**Township of Cranbury, New Jersey**

**Township Committee Meeting Agenda**

**March 24, 2003**

1.                  Pledge of Allegiance

2.                  Open Public Meetings Act Notice

3.                  Roll Call

4.                  Closed Session – Resolution # R 03-03-065 – Land acquisition: discussion regarding the status of Updike and options for acquiring same.

5.                  Reports and Communications from Committee

--Committee Minutes 24 February, 3 and 17 March 2003

--Sub Committee Reports -

6.                  Agenda Additions/Changes

7.                  Consent Agenda

Resolution # R 03-03-064 – Payment of Bills

Resolution # R 03-03-067 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute an interlocal agreement with Hightstown Borough for 911/Police dispatching services.

Resolution # R 03-03-068 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with Middlesex County for the granting of funds for the Municipal Alliance.

Resolution # R 03-03-070 – Resolution authorizing the reduction of a performance guarantee for INCE, Inc., Block 2, Lot 11. (Private)

Resolution # R 03-03-071 – Resolution authorizing the reduction of a performance guarantee for INCE, Inc., Block 2, Lot 11. (Public)

8.                  Work Session

a.       Public Hearing  on 2003 Budget Amendment

Public hearing on an amendment to the budget introduced on 17 March 2003 to increase the Public Works budget and other line items to account for unforeseen expenses in connection with snow-plowing and clean-up during recent storms. (Budget public hearing 17 March 2003)

b.      Proposed 2003 Budget

2003 budget for the Township of Cranbury will be formally adopted. Budget was formally introduced on 10 February 2003 and a public hearing was held on 17 March.  A budget amendment was introduced on 17 March with a public hearing on the amendment held on 24 March 2003.

**Motion**:  Move to adopt Resolution # R 03-03-063 – Resolution formally adopting the 2003 Budget for the Township of Cranbury and Resolution # R 03-03-069 – Resolution authorizing approved rates of pay for Township Employees.

c.       Wright South Final Report (Brown and Keener Urban Design)

Bob Brown of Brown and Keener Urban Design will present his final report and recommendations for the design and use of the Wright South Parcel to the Township Committee.

d.      Barclay Property Farmland Preservation Application

As a result of ongoing litigation, the Township has been unable to obtain clear title to the Barclay farm, which in turn has held up the application process with the Farmland Preservation Program of Middlesex County.  The Committee will consider the opportunity and potential fiscal ramifications of withdrawing and resubmitting the application (to Middlesex County) this year for the purpose of subdividing the stream  corridor on the South parcel (consistent with the Master Plan with respect to passive recreation) and the option of placing a building lot on the North parcel (for the purpose of enhancing its viability).

e.       Capital Budget Plan

Attached Capital Budget Plan is provided to assist in our discussion prior to introduction of Bond and Capital Ordinances on 7 April 2003.  We have broken down the 2003 capital budget requests in two sections.  Page one shows Bond Ordinance (borrowed money) while page two shows items that will be funded through a Capital Ordinance (budget money or cash). The last two pages are a spread sheet showing projects for 2003 and projects slated for 2004.  The current additional debt allowance is

$ 5,659,000.00

9.                  Public Comment (For any items not on the agenda)

10.              Mayor’s Notes

11.              Closed Session – Resolution # R 03-03-066 – Closed Session Committee Minutes – 24 February, 3 and 17 March 2003.

12.              Approval of Closed session minutes of  24 February, 3 and 17 March 2003

13.              Adjourn

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