

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
November 13, 2017

The Township Committee Meeting of the Township of Cranbury was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Answering present to the roll call were Township Committee members: Susan Goetz, Glenn Johnson, Dan Mulligan, Jay Taylor and Mayor Dave Cook. Also present were Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/Director of Finance, and Jean Golisano, Deputy Clerk. Mayor Cook led in the salute to the flag, and Ms. Golisano 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:

- (1) Posted on December 5, 2016 on the Bulletin Board of the Municipal Office at 23-A North Main Street, Cranbury, New Jersey and remains posted at that location.
- (2) Communicated to the Cranbury Press, Home News Tribune and Trenton Times on December 5, 2016.
- (3) Filed on December 5, 2016 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.
- (4) Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

Township Committee Minutes of October 23, 2017.

On motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Ms. Goetz and unanimously carried (with Mr. Mulligan abstaining due to absence), the Township Committee Minutes of October 23, 2017 were adopted.

Closed Session Minutes of October 23, 2017

On motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Ms. Goetz and unanimously carried (with Mr. Mulligan abstaining due to absence), the Closed Session Minutes of October 23, 2017 were adopted.

Reports and Communications

--Mayor

Mayor Cook reported a meeting was held to discuss the Department of Transportation RFP for funds being made available for Townships affected directly by warehousing and trade traffic. The deadline for the RFP submission is December 19th, and the Township is on track to meet the deadline. He stated Cranbury meets the criteria for the funding, which will be directed to repair Brickyard Road. He reported from an engineering standpoint, Brickyard Road needs to be completely rebuilt. He stated the roadbed underneath, as well as the milling and paving, will need to be done.

Reports and Communications

--Members of Committee

--Mr. Taylor

Mr. Taylor stated he spoke with Mr. Jerry Yochelson and confirmed Township will have a Menorah at Memorial Park again this year. Mr. Taylor reported it will be the same Menorah as in past years, and there will be a dimmer on the lights.

Mr. Taylor commended Officer Morley for pulling over a speeder doing 76 mph coming off Route 130 on to North Main Street. Mr. Taylor reported he was in an accident on South Main Street due to a motorist not following the traffic laws and stated there are still issues with traffic which the Township needs to continue to address.

Mr. Taylor thanked Public Works for working Sunday on the water main break on Cranbury Neck Road. Ms. Goetz thanked Public Works for also collecting leaves on Friday, which was a Township holiday.

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Reports and Communications (cont'd.)

--Members of Committee

--Mr. Mulligan

Mr. Mulligan reported the Bond Act for Libraries passed on Election Day and stated the Bond Act may provide means for obtaining some monies to fund the rest of the new library project. He stated he would be setting up a meeting with stakeholders from the Library, along with Mr. Taylor and Ms. Marabello and professionals from both sides, to come up with the best possible grant application to secure the funds. He stated a more thorough update will be provided in the next few months. Ms. Goetz stated she was approached by a resident who would like to assist with the application, and Mr. Mulligan stated the resident can reach out to him.

--Ms. Goetz

Concerning the DOT grant, Ms. Goetz inquired what amount the DOT would be applying for and Mayor Cook stated the Township will apply for \$1.5 million.

--Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson stated he attended the Pumpkin Carving Event, which was sponsored by the Lions Club and the PTO. He stated it was very well attended, and Mayor Cook stated the thought is the event may have to be moved to the auditorium next year to accommodate the increasing number of participants. Mr. Johnson stated he also attended the Board of Health and DRC meetings. He reported at the DRC meeting, the Developer of the Paul's Auto site presented plans and stated they should be starting construction in the spring. Construction should be complete within 14 to 16 months.

Mr. Johnson congratulated Amy Dixon, Peter Katz and Lisa Rue for winning seats on the School Board. He also congratulated Matt Scott for his win on the Township Committee and thanked Nancy Witt for running.

Reports and Communications

--Subcommittees

There were no reports from Subcommittees.

--Department Heads

There were no reports from Department Heads.

Follow-Up Items

McMansion Ordinance – The Committee is waiting for feedback from Township Planner, Richard Preiss. Mayor Cook requested Ms. Marabello reach out to Mr. Preiss for a status.

Noise Ordinance – Mr. Johnson reported he received correspondence from a resident concerning noise from a party. Mr. Johnson stated what particularly concerned him was the resident was told that the party's host had all the permits necessary for the party. Mr. Johnson stated there are no permits for events. He stated he will find out more what was said. Several residents in the audience stated they could hear the music at their homes located a distance away. Mr. Richard Kallan, Wynnewood Drive, stated an e-mail was sent by the host to the residents of Wynnewood Drive explaining about the party. Mr. Gene Speer, South Main Street, stated there are no provisions in the current Ordinance and perhaps it should be looked at. Mayor Cook stated the noise issue would be further addressed during Public Comment.

Agenda Additions/Changes

Ms. Golisano reported there were no additions or changes to the Agenda.

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Public Comment (For Items on Agenda)

Mayor Cook opened the meeting to public comment for items on the Agenda, and hearing none, closed the public portion of the meeting.

Resolutions

Consent Agenda

Mayor Cook asked the Township Committee if there were any questions or comments on the Consent Agenda. Hearing no questions or comments, he asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Mulligan, the following Resolutions were adopted by vote:

Ayes:	(Goetz	Abstain:	(None
	(Johnson	Absent:	(None
	(Mulligan		
	(Taylor		
	(Cook		

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 11-17-120

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 11-17-121

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, NJ

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF EXTRA DUTY ESCROW

WHEREAS, Garden State Sealing has outstanding credits of \$1,690.00 in their Extra Duty escrow account previously posted with the Township.

WHEREAS, the Police Department has no outstanding bills

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that the Township of Cranbury release outstanding credits in Garden State Sealing's extra duty escrow account.

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

- (a) Township Director of Finance
- (b) Garden State Sealing

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 11-17-122

WHEREAS, a Tax Sale was held in the Township of Cranbury on October 09, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, US Bank as Custodian for PC7 Firsttrust paid \$400.00 as a premium to obtain Tax Sale Certificate #17-00001 on Block 18 Lot 44.19 Qualifier C2417 and,

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Cranbury Township Resolution # R 11-17-122
(Continued)

WHEREAS, the Tax Sale certificates have been redeemed, the holder is entitled to a refund of the premium paid to obtain said certificate,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, that a refund in the amount of \$400.00 be paid to US Bank as Custodian for PC7 Firsttrust.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 11-17-123

WHEREAS, a Tax Sale was held in the Township of Cranbury on October 09, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, Roy Reinhardt paid \$20,000.00 as a premium to obtain Tax Sale Certificate #17-00003 on Block 21 Lot 17 and,

WHEREAS, the Tax Sale certificates have been redeemed, the holder is entitled to a refund of the premium paid to obtain said certificate,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, that a refund in the amount of \$20,000 be paid to Roy Reinhardt.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 11-17-124

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING YEAR 2017 BUDGET TRANSFERS.

WHEREAS, there are 2017 Budget Accounts which require more funding due to circumstances not known at the beginning of the year; and

WHEREAS, there will be excess balances in budget accounts in which the expenditures will be less than projected at the beginning of the year, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, that the following year 2017 Budget Transfers be authorized and made on the records and accounts of the Township:

	<u>Budget Account</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
7-01-20-130-025	Finance - OE	\$616.00	
7-01-36-471-026	Sewer Shared Service		\$616.00
7-01-20-130-025	Finance – OE	\$863.43	
7-01-36-475-662	PFRS – OE		\$863.43
7-01-25-240-012	Police – S&W	\$2,000.00	
7-01-20-151-025	Tax Map – OE		\$2,000.00

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

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Cranbury Township Resolution # R 11-17-124
(Continued)

- (a) Township Auditor
- (b) Township Chief Financial Officer

Resolution

On motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Taylor, the following Resolution was adopted by vote:

Ayes: (Goetz Johnson Mulligan Taylor Cook	Abstain: (None) Absent: (None)
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Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 11-17-125

WHEREAS, Jacob Thompson was diagnosed with cancer in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Jacob has demonstrated his courage and fortitude throughout his illness; and

WHEREAS, Jacob has become an inspiration to other patients who are facing similar illnesses at the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital in Portland, Maine; and

WHEREAS, his family has moved up the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays so Jacob can enjoy them;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury it hereby extends warm wishes for Jacob's Thanksgiving and Christmas;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this Resolution be sent to Jacob.

Work Session

a) Discussion of Proposed Township Committee Meeting Dates for 2018

Ms. Marabello reviewed and discussed with the Township Committee the proposed 2018 meeting date schedule. The Committee agreed with the proposed dates with the exception of changing the December 17, 2018 meeting to an "optional" meeting. The meeting schedule will be updated for approval at the Reorganization Meeting on January 2nd.

b). Discussion by Township Committee Supporting Better Transparency in Political Donations.

Township Committeewoman Susan Goetz led a discussion on supporting better transparency in political donations in State and Federal governments. Ms. Goetz explained to the public that the Township Committee deals mostly with local issues. However, she stated State and Federal issues can also impact the Township. She stated Cranbury candidates do not receive large contributions and receive their votes by going door to door campaigning and money comes from neighbors and friends to put brochures together.

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Work Session (cont'd.)

b). Discussion by Township Committee Supporting Better Transparency in Political Donations.

However, on other levels, big money impacts elections. Ms. Goetz stated this was brought to her attention by resident John Persico who works with an organization called "Represent Us." Ms. Goetz stated two-thirds of campaign contributions comes from two-tenths of the populations and people feel their votes do not count as much. She stated there is an act called the American Anti-Corruption Act that calls for greater exposure and disclosure of election funding. She stated the idea is to start the movement locally at the municipal level to make changes in the law so this does not continue. Ms. Goetz reported neighboring municipalities such as West Windsor, South Brunswick, Princeton, Lawrenceville and Ewing have adopted resolutions in support of the American Anti-Corruption Act. She asked if the Township Committee would be in agreement to send the message to the State and Federal representatives that the Township supports the changes and adjustments to the way money is given and votes are counted.

"Represent Us" Central Jersey team leaders, Dave Goodman and Susan Colby, further explained their role in asking communities in Mercer and Middlesex counties to join together to create a unified message of transparency and disclosure to the Legislature in Trenton. Mr. Goodman stated votes have a right to know the source of donations and stated "Represent Us" has been going all over the country looking for support of this Act. There was further discussion about the Act, and the Township Committee agreed to support it, with a Resolution to be done at the next meeting. Mr. Mulligan will provide additional wording to Ms. Cunningham, Clerk, to be added to the Resolution. The Township Committee all agreed to importance for transparency and thanked Ms. Colby and Mr. Goodman for their time.

Reports from Township Staff and Professionals

--Administrator's Report

Ms. Marabello stated there was concern that fire trucks could not get through Shady Brook Lane when cars were parked on the street. Ms. Marabello and Sgt. DeChiara looked at the street and it was decided there would be no parking on the entrance side from the corner to 8 Shady Brook Lane. The Homeowners Association was concerned there would be too many "No Parking" signs. Signs will be installed by DPW, and if called, the Police will come to address any violators.

--Assistant Administrator's Report

Ms. Golisano stated she had nothing to report.

Reports from Township Boards and Commissions

Ms. Bonnie Larson, Cranbury Neck Road and Chair of the Cable Commission, reported she has been in touch with Mr. Rob Clifton of Comcast, and stated the Cable Commission will not be doing anything with Comcast until late next fall. She stated the Township has about one (1) year to figure out what it wants to do with technology. She reported the attorneys advised the more specific the Township can be on what it wants for the technology grant, the better chance the Township has for getting the money. One idea is technology for the new public room in the new library. She inquired if there is anything Town Hall needs. Ms. Larson stated the Township will ask for \$12,000, and per the attorney, the Township would probably get \$6,000 to \$8,000. Ms. Larson recommended asking for as much as possible to see what the Township can get. Mr. Mulligan stated the Township will come up with technology ideas for Town Hall and the Library.

Public Comment

Mayor Cook opened the meeting to public comment.

Mr. Richard Kallan, Wynnewood Drive, stated for the Anti-Corruption Act, he would like to see "local" included along with State and Federal wording.

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Public Comment (cont'd.)

Mr. Kallan inquired if it is a conflict of interest for a Committeeperson to address issues of contributors to their campaigns. Ms. Goetz stated all monies contributed must be reported.

Mr. Kallan stated the McMansion Ordinance is included on the Agenda and inquired why it was not addressed. The Township Committee explained it is waiting for the Township Planner's input to update the Committee. Mr. Taylor explained it is on the Agenda as a "follow-up" item so it is not forgotten.

Mr. Kallan asked if the Noise Ordinance would be further discussed. Mayor Cook stated the Noise Ordinance had recently been discussed because of the rodeo, then the residential radon noise, and now the latest party. He stated the issue now seems more complicated and may have to hold a work session to further discuss it. Mayor Cook stated it will be important to see why the Township's ordinances are the way they are and recommended tailoring a future ordinance to fit the current needs of the Township. Mayor Cook stated Cranbury is an agrarian town and it is thought the noises could not be louder than farm equipment

Mr. Mulligan recommended looking at how early or late the enforcement hours are. He stated his concern is whether the laws on the books are being enforced and stated the laws on the books must be enforced before new laws are added.

Mrs. Mary Speer, South Main Street, stated the noise from the Wynnewood party was extremely loud. She stated her house was vibrating. The band started before 8:00 p.m., had a short break and played until 10:15 p.m. She stated they did not hear music, but instead heard the booming noise of the amplifiers, which was maddening. She stated she and her neighbor each called the police twice, with no reduction of sound. Mr. Taylor stated he could hear the noise in the back of his house, and Mr. Mulligan could hear the sound at Old Cranbury Road. Mr. Mulligan stated it was unacceptable it was not shut down, and Mayor Cook stated it will be looked into. Mr. Kallan stated the music started at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Speer stated there are two (2) issues: the time issue and also the quantity (decibels) of noise. Mrs. Speer stated there was no reduction of sound after called the police. Mr. Taylor stated he talked to people who attended the party and was told police did respond to the scene; however, the sound was not reduced. The Township Committee stated it will look further into the matter.

There being no further comments, Mayor Cook closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Mayor's Notes

Mayor Cook stated she had nothing further to report and requested the Noise Ordinance be added again as a follow up item on the next agenda.

Township Committee Members' Notes

There were no additional Committee comments.

Mayor Cook requested a motion to adjourn. On motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Jean Golisano
Deputy Clerk