

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
March 27, 2023

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, Lisa Knierim, Dr. Barbara Rogers, Matthew Scott and Mayor Michael Ferrante. Also present were Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/CFO, Chief Michael Owens and Debra Rubin, Municipal Clerk. Mayor Ferrante 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 6, 2023.

Filed on January 6, 2023 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.

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

-- Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes March 13, 2023

On a motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Knierim, along with the following roll call vote of the members of the Township Committee;

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

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None

Nays: (None

the Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2023 were unanimously adopted by members present.

Reports and Communications:

Members of Committee

- Mr. Scott – Mr. Scott reported on his attendance at the Recreation Commission meeting. He provided an update to the all-inclusive playground and pickleball projects. He reported that summer recreation camp is open for Cranbury resident registration. He also reported on the change of date for the remainder of the Board of Recreation 2023 meetings.
- Ms. Knierim – Ms. Knierim reported on her upcoming attendance at the EDAC meeting. She provided an update to the May 7th 1713 House event and Cranbury Day 2023. She also reported that the railing repair at Brainerd Lake has been completed by the County. She also provided an update on the rabies clinic to be held by the Board of Health.
- Dr. Rogers – Dr. Rogers provided updates to various sustainability projects for the Township including the County's bike network plan and project estimates based on the energy audit. She reported that the Board of Education met but she was unable to attend. She reported on the Work

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
March 27, 2023

Session meeting of the Shade Tree Commission and her attendance at the Environmental Commission meeting.

- Ms. El-Badawi – Ms. El-Badawi reported on her attendance at the Municipal Alliance meeting and their upcoming participation at the Cranbury School's 125th event and the Health and Wellness Fair. She reported on her work with the New Neighbor's Reception.

Mayor

Mayor Ferrante – Mayor Ferrante reported the committees he liaisons with did not meet since the last Township Committee meeting. He reported that the Parks Commission will be attending the upcoming April 10th Township Committee meeting and EDAC will attend the April 24th meeting. He reported on the annual dog and cat license registration totals.

Reminders:

- **March 28th** – New Neighbor's Reception
- **April 15th** – Princeton High School Jazz Festival
- **April 22nd** – Stream Cleanup
- **April 24-30** – Tentative Cranbury School's 125th Anniversary Celebration Week
- **April 28th-30th** – Cranbury School is Turning 125
- **April 29** – Town-wide Garage Sale
- **May 6th and 7th** – Clean-Up Day
- **May 7th** – Tour de Cranbury Biking Event and 1713 House Celebration
- **June 3rd** – Health and Wellness Fair
- **TBD** – Arts in the Park/Walking Trail Celebration Event

Department Heads: Police Department

Chief Michel Owens, Chief of Police, gave his February report. He reported that speed enforcement signage will be placed in the township for traffic calming measures. Mayor Ferrante inquired about permanent speed enforcement signage. Chief Owens mentioned that permanent signage will be discussed at upcoming Traffic Subcommittee meetings.

Follow-up Items: None.

Agenda Additions/Changes: Ms. Rubin notified the Township Committee the title of Ordinance # 03-23-06 to be introduced this evening was to be revised. She read the revised title: **Township of Cranbury Ordinance # 03-23-06 – A Capital Ordinance Of The Township Of Cranbury Authorizing Various Improvements By The Township Of Cranbury, In The County Of Middlesex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,000,000.00 From The Capital Improvement Fund And \$150,000 From Sewer Fair Share To Cover The Cost Thereof.**

Boards and Commissions – Mayoral Appointments/Vacancies

Mayoral Appointments:

- Omar Mobin-Uddin to Member of Board of Recreation Commissioners with term expiring 12/31/24

Vacancies:

- **Economic Development Advisory Committee:**
 - Member (CBA/Chamber of Commerce Representative), expiring 12/31/24;
 - Member, expiring 12/31/24
- **Parks Commission:**
 - 2nd Alternate, expiring 12/31/23
- **Recreation Commission:**
 - 1st Alternate, expiring 12/31/23

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
March 27, 2023

Ordinances:

First Reading –

Prior to Ms. Rubin reading the following ordinance by title only, Mayor Ferrante summarized the ordinance for the public. Ms. Rubin then read the following ordinance by title only:

a). Township of Cranbury Ordinance # 03-23-06 – A Capital Ordinance Of The Township Of Cranbury Authorizing Various Improvements By The Township Of Cranbury, In The County Of Middlesex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,000,000.00 From The Capital Improvement Fund And \$150,000 From Sewer Fair Share To Cover The Cost Thereof.

Mr. Scott made a motion to introduce the following ordinance. Ms. Knierim seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the ordinance was introduced unanimously by those present. Second reading will be held on April 10, 2023.

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

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None

Nays: (None

Prior to Ms. Rubin reading the following ordinance by title only, Mayor Ferrante summarized the ordinance for the public. Ms. Rubin then read the following ordinance by title only:

b). Township of Cranbury Ordinance # 03-23-07 – Bond Ordinance Providing For Various Capital Improvements Of The Township Of Cranbury, In The County Of Middlesex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$428,990.00 Therefore, Funding \$21,450 From Capital Improvement Fund And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$407,540 Bonds Or Notes Of The Township To Finance Part Of The Cost Thereof.

Ms. Knierim made a motion to introduce the following ordinance. Mr. Scott seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the ordinance was introduced unanimously by those present. Second reading will be held on April 10, 2023.

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

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None

Nays: (None

Prior to Ms. Rubin reading the following ordinance by title only, Mayor Ferrante summarized the ordinance for the public. Ms. Rubin then read the following ordinance by title only:

c). Township of Cranbury Ordinance # 03-23-08 – An Ordinance Amending The Code Of The Township Of Cranbury, Middlesex County, Nj, Chapter 163 Entitled “Food-Handling Establishments”

Mr. Scott made a motion to introduce the following ordinance. Dr. Rogers seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the ordinance was introduced unanimously by those present. Second reading will be held on April 10, 2023.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
March 27, 2023

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

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None

Nays: (None

Second Reading – None.

Resolutions – Consent

Mayor Ferrante asked the Committee if there were any questions or if any items on the Consent Agenda should be addressed separately. Hearing none, Mayor Ferrante asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. On motion by Ms. El-Badawi, seconded by Ms. Knierim, the Consent Resolutions were passed unanimously by Township Committee members present.

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

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None

Nays: (None

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 03-23-050

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 03-23-051

Appointment to Municipal Alliance Committee

WHEREAS, it is necessary to make the following appointment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that the following individual(s) is appointed to the position(s) and term(s) noted effective March 27, 2023:

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

NAME	APPOINTMENT	TERM ENDING
Diane Stanley, 2 nd Alternate	Municipal Alliance Committee	12/31/23

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
March 27, 2023

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 03-23-052

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR
NATIONAL ENERGY PARTNERS**

WHEREAS, National Energy Partners 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 March 21, 2023 (attached hereto as "Exhibit A") recommended that the following performance guarantee be released:

Cash Deposit	\$ 13,742.40
--------------	--------------

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
- (c) National Energy Partners

Public Comment

Mayor Ferrante reminded the public of the three (3) minute time limit for public comment. Mayor Ferrante then opened the meeting to public questions and comment.

Hearing and seeing none, Mayor Ferrante closed public comment.

Action Items –

- Parks Commission – To be on next meeting agenda

Resolution – Closed Session

Mayor Ferrante asked for a motion to approve the Closed Session resolution(s). On a motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Knierim the following Closed Session resolution (s) was adopted unanimously by the following vote:

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

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
March 27, 2023

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None
Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-23-053

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

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

The general nature of the subject to be discussed in this session is as follows:

--- **N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b** (8) Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting

It is unknown at this time precisely when the matters discussed in this session will be disclosed to the public. Matters involving contract negotiations, or the acquisition of land will be disclosed upon conclusion of the negotiations or upon approval of the acquisition. Matters involving personnel will be disclosed when the need for confidentiality no longer exists. Matters concerning litigation will be announced upon the conclusion of trial or settlement of that litigation or when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Closed Session:

Mayor Ferrante announced to the public that the meeting would be going into Closed Session. He explained to the public that they will be turning off the livestream and must exit the Township Committee Room. The public is allowed to wait in the hallway if they chose to wait for meeting to resume after Closed Session.

The Closed Session ended at 7:54 p.m.

Adjourn

Mayor Ferrante requested a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Mr. Scott, seconded by Ms. El-Badawi and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Debra A. Rubin

Debra A. Rubin, RMC
Municipal Clerk