The Township Committee Meeting of the Township of Cranbury was held at 7:04 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Town Hall. Answering present to roll call were Township Committee members: Dr. Barbara Rogers, Matthew Scott, and Mayor Eman El-Badawi. Excused absent were: Michael Ferrante and Lisa Knierim. 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.

Agenda Additions/Changes: None

<u>Approval of Minutes</u>: 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 March 25, 2024

On a motion by Mayor El-Badawi, seconded by Dr. Rogers, along with the following roll call vote of the members of the Township Committee;

Ayes: (Rogers Abstain: (Scott

(El-Badawi

Absent: (Ferrante Nays: (None

(Knierim

the Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2024, were adopted.

Members of Committee

- Dr. Rogers Reported on the Shade Tree Commission's work on the tree ordinance and commented on the pruning work in Heritage Park. She reported on traffic calming Gateway Signs gaining County approval for local roads. She added that she planned to attend the upcoming EC meeting on the 15th.
- Mr. Scott Reported he spoke to the BOE regarding the upcoming groundbreaking ceremony.

Mayor

Mayor El-Badawi – Reported on her attendance at the recent Planning Board meeting. She announced, through the work of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign, Cranbury Township received the "Healthy Town Up and Coming" and "Healthy Town to Watch" designee. She reported the Board of Education will host their groundbreaking ceremony tomorrow. She added the library hosted a Solar Eclipse viewing event for families.

The following Community Events will be noted in the upcoming Mayor's Update: In Community News:

- Cranbury Proud-Path to Preservation The Cranbury Museum The exhibit will run through July
- April 13 (Saturday)- Holi Celebration at Cranbury Library
- April 20 (Saturday)- Cranbury Stream Cleanup
- April 20 (Saturday)- Cranbury Tour
- April 25 (Thursday)- Trauma and Opioid Use Disorder webinar
- April 27 (Saturday)- Library Foundation Accepting Book Donations
- April 27 (Saturday)- Community Garage Sale
- Registration for Cranbury Summer Camp
- Kindergarten Registration
- High School Seniors The Woman's Club of Cranbury Scholarship
- Mayor's Wellness Campaign- Volunteers Needed
- Free Virtual Naloxone (Narcan) Training Session

Department Heads – None

Follow-up Items: None

Boards and Commissions - Mayoral Appointments/Vacancies

Mayoral Appointments: None

Vacancies: Mayor El-Badawi noted the following vacancies:

- **HPC** 2nd Alternate Class C (Expire 12/31/25) (Mayoral Appointment)
- Municipal Alliance 1 Full Member (12/31/26) (Township Committee Appointment)

Ordinances:

First Reading(s) - Ms. Rubin read the following ordinance by title only:

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE 04-24-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY REGULATING THE STORAGE OF SALT AND OTHER GRANULAR DE-ICING MATERIAL PURSUANT TO THE TOWNSHIP'S MS4 PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

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 April 22, 2024.

Ayes: (Rogers Nays: (None

> (Scott (El-Badawi

Abstain: (None Absent: (Ferrante

(Knierim

Second Reading - Ms. Rubin read the following ordinance by title only:

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 03-24-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 5 "POLICE DEPARTMENT" TO CREATE A POSITION FOR POLICE CHAPLAIN

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141 provides that the governing body of a municipality may appoint one or more Police Chaplains via ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Police Chaplains serve an integral role in providing comfort to members of the Police Department as well as the public and aid in community policing; and

WHEREAS, the Committee finds it is in the best interest of the Township to include a Chaplain among the Police Department.

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

SECTION 1. The Township Code of the Township of Cranbury is hereby amended and supplemented so as to amend Chapter 5, entitled "Police Department" in its entirety so as to read as follows:

§ 5-13. Police Chaplain.

- A. The position of Police Chaplain for the Township of Cranbury is hereby created in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141. The position will be a volunteer position. The Police Chaplain shall be under the supervision of the Chief of Police.
- B. The Chaplain shall have basic training and shall be a certified Police Chaplain and qualified in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141.
- C. The duties of Police Chaplain shall include, but not be limited to assisting the Cranbury Police Department in critical incident debriefing, death notifications, and/ or any other duties that may be assigned by the Chief of Police.
- D. Any person appointed as Chaplain shall serve in that capacity without rank or salary.
- E. Every three years, the Chief of Police shall recommend to the Mayor any qualified individual pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-141 for the position. All applicants for the position shall be reviewed by the Chief of Police and the Chief of Police shall make the recommendation to the governing body. The Mayor shall appoint the Police Chaplain accordingly with the advice and consent of the Township Committee.
- F. A person appointed as Chaplain shall serve for a period of three (3) years from the date of appointment. The Chaplain may resign at any time after providing the Township with thirty (30) days' notice. The Township can terminate the Chaplain at any time and may reappoint the Chaplain upon expiration of the term with the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

SECTION 2. If any portion of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the remaining portions of the Ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect. **SECTION 3.** This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

Mayor El-Badawi opened for public comment on the above 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.

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

Ayes: (Rogers Nays: (None

(Scott (El-Badawi

Abstain: (None Absent: (Ferrante

(Knierim

Ms. Rubin read the following ordinance by title only:

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE # 03-24-07

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE PARKS COMMISSION CHAPTER 32 AND RECREATION COMMISSION CHAPTER 36

WHEREAS, the Cranbury Township Code, Chapter 32 establishes the Township's Parks Commission and Chapter 36 establishes the Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that these functions can be consolidated into a new chapter named Parks and Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee offers its gratitude and thanks to the members of the Parks Commission and Recreation Commission who have voluntarily given their time in service to the Township and its residents.

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

SECTION 1.

Cranbury Township Code, Chapter 32 entitled "Parks Commission" and Chapter 36 entitled "Recreation Commission" is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Repealer. All ordinances and resolutions, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Ordinance, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective. SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication, as required by law.

Mayor El-Badawi opened for public comment on the above 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.

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

Ayes: (Rogers Nays: (None

(Scott (El-Badawi

Abstain: (None Absent: (Ferrante

(Knierim

Ms. Rubin read the following ordinance by title only:

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 03-24-08

AN ORDINANCE CREATING IN THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ, CHAPTER 31 ENTITLED "PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION"

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, in Middlesex County, New Jersey, wishes to create a Parks and Recreation Commission to advise the Township Committee concerning the Township's parks, recreation centers, and senior center; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has repealed the previously established Parks Commission and Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that functions of the now repealed Parks Commission and Recreation Commission can be consolidated into the newly created Parks and Recreation Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey, as follows: **SECTION 1**.

Chapter 31 in its entirety, of the Code of the Township of Cranbury ("Code"), shall be created as follows: § 31-1. **Parks and Recreation Commission**

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:63-7(d) and Article II § 2-8 of the Township of Cranbury Code, there is hereby established a Parks and Recreation Commission.

§ 31-2 Membership; term of office of members; alternates.

a) The Parks and Recreation Commission shall consist of seven members and two alternates, designated as "Alternate No. 1" and "Alternate No. 2," all of whom shall be Cranbury residents.

The mayor, with the advice and consent of the township committee, shall appoint the regular and alternate members by resolution.

- b) The term of office of the regular members shall be three years. The term for members of the initial Commission shall begin on the date of their appointment and shall be as follows: two members shall be appointed for one year, two members shall be appointed for two years and three members shall be appointed for three years. All subsequent appointments, except to fill vacancies, shall be for the full term of three years, to take effect on January 1st.
- c) The Commission may also consist of up to two alternates who shall be appointed by the mayor with the consent of the township committee by way of resolution for one-year terms.
- d) No alternate member shall be permitted to act on any matter in which the alternate has either directly or indirectly any personal or financial interest. An alternate member may, after a public hearing if he or she requests one, be removed by the governing body for cause. An alternate member may participate in a discussion of the proceedings but may not vote except in the absence or disqualification of a regular member. A vote shall not be delayed in order that a regular member may vote instead of an alternate member. In the event that a choice must be made as to which alternate member is to vote, Alternate No. 1 shall vote.
- e) A vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of the term of any regular or alternate member shall be filled by the governing body for the unexpired term only.
- f) Regular and alternate members shall serve until their respective successors are appointed and shall qualify and shall not receive compensation for service on the Commission.
- g) The Commission shall have the power to appoint from among its members a chairperson, who shall be the presiding officer, and a vice-chairperson whose terms shall expire on December 31 in the year of appointment or until their successors are elected and qualified. Said appointments shall be made at the first regular meeting in January of each calendar year.
- h) If a Commission member fails to attend three or more meetings in a calendar year for any reason it may result in that member's removal from the Commission.

§ 31-3 Duties and authority of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Subject to the general authority of the mayor and township committee, and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:63-7(d), the Parks and Recreation Commission shall have the authority and duty to:

- a) Plan, develop, and implement balanced recreation programs and activities to serve the needs of Cranbury residents through the Commission and the Cranbury recreation department;
- b) Make recommendations on the maintenance of all parks, playgrounds, and recreation areas (also referred to collectively as "recreation facilities" in this article) belonging to Cranbury through the Commission and the recreation department, and such other municipal departments and personnel as may be appropriate;
- Make and enforce rules and regulations governing the use of recreation facilities and the conduct
 of recreation programs and activities under its jurisdiction, including the establishment of user and
 participant fees, subject to the review of the Township Committee;
- d) Upon consultation with the Township Committee, appoint a recreation director to assist the Commission in executing its responsibilities and to oversee the recreation department;

- e) Collect funds generated by its recreation programs, activities, and facilities and maintain same in a revolving trust fund, to be under the control of the Commission and for purposes of defraying the expense of operating, maintaining, and improving the recreation programs, activities, and facilities;
- f) Comply with all local policies and regulations, including Cranbury ordinances, as well as all applicable state statutes, including, but not limited to the Local Public Contracts Law, Local Finance Law, Open Public Meetings Act, and Open Public Records Act;
- g) Hold regular public meetings to discuss and act on items within its authority as dictated in this article. Said meeting schedule will be established at the first meeting in January of each calendar year, and all meetings shall comply with the Open Public Meetings Act;
- h) Provide an accounting of the Commission's activities to the chief financial officer, which at a minimum will include, but not be limited to, programs run, revenue received and expenditures made. From time to time, the chief financial officer may require additional information and/or reporting requirements that the Commission shall produce:
- i) With the prior authorization of the governing body, and title to any such land so acquired shall be taken in the name of the municipality, the Commission shall not have the authority to facilitate the acquisition of lands for public playgrounds and recreation places.
- j) In consultation with relevant boards and the Township Committee review, offer comments, and make recommendations on all development of the township's parks including but not limited to the design, location, and placement of temporary and permanent structures, equipment, facilities, seating, playing fields, trees and other vegetation, pathways and roadways.
- k) The Commission shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Cranbury Senior Center, senior center programming, and senior interests.

§ 31-4 Recreation director; appointment; duties.

In accordance with section 31-3(d) above, the Parks and Recreation Commission shall appoint a recreation director who shall serve under, and report to, the Township Committee and the Township Administrator. The director shall be the head of the recreation department and shall be subject to all Cranbury policies and procedures, including but not limited to personnel policies. The director shall serve until the appointment and qualification of his or her successor and shall receive such compensation as may be provided for by the governing body in the salary ordinance. The director shall:

- a) Develop, oversee, and administer recreation programs and activities;
- b) Manage, control and maintain the facilities used in connection with the recreation programs and activities:
- c) Be responsible for, and consult regularly with, the Commission and the Township Administrator for compliance with the budget and all financial, personnel, and purchasing policies;
- d) Manage, oversee, and direct employees appointed by the Township Committee, in consultation with the Commission;
- e) As head of the recreation department, manage, oversee, and direct the day-to-day operations of the municipal employees assigned to the recreation department;

- f) Attend all meetings of the Commission and respond to the direction of the Commission;
- g) Administer, implement, and enforce personnel, organizational, and policy decisions for the recreation department;
- h) Submit to the Township Committee an annual report of the work of the recreation director and of the department for the benefit of the public, and shall prepare and submit such other reports as may be requested from time to time by the Township Committee or Township Administrator;
- i) Upon consultation with the Commission, prepare and recommend to the governing body an operating budget for the Commission and the recreation department for each calendar year; and
- i) Perform such additional duties as may be requested by the Township Committee and the Township Administrator.

SECTION 2. Severability. If any section or subsection of this ordinance is adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such adjudication shall apply only to the specific section(s) or subsection(s) so adjudged, and the remainder of the ordinance shall be deemed valid.

SECTION 3. Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication, as required by law.

Mayor El-Badawi opened for public comment on the above 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. Mr. Scott commented that the ordinance combining both was a result of smart governing. This should help with achieving quorums and an easier designation of responsibilities.

Mayor El-Badawi closed the township committee comments on the ordinance.

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

(Rogers Nays: (None Ayes:

> (Scott (El-Badawi

Abstain: (None Absent: (Ferrante

(Knierim

Ms. Rubin read the following ordinance by title only:

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE 03-24-09

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY. MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ. CHAPTER 108 ENTITLED "PARKS AND RECREATION"

WHEREAS, Cranbury Township is repealing its Parks Commission and Recreation Commission, creating a new "Parks and Recreation Commission"; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adapt the rules and regulations to recognize this change.

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

SECTION 1. The recitals contained in the foregoing preamble are incorporated herein as if fully restated.

Chapter 108, of the Code of the Township of Cranbury ("Code"), shall be amended as follows (additions are underlined; deletions are in [brackets]):

Chapter 108 Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations

§ 108-1. Hours of operation.

Municipally owned parks shall be open to the public every day of the year from dawn to dusk, except as set forth herein or as said hours may be amended from time to time by the <u>Parks and Recreation</u> [Department] <u>Commission</u> or Township Committee for a specific activity, event or use.

§ 108-3. Tennis courts.

A. The use of the Township's tennis courts for any activity other than the playing of tennis <u>or pickleball</u> is prohibited. Prohibited activities shall be deemed to include, without limitation, rollerblading, rollerskating, riding bicycles, playing hockey and skateboarding.

§ 108-3.1. Athletic fields.

- **C.** The specific usage regulations applicable to each of the Township's athletic fields shall be as adopted from time to time by resolution of the Township Committee acting in consultation with the Cranbury Township Parks and Recreation Commission [and/or Parks Commission].
- **D.** In addition to the penalties set forth in § **108-7** below, any person, organization or group who violates or fails to comply with the provisions of this section or the usage rules promulgated hereunder shall be subject to the following:
- (1) First offense: written or verbal warning.
- (2) Second offense: loss of use of practice and game fields for one week.
- (3) Third offense: loss of use of all practice and game fields for the remainder of the season, based upon a majority vote by the Cranbury Township [Board of] Parks and Recreation Commission.

§ 108-7. **Fees.**

C. The Township Committee may consult the Cranbury Township <u>Parks and</u> Recreation Commission [and/or the Cranbury Township Parks Commission] before adopting a recreation fee resolution.

<u>Section 2. Severability.</u> If any section or subsection of this ordinance is adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such adjudication shall apply only to the specific section(s) or subsection(s) so adjudged, and the remainder of the ordinance shall be deemed valid.

<u>Section 3. Repealer.</u> All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

<u>Section 4. Effective date.</u> This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication, as required by law.

Mayor El-Badawi opened for public comment on the above 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. Mr. Scott seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the ordinance was unanimously adopted by the members present.

Ayes: (Rogers Nays: (None

(Scott

(El-Badawi

Abstain: (None Absent: (Ferrante

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Resolutions - Consent Resolutions

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 Dr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Scott, the following Consent Resolution(s) were adopted unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes: (Rogers Nays: (None

(Scott

(El-Badawi

Abstain: (None Absent: (Knierim

(Ferrante

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 04-24-051

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 04-24-052

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY AND THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRUNSWICK

WHEREAS, the parties entered into a lease agreement for certain Mobile Data Computer (MDC) units and interconnected radio units and appurtenance hardware for installation in police vehicles dated July 22, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to revise the terms and conditions of said agreement by way of written agreement ("Agreement" or "Lease"); and

WHEREAS, the prior lease agreement between the parties dated February 13, 2018, shall be and is hereby terminated as of the date of this Agreement, which is intended to replace said prior Lease Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Cranbury and the Township of South Brunswick lease of personal property Mobile Data Computer System (MDC); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Township of Cranbury.

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 04-24-053

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF ESCROW

WHEREAS, WuXi Biologic has deposited planning escrow with Cranbury Township

WHEREAS, WuXi Biologic has requested the release of the balance of said escrow in the amount of \$1,873.25.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury authorizes the release of the above escrow deposit.

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

- (a) Township Director of Finance
- (b) WuXi Biologic

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.

• Sally O'Grady – Ms. O'Grady provided previous Parks Commission report and projects which needed to be continued under the new Parks and Recreation Commission.

Hearing no further comment. Mayor El-Badawi closed public comment.

Action Items - None

<u>Adjourn</u>

Mayor El-Badawi requested a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Mr. Scott, seconded by Dr. Rogers. and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

<u>Debra A. Rubin</u> Debra A. Rubin, RMC Municipal Clerk