

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
March 11, 2024

The Township Committee Meeting of the Township of Cranbury was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Town Hall. Answering present to roll call were Township Committee members: Lisa Knierim, Dr. Barbara Rogers, Matthew Scott, and Mayor Eman El-Badawi. Excused absent was: Michael Ferrante. Also present were Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/CFO, and Debra Rubin, Municipal Clerk. Mayor El-Badawi led in the salute to the flag, and Ms. Rubin read 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 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 January 5, 2024.

Filed on January 5, 2024 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.

Public Hearing on Proposed 2024 Budget – Cranbury Township Resolution #R 02-24-029 - 2024 Municipal Budget:

Ms. Marabello presented the proposed 2024 budget which was previously introduced in February under Resolution R # 02-24-029 – 2024 Municipal Budget. Ms. Marabello opened to the public for any questions on the 2024 Proposed budget.

Seeing or hearing no questions from the public, Mr. Scott made a motion to adopt the proposed 2024 budget as presented and Ms. Knierim seconded. Ms. Rubin proceeded to roll call vote. After a roll call vote of all members present, the budget passed unanimously.

Agenda Additions/Changes: None

Approval of Minutes: Mayor El-Badawi asked if any members of the Township Committee would like to address changes or amendments to the following minutes. Hearing none, Mayor El-Badawi asked for a motion to adopt the following minutes:

-- Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes February 26, 2024

On a motion by Mrs. Knierim, seconded by Dr. Rogers, along with the following roll call vote of the members of the Township Committee;

Ayes: (Knierim
(Rogers
(Scott
(El-Badawi

Abstain: (None

Absent: (Ferrante

Nays: (None

the Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2024 were adopted.

Reports and Communications:

Department Heads – None

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Members of Committee

- Mr. Scott – Reported no liaison meetings scheduled for his attendance. He reported on resident concerns regarding lighting at Cranbury Commons. Mayor El-Badawi to discuss further with Mr. Scott.
- Mrs. Knierim – Reported the EDAC presentation is scheduled for this evening. She reported that Cranbury Chamber of Commerce has merged with Central NJ Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Rogers requested the township website be updated to remove the Cranbury Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Knierim reported on resident concerns regarding flooding at the crosswalk of S. Main Street and Heritage Park. Ms. Marabello will follow up with the Township Engineer to review.
- Dr. Rogers – She reported Shade Tree Commission had a Work Session to create final draft of Tree Ordinance to present to the Township Committee for consideration. She reported on her anticipated attendance at the upcoming Parks and Environmental Commission meetings.

Mayor

Mayor El-Badawi - Reported on the Planning Board meeting, where the consistency review request was discussed and approved on "Cranbury Township Ordinance No. 02-24-04 - of Ordinance of the Township of Cranbury Amending and Supplementing the Site Plan And Subdivision Standards Contained In Article V Of Chapter 150 Entitled "Land Development Ordinance Of Cranbury Township" of the Code of the Township Of Cranbury Relating To Sec. 150-61 Stormwater Management", and a meeting with the Board of Education she attended on the upcoming construction at Cranbury School. The Personnel Subcommittee did not meet; however, they are working on the Parks Commission/Recreation Commission merger. The final draft will be provided to the Township Committee for consideration and introduction. Mayor El-Badawi performed her first marriage ceremony for Cranbury residents at Town Hall. The Mayor's Wellness Campaign discussed creating a senior flyer to be added to the township website.

In Community News:

- March 14-16 (Thursday-Saturday)- Beauty and the Beast spring musical at Princeton High School.
- March 14 (Thursday)- The Hall-Mills Murders: A True Crime Investigation at Cranbury Library
- March 14 (Thursday)- Social, Emotional Learning Parent Academy Workshop
- March 18 (Monday)- Native Plant Gardening 101 at Cranbury Library starting
- March 24 (Sunday)- Intro to Ballroom Dancing Class at Cranbury Library
- April 13 (Saturday)- Holi Celebration at Cranbury Library
- April 20 (Saturday)- Cranbury Stream Cleanup
- April 27 (Saturday)- Library Foundation Accepting Book Donations
- Registration for Cranbury Summer Camp opens Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Boards – EDAC Presentation – Tom Szczur gave a presentation which included responses from the recent surveys conducted by EDAC. A link to the presentation to be included in the upcoming Mayor's Update and placed on the township website.

Follow-up Items: None

Boards and Commissions – Mayoral Appointments/Vacancies

Mayoral Appointments: Mayor El-Badawi made the following appointments to Environmental Commission:

- Gabe Lederman to full membership (Term expires - 12/31/26)
- Delpha George to 1st Alternate (Term expires – 12/31/24)

Vacancies: Mayor El-Badawi noted the following vacancies:

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- **Recreation** – 1st Alternate (Expire 12/31/28) and 2nd Alternate (Expire 12/31/24) (Mayoral Appointment)
- **Environmental** – 2nd Alternate (Expire 12/31/25) (Mayoral Appointment)
- **HPC** – 2nd Alternate Class C (Expire 12/31/25) (Mayoral Appointment)
- **Municipal Alliance** – 1 Full Member (12/31/26) (Township Committee Appointment)
- **Parks** – 1 Full Member (Expire 12/31/24) and 2nd Alternate (Expire 12/31/24) (Mayoral Appointment)

Ordinances:

First Reading – Ms. Rubin read the following ordinance by title only:

Cranbury Township Ordinance #03-24-05

Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements of the Township of Cranbury, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Appropriating \$2,739,823.00 Therefore, Funding \$350,000 From Capital Improvement Fund, \$450,000 From Sewer Fair Share, Reappropriating \$1,028,127.00 From Existing Capital Ordinances and Authorizing the Issuance Of \$911,696.00 Bonds or Notes Of The Township To Finance Part Of The Cost Thereof.

Be It Ordained By The Township Committee Of The Township Of Cranbury, In The County Of Middlesex, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Cranbury, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Township") as a general improvement. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2,739,823.00, including the sum of \$350,000.00 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$911,696.00 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which

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the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefore, the estimated maximum amount of the bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation And Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
a) Replacement of pistols	\$9,000	\$9,000	15 years
b) Police Computers & Equipment	\$29,500	\$29,500	5 years
c) Police Axon Enterprise	\$72,300	\$72,300	10 years
d) County Radio Warranty	\$14,000	\$14,000	10 years
e) Parks Improvements	\$5,500	\$5,500	5 years
f) Historic Sign Replacement Project	\$11,898	\$11,898	15 years
g) Old & New Firehouse Repair	\$198,000	\$198,000	20 years
h) Fire Official Mobile Radio	\$6,000	\$6,000	10 years
i) Public Works Building Repair	\$180,000	\$0	20 years
j) All Inclusive Playground	\$100,000	\$0	15 years
k) Refurbish Tennis Courts including Pickleball	\$375,000	\$375,000	15 years
l) Various Road Mill & Pave	\$675,125	\$0	40 years
m) Misc Road Repairs	\$20,000	\$20,000	40 years
n) So Bruns Sewer Improvements	\$620,000	\$0	40 years
o) Cranbury Sewer Improvements	\$50,000	\$0	40 years
p) Police Buildings & Grounds	\$29,000	\$29,000	5 years
q) Police SUVs & Equipment	\$191,500	\$78,498	5 years
r) Bike Network Plan-Signs	\$20,000	\$20,000	5 years
s) Small Dump Truck w/Plow	\$90,000	\$0	5 years
t) Lighted Crosswalk	\$25,000	\$25,000	10 years
u) Wyckoff Mills Rd Engineering	\$18,000	\$18,000	40 years

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Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not a current expense. They are all improvements or purposes that the Township may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this ordinance, is 17 years.

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(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$911,696.00 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$25,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

Section 7. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 8. The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 9. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad

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valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 10. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Mr. Scott made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Dr. Rogers seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the ordinance was introduced unanimously by those present. Second reading to be held March 11, 2024.

Ayes: (Knierim
(Rogers
(Scott
(El-Badawi

Nays: (None

Abstain: (None

Absent: (Ferrante

Second Reading -

Ms. Rubin read the following ordinance by title only:

Cranbury Township Ordinance 02-24-03

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

SECTION 1. The following salaries, wages and fees shall be paid to the various Township Officials and employees of the Township of Cranbury as hereinafter specified, effective, January 1, 2024 unless otherwise noted:

TITLE	ANNUAL SALARY RANGE			
	Minimum Salary	Maximum Salary	Minimum Hourly Rate	Maximum Hourly Rate
Mayor - Part Time	\$5,000	\$10,000		
Township Committee - Part Time	\$4,000	\$8,000		
Township Administrator/Director of Finance/ Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer – Full Time	\$145,000	\$260,000		
Township Clerk/Registrar/JIF Commissioner - Full Time	\$80,000	\$110,000		
Deputy Clerk/Board Secretary - Full Time	\$50,000	\$75,000		
Tax Assessor - Part Time	\$25,000	\$65,000		
Tax Collector - Part Time	\$10,000	\$18,000		
Chief of Police – Full Time	\$100,000	\$165,000		
Sewer Collector - Part Time	\$12,000	\$18,000		
Payroll Clerk – Part Time	\$8,000	\$12,000		
Construction Official/Building Inspector - Full Time	\$65,000	\$120,000		
Building Sub-Code/Building/Sr. Fire Inspector/Fire Subcode Official - Full Time	\$55,000	\$115,000		
Zoning Officer - Part Time	\$10,000	\$15,000		
Plumbing Subcode Official - Part Time	\$10,000	\$22,000		

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Electrical Subcode Official - Part Time			\$30.00	\$48.00
Deputy Registrar/Board Secretary - Full Time	\$40,000	\$70,000		
Fire Official - Part Time	\$15,000	\$35,000		
Director of Recreation - Part Time	\$8,000	\$20,000		
Summer Recreation Art Director – Seasonal	\$3,000	\$6,000		
Summer Program Director – Seasonal	\$6,000	\$12,000		
Summer Program Employees – Seasonal			\$10.00	\$20.00
Assistant Fire Official – Part Time			\$15.00	\$28.00
Deputy Treasurer/Website Coordinator – FT			\$26.00	\$45.00
Qualified Purchasing Agent/Accounts Payable Clerk/Tax Clerk/Sewer Clerk – FT			\$20.00	\$42.00
Tax Assessing Clerk			\$20.00	\$32.00
Planning/Zoning/HPC Admin. Officer - FT			\$21.00	\$38.00
Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police/OEM Assistant - Full Time			\$18.00	\$34.00
School Crossing Guards - Part Time			\$11.00	\$24.00
Sr. Technical Assistant/Alt Deputy Registrar/Municipal Alliance Secretary - FT			\$15.00	\$38.00
Director of Public Works Mgr/Small Animal Control Officer/Property Standards Enforcement Officer/Recycling Coordinator - FT			\$110,000	\$140,000
Office Assistant - FT			\$20.00	\$25.00
Heavy Equipment Operator/Sr Foreman - Full Time			\$20.00	\$45.00
Public Works Mechanic - Full Time			\$19.00	\$35.00
Public Works Employee/Sewer Assistant - Full Time			\$19.00	\$35.00
Public Works Employee – Full Time			\$19.00	\$35.00
Part Time Help			\$18.00	\$50.00
Board Secretary - Part Time			\$15.00	\$25.00
Emergency Incentive First Aid or Fire Responders			\$1.00	\$1.00
Technical Assistant to the Construction Official			\$25.00	\$35.00

PAID HOLIDAYS for 2024

All non-bargaining unit full-time employees and certain part-time employees, shall be entitled to twelve (12) paid holidays annually as follows:

1. New Year's Day
2. Martin Luther King Day
3. President's Day
4. Memorial Day
5. Juneteenth – June 19th
6. Independence Day – July 4th

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7. Labor Day
8. Veteran's Day
9. Thanksgiving Day
10. Friday after Thanksgiving Day
11. Christmas
12. Floating Holiday

HEALTH BENEFITS

Full-time employees are eligible to enroll in the Township's health benefit programs. For purposes of determining eligibility, a full-time employee is defined as one who works a minimum of thirty-five hours a week.

Effective January 1, 2012 all employees who are enrolled in the health benefits program shall be required to premium share at a minimum 1.5% of annual salary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The School Crossing guards shall receive a clothing allowance of \$275.00 per year. These expenses will be reimbursed by voucher and approved by the Chief of Police.

SECTION II.

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase in the Ordinance is for any reason held or determined to be unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION III.

All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication according to law.

Mayor El-Badawi opened for public comment on the ordinance only.

Hearing none, Mayor El-Badawi closed the public comment on the ordinance.

Mayor El-Badawi opened for township committee members to comment on the ordinance only.

Hearing none, Mayor El-Badawi closed the township committee comments on the ordinance.

Dr. Rogers made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Ms. Knierim seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the ordinance was unanimously adopted by the members present.

Ayes: (Knierim
(Rogers
(Scott
(El-Badawi

Abstain: (None

Absent: (Ferrante

Nays: (None

Ms. Rubin read the following ordinance by title only:

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 02-24-04

An Ordinance of the Township of Cranbury Amending and Supplementing the Site Plan and Subdivision Standards Contained in Article V of Chapter 150 Entitled “Land Development Ordinance of Cranbury Township” of the Code of the Township of Cranbury Relating To Sec. 150-61 Stormwater Management

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the following amendments shall be made to Chapter 150 of the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Cranbury to amend certain provisions of the stormwater management standards, specifically, Section 150-61E "Calculation of stormwater runoff and groundwater recharge", as follows (language marked ~~thus~~ signifies deletions and language marked thus is new language):

SECTION 1. Section 150-61E Calculation of stormwater runoff and groundwater recharge.

(1) Stormwater runoff shall be calculated in accordance with the following:

(a) The design engineer shall calculate runoff using one of the following methods:

[1] USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) methodology, including the NRCS Runoff Equation and Dimensionless Unit Hydrograph, as described in Chapters 7, 9, 10, 15 and 16, Part 630, Hydrology National Engineering Handbook, incorporated herein by reference as amended and supplemented. This methodology is additionally described in Technical Release 55-Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds (TR-55), dated June 1986, incorporated herein by reference as amended and supplemented. Information regarding the methodology is available from the Natural Resources Conservation Service website at https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprb1044171.pdf; or, at United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, 220 Davison Avenue, Somerset, New Jersey 08873; or

[2] The Rational Method for peak flow and the Modified Rational Method for hydrograph computations. The rational and modified rational methods are described in “Appendix A-9 Modified Rational Method” in the Standards for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control in New Jersey, January 2014. This document is available from the State Soil Conservation Committee or any of the Soil Conservation Districts listed at N.J.A.C. 2:90-1.3(a)3. The location, address, and telephone number for each Soil Conservation District is available from the State Soil Conservation Committee, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. The document is also available at <http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/anr/pdf/2014NJSoilErosionControlStandardsComplete.pdf>.

(b) For the purpose of calculating runoff coefficients and groundwater recharge, there is a presumption that the preconstruction condition of a site or portion thereof is a wooded land use with good hydrologic condition. The term “runoff coefficient” applies to both the NRCS methodology above at Subsection **E(1)(a)[1]** and the Rational and Modified Rational Methods at Subsection **E(1)(a)[2]**. ~~A runoff coefficient or a groundwater recharge land cover for an existing condition may be used on all or a portion of the site if the design engineer verifies that the hydrologic condition has existed on the site or portion of the site for at least five years without interruption prior to the time of the application. If more than one land cover has existed on the site during the five years immediately prior to the time of application, the land cover with the lowest runoff potential shall be used for the computations.~~ In addition, there is a presumption that the site is in good hydrologic condition (if the land use type is pasture, lawn, or park), with good cover (if the land use type is woods), or with good hydrologic condition and conservation treatment (if the land use type is cultivation).

(c) In computing preconstruction stormwater runoff, the design engineer shall account for all significant land features and structures, such as ponds, wetlands, depressions, hedgerows, or culverts, that may reduce preconstruction stormwater runoff rates and volumes.

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(d) In computing stormwater runoff from all design storms, the design engineer shall consider the relative stormwater runoff rates and/or volumes of pervious and impervious surfaces separately to accurately to compute the rates and volume of stormwater runoff from the site. To calculate runoff from unconnected impervious cover, urban impervious area modifications as described in the NRCS Technical Release 55 - Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds or other methods may be employed.

(e) If the invert of the outlet structure of a stormwater management measure is below the flood hazard design flood elevation as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:13, the design engineer shall take into account the effects of tailwater in the design of structural stormwater management measures.

(2) Groundwater recharge may be calculated in accordance with the following:

(a) The New Jersey Geological Survey Report GSR-32, A Method for Evaluating Groundwater-Recharge Areas in New Jersey, incorporated herein by reference as amended and supplemented. Information regarding the methodology is available from the New Jersey Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual; at the New Jersey Geological Survey Website at <https://www.nj.gov/dep/njgs/pricelst/greport/gsr32.pdf>; or at New Jersey Geological and Water Survey, 29 Arctic Parkway, PO Box 420 Mail Code 29-01, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420.

SECTION 2. All other language not specifically changed by this ordinance amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. If the provision of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of any such article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law and upon filing with the Middlesex County Planning Board.

Mayor El-Badawi opened for public comment on the ordinance only.

Hearing none, Mayor El-Badawi closed the public comment on the ordinance.

Mayor El-Badawi opened for township committee members to comment on the ordinance only.

Hearing none, Mayor El-Badawi closed the township committee comments on the ordinance.

Dr. Rogers made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Ms. Knierim seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the ordinance was unanimously adopted by the members present.

Ayes: (Knierim
(Rogers
(Scott
(El-Badawi

Nays: (None

Abstain: (None

Absent: (Ferrante

Resolutions – Consent Resolutions

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Mayor El-Badawi asked the Committee if there were any questions or comments on the Consent Agenda items. Hearing none, Mayor El-Badawi asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda resolution(s) On motion by Mr. Ferrante, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the following Consent Resolution(s) were adopted unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes: (Knierim
(Rogers
(Scott
(El-Badawi

Nays: (None

Abstain: (None

Absent: (Ferrante

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 03-24-041

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

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 03-24-042

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE
UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S
"Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment
Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"**

FORM OF RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 03-24-043

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR AND TOWNSHIP TAX ATTORNEY TO ACT
AS AGENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILING AND SETTLING
TAX APPEALS ON BEHALF OF THE TAXING DISTRICT FOR THE TAX YEAR 2024**

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WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor is knowledgeable regarding valuation and assessment of properties in the Township of Cranbury; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has the statutory responsibility, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-23 to 36 to set assessments for properties in the Township of Cranbury; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Taxing District deems the Tax Assessor to be responsible and acting in the best interests of the municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that the Tax Assessor and Tax Attorney are hereby authorized to act as agents for the Taxing District to:

- (a) determine when tax appeals, cross appeals, complaints and counterclaims should be filed on behalf of the Taxing District with regard to any property located in the Township of Cranbury and accordingly direct the attorney for the Taxing District to file such documents either the County Tax Board or Tax Court of New Jersey deems appropriate
- (b) resolve and settle tax appeals pending before the County Tax Board, Tax Court or Appellate Courts for any tax year and authorize the attorney for the Taxing District to formalize such settlement in the appropriate Courts and/or County Tax Board

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP # R 03-24-044

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

Section 1

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2024 in the sum of \$300,000.00 which item is now available as a revenue from the NJ Department of Community Affairs pursuant to the provision of statute, and

Section 2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$300,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption "NJ DCA – Inclusive Playground".

Section 3

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Resolution, certified by the Township Clerk to be a true copy forwarded to each of the following:

- (a) Director of the Division of Local Government Services
- (b) Township Chief Financial Officer

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CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #R 03-24-045

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH AXON ENTERPRISES, INC., FOR BODY WORN CAMERAS AND WITH INTERGRATED MOBILE VIDEO CAMERAS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:11-10 provides that any contracting unit may, without advertising bids, purchase any materials, supplies or equipment through a Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury is a member of the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township needs to purchase Body Worn Cameras with integrated Mobile Video Cameras for the Police Department under the appropriate Sourcewell contract for such items; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell entered into a contract with Axon Enterprises, Inc. 17800 North 85th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85255 on May 15, 2019 under Contract #010720-AXN, wherein Axon agrees to extend its pricing for such items to all members; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has recommended that the necessary number of Body Worn Cameras with integrated Mobile Video Cameras be purchased under the following Sourcewell contract and the Chief Finance Officer has approved said recommendation;

Vendor	Sourcewell Contract #	Not to exceed
Axon Enterprises, Inc.	#010720-AXN	\$862,090.60

WHEREAS, the total contract amount is payable over 10 annual payments as follows:

Year 1: \$75,000.19	Year 2: \$87,454.49
Year 3: \$87,454.49	Year 4: \$87,454.49
Year 5: \$87,454.49	Year 6: \$87,454.49
Year 7: \$87,454.49	Year 8: \$87,454.49
Year 9: \$87,454.49	Year 10: \$87,454.49

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there will be sufficient funds for this contract;

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 direct the Police Department to execute an agreement with Axon Enterprises under the appropriate Sourcewell contract for Body Worn Camera with integrated Mobile Video Cameras; and
2. A copy of the Agreement shall be available for public inspection in the Township Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

Public Comment

Mayor El-Badawi reminded the public of the three (3) minute time limit for public comment. Mayor El-Badawi then opened the meeting to public comment. Hearing none, Mayor El-Badawi closed public comment

Action Items

- Cranbury Commons Lighting – M. Scott

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- Town Yard Sale & Luminaries – L. Knierim

Adjourn

Mayor El-Badawi requested a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mrs. Knierim. and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Debra A. Rubin
Debra A. Rubin, RMC
Municipal Clerk