

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 14, 2012

The Closed Session of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Answering present to the roll call were Township Committee members: Susan Goetz, Glenn Johnson, Daniel Mulligan, and Mayor David Cook. Mr. Taylor was absent. Also present were Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/Director of Finance; and Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk/Assistant Administrator. Mayor Cook led in the salute to the flag, and Ms. Cunningham gave 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:

- (1) Posted on November 29, 2011 on the Bulletin Board of the Municipal Office at 23-A North Main Street, Cranbury, New Jersey and remains posted at that location.
- (2) Communicated to the Cranbury Press, Home News Tribune and Trenton Times on November 29, 2011.
- (3) Was filed on November 29, 2011 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, and
- (4) Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

Resolution  
Closed Session

On a motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried (with Mr. Taylor absent), the motion was carried by vote:

Ayes: (Goetz (Johnson (Mulligan (Cook	Abstain: (None Absent: (Taylor
Nays: (None	

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 05-12-068

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

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

The general nature of the subject to be discussed in this session is as follows:

- "N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (8) /Personnel"; Discussion of the position of a new Cranbury Township Police Officer.

It is unknown at this time precisely when the matters discussed in this session will be disclosed to the public. Matters involving contract negotiations or the acquisition of land

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will be disclosed upon conclusion of the negotiations or upon approval of the acquisition. Matters involving personnel will be disclosed when the need for confidentiality no longer exists. Matters concerning litigation will be announced upon the conclusion of trial or settlement of that litigation or when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

On motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried, the Township Committee returned to Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Township Committee Minutes of April 23, 2012

On motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Mulligan and unanimously carried (with Mr. Taylor absent), the Regular Township Committee Minutes of April 23, 2012 were adopted.

Reports and Communications

--Mayor

Mayor Cook announced the Department of Infrastructure Management has scheduled the repaving of South River Road from Route 130 to Prospect Plains Road. The milling will begin approximately on May 18<sup>th</sup> with paving to begin on May 29<sup>th</sup> and striping around June 5<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Cook stated South Main Street roadway (near the Cranbury Inn and Presbyterian Church) is in poor condition; however, he stated that portion of roadway will not be paved at this time because of the upcoming Dam Project work. He stated he will ask the County to fix the roadway further away from the Dam Project.

Mayor Cook reported all the permits for the Dam Project have been signed and submitted to proceed with the Bridge and Dam Project. He stated the Project should begin in the Fourth Quarter 2012.

Mayor Cook reported the Cranbury Library is moving forward with plans for a new Library and is doing well working with the Foundation to raise funds outside of the Township. Mayor Cook stated the Library would like acknowledgement from the Township Committee supporting their program, and the Township Committee will be adopting a Resolution in June.

Mayor Cook reported Ms. Jennifer Cooke will replace Ms. Kathy Wasson, the Board of Education's liaison with the Planning Board. Ms. Cooke was appointed today and will serve the remainder of Ms. Wasson's term through April 2013.

--Members of Committee

Ms. Goetz reported the Environmental Commission is meeting this evening to discuss the Farmers' Market and the Sustainable New Jersey Grant. Ms. Goetz explained Farmers' Market selling local produce would give Cranbury Township "points" and would make the Township eligible for additional grants. The location for the proposed Farmers' Market is the parking lot of the Cranbury Book Worm.

Ms. Goetz stated she will be meeting this week with an "expert" to discuss the vegetation in Brainerd Lake and will bring recommendations for cleaning the Lake back to the next Township Committee meeting.

Mr. Mulligan reported the Signage Ordinance was discussed at the Planning Board meeting, and stated he felt the changes would be beneficial to the Township's businesses. He stated he is very supportive of the Farmers' Market.

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Reports and Communications (Continued)

--Members of Committee

Mr. Mulligan (cont'd.)

Mr. Mulligan also reported he met with Ms. Marabello, Township Administrator, and Ms. Josette Kratz, to discuss technology at the Township. Mr. Mulligan stated Mr. Jeff Graydon, Zoning Officer, tracks zoning information in a data base, and stated he will share that data base with the Township. Mr. Mulligan stated it will be beneficial to have a spreadsheet to track the activities of active planning and zoning applications. He stated Ms. Kratz will manage the spreadsheet.

Mr. Mulligan reported the Planning Board would like to have some of its documents available electronically. He stated the Board receives a lot of paper reports, and it would be beneficial to be able to review documents on line and print only the necessary pages. Testing on non-confidential documents, such as agendas, will be conducted first, and Mr. Mulligan stated the goal would be to become "paperless" in the future. He reported the School Board has already taken this initiative, and if the testing is successful with the Planning Board, a more formalized presentation can be made to the Township Committee concerning a future "paperless" strategy.

Mr. Mulligan reported the Hightstown Bears Youth Program sent a thank you note for the \$250 contribution from the Cranbury Recreation Program. Mr. Mulligan stated many contributions were reduced during the difficult budget process; however, smaller contributions were sent to organizations outside of Cranbury to allow children to participate in those programs not offered in the Township.

Mr. Johnson reported at the last Historic Preservation meeting an application was reviewed for a home on Prospect Street for work on columns. He stated the replacement columns will look like the original columns.

Public Comment

Mayor Cook asked for any Public Comment concerning any agenda items. As no one wished to speak, Mayor Cook closed Public Comment.

Agenda Additions/Changes

Ms. Cunningham announced there were no additions or changes to the agenda.

Resolutions

Consent Agenda

Mayor Cook summarized the Consent Agenda Resolutions and asked the Township Committee if there were any questions or comments, or if anyone wished to have an item addressed separately. Ms. Cunningham, Clerk, explained Resolution # R 05-12-072 opposes Senator Loretta Weinberg's proposed reforms to the Open Public Meetings Act and the Open Public Records Act. Ms. Cunningham explained these reforms will place difficult unfunded mandates on municipalities throughout the State. She reported municipalities agree to the transparency addressed in the legislation; however, the added requirements will be burdensome and costly to the Township. Ms. Cunningham reported the League of Municipalities has come out against these two Senate bills and has urged the New Jersey State Municipal Clerks' Association to ask clerks to obtain this Resolution from their governing bodies.

Mr. Mulligan requested the "SkyWatch" Resolution be addressed separately. Mr. Mulligan also stated for the record he did vote against the construction of a new Public Works Storage Barn; however, he will vote for the floor of the existing Public Works building because it is work that is necessary. He stated he wanted to be clear that while he did not support the

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new building, he does support the change order for the floor. Mayor Cook gave a brief explanation of the "SkyWatch" Platform for the public. Mr. Johnson provided additional description of the equipment and its usage. Ms. Goetz stated the platform would typically be used for a large-scale event and most probably would never be used in Cranbury; however, the agreement should be in place if the Township ever needed to use the platform. Mr. Mulligan stated he was not in favor of Cranbury using the equipment. On motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following Resolution was adopted by a vote:

Ayes: (Goetz  
(Johnson  
(Cook

Abstain: (None  
Absent: (Taylor

Nays: (Mulligan

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 05-12-071

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION  
OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY AND THE COUNTY OF  
MIDDLESEX FOR USE OF A "SKYWATCH" SURVEILLANCE PLATFORM

WHEREAS, the Middlesex County Prosecutor is the Chief Law Enforcement Officer for the County of Middlesex, and as such is charged with, inter alia, the responsibility of providing for the safety and welfare of the citizens of Middlesex County and does so by ensuring that the law enforcement professionals that serve said citizens are provided with state of the art technology and training in the field of homeland security; and

WHEREAS, the United States Dept. of Homeland Security has heretofore established the urban Area Security Initiative, hereinafter (UASI), which is a homeland security designation and is based upon the infrastructure and risks within the Counties and Municipalities in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Critical Infrastructure Subcommittee of the UASI has funded the purchase of a "Skywatch" surveillance platform for each County and core city in the UASI region to be deployed on an "as-needed" basis to support homeland security initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the "Skywatch" surveillance platform can also be deployed for other functions, such as surveillance of large scale events to monitor crowd and/or traffic movements, to deter crime and to promote a "birds eye" view of an area for security purposes; and

WHEREAS, Cranbury Township Police Chief, Rickey Varga supports this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the parties of this Memorandum of Understanding agree to implement the deployment of the "Skywatch" surveillance platform on an as-needed basis per the attached Agreement; and

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

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Consent Agenda

Resolutions (continued)

Mayor Cook addressed the remaining Consent Agenda Resolutions. On motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following Resolutions were adopted by vote:

Ayes: (Goetz  
(Johnson  
(Mulligan  
(Cook

Abstain: (None  
Absent: (Taylor

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 05-12-069

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 05-12-070

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE  
TOWNSHIP'S CONTRACT WITH SECURITY STRUCTURES

WHEREAS, a contract was awarded to Security Structures for a not to exceed amount of \$328,650 on April 9, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has recommended a change order for additional items stated in the attached memo, which would increase the agreement by \$15,350; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance has certified said funds are available;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that:

1. Change Order for \$15,350 is hereby approved.
2. This Resolution, when counter-signed by Security Structures shall serve as an amendment to the original contract for the purpose of increasing the contract by \$15,350 and confirming that the new amount, including all change orders will not exceed \$344,000.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 05-12-072

Opposing Senate Bills 1451 and 1452

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced to reform and modernize both the Open Public Meetings Act (S-1451) and the Open Public Records Act (S-1452); and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township of Cranbury agrees with and supports the statement that "the right of the public to be present at all meetings of public bodies, and to witness in full detail all phases of the deliberation, policy formulation, and decision making of public bodies, is vital to the enhancement and proper functioning of the democratic process"; and

WHEREAS, the changes, however, proposed in S-1451 will not only be a cost driver for local and State government but make government less effective; and

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WHEREAS, S-1451 includes a number of proposed requirements which involve costly unfunded mandates, impractical requirements and impediments to the democratic process, including the following:

- A new definition of subcommittees that expands subcommittees to be overly inclusive so that, for example, even research projects assigned to one member of a public body could be covered; and
- A new requirement that all subcommittees meetings include notice of their meeting and the preparation of minutes, which would, among other things, necessitate additional administrative support for all meetings of subcommittees as well as increased legal advertising cost; and
- A new requirement that agendas provide a description of all agenda items, including the names of parties to and approximate dollar amounts of any contracts to be acted upon, which will delay the award of contracts and could lead to the loss of grant monies; and
- A new requirement that the governing body may discuss, but not act upon, an item brought up by a citizen at a public meeting if it was not published as an agenda item, that not only runs contrary to the time honored tradition of holding a public meeting for the very purpose of soliciting such input and acting upon it but is impractical, ineffective and unnecessarily inhibits the operations of municipal government; and
- A new requirement for advance notification of estimated start times for the public portion of the meeting and the portion of the meeting from which the public is to be excluded that is unworkable and disruptive; and
- A new requirement that recordings of meetings become a part of the minutes that renders the recordings a permanent municipal record and is not only counter to the already-established records retention schedule of Division of Archive and Records Management for such records but which will be costly to preserve the records to ensure that they are permanent; and
- A new requirement that electronic communications, such as e-mails and text messages, concerning public business among an effective majority of the members that occurred prior to a meeting become part of the minutes and renders the recordings a permanent municipal record, is unworkable and unmanageable as the technology does not always exist to make "hard copies" or digital copies of text messages and the records custodian does not always have access to them, and which is an unprecedented expansion of the meeting concept; and
- A new requirement that public bodies be permitted to exclude the public from discussion of personnel matters only with the written consent of the employee and potentially affected employees which will inhibit the public bodies' ability to take necessary actions on personnel matters and could lead to costly litigation; and
- A new requirement that comprehensive minutes that must include each member's stated reason for their actions or vote, the identity of each member of the public who spoke, and summary of what was said, be made available to the public as soon as possible but no later than 45 days after the meeting that will not only be costly but the historical value of minutes will be lost in order to meet an arbitrary deadline; and

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WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury agrees that government records should be readily accessible and transparent but there must be an appropriate balance between the need for openness and transparency in government and citizens' reasonable expectation of privacy; and

WHEREAS, among the costly unfunded mandates and impractical new requirements of S-1452 are the following:

- The expansion of the definition of government record to include records that are required by law to be made, maintained or kept on file by any public agency that will lead to a records custodians to be in violation of OPRA for the non-existence of a government records created before their tenure with the public body; and
- The creation of a definition for "advisory, consultative or deliberative" material that may be contrary to the well-established definition in case law leading to costly litigation; and
- The expanding of the definition of government record to include electronic communications, such as e-mails and text messages, concerning public business among an effective majority of the members that occurred prior to a meeting that is unworkable and unmanageable as the technology does not always exist to make "hard copies" or digital copies of text messages, the records custodian does not always have access to the electronic communications and certain cell phone carriers will not provide this information without a subpoena; and
- The inclusion of a subjective definition for "reasonable" that may be contrary to the well-established definition in case law leading to costly litigation; and
- A new requirement that any video or audio recordings or public meetings should be available in unedited form will be in direct violation of the Open Public Meetings Act requirement that requires the redacting of discussions in closed session until the matter can legally be released; and
- A new requirement on how to handle redactions and special services fees is time consuming and costly, especially considering that the Government Records Council has already addressed these procedures in their Custodians' Toolkit, which should be codified; and
- A provision that permits the records custodian to advise a requestor that a government record is readily available on the public agency's website; however, the bill requires the records custodian to directly provide the records to the requestor if they do not have access to a computer but does not define what is meant by "access to a computer"; and
- A new costly requirement that when there is a special service charge the requestor must be provided, at no cost, an index generally describing the responsive government records to be provided and to the greatest extent possible the index shall include the name of each record or brief description of the record or general categories of records, a detailed breakdown of how the special charges were assessed and if records are exempt or redacted, the records custodian must provide a description of those records; and

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- A provision that prohibits the assessment of a special service charge for requests for budgets, bills, vouchers, contracts and public employee salaries and overtime unless the request is deemed voluminous, which is undefined and subjective; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of S-1451 and S-1452 place financial, time, manpower and other burdens on municipalities at a time when municipalities are forced to layoff municipal employees, impose furloughs and reduce departmental budgets so that municipalities can meet the strict CAP requirements with decreased revenues and increasing operating expense; and

WHEREAS, the totality of the new requirements of S-1451 and S-1452 will be a significant cost driver for local and State government with no known appropriation contemplated or any alternate means to offset these costs, such a reasonable increase in fees; and

WHEREAS, while the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury strives for and agrees that open and transparent government is essential to the democratic process, the provisions of S-1451 and S-1452 will make government inefficient;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey for reasons stated above, does hereby oppose S-1451 and S-1452, as currently drafted, and strongly urges the State Senate and Assembly to oppose these bills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this duly adopted resolution be forwarded to Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Senator Loretta Weinberg, Senator Barbara Buono, Senator Shirley Turner, Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, Assemblyman Gordon Johnson, Assemblyman Upendra Chivukula, the legislators of the 14<sup>th</sup> State Legislative District, Governor Chris Christie, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey.

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # 05-12-073

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 2012 in the sum of \$8,922.17 which item is now available as a revenue from the State of New Jersey pursuant to the provision of statute, and



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Section 2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 8,922.17 is hereby appropriated under the caption "Clean Communities 2012".

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 Auditor
- (c) Director of Finance

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 05-12-074

WHEREAS, 1st Quarter 2012 property taxes for the property listed below, were overpaid due to the Duplicate Payment by Trident Title and Hudson City Savings Bank, and

WHEREAS, the homeowner is due a refund.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that the following overpayment be refunded:

Block	Lot	Name	Amount
23	74	Richard Letter	\$2,930.27

Reports from Township Staff and Professionals

--Assistant Administrator's Report

Ms. Cunningham reported two (2) old Cranbury Township Minute Books had been restored and were on display at the Cranbury Public Library. Ms. Marilynn Mullen, Library Director, suggested it would be helpful if residents could access past Township Minutes online. Ms. Cunningham explained the Township currently does not have its Minutes digitized or on microfilm. She was advised by Ms. Mullen that the Library obtained a grant last year to microfilm all issues of the Cranbury Press back to its first issue. Ms. Mullen stated she would watch for a grant this year to microfilm the Township's Minutes. Ms. Cunningham reported she received the grant information today. Ms. Mullen offered to follow up on the grant. Ms. Cunningham stated not all the Minutes would be done; however, over time all Minutes would be accessible to the public.

Reports from Township Boards and Commissions

Mr. Tom Weidner, Chairman of the Parks Commission presented to the Township Committee the Commission's 2011 Annual Report and 2012 Goals. Mr. Weidner reported a list of recommendations was created for each park back in 2008. The first year all Parks Commission members went through each park and in subsequent years a subcommittee has continued to inspect each park to see what had been done or what needed to be added to the list. Mr. Weidner stated he met with Mr. Jerry Thorne, Public Works Manager, last year who stated he was appreciative of the lists. Mr. Weidner stated the Parks' lists contain short-term and long-term goals. Mr. Weidner commended the Township Committee and Public Works for keeping the Township's Parks in such good condition.

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--Mr. Weidner (cont'd.)

Mr. Weidner reported the Parks Commission assisted in the erection and dedication of the Civil War Monument at Memorial Park. The funding for the Monument was provided for by the New Jersey Civil War History Association, and the stone walkway was constructed by Eagle Scout Andrew Zysk. Mr. Weidner commended Mr. Taylor on his help with the dedication.

Mr. Weidner reported a Memorial Book was purchased last year to document and recognize the memorial park gifts given by individuals. He explained the Memorial Book will be a repository for the information. A two-page template is being designed for information, and Mr. Weidner stated the Historical Society has offered to store additional information in the History Center.

Mr. Weidner reported the Parks Commission met with the Environmental Commission. He stated it was a great meeting and all members from both Commissions were present. He reported every element of the Open Space and Recreation Plan was examined and discussed each Commission's involvement with each property. Mr. Weidner reported the Parks Commission also worked with the Track Subcommittee.

He reported goals for 2012 include the annual parks' inspection and update of list, completion of the Memorial Book, and updating the Parks' website. Mr. Mulligan offered to work with the Parks Commission on updating the website.

Ms. Goetz commended the Parks Commission for meeting with the Environmental Commission and agreed the meeting was beneficial. She stated a lot of the Parks Commission's plans deal with trees. She asked if the Parks Commission is working with the Shade Tree Commission because their expertise could be beneficial.

Ms. Goetz addressed the erosion at Village Park and urged the Parks Commission to work with the Environmental Commission to develop a "natural" solution to the erosion problem. She stated it appears part of the problem seems to be lack of rooting-type vegetation. Mr. Weidner reported the Parks Commission has been documenting the erosion by photographing the area over the last three (3) years, and the erosion seems less than it originally appeared to be. Mr. Weidner stated the Environmental Commission was contacted for their expertise on the issue, and he stated the goal is to get the job done the right way.

Mayor Cook and the Township Committee thanked Mr. Weidner and the Parks Commission for the long-standing maintenance and stewardship of the Township's Parks.

Work Session

- a). Presentation and Discussion with Patrick Menninger, Boy Scout, on his proposed Eagle Scout Project at Village Park.

Patrick Menninger, Boy Scout Troop 759, presented and discussed with the Township Committee his proposed Eagle Scout Project at Village Park. Mr. Menninger stated he is working toward the rank of Eagle Scout and is looking to renovate the C1 Baseball Field at Village Park. He stated Cranbury Plainsboro Little League has been looking to renovate this field, and he stated he has played baseball for the League for 12 years. Mr. Menninger stated his goal is to enhance the appearance and playability of the field, which would include the installation of clay sub-bases underneath both home plate and the pitcher's mound to prevent erosion. He stated the base paths would also be widened, the fields leveled, and overgrown grass would be removed. Pending approval from the Boy Scouts, Mr. Menninger stated he would like to start the project in the summer; however, it may be delayed until the fall. He reported all the work would be done by the Boy Scouts in Troop 759, and there is no cost to Cranbury Township. Costs for the project would be covered by the Cranbury Plainsboro Little League and by

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fundraising by the Boy Scouts. Mr. Menninger stated after each work session, the field will be restored to "playable" condition. He stated the work sessions will be scheduled on Sundays when the field is not usually used by teams. Mr. Menninger has been in touch with Mr. Jerry Thorne, Public Works Manager and has received the support of the Recreation Board. Mr. Johnson stated he was in favor of the project and liked that no play time would be lost during the construction on the field. Ms. Goetz thanked Mr. Menninger for offering to do his project in Cranbury, and Mr. Mulligan commended him on his presentation. Mayor Cook stated Mr. Menninger had the Township Committee's approval and could begin work on his project. Mr. Menninger requested a letter of approval from the Township, and Ms. Cunningham, Clerk, stated she will prepare a letter from the Township Committee.

Public Comment

The Mayor opened the meeting to public questions and comment.

Mr. R. Kallan, Wynnewood Drive, asked if a process will be put in place to request SkyWatch surveillance. Mayor Cook reported currently there is no procedure in place, and the Township would rely on the discretion of the Police Department. However, Mayor Cook stated it would be a good idea to have a process. Mr. Kallan suggested two (2) requirements be instituted whereby the Township Committee would sign off on the request and prior notice of surveillance use would be given to the public. Mayor Cook agreed stating the SkyWatch surveillance would have to be announced and approved prior to its use.

Mr. Robert Dillon, Hightstown Cranbury Station Road, discussed with the Township Committee information he researched concerning the DEP, sewer service, and the County map. Mr. Dillon gave copies of materials he retrieved from the Internet concerning the redevelopment of brownfields. He stated Veridian is going to the DEP to get approvals from the Township and stated his concern with the State of New Jersey dictating what municipal lands should be used for. Mr. Dillon stated the DEP was created to monitor development in wetlands to avoid a negative impact to the environment, and should not be involved in land use.

Mayor Cook provided for the public some background on the Veridian project. He stated the proposed project is to construct a very large warehouse on the Unexcelled property. The property was formerly a munitions site, and if remediated, could be the future site of a warehouse. Mayor Cook stated the warehouse could be as large as two (2) million square feet, and having no sewer service would make the property less accommodating to building a warehouse of this scale on the site. Mayor Cook stated the project has received site approval and now there is more pressure on the County concerning access to the sewer service. Mayor Cook stated there is also interest from other businesses on Route 130 for sewer service. He stated the developer for the Veridian Project was under the impression the sewer access was approved, and Mayor Cook stated that is not the case. Mayor Cook stated the Township is assessing what recourse is available to have the sewer issue put aside. Mayor Cook thanked Mr. Dillon for providing helpful information to the Township.

Mr. Stuart Long, South Main Street, reported he has had some issues with St. David's Church and stated he feels the Construction Official, Mr. Greg Farrington, has ties with the Church which impedes the resolution of his issues. He stated he has received threatening phone calls from the Board of Health Officer, and considers his property well-managed. Mr. Long stated issues with the Church include a sidewalk needing correction, and a noisy Public

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(Mr. Long cont'd.)

Church HVAC system. Mr. Long requested Mr. Farrington be removed from inspecting the Church property and suggested Mr. Rob Weber, Building Inspector, be the replacement to deal with the Church. Mayor Cook stated the issue will be reviewed.

Mr. Long stated he has never received any official mail concerning the sidewalk correction. Mayor Cook stated he will speak with Mr. Bill Tanner, Township Engineer, concerning the status. Mr. Long reported he has received threats from the Board of Health Officer. Mayor Cook asked who sent letters to him, and Mr. Long reported the Health Officer, Ms. Lee Lloyd, has left phone messages concerning the condition of his property. Mr. Long stated he contacted the Board of Health concerning issues with the Church and has received "threats" of citation on his property in return. He stated he maintains a nature preserve in the Township.

Ms. Long stated the Township has not addressed the fishway, and Mayor Cook stated the Township is working with the Dam Project's engineers, Najarian Associates, concerning the fishway and will consider if it is feasible. Mayor Cook assured Mr. Long the Township will look into his concerns.

There being no further public comments, the Mayor closed the public portion of the meeting.

Mayor's Notes

Mayor Cook reported due to the ongoing parking shortage in the Township, parking spaces will be painted on a portion of Maplewood Avenue from the Village Park entrance to Park Place and also on Westminster.

Mayor Cook reported the Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m., and he invited the public to attend.

He reported the remainder of the funding for the Reinhardt North property was received. Mayor Cook reported the Township paid nothing out-of-pocket for the property. Ms. Goetz asked about the work equipment on that site, and Mayor Cook reported it is water utility work which should be complete in approximately three (3) more weeks.

On a motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and unanimously carried (with Mr. Taylor being absent), the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Kathleen R. Cunningham, RMC  
Municipal Clerk