

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
October 3, 2022

The Township Committee Meeting of the Township of Cranbury was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Town Hall Answering present to roll call were Township Committee members: Eman El-Badawi, Michael Ferrante, Michael Scott, Evelyn Spann, and Mayor Barbara Rogers. Also present were Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/CFO and Debra Rubin, Municipal Clerk. Mayor Rogers led in 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 and August 12, 2022.

Filed on January 5, 2022 and August 12, 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.

Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

Mayor Rogers held a moment of silence for Officer Todd Galla who recently passed. Officer Galla served for over twenty years with the Cranbury Township Police Department. Mayor Rogers offered condolences to his family on behalf of the Township.

Proclamation – A Proclamation Recognizing the Cranbury Lions Club's 90th Anniversary and Many Years of Community Service – Mayor Rogers read the following Proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

**Recognizing The Cranbury Lions Club's 90th Anniversary and
Many Years of Community Service**

WHEREAS, The Motto of Lions Club International is "We Serve" and the Cranbury Lions Club is an important service group in the Township of Cranbury that was chartered 90 years ago on June 24, 1932; and

WHEREAS, The Cranbury Lions Club is made up of dedicated members who volunteer their time and effort to perform many charitable community services and contribute to projects at the local, district, state and international level, as well as enjoy fellowship; and

WHEREAS, The Cranbury Lions Club has a code of ethics that emphasizes respect, empathy and service by its members which includes "To Be Careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy"; and

WHEREAS, The Cranbury Lions Club has enhanced the environment for and around Cranbury by planting trees on Main Street in 1940 and 80 trees around Cranbury to celebrate their 80th anniversary in 2012; and

WHEREAS, The Cranbury Lions Club donation of two acres of land along Brainerd Lake became Village Park where residents enjoy "Dirt Mountain", Cranbury's local sledding hill, and the park's boat dock and barbecue pavilion constructed by the Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, The Cranbury Lions Club created the Todd Beamer memorial in Heritage Park for those who died on September 11; and

WHEREAS, The Cranbury Lions Club has sponsored many organizations throughout its long history including Boy Scout Troop 52, Cub Scout Pack 52, Cranbury Little League, and the Leo Club at the NJ Training School, and more; and

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WHEREAS, The Cranbury Lions Club has donated money to families in need after catastrophes such as fires or Superstorm Sandy; and

WHEREAS, The Cranbury Lions Club has contributed to projects and charitable causes including providing eyeglasses and food for people in need; and

WHEREAS, The Cranbury Lions Club hosts the annual Memorial Day Parade and Pancake Breakfast which have become traditional events residents of Cranbury enjoy every year; and

WHEREAS, The Cranbury Lions Club is involved in annual community events including the Annual Rubber Duck Race on Cranbury Day and the 50/50 raffle and more; and

WHEREAS, The Cranbury Lions Club administers three generous scholarships and one community service award, all of which are available to students residing in Cranbury; and

WHEREAS, The Cranbury Lions Club has cooked and served food at community events and has flipped innumerable pancakes and hamburgers and in doing so cracked thousands of eggs and filled as many buns; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Dr. Barbara Rogers, Mayor of the Township of Cranbury, along with the Township Committee members, do hereby proclaim that the Cranbury Lions Club 90th Anniversary will be celebrated this year in honor of their on-going, excellent service to this community and beyond.

**Reports and Communications
Members of Committee**

- Mrs. El-Badawi – Mrs. El-Badawi reported on her attendance at the Parks Commission meeting. She provided an update to the Cranbury Commons on behalf of EDAC. She reported on the 325th events recently held by Shade Tree and Parks Commissions.
- Mr. Ferrante – Mr. Ferrante reported that none of his boards were scheduled to meet since the last Township Committee meeting. He provided updates to the local Scout Troop, Cranbury School auxiliary gym, and library construction projects.
- Mr. Scott – Mr. Scott was unable to attend the Recreation Commission meeting. However, he provided an update on the completion of the basketball and volleyball court projects. He additionally reported on a signage project the Historical Preservation Committee plans to present to the Township Committee.
- Mrs. Spann – Mrs. Spann reported on her attendance at the Municipal Alliance meeting. She reported on upcoming Development Review Commission, Planning Board and Zoning Board meetings. She also reported on her attendance to the Traffic and Safety Subcommittee Meeting.

Mayor

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

Reports & Communications:

- **Troop 52** – Mayor Rogers reported on the successful clean-up of the rain garden by Troop 52.
- **Sustainable Jersey** – Mayor Rogers submitted the necessary documentation. She confirmed receipt of bronze status and awaiting to submit comments to earn silver status.
- **Regency Development** - Mayor Rogers reported on behalf of the Township Engineer the status of the project. The project is progressing along.
- **Municipal Energy Audit** – Mayor Rogers reported on next steps for the installation of energy efficient and recommended items based on the audit.
- **Senior Center** – The next Senior Center lunch is scheduled for October 14th. Registration is required.

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Reminders:

- **October 12** – International Walk to School Day. Students and parents are encouraged to meet at the firehouse to walk to school with Mayor Rogers.
- **October 31** – Trick or Treat – Streets will remain open; no portions of Cranbury will be shut down. There will be added signage, lighting and officers stationed around Cranbury to ensure a safe Halloween holiday.
- **November 19** – Upcoming Library Grand Opening with day filled with events and speakers.

325 Anniversary Events:

- **Tour de Cranbury:** Anticipated for Spring 2023

Fire Company:

Chief Charlie Smith gave the monthly Fire Company report. Chief Smith confirmed the number of calls is on par with last year's calls.

Additionally, Chief Smith requested a follow-up to a previous Township Committee meeting regarding the purchase of a vehicle for the Fire Company. Mayor Rogers advised him that he had received communication from the Township and no other discussion was necessary (Chief Smith left the meeting at 7:52 p.m.).

Agenda Additions/Changes – None

Boards and Commissions –

Mayoral Appointments:

- Environmental Commission – Michael Cargill has been appointed as 1st Alternate from previous 2nd Alternate membership, term expiring 12/31/24; Jessica Hess has been appointed to 2nd Alternate, term expiring 12/31/23
- Parks Commission – Christina Ftikas has been appointed as 1st Alternate, term expiring 12/31/22.

Vacancies:

- Parks Commission – 2nd Alternate, expiring 12/31/22.
- Municipal Alliance – There are three vacancies:
 - Member, expiring 12/31/23;
 - Member expiring 12/31/22; and
 - 2nd Alternate expiring 12/31/22.

Ordinances –

First Reading – 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 unanimously adopted 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 09-22-114

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 09-22-115

APPOINTMENT OF FIRE OFFICIAL

WHEREAS, there will be a vacancy in the position of Fire Official as of September 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Dianne Borsuk has the necessary qualifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY that Dianne Borsuk be appointed Fire Official effective October 1, 2022.

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R-09-22-116

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR
GATEWAY CRANBURY**

WHEREAS, Fleet Cranbury LLC has requested the release 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 September 14, 2022 (attached hereto as "Exhibit A") recommended that the following performance guarantee be released:

Bond	\$ 427,270.37
Cash Deposit	\$ 47,474.49

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has stated a maintenance guarantee shall be posted with the Township for a period not to exceed two (2) years after final acceptance of the improvements in an amount not to exceed 15% of the cost of the improvement. The amount of the required maintenance guarantee to be posted with the Township is \$3,494.93, and the maintenance period shall be for a period of two years to October 3, 2024.

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) Township Engineer
- (b) Township Chief Financial Officer

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(c) Fleet Cranbury LLC

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R-09-22-117

WHEREAS, The Tax Collector, Tanyika L. Johns has certified that the following taxpayers overpaid their taxes; and

WHEREAS, The Tax Collector is requesting that the overpaid taxes be refunded,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that the following overpayment be refunded:

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Refund</u>
OWNER: SHAHIDAIN, ABUNASAR	\$2,392.69

Make check payable to: Real Safe Title

111 Littleton Road, Suite 301

Parsippany New Jersey, 07054

LOCATION: 163 N MAIN STREET

BLOCK: 25 **LOT:** 87**QUALIFIER:**

Public Comment

Mayor Rogers announced that in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, all public comment must be in person for all future committee and board meetings. She reiterated that public comment is not a two-way dialogue. The public has access to members of the Township Committee's via email or through the Township website.

Mayor Rogers then opened the meeting to general public comment.

- Michael Sondern – Mr. Sondern expressed support and desire for an inclusive playground in Cranbury Township.

Mayor Rogers closed the public comment portion at 7:58 p.m.

Action Items:

- Mayor Rogers to circulate suggestions from Sustainable New Jersey with Township Committee when available.

Adjourn

Mayor Rogers requested a motion to adjourn. On motion by Mr. Ferrante, seconded by Mr. Scott and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Debra A. Rubin, RMC
Municipal Clerk