

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
April 25, 2016

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, Jay Taylor, and Mayor Dan Mulligan. Also present were Karen Cayci, Esq., Township Attorney; Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/Director of Finance, and Jean Golisano Deputy Municipal Clerk. Mayor Mulligan 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 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.

Resolution

Mayor Mulligan stated the Township prepared a Resolution honoring Mr. John Ziegler for his years of service on the Historic Preservation Commission. Each Committee Member thanked Mr. Ziegler for volunteering on the HPC and shared their personal experiences with him. Mayor Mulligan read the Resolution to the public. On motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously carried, the following Resolution was adopted by vote:

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

Nays: (None

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 04-16-078

WHEREAS, John Ziegler was born and raised in Cranbury; and

WHEREAS, John has much knowledge, enthusiasm and expertise for architecture and Cranbury history which he has shared throughout the years with many Cranbury residents; and

WHEREAS, John designed the Gazebo in Village Park which was dedicated as part of the Township's "Bicentennial Project" on July 4, 1979; and

WHEREAS, in 1989 John was appointed to the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (otherwise known as "HPAC") in its infancy and served for one (1) year; and

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WHEREAS, John later served on the Historic Preservation Commission for six (6) years and “retired” on December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, John made significant contributions to the unique status of our community within the State of New Jersey in the preservation of its historic resources and has shared his expertise and knowledge of the homes in Cranbury; and

WHEREAS, John has given of his time, knowledge, experience, intelligence, integrity and loyalty to the Township of Cranbury;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury hereby thanks John Ziegler for devoting countless volunteer hours for the benefit of our Community and conveys its gratitude and appreciation for his dedication throughout the years and making a difference in the lives of Cranbury residents;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this Resolution be presented to John Ziegler with heartfelt thanks.

Township Committee Minutes of April 11, 2016

On motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously carried (with Mr. Taylor abstaining due to absence), the Township Committee Minutes of April 11, 2016 were adopted.

Reports and Communications
--Members of Committee

--Ms. Goetz

Ms. Goetz reported she did a presentation at a Golden Agers’ luncheon. She reported there were about 50 people in attendance, and stated they were very interested in hearing about the Hagerty/Cheney/Kushner property. She stated she updated the audience on the property and was able to answer their questions. She stated they were generally excited about the project. Ms. Goetz reported the developer is still in the process of securing some of the permits needed for the project. She reported they probably should be able to start demolition and remediation of the site at the end of the summer.

Ms. Goetz reported the “Downtown Beautification Project” is almost complete with the exception of the lighting by the Lake. She stated the lights from the Lake to the West Driveway need to be installed and some footing repair work needs to be completed. She stated the sidewalks are done and stated some of the flowering trees, especially near the Post Office, are beautiful. She stated it was a tricky winter, and it is hopeful all of the trees planted will survive. Mayor Mulligan commended Ms. Goetz, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Cook for all of their hard work on the Project. Mayor Mulligan stated the Township has received almost \$1 million in Beautification grant monies; however, this round the Township did not receive any grant funding.

--Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson reported he attended the Planning Board Meeting and stated the Aetna Building will be demolished and two (2) large warehouses will take its place. Mayor Mulligan explained the building has been vacant for a long time and it is not generating any revenue. He stated the 400,000 square foot Aetna building was built for a specific tenant, and it is not reasonable to retrofit it. Mr. Cook reported the previous

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Reports and Communications

--Members of Committee

(Mr. Johnson cont'd.)

tenant, a data center, did not work out. Ms. Goetz stated it is costing the owner approximately \$1 million a year to maintain the building. Mr. Cook stated there are a lot of issues with broken windows and damage to the building. He stated it is too bad the beautiful building must come down for warehouses; however, it is not being used and it is in a ratable area.

--Mr. Cook

Mr. Cook reported there has been much progress on affordable housing, and stated the Township has received recognition from the County on its affordable housing plan. He stated the Township has also made progress in deciding the location of the new Library, and reported both projects are moving in the right direction.

--Mr. Taylor

Mr. Taylor reported the hayrack baskets on the lampposts on Main Street will be fully funded by one (1) resident in the Township. He reported he attended the celebration for Mrs. Dorothy Klotzbeacher ("Mrs. K.") to honor her years of working at the Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School. Mr. Taylor stated just as the Township honored Mr. Ziegler this evening, it is very important to recognize those who give to the community.

Reports and Communication

--Mayor

Mayor Mulligan commented on using the name "Paul's Auto Site" when referring to the affordable housing site. He stressed Paul's Auto is relocating and is not leaving Cranbury. He asked if informally the site could be called something other than Paul's Auto. Ms. Marabello stated it is tough to change the name of the site because it is the name listed on the Resolution and Ordinance, but it would be OK for the Township Committee and Boards to informally call it another name. After some discussion, it was decided the site would be referred to as the "Ingerman Site."

Mayor Mulligan reported he officiated his first wedding as Mayor for Dr. Notterman's daughter, Arielle, and stated performing a wedding is one of the nice duties of his position.

Mayor Mulligan reported there was a fire on Old Cranbury Road due to a downed electrical wire. He stated he was very glad the Township invested in a Brush Truck. He commended the Fire Company for their great dedication.

Mayor Mulligan reported Molto Bene has applied to serve wine from the Working Dog Winery, a local winery located in Robbinsville and East Windsor. In addition, he reported they stated they would love to grow grapes in Cranbury.

He reported the loop trail on the Hagerty Property being built by Hunter Pormilli for his Scout project is looking amazing. Mayor Mulligan stated he has been running and walking the trail. Ms. Goetz interjected, stating she forgot to mention during her report that the Environmental Commission suggested the name of the trail be "Pin Oak Trail." She stated she did not know if the name had to be formally adopted and stated Hunter had to make a sign and the site has to be added to the website. There was discussion about the name of the property and possible names for the trail. Mayor Mulligan stated he would like to see the property memorialized as the "Hagerty Property. After additional discussion, the Township Committee all agreed the property would be named the "Hagerty Property," and the loop trail be named the "Pin Oak Loop Trail." There was discussion that the Reinhardt property is named the Reinhardt Preserve; however, the trails are not named.

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Reports and Communication

--Mayor

Mayor Mulligan reported speeding on the West Property driveway will be addressed with the introduction of an Ordinance naming the street so a speed limit can be assigned, which the Police Department can enforce. He stated he thanked the resident on Plainsboro Road for bringing some safety issues to the Committee's attention, and responded to some of his questions on how the issues would be addressed. Mayor Mulligan stated the request for yellow lines will not be granted as that is a Police decision; however, reflectors and additional lighting will be added.

Mayor Mulligan stated a subcommittee was formed to purchase holiday decorations, and members agreed they would meet soon to discuss that.

Mayor Mulligan stated the affordable housing is moving along. He reported the Route 130-D site price has crept up to \$4 million due to site plan and site work needed on the Project. He stated the Township is hoping for closer to \$3.5 million and will be very cognizant on spending.

Mayor Mulligan reported there would be a Closed Session later in meeting, and the Township Committee would be discussing easements. He explained that in order to fulfill the Township's Affordable Housing Plan and to keep the Township safe from being sued under Builder's Remedy, easements must be obtained from Cranbury Walk. He stated the Homeowners Association and a homeowner were looking to sue the Township.

Mayor Mulligan announced that an affordable housing update will be given at the May 23rd Township Committee Meeting. He stated the Township's COAH attorney, Mr. Kevin Van Hise, Esq, and also Ms. Marybeth Lonergan, COAH Consultant will be at the meeting. Mayor Mulligan stated he would like the meeting advertised on the website, e-mail blast and also the Township's access channel.

Reports and Communications

--Subcommittees

There were no reports from Subcommittees.

Reports and Communications

--Department Heads

There were no reports from Department Heads.

Agenda Additions/Changes

Ms. Golisano reported due to a publishing error, Cranbury Township Ordinance # 04-16-06 is being carried over to the May 9th meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Resolution

There was discussion about the selection of the name for the driveway. Mr. Taylor stated for generations the property was owned by the Hutchison family, which was later bought by the West's who married into the family. Mr. Taylor suggested naming the driveway after the Hutchison family who has done a lot for the community. It was stated if the name was changed from West Property Drive as stated in this Resolution, the Ordinance on the speed limit on West Property Drive could not be introduced this evening. The Township Committee felt it was important

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Resolution (cont'd.)

that the speed limit be acted on quickly. After additional discussion, it was decided to leave the name as "West Property Drive" as most residents already associate that name with the driveway. It was decided that "Hutchison" could be used as a street name on a future project. On motion by Ms. Goetz, seconded by Mr. Johnson the following Resolution was adopted by vote:

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 04-16-079

WHEREAS, Cranbury Township owns the West Property driveway also known as part of Block 23 Lot 70.02; and

WHEREAS, the owner, Cranbury Township wishes to name the driveway West Property Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Cranbury Township Tax Assessor has confirmed that the name of West Property Drive is not duplicated in the corporate limits of the Municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that the West Property driveway be named West Property Drive and that such name be effective upon adoption of the resolution.

Ordinances

First Reading

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 04-16-07

An Ordinance entitled Cranbury Township Ordinance # 04-16-07, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 143 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC," was introduced for first reading. On motion by Ms. Goetz, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried, the Ordinance was passed on first reading by vote:

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

Nays: (None

WHEREAS, Chapter 143 of the Code of the Township of Cranbury ("Code") addresses vehicular and traffic issues within the Township; and

WHEREAS, 143-3 Speed Limits of this chapter addresses speed limits for both directions of traffic along the following streets or parts of streets; and

WHEREAS, the driveway to the West Property has been named West Property Drive; and

WHEREAS, West Property Drive needs to be added to this chapter

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

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Cranbury Township Ordinance # 04-16-07
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SECTION 1. The recitals contained in the foregoing preamble are incorporated herein as if fully restated.

Section 143-3 of the Code of the Township of Cranbury ("Code"), entitled "Speed Limits," is hereby amended and shall read as follows (additions are underlined; deletions are in [brackets]):

§ 143-3. Speed Limits.

Speed Limit		
<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>(mph)</u>	<u>Limits</u>
<u>WEST PROPERTY</u>		
<u>DRIVE</u>	10	Entire Length

Unless another penalty is expressly provided by New Jersey statutes, every person convicted of a violation of this ordinance or any supplement thereto shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$50 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 15 days or both.

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.

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 04-16-08

An Ordinance entitled Cranbury Township Ordinance # 04-16-08, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7, A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PAUL'S AUTO SITE, BLOCK 33, LOT 13.04 ON THE CRANBURY TAX MAP," was introduced for first reading. On motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Cook, the Ordinance was passed on first reading by vote:

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

Nays: (None

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the Cranbury Township Committee, Cranbury, in Middlesex County, New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury ("Committee") make the following findings:

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Cranbury Township Ordinance # 04-16-08
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a. By Resolution No. R 02-16-045, the Mayor and Committee directed the Cranbury Township Planning Board (the "Planning Board") to conduct an investigation into whether the property which is identified as Block 33, Lot 13.04 (the "Study Area") qualified as a Non-condemnation Area as that term is defined in the Local Housing and Redevelopment Law ("LRHL"), *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 et seq.*

b. The Planning Board completed its investigation of the Study Area, received and reviewed the report of Phillips Preiss Grygiel LLC ("PPG"), and David Holder, P.E., of Holder Associates, the Board's engineering consultant, entitled "Area in Need of Redevelopment Investigation for the Paul's Auto Site, Township of Cranbury, New Jersey" ("Area in Need Study") and, following a public hearing, adopted a resolution on March 17, 2016 recommending that the Study Area be designated by the Township Committee as a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area as provided for under the LRHL.

c. On March 28, 2016, the Mayor and Council accepted the Planning Board's findings and the Area in Need Study and adopted Resolution No. R 03-16-065, A Resolution of the Mayor & Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury Designating "Paul's Auto Body" site (Block 33 Lot 13.04) as a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area in Accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.* and directing that the Planning Board prepare a redevelopment plan for the Study Area.

d. PPG prepared a proposed redevelopment plan for the Study Area entitled "Proposed Redevelopment Plan for the Paul's Auto Site in the Township of Cranbury, New Jersey" (the "Redevelopment Plan").

e. On referral from the Township Committee, the Planning Board reviewed the Redevelopment Plan and found that while the proposed residential use is not consistent with the existing land use element of the Master Plan or zoning for the Study Area, the proposed affordable housing is consistent with the Township's goal of meeting its fair share housing obligation on a site that is unlikely to be developed in such a way as to conform to the existing zoning standards and recommended adoption of the Redevelopment Plan by the Mayor and Township Committee.

f. The Mayor and Township Committee having reviewed the Redevelopment Plan, hereby determine that although the proposed residential use is not consistent with the existing land use element of the Master Plan or zoning for the Study Area, the proposed affordable housing is consistent with the Township's goal of meeting its fair share housing obligation on a site that is unlikely to be developed in such a way as to conform to the existing zoning standards and the Redevelopment Plan should be adopted.

Section 2. Adoption of Redevelopment Plan. The plan entitled "Proposed Redevelopment Plan for the Paul's Auto Site in the Township of Cranbury, New Jersey" for Block 33, Lot 13.04, Cranbury Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey, dated April 18, 2016, and prepared by Phillips Preiss Grygiel LLC is hereby adopted as the redevelopment plan for the Study Area pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7*.

Section 3. Repealer. All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts 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 valid and enforceable.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage, publication and in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181*.

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Ordinance
Second Reading

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 04-16-05

A motion to enter an Ordinance entitled, # 04-16-05, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY AMENDING "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES, WAGES AND BENEFITS FOR VARIOUS OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF PAYMENT THEREOF, AND RATIFYING SALARIES AND PAYMENTS TO EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS PREVIOUSLY PAID," was presented for second reading and final adoption. The Ordinance was published in the Cranbury Press, posted on the Township's website, posted on the Township Bulletin Board and copies were available to the public. The Township Committee had no questions or comments so the Mayor opened the public hearing on the Ordinance. No one present wished to speak, so the hearing was declared closed. On motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Cook, the Ordinance was adopted by a vote:

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

Nays: (None

Resolutions
Consent

Mayor Mulligan asked the Township Committee if there were any questions or comments on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Taylor questioned if the phone provider named in Resolution (e.) is the Township's current provider. He stated he understood the Township had phone issues; however, Ms. Marabello explained those issues are common with the way the phone system is set up through the network, and there will be issues with any company the Township uses. She stated Line Systems saves the Township \$654/month compared to other carriers, which is why the Township is continuing with them. Hearing no further questions or comments, he requested a motion to adopt the Consent Resolutions. On a motion by Ms. Goetz, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and unanimously carried, the following Resolutions were passed by vote:

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

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-16-074

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Cranbury that all bills and claims as audited and found to be correct be paid.

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Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-16-080

A RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
TO CORNER HOUSE FOR COUNSELING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury seeks to retain the services of a counselor to provide counseling services in connection with the Township's Municipal Alliance Programs and more specifically, to conduct weekly counseling chat groups with middle school students at Cranbury School; and

WHEREAS, Corner House has offered to provide said services to the Township through the end of this year in consideration for payment of a fee of \$40.00 per hour and for the not-to-exceed contract amount of \$10,080.00; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the contract amount does not exceed the Township's bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., allows the Township Committee to award a services agreement not exceeding the bid threshold without competitive bidding;

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Corner House to provide counseling services in connection with the Township's Municipal Alliance Programs and more specifically, to conduct weekly counseling chat groups with middle school students at Cranbury School.
2. Corner House shall be paid a fee of \$40.00 per hour. The total contract amount shall not exceed \$10,080.00 and the agreement shall terminate on December 31, 2016.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-16-081

A RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
FOR COUNSELING SERVICES TO THE CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, there exists a need for counseling services under the Municipal Alliance in the Township of Cranbury (the "Township") in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, The Children's Home Society of New Jersey has submitted a proposal to perform said services; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified funds are available; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq., requires that notice with respect to contracts for Professional Services awarded without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

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Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-16-081
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, as follows:

1. The Children's Home Society of New Jersey is hereby retained to provide counseling services to the Township for the period commencing January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016; and
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with The Children's Home Society of New Jersey subject to approval of the Township Committee.
3. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a), because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
4. A copy of this Resolution as well as the contract shall be placed on file with the Clerk of the Township.
5. A notice of this action shall be published in the official newspaper with ten (10) days of said contract as required by law.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-16-082

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF
MUNICIPAL TAX SALE CERTIFICATE

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #15-00001 was issued to Cranbury Township for delinquent taxes on Block 6 Lot 5 1261 South River Road, at a tax sale held on October 23, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Opportune Title Agency LLC on behalf of the assessed owner, Simandhar LLC; C/O Vivek Mehta has redeemed certificate #15-00001 by paying the full amount of the delinquency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk of Cranbury Township are hereby authorized to endorse Certificate of Sale #15-00001 for cancellation.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-16-083

WHEREAS the Township of Cranbury wishes to enter into an Agreement for new telephone service; and

WHEREAS, Line Systems, Inc. (hereinafter known as LSI), 1645 West Chester Pike, Suite 200, West Chester, PA 19382, has indicated they are able to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to "N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 **Exceptions**", any contract the amount of which exceeds the bid threshold may be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore and shall be awarded by resolution of the governing body if (ii) Extraordinary unspecifiable services and (f) the supplying of any product or the rendering of any service by a public utility, which is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities or the Federal Energy Regulatory

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Commission or its successor, in accordance with tariffs and schedules of charges made, charged or exacted, filed with the Board or Commission; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement with LSI is for three (3) years at a cost of \$2,574.85 per month;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement with LSI; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a duly-authenticated copy of this resolution be sent to LSI.

Proclamation

Mayor Mulligan proclaimed April 29, 2016 as "Arbor Day" in the Township of Cranbury with the following Proclamation:

Proclamation

Whereas, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitats for wildlife, and

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

Whereas, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

Whereas, trees, whenever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and

Now Therefore, I, Dan Mulligan, Mayor of the Township of Cranbury, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2016 as

"Arbor Day"

In the community of Cranbury, I urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodland to support our city's forestry program, and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden hearts and promote the wellbeing of present and future generations.

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Reports from Township Staff and Professionals

--Administrator's Report

Ms. Marabello stated, as a result of the Plainsboro Road resident's safety concerns, she had information to provide about the installation of a street light on that road. She stated she reached out to PSEG and was informed there is a pole at the location that a light can be installed on. PSEG sent an agreement that would have to be signed by the Township. There would not be a cost to install the light; however there would be a \$8.37/month charge for the light. Ms. Marabello asked the Township Committee if someone should reach out to the neighbors to make sure there is no opposition to the new light. It was agreed that letters be sent by certified mail informing the surrounding residents of the Township's intention to have a new light.

On a separate issue, Ms. Marabello stated she and Mayor Mulligan had discussed a letter received from Middlesex County concerning the Township sending them any upcoming projects for the County to include in their comprehensive Master Plan. She explained the County is reaching out to all the townships for their future projects. The Township Committee came up with the following projects: Liberty Way Extension and Bridge, Route 130 traffic concerns, including the Circle, various road improvements and Lake dredging. Ms. Marabello stated she is sure the County will want more specifics in the future.

Reports from Township Boards and Commissions

Ms. Bobbie Marlowe, Chairperson of the Historic Preservation Commission and Mr. David Szabo, Vice Chair, Historic Preservation Commission presented the Commission's Annual Report for 2015. Ms. Marlowe reported the HPC held 12 meetings during 2015, and reported the Commission has a full membership. She stated Mr. John Ziegler resigned during the year, and Ms. Susan Ryan, an architect and highly qualified in preservation, joined the Commission. Mr. Szabo reported HPC has applied for a grant to update its survey. To defray some of the costs, he has volunteered to photograph the homes for the survey. He will take a class to learn how to photograph historic homes and properties. Mr. Szabo was asked if backyards will be photographed, and he clarified the photographs will be street view only. Ms. Marlowe stated HPC is working with Mr. Richard Grubb. She stated Mr. Szabo has taken a lot of training classes, including refurbishing older windows. He stated the trend in the past was to tear out 100 year old sashes and use replacement windows, which is no longer being considered an energy saving alternative.

Mayor Mulligan inquired if HPC had any emerging concerns, and Ms. Marlowe and Mr. Szabo agreed the survey is very outdated. They are hoping to receive the grant money to update the survey and put it in an electronic format, which would also help the Tax Assessor in his assessments of properties. They said the survey will cost approximately \$25,000 to update, and that amount is reduced due to Mr. Szabo taking the pictures. They stated they should know the status of the grant application by the end of April.

There was some discussion about some properties within the Township, and the awareness of property owners needing to contact HPC if they are within the historic district. The Township Committee thanked Ms. Marlowe and Mr. Szabo for their time and dedication to the HPC and Cranbury.

Public Comment

The Mayor opened the meeting to public questions and comments.

Mr. Richard Kallan, Wynnewood Court, reported the GPS-controlled illuminator has been installed in the clock tower at Town Hall. He explained the lights will go on and off 10-12 minutes before and after sunrise. He explained if the power goes out, the device is self-correcting and self-calibrating. The Township Committee thanked Mr. Kallan for his research and efforts in working with Mr. Greg Farrington, Construction Official to have the device installed. It was discussed that after a trial period with the clock tower, there may be other lights at Town Hall and the School that may realize a cost savings benefit from having the device installed. There being no additional comments, the Mayor closed the public portion of the meeting.

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Township Committee Members' Notes

The Township Committee Members had no additional comments.

Mayor's Notes

Mayor Mulligan stated he had no additional comments and asked for a motion to go into Closed Session.

Resolution

At 7:43 p.m., on motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Goetz and unanimously carried, the following Resolution was adopted by vote:

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

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-16-084

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 (7)/Contract Negotiations" – Discussion of possible contract negotiations.

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.

On motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried, the meeting returned to open session at 9:23 p.m.

On motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, RMC
Municipal Clerk