

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE ON
DRUG ABUSE AND ALCOHOLISM**

November 15, 2022

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The scheduled meeting of the Cranbury Township Municipal Alliance Committee was held on November 15, 2022 in the Township Committee Meeting Room, in Cranbury Township at 3:30 pm.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Joann Charwin called the meeting to order at 3:30 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 filed on January 5, 2022, of this meeting's date, time and place, the agenda was posted on the Township bulletin board, sent to any requesting personal notice, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Answering present to the Roll Call were, Chief Mike Owens, Joann Charwin, Erin Santise, Elizabeth Grimaldi, Andrea Kaplan, Sasha Weinstein and Anjali Joshi. Robyn Skeete, was absent. Liaison, Evelyn Spann was present.

MINUTES

October in addition to November Minutes will be voted on for approval at the January 15, 2023 meeting.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Rachel Awolowo

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Chloe Yang reported November Jamfest was fun and went well and described this year's theme as "Area 51" Alien Theme". Chloe also reported that celebrity, James Murray from Impractical Jokers visited the School to talk about one of his books which is alien themed. He is an Author and has written several books.

Chloe also reported Red Ribbon week was successful. Positive message handouts were distributed in Home Room. Buddy Pledge Sheets were available in cafeteria for students to sign. Overall theme was "Celebrate Life." Morning announcements were made early each day which promoted positive, inspirational messages. Joann asked when next Jamfest might be. Chloe was not sure.

POLICE REPORT

Chief reported an uptick in DUI-related incidents due to the holiday season beginning. They will have extra enforcement for the evening before Thanksgiving. That is the practice throughout the State on that night. He is proud of his Officers for the hard work and hours they put in to keep the town safe. Joann thanked Chief Owens for his work and the work of his Officers.

LIAISON REPORT

Evelyn Spann reported The Township Committee approved the “988” intro letter and were very supportive about getting the magnets and information out to the community. Township Committee encourages Municipal Alliance to try and obtain all mailing information for rentals so 988 magnets and informational letter can be distributed to them as well. Evelyn will reach out to Cranbury Housing Authority to see if they can be of assistance in providing that information.

Evelyn opened a brief discussion about possibility of providing the same materials in Spanish for distribution. Due to logistical challenges, it might not be able to be accomplished in a short period of time due the timing of the mailing. Joann thanked Evelyn for her update on bringing the subject of the 988 mailing to the Township Committee for their approval.

BUDGET

OLD BUSINESS

Red Ribbon Week – See Student Representative Report above.

Halloween – Joann reported many kids were in town and crossing guards during trick-or-treating hours. Joann handed out left over positive message items from 2021 Halloween as well as new items purchased for this year. She thanked Chief Owens for helping to make Halloween an extra safe day for all. Mike noted it was a team effort.

Jamfest – Unknown at this time when next Jamfest in 2023 will be scheduled.

ON-GOING BUSINESS

Teen Mental Health First Aid – Sasha Weinstein reported letters for 10th graders were sent to student’s parents outlining the program. Program consists of six, 45-minute sessions which would run through beginning of January 2023.

Mailing of “988” Magnets – As noted earlier, Evelyn reported the Township Committee approved the mailing. Joann asked members to review the introduction letter the Township Committee approved. She and Mayor, Barbara Rogers will sign the letter which will accompany the “988” mailing. Joann is excited since mailing will occur very soon. Joann asked for Motion to approve the Township Committee’s brief introduction letter to the “988” mailing materials. Motion was made by Anjali Joshi. Motion seconded by Elizabeth Grimaldi. All Members voted in favor.

Joann said a roll call vote will be needed to approve all expenditures related to the mailing and gave a breakdown of the amounts for the following: Magnets - \$203.59, envelopes - \$195.00 and postage - \$693.00 for approximately 1260 residents on the Township Tax List. Total expenditure will be approximately \$1091.59. After brief discussion, Joann suggested allotting a \$2,500.00 budget for the mailing.

Roll call vote to approve dedicating \$2,500.00 for the “988” mailing: Mike Owens, Joann Charwin, Erin Santise, Anjali Joshi, Sasha Weinstein, Andrea Kaplan and Elizabeth Grimaldi all voted to approve the funds.

Elizabeth Grimaldi asked who would be doing the mailing and after some discussion, it was agreed maybe the Student Council could help. Further discussion about time and date of gathering at the school to work on the mailing. Joann proposed mailing out the week after Thanksgiving. Elizabeth felt it would be a good experience for the students to be involved in the preparation of the mailing and whatever was left to do, some of the members could maybe get together to finish up. Joann asked for

comments or questions. Having none, Joann thanked Elizabeth and all Members for their help with the mailing.

PHS Update – Sasha shared the high school has decided for extra security that they will be purchasing lanyards for the faculty and students. This will help to prevent strangers and non-students from entering the school.

Joann shared that she met with new member, Maria Benerofe to discuss some programs to bring in 2023. Joann feels bringing programs to the community through Penn Health and Ms. Benerofe might be worth considering. Joann also noted that Ms. Benerofe would like to share some ideas for senior programs at next Municipal Alliance meeting.

Joann asked Andrea Kaplan if she would be interested in serving on the Municipal Alliance after end of this year, since her term will be expiring on December 31st. Ms. Kaplan expressed an interest to remain on the Committee. Joann will reach out to Maria Benerofe to see if she would be interested in continuing as well, since her term also expires end of December 2022.

Sasha shared Princeton High School is offering “Career Day” to all their students. Sasha is bringing her experiences and observations as PTO leader learned from Cranbury School’s Career Day to help bring similar exposures to the PHS students. These opportunities can spark early career interests and internships for students which can help with better mental health, self-discipline and provide good mentors too.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Kaplan’s term will be expiring December 31st this year, Joann asked if she would be interested in being reappointed to the Municipal Alliance Committee. Ms. Kaplan is interested and wishes to continue to be a member. A recommendation will be sent to the Township Clerk to present to Township Committee. Joann will reach out to Maria Benerofe to see if she would be interested in reappointment since her term is also expiring at the end of December.

Joann spoke to a person whose business, Personality Resources, offers workshops. Joann sent an email to the woman to obtain more information on her programs and fees. She will follow up with the Committee when she hears back.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

Joann asked for a Motion to adjourn meeting. Motion was made by Chief Owens to end the meeting at 4:16 pm. Motion was seconded by Elizabeth Grimaldi. All in favor.

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 4 pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting held on November 15, 2022.

Kathy Warnebold, Secretary

Approved Minutes January 17, 2023