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: Dave Cook, Susan Goetz, Glenn Johnson, and Mayor Dan Mulligan. Jay Taylor was absent. Also present were Richard Preiss, Township Planner; Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/Director of Finance, and Kathleen Cunningham, Municipal Clerk/Assistant Administrator. Mayor Mulligan led in the salute to the flag, and Ms. Cunningham 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 1, 2015 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 1, 2015.
- (3) Filed on December 1, 2015 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 March 14, 2016

On motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously carried, the Township Committee Minutes of March 14, 2016 were adopted.

Closed Session Minutes of February 22, 2016

On motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Goetz and unanimously carried, the Closed Session Minutes of March 14, 2016 was adopted.

Reports and Communications --Members of Committee

## --Mr. Cook

Mr. Cook reported work on the culvert on South Main Street is slated to be replaced by the County in July. He explained South Main Street would be closed to Route 130 for four (4) to six (6) months. Traffic would have to use the Old Trenton Road extension to access Route 130.

--Ms. Goetz

Ms. Goetz stated she had nothing to report.

--Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson reported he attended the School Board Meeting and a Planning Board Meeting. He reported he helped out at the Rabies Clinic, stating 59 dogs were inoculated (33 from Cranbury and 26 from out-of-town), and 19 cats (eight (8) from Cranbury and 11 from out-of-town).

Reports and Communication

--Mayor

Mayor Mulligan reported there is a lot going on with affordable housing. He apologized to the Committee members for calling them at the last minute with information; however, there are very tight timelines.

Reports and Communications

--Subcommittees

There were no reports from Subcommittees.

**Reports and Communications** 

--Department Heads

Mr. Mike Kervan, Chief of the Cranbury Volunteer Fire Company gave the report from February 23 through present, as follows: 48 calls in the past month (125 calls year-to-date); 79.43 volunteer man hours (319.54 hours year-to-date). He reported there was a smoke condition in the lobby of the Marriott, a carbon monoxide incident where someone was using a gas-powered engine in a basement; Cranbury's tanker responded to a brush fire in Monmouth Junction; a structure fire in East Windsor; and a truck fire on the Turnpike. Chief Kervan reported activity is a little quieter this year compared to last year for the Fire Company. He stated the Fire Company is going to work with some of the other fire companies to reduce the mutual aid responses. He stated it has been a lot for the volunteers to respond to all of the mutual aid calls.

## Agenda Additions/Changes

Ms. Cunningham reported there were no Agenda additions or changes.

Public Comment - For Agenda Items

Mayor Mulligan opened the meeting to public questions and comments for items on the Agenda. There being no comments, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

## Public Hearing on Proposed 2016 Budget

Public Hearing on the Proposed 2016 Municipal Budget

Mayor Mulligan officially opened the Public Hearing on the 2016 Municipal Budget.

Ms. Denise Marabello, Township Administrator and Director of Finance, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2016 Municipal Budget, attached as Addendum A.

Mayor Mulligan stated the Township Committee and Ms. Marabello have been very cautious with the Budget and have been trying to stretch out the Surplus. Ms. Marabello explained there are many projects through 2020, including the Park Place parking lot, affordable housing, sewer improvements, Brainerd Lake dredging, Petty Road and Bridge repairs, and other major road repairs will cost the Township a lot of money.

The Mayor then opened the meeting to public questions and comment on the Municipal Budget.

Mr. Richard Kallan, Wynnewood Drive, inquired about the possible \$5 million cost of the Lake dredging and asked the Township Committee about the work previously done to the Lake. Ms. Goetz explained the weeds had been treated by herbicide as an alternate measure until the dredging could be done. Ms. Goetz stated the Township had not maintained the Lake and did not treat it until the Lake was in bad shape. She stated the work really needed to be done and was not done since the mid 70's.

Mr. Kallan inquired why the Township has a 2 cent/\$100 increase whereas the School has none. He stated the School has very similar State- mandated increases. Mr. Kallan asked for clarification on what extra costs the Township has that the School Board does not have. Ms. Marabello stated the School has paid off a lot of their debt and are not incurring future debt in that they are not looking to do any capital projects. If they do need to do a project, they will pull from their reserve. Ms. Marabello stated the Township's reserve and surplus are used to keep the tax rate down. Mayor Mulligan stated the School has had a declining enrollment.

Ms. Bonnie Larson, Cranbury Neck Road, inquired if the affordable housing number in the Budget was just for Round 3. Mr. Cook stated it is, and explained it is a "big spend" now. He stated the Township is at the final stage and within the next 30 to 45 days, Cranbury's obligation should be determined and that is the number

Public Hearing on the Budget

Ms. Bonnie Larson (cont'd.)

built in for the pricing. Ms. Larson inquired if the Protinick property is Mount Laurel, and Mr. Cook stated "not in a general sense." Ms. Larson asked about the \$3 million from Toll Brothers for that property. Mayor Mulligan stated that money would be used to offset costs and would greatly help the Township; however, Ms. Marabello stated the Township cannot count on that money at this time. Mayor Mulligan stated that Cranbury's standing on affordable housing today is in good shape moving forward because in the law there is a 20% cap that no more than 20% of a Township's housing should be affordable. Mayor Mulligan stated the Township's plan means that criteria.

Mayor Mulligan stated the Surplus is key to the Budget. He stated the Township Committee has tried to maintain the Surplus the last five (5) or six (6) years to keep the tax rate stable. He stated if the surplus had been spent down quickly, the Township would be in very bad financial shape as a town. Without the surplus, the Town loses its bond rating. Mayor Mulligan explained if there is ever a tax appeal, the Township would have to pay back the taxes. He stated Cranbury has a great Tax Assessor who has been able to work out appeals. Mayor Mulligan stated the Township needs economic development in the Town that makes sense. He stated there are properties on Route 130 that can be redeveloped, which would be a win for the property owner and the Township gets tax ratables. There were no additional comments and Mayor Mulligan closed the Public Hearing on the Municipal Budget.

#### Resolution

Mayor Mulligan requested a motion to adopt the 2016 Budget. On motion by Ms. Goetz, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following Resolution was adopted by vote:

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

Nays: (None

## CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION R 02-16-042 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET of the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex for the Fiscal Year 2016.

#### **Revenue and Appropriation Summaries**

| Anticipated  |                 |                 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Summary of Revenues  | 2016            | 2015            |
| 1. Surplus   | \$1,099,400.00  | \$1,000,000.00  |
| 2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues                              | \$2,660,736.45  | \$2,904,273.77  |
| 3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes                            | \$120,422.00    | \$167,125.00    |
| 4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes                       | \$6,784,838.14  | \$6,466,711.92  |
| <ul> <li>b) Addition to Local District School Tax</li> </ul> |                 |                 |
| c) Minimum Library Tax                                       | \$514,388.44    | \$483,300.00    |
| Tot Amt to be Raised by Taxes for Mun                        |                 |                 |
| Budget   | \$7,299,226.58  | \$6,950,011.92  |
| Total General Revenues                                       | \$11,179,785.03 | \$11,021,410.69 |

## CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION R 02-16-042 (Continued)

| Summary of Appropriations  |  | 2016 Budget   | Final 2015 Budget   |  |
|--|--|---|---|--|
| <ol> <li>Operating Expenses: S&amp;W<br/>Other Expenses</li> <li>Deferred Charges &amp; Other Appropriations</li> <li>Capital Improvements</li> <li>Debt Service (include for School Purposes)</li> <li>Reserve for Uncollected Taxes</li> </ol> |  | \$3,225,601.22<br>\$4,830,969.05<br>\$828,808.00<br>\$94,555.00<br>\$2,054,010.67<br>\$145,841.09 | \$3,174,491.22<br>\$4,829,344.63<br>\$773,622.00<br>\$30,000.00<br>\$2,072,438.84<br>\$141,514.00 |  |
| Total General Appropriations   |  | \$11,179,785.03   | \$11,021,410.69   |  |
| Total Number of Employees  |  | 69  | 69  |  |
| Balance of Outstanding Debt  |  |   |   |  |
| Interest Payments in 2016 \$484,081.74<br>Principal Payments in 2016 \$1,569,928.93<br>Outstanding Balance \$16,169,590.00<br>(12/31/15)   |  |   |   |  |

Ordinance First Reading

## Cranbury Township Ordinance # 03-16-04

An Ordinance entitled, # 03-16-04, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 82 FEES," was introduced for first reading. Ms. Marabello explained Cranbury Township did not previously have a kennel in the Township. There is now a kennel that has applied for a license and this Ordinance puts the kennel fees in place. The Township's Health Office will conduct the inspections on behalf of the State. Ms. Cunningham confirmed the location is zoned for a kennel. On motion by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Ordinance was passed on first reading by vote:

| Ayes: | (Cook<br>(Goetz<br>(Johnson<br>(Mulligan | Abstain: (None<br>Absent: (Taylor |  |
|-------|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| Nays: | (None                                    |                                   |  |

Public Hearing: April 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

## Cranbury Township Ordinance # 03-16-04 (Continued)

WHEREAS, Chapter 82-2 of the Code of the Township of Cranbury ("Code") addresses miscellaneous fees; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish the fees that may be charged for a license to operate a kennel;

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

SECTION 1. The recitals contained in the foregoing preamble are incorporated herein as if fully restated.

Section 82-2 of the Code of the Township of Cranbury ("Code"), entitled "Miscellaneous fees", is hereby amended and shall read as follows (additions are <u>underlined</u>; deletions are in [brackets]:

## § 82-2 Miscellaneous fees

F. Kennel License

| (1) Ten (10) dogs or less    | \$10.00 |
|------------------------------|---------|
| (2) Eleven (11) dogs or more | \$25.00 |

SECTION 2. Repealer. All ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Ordinance, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication, as required by law.

Resolutions Consent

Mayor Mulligan asked the Township Committee if there were any questions or comments on the Consent Agenda. Hearing no comments, he requested a motion to adopt the Consent Resolutions. On a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Cook, and unanimously carried, the following Resolutions were passed by vote:

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

Nays: (None

## Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-16-061

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 03-16-062

### A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CRANBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE MOWING OF CERTAIN SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELDS

WHEREAS, in the prior year, the Township of Cranbury and the Cranbury School District executed a Shared Agreement for the mowing of certain school athletic fields; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury has offered to continue to provide these services to the Cranbury School District during 2016 as set forth in the attached agreement; and

WHEREAS, the total fee collected for 2016 will be \$8,500.00: and

WHEREAS, such agreements are authorized pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. Seq:

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

- 1. Said Agreement is hereby continued for a period commencing March 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016
- 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 03-16-063

### A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY AND THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

WHEREAS, Middlesex County has created the Middlesex County Department of Public Health pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-1 et seq. to provide an array of public health services; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury is desirous of contracting with Middlesex County for furnishing by the County to the Municipality health services of technical and professional nature; and

WHEREAS, Middlesex County has submitted a proposed agreement to provide all public health services for the Township of Cranbury for two (2)years commencing on January 1, 2016 and terminating on December 31, 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Cranbury and the County of Middlesex for public health services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Township of Cranbury.

# Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-16-064 Change Order #2 Construction of Improvements Main Street Beautification Phases III & IV

Whereas, The Township of Cranbury was awarded two grants by the New Jersey Department of Transportation through the Municipal Aid Program, for Downtown Beautification Phases III and IV; and

Whereas, The Township of Cranbury awarded a contract to Think Pavers of Swedesboro, New Jersey for the construction of certain improvements on North Main Street as detailed in the bid Documents; and

Whereas, changes in the scope were made to extend the improvements and make other beneficial changes to the Contract; and

Whereas, these changes have been reviewed and approved by the Township Engineer; and

Whereas, these changes and additions are more specifically outlined in the attached document; and

Whereas, there are sufficient funds within the grant funding to pay for these additional costs: and

Whereas, the amount of the changes to be approved in this Change Order total \$15,570.02 or 3.6% of the Original Contract; and

Whereas, this proposed increase is in addition to Change Order #1 creating a total increase to the contract of \$44,880.58 or a 13.09%.

Whereas, this increase is permitted under the law;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the current contract amount is hereby amended and increased to \$387,694.15.

## Resolution

Cranbury Township Resolution # 03-16-065

Mayor Mulligan explained the next Resolution is designating Paul's Auto Body site as an area in need of redevelopment. He wanted to stress that Paul's Auto Body is staying in business in Cranbury. Ms. Cunningham stated the Resolution's last paragraph will be amended, as follows: "Be It Further Resolved that the Township Committee directs the Planner to prepare a redevelopment plan for the Study Area to be introduced by Ordinance." Mayor Mulligan explained the Township Committee is commissioning the study versus sending it to the Planning Board for the study. He stated the Township's attorney explained it should be done that way from a time perspective. Mayor Mulligan stated the Township Committee has more control over the timeline this way. Mr. Cook stated the County needs a certain level of fulfillment on the Township affordable housing plan to ratify that Cranbury is acting on its commitment. It was confirmed the Planning Board will review the plans.

## Cranbury Township Resolution # 03-16-065 (Continued)

Mr. Richard Preiss, Township Planner, summarized the report for the Paul's Auto site to be designated as an Area in Need of Redevelopment (AINR). He stated the origin of the report was the Township Committee Resolution adopted on February 22, 2016, which authorized and directed the Planning Board to conduct a study whether Paul's Auto (Block 33, Lot 13.04) qualified as a non-condemnation area needing redevelopment. Mr. Dave Hoder, PE, Planning Board's Engineer, Mr. Allan Kehrt, Planning Board Chairman and the prospective developer conducted a physical inspection of the property. Mr. Preiss stated the property is located on south Route 130, just south of Half Acre Road, and he described the surrounding properties. From a Master Plan perspective, the property is in the highway commercial zone, and stated in 2013 an amendment was done to the Master Plan to encourage further commercial development. Mr. Preiss reported the Planning Board at its March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, recommended that the site be so designated. He described the structures on the site, the few marked parking spaces and the equipment located on the site. Mr. Preiss stated there is easy access to Route 130 and stated the site is really void of landscaping except for some scrub brush and a few trees. He stated the pavement is in poor condition, lacks storm water management drainage and has poor lighting. Mr. Preiss further described the buildings and utilities.

Mr. Preiss stated they focused on the local redevelopment and housing law that sets forth the criteria that the Governing Body can delineate an area as a redevelopment area, which consists of eight (8) criteria. The two (2) criteria focused on included Item (a) the substandard, unsafe conditions of buildings on site and Item (d), dilapidation and obsolescence, overcrowding, quality of design, and other factors are detrimental to the safety, health and welfare of the community. Mr. Preiss stated in addition to the poor conditions described, Mr. Dave Hoder, Planning Board Engineer, had taken a look at the buildings and indicated there are a number of safety issues with them. Mr. Hoder reported the buildings were outdated building systems with outdated heating, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing, and telecommunications systems. Mr. Preiss stated there are also some environmental concerns that would probably have to be remediated. He stated the buildings have fallen into a state of disrepair, and it would not be financially possible to upgrade them. He stated because of codes it would be far better to demolish the buildings. He stated for these reasons, the area would qualify to be an area in need of redevelopment.

Mayor Mulligan asked if there were any questions from the Township, and hearing none, asked the public for comments. Mr. Richard Kallan, Wynnewood Drive, commended Mr. Preiss on his presentation and inquired what made the Township Committee interested in this particular property. He stated there are other properties that are in far worse condition. He stated there is a viable business there. He asked why this site and who will pay for all the upgrades. Mayor Mulligan stated this site is where Cranbury's affordable housing obligation will be met. He stated the size of the property meets Cranbury's needs, and Paul's Auto will move to another site. Mr. Preiss stated for clarification that this is a non-condemnation and there is no intention by the Township Committee to condemn the property. He stated the site is where the affordable housing project will go, and it is under contract with an affordable housing builder. The next step would be to do a redevelopment plan which would enable an affordable housing project to go forward. Mayor Mulligan clarified that Paul's Auto is the tenant, and the owner of the property was looking to sell in the next few years anyway. Mayor Mulligan stated the Affordable Housing Subcommittee met a year ago to look at potential sites. He stated this site was identified as a key potential site because its location is attached to the village and residents could walk into Town. Mayor Mulligan stated a lot of pressure was placed on the Township by the Courts and State Government to implement the Township's affordable housing plan within a very limited

# Cranbury Township Resolution # 03-16-065 (Continued)

timeline. Mayor Mulligan explained the site works because there are medical facilities, a bus stop, food stores and other essential facilities nearby. He stated the highway location was good because there would be less funding if the housing was not accessible to essential facilities. He stated there will be 65 senior units built on that site, and the Township will receive tax credits for that site. Mr. Cook stated since the location is on the west side of Route 130, there would be no major road to cross and secondarily, the site is adjacent to the Village Park for pedestrian access to the Town. Mayor Mulligan thanked Mr. Preiss for his presentation and also for all of his work on the affordable housing plan. Mr. Preiss stated an informal presentation will be made to the Planning Board on April 7<sup>th</sup>. There was additional discussion about the timeline and process.

On motion by Ms. Goetz, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried, the following Resolution was adopted by vote:

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

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-16-065

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY DETERMINING THAT THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 33, LOT 13.04 (the "PAUL'S AUTO SITE") IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY BE DESIGNATED AS A NON-CONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:12A-1 *et seq.* 

**WHEREAS**, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:12A-1 *et seq.* (the "Redevelopment Law") authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land located therein constitute areas in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury (the "Township Committee"), by adoption of Resolution No. 02-16-045, authorized and directed the Planning Board of the Township ("Board") to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether certain property, identified as Block 33, Lot 13.04, and known as the Paul's Auto site, or any portions thereof ("Study Area"), meets the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law and should be designated as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area, as that term is defined by the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board conducted a preliminary investigation of the Study Area to determine whether it should be designated as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area in accordance with the criteria and procedures set forth in <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:12A-5 and 40A:12A-6; and

## Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-16-065 (Continued)

WHEREAS, as part of its preliminary investigation, the Board caused Phillips Preiss Grygiel LLC ("PPG"), and David Hoder, P.E., of Hoder Associates, the Board's engineering consultant, to prepare a report dated March 7, 2016 titled "Area in Need of Redevelopment Investigation for the Paul's Auto Site, Township of Cranbury, New Jersey" (the "Report") for the Board for its consideration in determining whether the Study Area should be designated a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the foregoing, PPG and Mr. Hoder prepared a map showing the boundaries of the proposed redevelopment area and location of the parcel of property included therein, along with a statement setting forth the basis for its investigation in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:12A-6(b)(1); and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was conducted by the Board on March 17, 2016, with notice having been properly given pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:12A-6(b)(3); and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing, the Board reviewed the Report, the map and associated documents, and heard testimony from Board Planner Elizabeth Leheny, PP, AICP, and Board engineer David J. Hoder, PE, CME; and

**WHEREAS**, at the public hearing, members of the general public were given an opportunity to be heard and to address questions to the Board concerning the potential designation of the Study Area as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, after completing its investigation and public hearings on this matter, the Board concluded that there was sufficient evidence to support findings and satisfy the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, particularly at *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 et seq.*, for designating the Study Area as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area and that said designation is necessary for the effective redevelopment of the area comprising said Property; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Redevelopment Law and as memorialized by way of Resolution dated March 17, 2016, the Board recommended to the Township Committee that Block 33, Lot 13.04 be designated as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee considered the Board's recommendation at their regularly scheduled public meeting on March 28, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, at the Township Committee's public meeting, members of the general public were given an opportunity to be heard and to address questions concerning the potential designation of the Study Area as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee took the action herein noted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, State of New Jersey, accept the recommendation from the Planning Board of the Township of Cranbury and hereby designates Block 33, Lot 13.04 on the official tax map of the Township of Cranbury as

## Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-16-065 (Continued)

a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area in accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:12A-1 <u>et seq.</u>; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the designation of Block 33, Lot 13.04 as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area shall not authorize the Township to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire any property in the Study Area; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Township of Cranbury shall forthwith transmit a copy of the within Resolution to the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs for review; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that within ten (10) days of the Township Committee's adoption of the within Resolution, the Clerk of the Township of Cranbury shall serve notice of the Township Committee's determination and the within Resolution upon all record owners of property within the Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area, those whose names are listed on the tax assessor's records, and upon each person who filed a written objection thereto and stated, in or upon the written submission, an address to which notice of the determination and Resolution may be sent and upon the Commission of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee directs the Planner prepare a redevelopment plan for the Study Area to be introduced by Ordinance.

## Proclamation

Mayor Mulligan read the following Proclamation naming Wednesday, April 27, 2016 as "Denim Day in Cranbury Township."

#### Proclamation

Whereas, in 1997, wearing jeans in April became an international symbol of protest against the prevention of sexual violence; and

**Whereas**, in 2008 and again in 2010, the New Jersey State Legislature passed a joint resolution designating an official state-wide "Denim Day" observance; and

Whereas, by observing Denim Day on April 27, 2016 it raises awareness about consent and the prevention of sexual awareness;

**Now Therefore**, I, Daniel P. Mulligan, III, Mayor of the Township of Cranbury, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 27, 2016 as "Denim Day in Cranbury Township".

# Reports from Township Staff and Professionals

--Administrator's Report

Ms. Marabello stated she has not heard back from the Traffic Bureau concerning the speeding on the West Property driveway. She reported to the Township Committee the responses to several requests from the residents on Plainsboro. For reflectors on the roadway, Ms. Marabello stated Public Works cannot do this because the roadway has to be grinded for reflectors to be installed. Ms. Marabello stated the Chief will not

Reports from Township Staff and Professionals

--Administrator's Report (cont'd.)

endorse the striping for the roadway. She stated the Police rotate the speed patrols and will continue to enforce speed limits on Plainsboro Road. Concerning adding street lights, PSE&G will have to be contacted and there will be a cost to the Township. The Township Committee inquired about determining the cost of reflectors before making a decision. Mr. Johnson suggested installing reflectors on poles on the side of the road as a less expensive alternative. Mayor Mulligan asked Ms. Marabello to contact PSE&G for the cost of street lights.

Reports from Township Staff and Professionals

--Assistant Administrator's Report

Ms. Cunningham stated she needs direction from the Township Committee concerning the access channel. She stated it is her understanding that the channel is to be an informational message board. It was agreed the information posted should be short and concise.

Reports from Township Boards and Commissions

There were no reports from Township Boards and Commissions.

Public Comment

The Mayor opened the meeting to public questions and comments.

Mr. Richard Kallan, Wynnewood Drive, inquired if the Township Committee can approach one of the Township's State Representatives and ask them to propose a Bill that a Township not be responsible to pay the School and County portions of taxes when paying back taxes on an appeal. Mayor Mulligan stated there had been a Bill stating that. He stated he does not know when happened to the Bill but will personally research it. There being no additional comments, the Mayor closed the public portion of the meeting.

Mayor's Notes

Mayor Mulligan reported he had no Mayor's Notes this evening.

Township Committee Members' Notes

The Township Committee Members had no additional comments.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, RMC Municipal Clerk