

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE ON
DRUG ABUSE AND ALCOHOLISM
October 20, 2020**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The scheduled meeting of the Cranbury Township Municipal Alliance Committee was held remotely via computer on October 20, 2020 in the Townhall Offices, located at 23A North Main Street, in Cranbury Township at 3:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Secretary, called the meeting to order at 3:38 PM.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J. S. A. 10:4-6) was provided on December 16, 2019, of this meeting's date, time and place, and the agenda was posted on the Township bulletin board, mailed to those requesting personal notice, and filed with the Municipal Clerk. Notification of remote access meetings, until further notice, was posted on the Township website on April 24, 2020 and sent to the Trenton Times, Home News and Cranbury Press on April 24, 2020.

ROLL CALL

In attendance was Joann Charwin, Krista Santoro, Kristine Fulton, Mike Owens, Erin Santise, Susan Engelbert and Dr. Genco. Alternate 1, Robyn Skeete.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the September 15, 2020 minutes made by Lt. Owens, Seconded by Erin Santise. All in favor.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. Genco announced the school will be holding elections shortly to determine who the new Student Representative will be.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

None at this time.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Board Liaison, Evelyn Spann

POLICE REPORT

Police Department has seen an uptick in drug and alcohol-related incidences throughout the town. DUI's seem to be more frequent as well. They had to use Narcan on one person, which produced a successful outcome. Possibly this is because of the Pandemic.

LIAISON REPORT

No report

BUDGET

OLD BUSINESS

Joann Charwin reported that World Mental Health Awareness Event held at Heritage Park on October 10th was a success and quite a few families stopped by the table to see what it was about to pick up some information. People were happy to see that they were there handing out information on such an important topic. Joanne thanked Erin Santise for putting that event together.

Further discussion ensued about mental health and addiction issues and how the Board can do more to get out to the public. Robyn Skeete gave a brief overview of her work with an Outreach and Intervention Counselor. She said he mentors with a lot of families. Robyn has offered to speak with him to ask if he would be interested in attending a Municipal Alliance Meeting so he could give his input and to see what he may be able to offer in terms of becoming a resource for substance abuse issues in town.

Erin Santise acknowledged Robyn about adding more resources to assist the police so they don't become overwhelmed. Robyn mentioned there are different programs she is looking into and would like to try to implement, one suggestion is to create coaching sessions to be made available for those who need it.

Robyn was formerly introduced as the new Alternate 1 position for the Board. Also, Robyn mentioned that she is always available if anyone ever has questions for her.

NEW BUSINESS

ONGOING BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

Motion made at 4:26 pm by Michael Owens to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Erin Santise.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify, that I am the duly appointed Secretary of the Cranbury Township Municipal Alliance Committee on Drug Abuse and Alcoholism and that this document, consisting of three pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting held on October 20, 2020.

Kathy Warnebold, Secretary

Approved Minutes November 17, 2020