

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
June 12, 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 and Mayor Michael Ferrante. Dr. Barbara Rogers and Matthew Scott were excused absent. Also present were Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/CFO, Tom Decker, Township Engineer 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 as amended:

-- Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes May 22, 2023

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

Ayes: (El-Badawi
(Knierim
(Ferrante

Abstain: (None
Absent: (Rogers
(Scott

Nays: (None

the Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2023 were unanimously adopted by members present.

Reports and Communications:

Members of Committee

- Mr. Scott – Mr. Scott was excused absent.
- Dr. Rogers – Dr. Rogers was excused absent.
- Ms. Knierim – Ms. Knierim reported that she was unable to attend the Board of Health, Historic Preservation Commission and EDAC meetings.
- Ms. El-Badawi – Ms. El-Badawi reported on her attendance to the Development Review Committee and Planning Board meetings.

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Mayor

Mayor Ferrante – Mayor Ferrante reported on his attendance at the Planning Board meeting. He also reported on the Memorial Day Parade, Health and Wellness Fair, Strawberry Festival, and members of the Police Department's participation in the Special Olympics run. He also reported on officiating a wedding.

Reminders:

- **July 5th** – Fireworks at Village Park
- **August 1st** – National Night Out
- **September 9th** – Cranbury Day
- **September 23rd** – Rabies Clinic
- **TBD** – Arts in the Park/Walking Trail Celebration Event

Department Heads: None.

Follow-up Items: None.

Agenda Additions/Changes: None.

Boards and Commissions – Mayoral Appointments/Vacancies

Mayoral Appointments:

- **Environmental Commission:**
 - Michael Cargill to Member, expiring 12/31/23
 - Jessica Hess to 1st Alternate, expiring 12/31/24
 - John Reinfelder to 2nd Alternate, expiring 12/31/23
- **Library Board of Trustees**
 - Vikranta Sharma to Member, expiring 12/31/26
- **Parks Commission:**
 - Priyanka Shetty to 2nd Alternate, expiring 12/31/23
- **Planning Board:**
 - Jason Mildenberg, Class IV, (DRC Rep) (EC Rep), expiring 12/31/23

Vacancies: None.

Ordinances:

First Reading – 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. Ms. Knierim, seconded by Ms. El-Badawi, the Consent Resolutions were passed unanimously by Township Committee members present.

Ayes: (El-Badawi
(Knierim
(Ferrante

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Abstain: (None
Absent: (Rogers
(Scott

Nays: (None

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 06-23-068

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 06-23-069

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PLENARY DISTRIBUTION LICENSES FOR 2023-24

WHEREAS, all of the following applicants have applied for renewal of existing licenses for the year 2023-24:

- 2340 Spirits LLC
Buy-Rite Liquors
2678 Route 130 & Half Acre Road
Cranbury, New Jersey 08512
(1202-32-001-011)
- GB Wine & Spirits
c/o William Arnold
The Cranbury Inn
21 South Main Street
Cranbury, New Jersey 08512
(1202-32-002-007)

WHEREAS, all applicants for Plenary Retail Consumption Alcohol Beverage Licenses and applicants for Alcoholic Beverage Plenary Distribution Licenses have submitted applications to the Division of ABC and the Township Clerk, which forms are complete in all requests; and

WHEREAS, these applicants are qualified to be licensed according to all statutory, regulatory and local governmental Alcoholic Beverage Control laws; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 12th day of June 2023, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that:

Each of the aforesaid applications is hereby approved and the Township Clerk is authorized and directed to issue the appropriate licenses applied for by each of said applicants.

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 06-23-070

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL

WHEREAS, Gregory Farrington has decided to retire from his position as Construction Official of Cranbury Township; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey requires a municipality to have a licensed Construction Official; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Junkroft meets all the qualifications to be appointed as the Acting Construction Official.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, that Gary Junkroft be appointed as Acting Construction Official to the Township of Cranbury, effective June 1, 2023.

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP # R 06-23-071

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF ESCROW

WHEREAS, Rajesh Wadhwa has deposited planning escrow with Cranbury Township; and

WHEREAS, Rajesh Wadhwa has requested the release of the balance of said escrow in the amount of \$3266.50.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury authorizes the release of the above escrow deposit.

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 Director of Finance
- (b) Rajesh Wadhwa

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP # R 06-23-072

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC TAX SALE

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:33-1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Service; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has promulgated rules and regulations for an electronic tax, and

WHEREAS, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process, and

WHEREAS, Cranbury Township wishes to hold an electronic tax sale; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Committee of Cranbury Township, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is authorized to hold an electronic tax sale pursuant to N.J.A.C 5:33.1

Work Session – Discussion on Road Project Application to the NJDOT Grant – T. Decker

Mr. Decker discussed his assessment and recommendations on the Road Project Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation. Mr. Decker and the Department of Public Works Director, Jerry Thorne, have concluded that a priority road for the upcoming DOT application would be Wyckoff Mills Road. Areas of the road are distressed and require maintenance. The Township Committee discussed other road options, however agreed with Mr. Decker to pursue the NJDOT Grant for reconstruction to Wyckoff Mills Road.

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Work Session – Presentation of Eagle Scout Project

Mr. Kona Macallister of Troop 52B presented his Township Kiosk Eagle Scout Project. He discussed the current condition of the kiosk located at the Cranbury Brook Preserve. He provided a synopsis of how the new kiosk would be installed, the budget for the project, disposal of the old kiosk and timeline for project start and completion. He provided photographs of the current kiosk and highlighted the problems with it. He also provided photographs of the proposed new kiosk.

Ms. Knierim discussed consistency amongst all kiosks in the Township as new ones have recently been installed. She inquired if Mr. Macallister contacted the Historic Preservation Commission for their input on the design of the kiosk. Mayor Ferrante commented that the proposed overhang seems too large and suggested shortening it. Mayor Ferrante discussed the other “park” kiosks in Cranbury for aesthetic consistency purposes. Ms. Marabello also commented as to the location of the kiosk for Mr. Macallister to contact Jerry Thorne of Public Works to ensure installation will not be in a right-of-way or utility wires.

Mayor Ferrante summarized that Paul Mullen of the Environmental Commission, Ms. Marabello and himself will be the advisors to Mr. Macallister on his project. He reiterated for Mr. Macallister to follow up with the Historic Preservation Commission for their input on the kiosk display. He requested Mr. Macallister obtain a lock for the kiosk. He also requested Mr. Macallister to follow-up with the Department of Public Works for kiosk placement purposes. The Township Committee thanked Mr. Macallister for his project and approved same pending approval through the Environmental Commission and he meets the other recommendations made by the Township Committee.

Work Session – Progress Against 2023 Township Committee Goals

Mayor Ferrante read the 2023 Goals that were listed at the beginning of the year. He provided a status update to each goal and project. He also provided updates to the different subcommittees and their projects.

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 –

- EDAC vacancy. Appointment to be made at June 26th meeting.
- Future discussion regarding the signage code. Ms. Marabello responded that temporary signage was previously addressed and amended in the Code. She provided the amendments/requirements to Township Committee members.
- Use of or collaboration with Monroe Senior Center – Ms. El-Badawi to follow-up.
- Acting Construction Official to attend June 26th Township Committee meeting.

Adjourn

Mayor Ferrante requested a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Ms. El-Badawi, seconded by Ms. Knierim and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Debra A. Rubin
Debra A. Rubin, RMC
Municipal Clerk