

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
May 28, 2019

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: Mike Ferrante, Glenn Johnson, Dan Mulligan, Matt Scott and Mayor James Taylor. Also present were Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/CFO; Steve Goodell, Township Attorney; and Debra Rubin, Municipal Clerk. Mayor Taylor led in the salute to the flag, and Ms. Rubin 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:

Posted on December 20, 2018 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 December 20, 2018.

Filed on December 20, 2018 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.

Agenda Changes/Additions: Ms. Rubin announced that two resolutions listed under item #7 "Resolutions" are being moved and will be discussed prior to item #5 "Minutes" on the agenda.

Mayor Taylor read the following resolution in its entirety:

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 05-19-088

WHEREAS, Joann Charwin is a dedicated educator and counselor at the Cranbury School; and

WHEREAS, Joann recognized the need to expand and revitalize the historic Drug Free Fair to encompass all wellness and health for children and adults; and

WHEREAS, Joann stepped forward to lead the effort and chair the Health and Wellness Fair with the full support of the Cranbury School and Township Administration; and

WHEREAS, Joann recruited a dedicated team of 16 dedicated volunteers including parents, members from the Cranbury School, Municipal Alliance, Environmental Commission, Parks Commission, Board of Health, Police Department, and Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, Joann developed a new program called "Walk to School with the Mayor, Police Chief and School Administrator," which kicked off the fair and we hope will continue each year; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury and its residents benefitted greatly from Joann's dedication in terms of growing attendance at the Health and Wellness Fair which stands as an example of what makes Cranbury special.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury hereby congratulates Joann Charwin on her leadership and initiative, and expresses its appreciation and thanks to Joann for tirelessly devoting countless volunteer hours for the benefit of our community and making a difference in the lives of Cranbury residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Cranbury extends its appreciation to Dr. Susan Genco, the Cranbury Board of Education and the Cranbury School as a whole for enabling and supporting Joann to take this initiative forward in what we hope will be a lasting program.

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Mayor Taylor then presented Ms. Joann Charwin with a framed resolution on behalf of the Township. Ms. Charwin additionally thanked other volunteers in the audience for their help and dedication in making the Health and Wellness Fair a success. The Township Committee members shared their gratitude for a job well done and on-going success for the future of the Health and Wellness Fair.

Mayor Taylor requested a motion to adopt the Resolution. On a motion by Mr. Ferrante, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried, the above Resolution was adopted by vote:

Ayes: (Ferrante
(Johnson
(Mulligan
(Scott
(Taylor

Abstain: (None
Absent:

Nays: (None

Mayor Taylor continued by reading the next resolution in its entirety:

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 05-19-089

WHEREAS, Jerry Yochelson ("Jerry") is celebrating 30 years of leadership within Cub Scouts Pack 52, Cranbury, NJ; and

WHEREAS, Jerry has been the longstanding Cubmaster and "chief organizer" of Pack 52; and

WHEREAS, Jerry has been the perennial Scout Bandmaster, encouraging young musicians across Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Jerry has dedicated himself to teaching leadership, citizenship and community through the Scouting program to the youth of Cranbury, many of whom have gone on to become Eagle Scouts and have gained a life-long love of camping, hiking, and other life skills and experiences; and

WHEREAS, Jerry has set a strong and enduring example of volunteerism for Cranbury residents, exhibiting constant patience, humor and youthful exuberance in the fulfillment of his responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury and its residents have benefitted greatly from Jerry's dedication, organizational commitment and excellent service.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury hereby congratulates Jerry Yochelson on his 30 years of leadership in Scouting, and expresses its appreciation and thanks to Jerry for tirelessly devoting countless volunteer hours for the benefit of our community and making a difference in the lives of Cranbury residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Cranbury extends to Jerry's wife, Ellen, and family its gratitude and appreciation for Jerry's dedication throughout the years, offering the entire Yochelson family best wishes for many years of happiness, good health and prosperity in the future.

Mayor Taylor then presented Mr. "Jerry" Yochelson with a framed resolution on behalf of the Township.

Mayor Taylor requested a motion to adopt the Resolution. On a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Mulligan and unanimously carried, the above Resolutions was adopted by vote:

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

Members of the Township Committee expressed their gratitude to Mr. Yochelson for his 30 years of service to the Boy Scouts. Fellow members in the audience participated in showing their gratitude for his many years of service and describing him as the “epitome of volunteerism”. The audience celebrated Mr. Yochelson by participating in a revolutionary cheer led by fellow leader, Chris Cenci.

--Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of May 13th, 2019

The Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2019 on a motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Johnson. On a roll call vote of the members of the Township Committee;

Ayes: (Ferrante
(Johnson
(Mulligan
(Scott
(Taylor Abstain: (None
Absent:
Nays: (None

the Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of May 13th, 2019 were adopted.

Agenda Additions/Changes – As previously stated, two recognition resolutions were moved to the beginning of the meeting.

--Reports and Communications

--Members of Committee

--Mr. Scott

Mr. Scott reported that he attended both the Traffic Subcommittee and Environmental Commission Meetings. He shared discussions regarding future pedestrian crosswalks and questions regarding the lake dredging project.

--Mr. Ferrante

Mr. Ferrante reported he attended the Traffic Subcommittee meeting. Mr. Ferrante added that Troop #52 was celebrating 75 years and requested a recognition resolution be drafted and scheduled for the June 10th Township Committee meeting agenda.

--Mr. Mulligan

Mr. Mulligan advised he had no updates to report.

-Mr. Johnson

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Mr. Johnson reported he attended the Democratic Party Candidates Debate Night.

-Mayor Taylor

Mayor Taylor discussed the procedure for the Zoning Officer's notification of business approval for the Development Review Committee. Mr. Goodell explained the Municipal Land Use Law legal publication laws and guidelines. He further explained the procedure following the Zoning Officers opinion when enforcing zoning laws and how appeals are managed through the Zoning Board. Mayor Taylor added that the Township Committee liaison to the Zoning Board should be requesting information from the Zoning Officer and reporting back to the other committee members. Mr. Ferrante suggested the Zoning Officer provide a summary on a monthly basis.

Mayor Taylor also discussed a change in the meeting guidelines regarding the 3-minute time limit. This will be addressed at each meeting, depending on the size of the public and how many members of the public request to speak by a show of hands prior to public comment beginning.

--Subcommittees – None

--Departments Heads –

Chief Michael Kervan –Cranbury Fire Department – Chief Kervan gave monthly report for May for Fire Department. There were 31 incidents answered, with a total of 147 year to date. There were 2 fires within the Station #42 coverage area. Chief Kervan continued with the May monthly report for the Cranbury First Aid Squad (4/23/19-5/28/19). He reported 85 total calls for the squad. He explained that 28 calls were covered by the volunteer members and 57 calls covered by the day shift. The response time averages for all calls, on all shifts, from dispatch to being en route to call were 3.27 minutes and en route to arrival (includes answering mutual aid calls) was 5.33 minutes.

Chief Kervan ended the reports with an announcement to the public that both entities are in need of volunteers from the community.

Chief Rickey Varga – Cranbury Police Department – Chief Varga presented the April monthly report to the Township Committee. He began by asking for feedback from the members since the inception of the (2) new officers being added to the force and the Traffic Safety Division being reinstated. Mr. Ferrante responded that the residents in town have noticed the increased police presence and has had overwhelmingly positive feedback from the residents.

The Chief reported there were 733 motor vehicle stops in that last month. He explained that the number of stops does not always match the number of summonses written. The ultimate goal of the stops is to have drivers slow down. The Chief concluded his April monthly report and thanked the Township Committee for their support and patience during the implementation of the Traffic Safety Division.

--Follow-up Items

None

--Boards and Commissions – Vacancies

Ms. Rubin read the vacancies for the following boards and commissions:

- (3) Municipal Alliance - Full Member, 1st and 2nd Alternate
- (1) Parks Commission – 2nd Alternate
- (1) Historic Preservation Commission – 2nd Alternate
- (1) Recreation Commission Member

Appointment - Deputy Mayor Dan Mulligan appointed Lindsay Taylor to the Recreation Commission to fill the unexpired term, expiring December 31, 2019. Deputy Mayor Mulligan made the Mayoral Appointment in lieu of Mayor Taylor due to family member procedure.

Ordinances –

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First Reading – None

Ordinances

Second Reading - None

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE 05-19-08

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF GROUP HOME AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO BE SITUATED ON 349 OLD CRANBURY ROAD BY THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$75,000.00 FROM CRANBURY TOWNSHIP'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND TO COVER THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury as follows:

SECTION 1: There is hereby approved as a capital project within the Township of Cranbury not to exceed the costs noted below:

<u>Project/Purpose</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Construction Costs for the Elizabeth M Wagner Group Home	\$75,000.00

SECTION 2: There is hereby appropriated from the Cranbury Township's Affordable Housing Trust Fund the sum of \$75,000.00 to cover the cost of the capital projects as described in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication according to law.

SECTION 4: The capital budget of the Township of Cranbury is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of Local Government Services is on file with the clerk and is available there for public inspection.

On motion by Mr. Ferrante, seconded by Mr. Mulligan, the Ordinance was adopted on second reading by vote:

Ayes:	(Ferrante Johnson Mulligan Scott Taylor)	Abstain: (None Absent: (None
Nays:	(None	

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE 05-19-09

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY AUTHORIZING THE REPAIR OF BRICKYARD ROAD BY THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$725,000.00 FROM CRANBURY TOWNSHIP'S REGULAR TRUST FUND MONIES POSTED BY CRANBURY BRICKYARD LLC FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO COVER THE COST THEREOF.

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury as follows:

SECTION 1: There is hereby approved as a capital project within the Township of Cranbury not to exceed the costs noted below:

<u>Project/Purpose</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Repair of Brickyard Road	\$725,000.00

SECTION 2: There is hereby appropriated from the Cranbury Township's Regular Trust Fund the sum of \$725,000.00 to cover the cost of the capital projects as described in Section 1 hereof.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication according to law.

SECTION 4: The capital budget of the Township of Cranbury is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of Local Government Services is on file with the clerk and is available there for public inspection.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Mulligan, the Ordinance was adopted on second reading by vote:

Ayes:	(Ferrante Johnson Mulligan Scott Taylor	Abstain: (None Absent: (None
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Nays: (None

**Resolutions
Consent Agenda**

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

Ayes:	(Ferrante Johnson Mulligan Scott Taylor	Abstain: (None Absent: (None
Nays:	(None	

Cranbury Township Resolution #R 05-19-090

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 05-19-091

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING WITH CRANBURY HOUSING ASSOCIATES, INC.
TO CONSTRUCT THE ELIZABETH M. WAGNER GROUP HOME**

WHEREAS, the Township supports the construction of affordable housing and group homes for developmentally disabled individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with CHA for the construction of affordable housing on Block 20, Lot 13.01 situated at 349 Old Cranbury Road said being presently owned by CHA;

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with Cranbury Housing Associates, Inc. attached hereto as has been approved by the Township Attorney in consultation with the Mayor and Township Administrator.
2. The Township through its appropriate staff and officials is hereby authorized and directed to undertake any and all other acts and execute any and all other documents as may be necessary to effectuate the terms hereof.

Public Comment -

Mayor. Taylor opened the meeting to general public comment.

- Betty Conover – Commented that she has been very aware of the increased police presence. She requested more action be taken towards jaywalking. Mayor Taylor added he would speak to the Cranbury Housing Association to aid in a campaign against jaywalking.

Mayor Taylor closed the meeting to public comment.

May Taylor requested a motion to adjourn. On motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Debra A. Rubin, RMC
Municipal Clerk