an anchor and guy wire must be relocated to the Property; and

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WHEREAS, the Township desires to grant an easement to Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSEG"), perpetuity, for construction, installation and maintenance of an anchor and guy wire at the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury has reviewed the proposed Easement, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and the description of the property, attached hereto as Exhibit B, and believes it is in the best interest of the Township to execute said easement.

NOW THEREFORE, BET IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, in Middlesex County, New Jersey:

Section 1. Execution of Easement. The Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute the easement agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A to permit the construction, installation and maintenance of an anchor and guy wire located at Township Block 23, Lot 14.03, as is more fully described in the property description attached hereto as Exhibit B, which property description may be supplemented or amended upon review of the Township Engineer.

Section 2. Repealer. All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Severability. If any part, section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, phrase, clause, term, or word of this ordinance is declared or held invalid or unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such part, section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, phrase, clause, term, or word shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such declaration or holding shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other part, section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, phrase, clause, term, or word of this ordinance, and this ordinance is declared severable.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Scott made a motion to introduce the following ordinance. Mr. Ferrante seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the ordinance passed for introduction. Second reading will be held on April 11, 2022.

Ayes: (El-Badawi
(Ferrante
(Scott
(Spann
(Rogers

Abstain: (None

Absent: (None

Nays: (None

Second Reading – None

Resolutions – Consent

Mayor Rogers asked the Township Committee if there were any questions or comments on the Consent Agenda items. Hearing none, the mayor asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda items. On a motion by Mr. Ferrante, seconded by Mr. Scott the following Consent Agenda Resolution(s) were adopted unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes: (El-Badawi
(Ferrante

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(Scott
(Spann
(Rogers

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None

Nays: (None

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #R 03-22-054

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 # R 3-22-055

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

Section 1

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2022 in the sum of \$94,904.30 which item is now available as a revenue from the State of New Jersey pursuant to the provision of statute, and

Section 2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$94,904.30 is hereby appropriated under the caption "Recycling Tonnage Grant".

Section 3

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

- (a) Director of the Division of Local Government Services
- (b) Township Chief Financial Officer

Cranbury Township Resolution #03-22-056

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A BID WITH SHORE TOP CORSTRUCTION CORP. FOR VILLAGE PARK RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, seven (7) bids were received on February 8, 2022 for Village Park Recreational Facilities Improvement Project; to provide Basketball Court Replacement and Installation of One (1) Sand Volleyball Court and;

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WHEREAS, the Township wishes to enter into an agreement with Shore Top Construction Corp., Freehold, NJ and

WHEREAS, Shore Top Construction Corp. has offered to provide these services to the Township for cost of \$146,720.00; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-4.1 *et seq.*, authorizes the award for purposes for which a competitive bid may be used by local units; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there will be sufficient funds for this contract;

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Shore Top Construction Corp. to provide Basketball Court Replacement and Installation of One (1) Sand Volleyball Court.
2. A copy of the Agreement shall be available for public inspection in the Township Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-22-057

A RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to hire the following firm ("Professional") to provide professional services to the Township during the calendar year 2022 as follows:

- a). Horner & Canter Associates – Conflict Traffic Consultant Services

WHEREAS, the costs for the services to be provided by the Professional is set forth in their respective proposal submitted to the Township, which is incorporated herein as if fully restated; and

WHEREAS, the Township has a need to acquire the foregoing services without a "Fair and Open Process" as defined by P.L. 2004, c. 19, the "Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law"; and

WHEREAS, the Professional has completed and filed with the Township Campaign Contributions Affidavits as required by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.2 *et seq.* certifying that they have not made any prohibited contributions to a candidate's committee or municipal committee representing the elected officials of the Township of Cranbury, along with Certifications Regarding Political Contributions as required by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et. seq.* authorizes the award of this contract without public bidding on the basis that this is a professional services agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Cranbury Township Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for this purpose and that the value of said Agreement will be available by virtue of Planning Escrow;

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

1. The Township of Cranbury hereby approves the following firm to provide professional services to the Township during the calendar year 2022:

- a). Horner & Canter Associates - Conflict Traffic Consultant Services

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2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with the aforementioned Professionals pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.* This contract is being awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Services Agreement under the provisions of the aforementioned law because a service will be rendered or performed by a person or persons by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law.

3. A copy of this Resolution, the pay-to-play forms, and the executed Agreement and insurance certificate shall be placed on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

4. A brief notice of this action shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Cranbury within ten (10) days of its passage.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-22-058

A RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to hire the following firm ("Professional") to provide professional services to the Township during the calendar year 2022 as follows:

- a). Phillips, Preiss, Grygiel, Leheny, Hughes LLC – For Township Planning Services

WHEREAS, the costs for the services to be provided by the Professional is set forth in their respective proposal submitted to the Township, which is incorporated herein as if fully restated; and

WHEREAS, the Township has a need to acquire the foregoing services without a "Fair and Open Process" as defined by P.L. 2004, c. 19, the "Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law"; and

WHEREAS, the Professional has completed and filed with the Township Campaign Contributions Affidavits as required by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.2 *et seq.* certifying that they have not made any prohibited contributions to a candidate's committee or municipal committee representing the elected officials of the Township of Cranbury, along with Certifications Regarding Political Contributions as required by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et. seq.* authorizes the award of this contract without public bidding on the basis that this is a professional services agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Cranbury Township Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for this purpose and that the value of said Agreement will not exceed \$40,000.00;

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

2. The Township of Cranbury hereby approves the following firm to provide professional services to the Township during the calendar year 2022:

- a). Phillips, Preiss, Grygiel, Leheny, Hughes LLC – For Township Planning Services

2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with the aforementioned Professionals pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.* This contract is being awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Services Agreement under the provisions of the aforementioned law because a service will be rendered or performed by a person or persons by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law.

3. A copy of this Resolution, the pay-to-play forms, and the executed Agreement and insurance certificate shall be placed on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

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4. A brief notice of this action shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Cranbury within ten (10) days of its passage.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-22-059

A RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to hire the following firm ("Professional") to provide professional services to the Township during the calendar year 2022 as follows:

a). T&M Associates – Conflict Engineering Services

WHEREAS, the costs for the services to be provided by the Professional is set forth in their respective proposal submitted to the Township, which is incorporated herein as if fully restated; and

WHEREAS, the Township has a need to acquire the foregoing services without a "Fair and Open Process" as defined by P.L. 2004, c. 19, the "Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law"; and

WHEREAS, the Professional has completed and filed with the Township Campaign Contributions Affidavits as required by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.2 *et seq.* certifying that they have not made any prohibited contributions to a candidate's committee or municipal committee representing the elected officials of the Township of Cranbury, along with Certifications Regarding Political Contributions as required by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.* authorizes the award of this contract without public bidding on the basis that this is a professional services agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Cranbury Township Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for this purpose by virtue of Engineering Escrow;

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

3. The Township of Cranbury hereby approves the following firm to provide professional services to the Township during the calendar year 2022:

a). T&M Associates – Conflict Engineering Services

2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with the aforementioned Professionals pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.* This contract is being awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Services Agreement under the provisions of the aforementioned law because a service will be rendered or performed by a person or persons by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law.

3. A copy of this Resolution, the pay-to-play forms, and the executed Agreement and insurance certificate shall be placed on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

4. A brief notice of this action shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Cranbury within ten (10) days of its passage.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-22-060

A RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

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WHEREAS, the Township wishes to hire the following firm ("Professional") to provide professional services to the Township during the calendar year 2022 as follows:

- a). Mason Griffin & Pierson, P.C. for Planning and Zoning Legal Services

WHEREAS, the costs for the services to be provided by the Professional is set forth in their respective proposal submitted to the Township, which is incorporated herein as if fully restated; and

WHEREAS, the Township has a need to acquire the foregoing services without a "Fair and Open Process" as defined by P.L. 2004, c. 19, the "Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law"; and

WHEREAS, the Professional has completed and filed with the Township Campaign Contributions Affidavits as required by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.2 *et seq.* certifying that they have not made any prohibited contributions to a candidate's committee or municipal committee representing the elected officials of the Township of Cranbury, along with Certifications Regarding Political Contributions as required by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.* authorizes the award of this contract without public bidding on the basis that this is a professional services agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Cranbury Township Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for this purpose and that the value of said Agreement will not exceed \$31,760.00;

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

4. The Township of Cranbury hereby approves the following firm to provide professional services to the Township during the calendar year 2022:

- a). Mason Griffin & Pierson, P.C. for Planning and Zoning Legal Services

2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with the aforementioned Professionals pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.* This contract is being awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Services Agreement under the provisions of the aforementioned law because a service will be rendered or performed by a person or persons by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law.

3. A copy of this Resolution, the pay-to-play forms, and the executed Agreement and insurance certificate shall be placed on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

4. A brief notice of this action shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Cranbury within ten (10) days of its passage.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-22-061

A RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to hire the following firm ("Professional") to provide professional services to the Township during the calendar year 2022 as follows:

- a). Hoder Associates - Planning and Zoning Engineering Services

WHEREAS, the costs for the services to be provided by the Professional is set forth in their respective proposal submitted to the Township, which is incorporated herein as if fully restated; and

WHEREAS, the Township has a need to acquire the foregoing services without a "Fair and Open Process" as defined by P.L. 2004, c. 19, the "Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law"; and

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WHEREAS, the Professional has completed and filed with the Township Campaign Contributions Affidavits as required by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.2 *et seq.* certifying that they have not made any prohibited contributions to a candidate's committee or municipal committee representing the elected officials of the Township of Cranbury, along with Certifications Regarding Political Contributions as required by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.* authorizes the award of this contract without public bidding on the basis that this is a professional services agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Cranbury Township Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for this purpose and that the value of said Agreement will not exceed \$6,000.00;

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

5. The Township of Cranbury hereby approves the following firm to provide professional services to the Township during the calendar year 2022:

a). Hoder Associates - Planning and Zoning Engineering Services

2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with the aforementioned Professionals pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.* This contract is being awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Services Agreement under the provisions of the aforementioned law because a service will be rendered or performed by a person or persons by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law.

3. A copy of this Resolution, the pay-to-play forms, and the executed Agreement and insurance certificate shall be placed on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

4. A brief notice of this action shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Cranbury within ten (10) days of its passage.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-22-062

A RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to hire the following firm ("Professional") to provide professional services to the Township during the calendar year 2022 as follows:

a). Shropshire Associates, LLC - Planning and Zoning Traffic Consultant

WHEREAS, the costs for the services to be provided by the Professional is set forth in their respective proposal submitted to the Township, which is incorporated herein as if fully restated; and

WHEREAS, the Township has a need to acquire the foregoing services without a "Fair and Open Process" as defined by P.L. 2004, c. 19, the "Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law"; and

WHEREAS, the Professional has completed and filed with the Township Campaign Contributions Affidavits as required by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.2 *et seq.* certifying that they have not made any prohibited contributions to a candidate's committee or municipal committee representing the elected officials of the Township of Cranbury, along with Certifications Regarding Political Contributions as required by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26; and

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WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et. seq.* authorizes the award of this contract without public bidding on the basis that this is a professional services agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Cranbury Township Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for this purpose and that the value of said Agreement will not exceed \$18,000.00;

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

6. The Township of Cranbury hereby approves the following firm to provide professional services to the Township during the calendar year 2022:

a). Shropshire Associates, LLC - Planning and Zoning Traffic Consultant

2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with the aforementioned Professionals pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.* This contract is being awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Services Agreement under the provisions of the aforementioned law because a service will be rendered or performed by a person or persons by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law.

3. A copy of this Resolution, the pay-to-play forms, and the executed Agreement and insurance certificate shall be placed on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

4. A brief notice of this action shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Cranbury within ten (10) days of its passage.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-22-063

A RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to hire the following firm ("Professional") to provide professional services to the Township during the calendar year 2022 as follows:

a). Ruderman, Horn & Esmerado, P.C. - Labor Counsel Services

WHEREAS, the costs for the services to be provided by the Professional is set forth in their respective proposal submitted to the Township, which is incorporated herein as if fully restated; and

WHEREAS, the Township has a need to acquire the foregoing services without a "Fair and Open Process" as defined by P.L. 2004, c. 19, the "Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law"; and

WHEREAS, the Professional has completed and filed with the Township Campaign Contributions Affidavits as required by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.2 *et seq.* certifying that they have not made any prohibited contributions to a candidate's committee or municipal committee representing the elected officials of the Township of Cranbury, along with Certifications Regarding Political Contributions as required by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et. seq.* authorizes the award of this contract without public bidding on the basis that this is a professional services agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Cranbury Township Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for this purpose and that the value of said Agreement will not exceed \$5,000.00;

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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7. The Township of Cranbury hereby approves the following firm to provide professional services to the Township during the calendar year 2022:

a). Ruderman, Horn & Esmerado, P.C. - Labor Counsel Services

2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with the aforementioned Professionals pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.* This contract is being awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Services Agreement under the provisions of the aforementioned law because a service will be rendered or performed by a person or persons by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law.

3. A copy of this Resolution, the pay-to-play forms, and the executed Agreement and insurance certificate shall be placed on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

4. A brief notice of this action shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Cranbury within ten (10) days of its passage.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-22-064

**Resolution to Support Community Solar Projects in
Cranbury Township**

WHEREAS, for more than a decade, the State of New Jersey has promoted energy policies that have created a vibrant solar energy market; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey adopted the 2019 New Jersey Energy Master Plan, *Pathway to 2050*; and the legislature passed the Clean Energy Act of 2018

WHEREAS, Strategy 6 of the 2019 Energy Master Plan calls for the State to:

Support community energy planning and action with an emphasis on encouraging and supporting participation by low- and moderate-income and environmental justice communities; and

WHEREAS, Goal 6.2.1 of the 2019 Energy Master Plan calls for the support of community-led development of community solar projects; and

WHEREAS, the Cranbury Green Team received presentations on the Board of Public Utility's community solar program, including fielding questions and suggestions regarding how this project can best serve Township's residents including the following:

- Local, clean power generation
- Support for active participation in the program by low- and moderate-income families
- Reduction of energy bills for all participants
- Job training, certification support, and job placement in the solar industry

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cranbury Township Committee will support community solar projects that serve the municipality and have the following benefits to the community:

- Minimum of 51% of the overall solar generation of the project to be reserved for low-and moderate-income residents
 - Minimum 20% discount on the electricity from the community solar project for Cranbury residents that qualify as low-to-moderate income
 - Minimum 15% discount on the electricity from the community solar project for Cranbury residents that don't qualify as low-to-moderate income

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- Provide additional benefits to the community through free job training opportunities
- Provide subscription with flexible terms including no additional fees attributed to subscription and no minimum time requirements for subscription

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cranbury Township Committee will continue collaborating with community solar developers in furtherance of bringing the financial and environmental benefits of this project to our residents.

Public Comment

Mayor Rogers opened the meeting to public comment. She provided the following were sent prior to the meeting:

- John Affel – Requested information on the status of the investigation at 63 North Main Street and requested a timeline on when the structure will begin the rehabilitation process.

Mayor Rogers opened public comment to those in attendance:

- Christina Ftikas - Request to improve parks for all abilities. Mrs. Ftikas stated the current parks not accessible for disabilities. She reported that grants are available for ADA playground equipment. She plans to provide a formal request for monies to be budgeted and equipment installed. She is requesting assistance for an interim fix during the above said process.
- Kathleen Argiriou – Requested information on Ordinance No. 03-22-05 that was added to the agenda this evening. She was advised that the ordinance will be on the township website or she may request a copy from the Clerk's Office.

Mayor Rogers closed the public comment portion at 8:05 p.m.

Action Items:

- Station Road – Traffic Subcommittee Meeting– April 4th– Mr. Scott
- Station Road – Signage – Mrs. Spann will continue to follow up with the County
- Art competition – photos – Mr. Ferrante and Mayor Rogers

Adjourn

Mayor Rogers requested a motion to adjourn. On motion by Mr. Ferrante, seconded by Mrs. Spann and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Debra A. Rubin, RMC
Municipal Clerk