The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Answering present to the roll call were Township Committee members: Glenn Johnson, James Taylor, and Mayor David Cook. Mr. Mulligan and Ms. Goetz were absent. Also present were Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/Director of Finance; and Kathleen Cunningham, Municipal 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.

Mayor Cook announced the presentation of the Proclamation Supporting The Cranbury Public Library's 2012-2013, "One Book, One Cranbury" Program. Mayor Cook reported this Program is designed to promote literacy and historical preservation. The Cranbury Public Library is promoting the newly-published book, *Cranbury, A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present* by Cranbury resident, John Whiteclay Chambers II, and is organizing a variety of programs about the history of Cranbury and New Jersey during 2012-2013. Ms. Cunningham, Municipal Clerk, read the following Proclamation, which was then presented to Ms. Marilynn Mullen, Director of the Cranbury Public Library.

### **PROCLAMATION**

# SUPPORTING THE CRANBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 2012-13 "ONE BOOK, ONE CRANBURY" PROGRAM

**WHEREAS,** in 2012 the Cranbury Public Library began its "One Book, One Cranbury" program, and;

**WHEREAS**, "One Book, One Cranbury" is designed to promote literacy and historical preservation, and to foster a sense of community by bringing people together through literature and appreciation of local history, and;

**WHEREAS**, the 2012-13 selection for the One Book, One Cranbury" is "Cranbury: A New Jersey Town from the Colonial Era to the Present" by John Whiteclay Chambers, II, and;

**WHEREAS**, the library is encouraging everyone in our community to read this book written by a noted Cranbury resident, and;

#### **PROCLAMATION**

## SUPPORTING THE CRANBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 2012-13 "ONE BOOK, ONE CRANBURY" PROGRAM

(Continued)

**WHEREAS**, the library, in partnership with the Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society, will offer a variety of programs each month throughout 2012 -13, focusing on the history of New Jersey, and especially Cranbury, as detailed in this book, and;

**WHEREAS**, grant funding has been provided by the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission, Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders through a grant provided by New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of Dept. of State to support this program:

I, David Cook, Mayor, hereby Proclaim on behalf of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, support for the "One Book, One Cranbury" program at the Cranbury Public Library, and I encourage our residents to read the book and participate in One Book, One Cranbury programs, and I wish it much success.

Ms. Mullen thanked Mayor Cook and the Township Committee. She stated Cranbury is lucky to have such a great book, and the Library is offering a year of programs on the history of New Jersey and Cranbury. She reported a listing of the programs can be found in the Township Newsletter copies were also available for the public in the Meeting Room.

Regular Township Committee Minutes of September 10, 2012.

Mayor Cook asked if there were any changes to the Minutes of September 10, 2012, and Mr. Taylor stated he requested a change, and Ms. Cunningham stated the sentence, "Mr. Johnson confirmed he will be the liaison for the Fire Company." was added to the Minutes for clarification. On motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Taylor and unanimously carried (with Mr. Mulligan and Ms. Goetz being absent), the amended Regular Township Committee Minutes of September 10, 2012 were adopted.

Closed Session Minutes of September 10, 2012.

On motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried (with Mr. Mulligan and Ms. Goetz being absent), the Closed Session Minutes of September 10, 2012 were adopted.

#### Reports and Communications

--Mayor

Mayor Cook reported the increase of truck and car traffic on Route 130 has been discussed in the past. Mayor Cook stated the development along Route 130 from Robbinsville through East Windsor and up to South Brunswick has added to the volume of traffic. Mayor Cook reported he attended a meeting hosted by Congressman Rush Holt earlier that day to discuss the traffic situation, and stated the State DOT was also in attendance. Congressman Holt wanted the Mayors of municipalities affected by the traffic present at the meeting, and the Cranbury Township Planner and Traffic Consultant also attended the meeting. He reported the State is going to look at Cranbury, particularly Liberty Way, as a possible "fix" to reduce truck traffic on Route 130. Mayor Cook stated the motivation for Assemblyman Holt and the State to be looking at the traffic issue now is Cranbury and South Brunswick are expecting a significant amount of warehouses to be built in the future; Cranbury Township expects new warehousing space of approximately 8 million square feet and South Brunswick expects about 20 million square feet.

Reports and Communications (Continued)

--Mayor (cont'd.)

Mayor Cook reported the Brainerd Lake Dam Project bidding should commence in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter with construction to begin in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter. He reported there have been issues with "treasure diggers" mining the Lake area now that the water level has been dropped, and stated the Township is addressing that issue, erosion and the Dam Project.

## Reports and Communications

--Members of Committee

Mr. Johnson reported there has been difficulty recruiting volunteers for the Fire Company in the past. He stated a nearby municipality had to hire three (3) firemen at a cost of \$375,000 due to a shortage of volunteers. Mr. Johnson stated he would work with the Fire Company and hoped the Township could also assist the Fire Company in their recruiting efforts for additional volunteers so Cranbury Township is not caught in a similar position.

Mr. Johnson reported he recently had a conversation with a couple who had lived for many years in Toronto. He stated they said there is a system in Toronto where pedestrians crossing in crosswalks step off the curb, extend their arm, and point to the other side of the road as a signal to cars that they do intend to cross the road. Mr. Johnson stated he sent an e-mail to Lt. Frank Dillane to see if this something that could be taught to the school children during police "safety" presentations at the school.

Mr. Taylor reported one of the resolutions on the agenda addressed the hiring of a temporary electrical inspector to replace the electrical inspector who just resigned. Mr. Taylor stated he has had several conversations with the new inspector and he was impressed with his knowledge and stated his hourly rate is less than the former inspector's rate.

Mr. Taylor reported 228 summonses were issued for the month, of which 31 were speeding summonses. Top summons locations were Route 130, Plainsboro Road, and North Main Street. Top speeding locations were Plainsboro Road, North Main Street and Old Trenton Road. There were 335 hours of overtime for the month (2,036 year-to-date overtime) for shift coverage, investigations and training.

Mr. Taylor reported there were 39 motor vehicle crashes for the month of August. Nineteen man hours for aggressive driving patrols were covered by a County grant, which saved the Township some money. Another grant for DWI enforcement covered 30 man hours.

For the Detective Bureau, Mr. Taylor reported there were seven (7) criminal investigations in August. Six (6) investigations were closed and ten (10) active criminal investigations are currently open. There were two (2) administrative investigations and four (4) closed administrative investigations. Mr. Taylor reported there is only one (1) detective in the Detective Bureau, and he was assisted three (3) times by officers. Mr. Taylor reported there were 14 total arrests during the month, including two (2) DWIs; eight (8) warrant arrests; two (2) burglaries; six (6) thefts; and two (2) disorderly persons complaints. Mr. Taylor reported the vehicle maintenance expenditure for the month was \$3,400 for an electronic transmission control and other repairs for Car #22.

Mr. Taylor reported the Township was awarded \$5,000 for a "Quality of Life" grant from the Middlesex County Prosecutors' Office to be used for equipment and man hours to assist the Detective Bureau.

Mr. Taylor reported the "Downtown Beautification Subcommittee" met last Friday. Mr. Bill Gittings, a member on the Subcomittee, suggested he get a landscape architect to volunteer to work on the project. Mr. Taylor stated the Township had received a \$220,000 Beautification Grant" from the DOT. He reported a Public Meeting will be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in

Reports and Communications (Continued)

-- Members of Committee

(Mr. Taylor cont'd.)

the Large Group Room of the Cranbury School to seek input from residents of Cranbury on how the Committee should invest grant funds to enhance the historic village appeal of the community. Mr. Taylor stated decisions on the Beautification Project have not yet been made, and the Committee is looking for public input to have synergy with the Village and the Dam area. Mayor Cook suggested having a conceptual design to view would be beneficial. He stated the Beautification Project and the Brainerd Lake Dam Project are two separate projects, and it would be good to be able to visualize both projects. Mr. Taylor encouraged residents to come to the meeting.

Mayor Cook asked if there was any Public Comment concerning agenda items, and hearing none, proceeded with the agenda.

### Agenda Additions/Changes

Ms. Cunningham, Municipal Clerk, stated there were no additions or changes to the agenda.

#### Resolutions

Consent Agenda

Mayor Cook gave a brief summary of the Resolutions and asked the Township Committee if there were any questions or comments. On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following Consent Agenda Resolutions were adopted by vote:

Ayes: (Johnson Abstain: (None

(Taylor Absent: (Goetz (Cook (Mulligan

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 09-12-117

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 09-12-118

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, that Richard Such be appointed to the position of Electrical Subcode Official, for a four-year term, beginning on September 24, 2012 at an hourly rate of \$30.00.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 09-12-119

WHEREAS, in 1697 the town of "Cranberry" (later to be changed to Cranbury) was founded; and

WHEREAS, the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Cranbury was held in 1997; and

WHEREAS, this year Cranbury is marking another milestone by celebrating its 315<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Cranbury has also played an important role throughout this nation's history; during the American Revolution, George Washington passed through Cranbury and met there with the Marquis de Lafayette and Alexander Hamilton to make plans for the Battle of

## Cranbury Township Resolution # R 09-12-119 (Continued)

Monmouth, and Aaron Burr changed horses in Cranbury in 1804 as he fled south following his fatal duel with Alexander Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, Cranbury is one of America's most beautiful small towns, having the Cranbury Historic District listed in the National Register of Historic Places on September 18, 1980; and

WHEREAS, Cranbury is one of the oldest towns in New Jersey; rich with its charm of the "Village Area"; and

WHEREAS, Cranbury has, since its beginnings, provided homes for people to raise their families and develop the strong bonds that define a community; and

WHEREAS, this anniversary is a testament to Cranbury's appeal to those seeking a welcoming place with a rich and diverse heritage; and

WHEREAS, significant tracts of preserved farmland and open space (to date 2,681 acres) in the Township provide a beautiful "vista" for all who live, work or just travel through Cranbury;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury hereby congratulates Cranbury on its 315<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the hope it will continue to be the "jewel" that it truly is.

Reports from Township Staff and Professionals

--Administrator's Report

Ms. Marabello reported budget time is approaching. She stated she is reviewing contracts that will be expiring, including the "911 Dispatch Contract". Ms. Marabello stated she is currently negotiating the Sewer Maintenance Agreement with Monroe Township and reported that Agreement had not been negotiated or renewed for several years. She stated she met with Monroe Township and is waiting for them to respond with their terms.

Ms. Marabello reported there was a \$781,000 note sale in September. She reported \$450,000 was paid off on the Reinhardt Property so the note is down to \$331,000. Ms. Marabello reported the interest was 2% because the amount was small, and she renewed it only to April instead of a full year so she can combine it with any new ordinances next year.

Reports from Township Boards and Commissions

Ms. Cathy Frohbeiter, Chair of the Human Services Board, reported she has been on the Board for three (3) years and has been Chair for two (2) years. She stated the position is very time consuming and would like to see the Township Committee consider hiring a part-time person. Ms. Frohbeiter stated for 2012, the Senior Center had 12 luncheons with a program and held seated exercise class once a week. She reported there is an active group of Mah Jongg players who get together once or twice a week. Ms. Frohbeiter reported 1,026 uses of the Senior Center from January to present according to the sign-in sheets in the Senior Center. She stated someone is needed to arrange programs and to set up/cleanup for luncheons, shop for luncheons, take photos, and run the projector/sound system. Ms. Frohbeiter stated the Library is now taking reservations for the luncheons. She stated the Senior Center budget is \$5,000 per year, and there is currently \$1,487.15 left for the four (4) remaining programs and the seated exercise instructor. Ms. Frohbeiter has asked at the last two (2) Board meetings for members to step up and divide the tasks; however, so far no one has assumed any responsibilities. She

Reports from Township Boards and Commissions (Ms. Frohbeiter cont'd.)

requested the Township Committee consider hiring someone to manage the Senior Center so the services continue for the Seniors.

Mayor Cook asked Ms. Frohbeiter if the ideal candidate could be an intern or a volunteer. Ms. Frohbeiter stated the ideal candidate would not work and would be available to attend Board meetings and set up for functions. She stated the job is time consuming. Ms. Frohbeiter stated she will be stepping down at the end of December and is willing to train or help the new person. Mayor Cook suggested advertising on the website for a volunteer.

Ms. Betty Conover, a member of the Human Services Board, stated that if not for Mr. and Mrs. Frohbeiter, the Senior Center would be functioning very poorly. Ms. Conover stated the Frohbeiters have donated many hours and much effort to run the Center. She stated the description of the role on Human Services encompasses many items, very few of which the Board members can do. Ms. Conover stated there is probably no one on the current Board who can do the job Ms. Frohbeiter has done. Ms. Conover stated the Board has asked the Township Committee many times to hire someone for the Center to provide leadership and to deal with things the volunteers on the Board cannot do. She stated the only answer the Board has received is that the Township has no money. She stated there are many seniors who like to attend the programs, enjoy the luncheons and the fellowship. She stated the Board can only provide luncheons twice a month. Ms. Conover stated the Senior Center room has had a lot of work done to it with grants from Middlesex County. She stated the Seniors have the room to meet; however, they need help to run the Center. She stated they have requested help repeatedly and have been told "no." She stated she would hate to see the Senior Center fall apart because of a lack of support, and she feels they are close to that point. She stated the Human Services Board is supposed to have nine (9) to 15 members, which is difficult to maintain. She stated if they had help, they would be glad to do the work and stated most of the members on the Board are seniors who have limited energy. Mayor Cook asked for confirmation if a paid director was needed in order for the Township to receive grants. stated if grant money may be able to fund someone who could direct the Senior Center. Ms. Conover stated she has been on the Board for several years and stated they have looked for direction. She stated the Board members do what they can.

Mayor Cook stated he wanted to follow up on this and stated a notice will be posted on the website. He stated the issue would not be resolved this evening; however, he stated perhaps the idea of exploring the funding side. Ms. Conover stated she appreciates the issue will be addressed in some manner. She stated she wanted to commend Mr. Greg Farrington, Construction Official, who does a marvelous job of trying to do everything the Senior Center needs. She stated he does everything with a smile and a good heart and has also done some projects for the Center on his own time. Ms. Conover asked that he get the recognition he deserves.

### Work Session

## a). Discussion of NJDOT Grant Application Options

Mayor Cook reported Mr. Bill Tanner, Township Engineer was present at the meeting to describe grant applications for various projects and to answer questions from the public. Mr. Tanner explained every year the DOT has grants for multiple uses; however, he stated the grants are usually traffic related. Mr. Tanner stated for years grants were given to repave roads. Now, however, grants are also given for other items, such as bike paths, bus stop sheds, or new sidewalks. He stated a "Quality of Life" grant was started last year and was received by Cranbury. In previous years, there was the possibility Cranbury could receive two (2) grants; however, Mr. Tanner stated that is no longer the case. He stated the Township can submit for only two (2) grants, which cannot be in the same category, and

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a). Discussion of NJDOT Grant Application Options

(Mr. Tanner cont'd.)

only one (1) may be granted. Applications are completed on line, and the deadline for submission is October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Tanner stated there are three (3) roads that need repairs, and he suggested Brickyard Road, which is crumbling, be considered first, then Petty Road and then John White Road.

Mr. Tanner provided his justification for the suggestions and reported the DOT prefers roadways that connect to other destinations. He reported the cost for paving John White Road would be \$317,000 for 2300 feet of roadway, and pointed out the paving would only be for half of the road because the other half of the road is in Plainsboro Township. He suggested applying for a grant jointly with Plainsboro in the future to have the roadway paved. Mr. Tanner stated the DOT may consider John White Road in the "middle of nowhere."

Mr. Tanner stated Cranbury Brickyard Road was on last year's list, and reported the road is in horrible condition. This roadway connects Route 130 through to Monroe. Mr. Tanner reported the Turnpike Authority is erecting a bridge over the Turnpike and is working on the roadway. He stated this would be a good choice because the other section is already being repaired and because Route 130 is such an important road. Mr. Tanner stated project requires 4,800 feet of roadway, and the grant amount needed would be \$560,000.

Mr. Tanner stated the third suggestion, Petty Road, is a narrow road with poor drainage. He reported the roadway from the bridge to Dey Road is half in Cranbury and half in Plainsboro. The repairs would cover approximately 6,000 linear feet at a cost of approximately \$800,000.

Mr. Tanner stated the roadway chosen by the Township for grant funding must be in poor condition, should be a connecting roadway, and the DOT must believe it is a project the Township can do. The other grant the Township will apply for is a second round of funding for Main Street to include sidewalks, curbs, trees, and street furniture to make the Village look uniform.

Mr. Tanner explained Cranbury has been fairly successful obtaining funding in the past; however, it is a gamble. Mayor Cook asked if cost is the determining factor when the project is selected. Mr. Tanner stated last year it seems the amounts requested were cut in half by the DOT, and it seems \$200,000 is the average grant given. Mayor Cook asked if the Township would then have to contribute to a project to make up the difference. Mr. Tanner stated the Township is not required to come up with the rest of the funding. Larger municipalities would receive large grants. Petty Road would require storm sewers to correct drainage problems so that project is more complicated than the other two roadways.

Mr. Tanner stated the Township is not looking to widen roadways. Mayor Cook stated there will be future development on Brickyard Road in the future. Mr. Johnson asked if the repairs to Petty Road would correct the drainage. Mr. Tanner stated in the past a roadway would be raised to correct the problem, however, that can no longer be done. Mayor Cook asked if more of the resources could be put towards correcting the drainage problems on Petty Road. Mr. Tanner stated there is a point where the DOT will questions how the funds are spent, for example, they probably will not agree with a project where the drainage correction costs more than the road repairs.

Mr. Tanner explained the DOT grants are supposedly secure through 2014; however, for 2015 and beyond, the funding is questionable. He stated \$175 million is set aside each year for funding for the entire State. Mr. Tanner stated he would rank the roads needing the most repairs as follows: Cranbury Brickyard Road, Petty Road, and John White Road. There

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### a). Discussion of NJDOT Grant Application Options

(Ms. Bauder cont'd.)

was additional discussion concerning which road to choose. Mr. Tanner recommended getting some letters of support from the business community for the downtown grant. Mayor Cook asked if the public had any questions for Mr. Tanner. Ms. Connie Bauder, Petty Road, classified Petty Road as a safety hazard. She reported the school labeled it a dangerous road and school buses must stop at every house to pick up students. She asked that safety be considered when applying for the grant. Ms. Bauder stated she has standing water in front of her home regardless if there has been rain. She stated Petty Road was paved in 1990, and dry wells installed at that time have since sunk causing serious dips and collapsed areas in the road. Mr. Tanner stated dry wells are never a solution on a road that has a high water table. There was additional discussion concerning how Petty Road was constructed and possible solutions to the drainage problems. Ms. Bauder stated two buses or even two cars cannot pass because the road is too narrow. She stated vehicles must drive on the edge of the roadway causing it to break off, and stated the road should be widened.

Ms. Marabello stated the Township Committee must decide on which road it wants to apply for. NJDOT will not give Township funding for both the beautification project and also a road project. Mr. Tanner stated the Resolution must be done at the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting mandating choices. Ms. Marabello stated Petty Road sounds like a bigger project than the Township can get funding for. She stated even if we received grant money to repair Petty Road, it would only be for a small portion of the roadway.

Mr. Tom Connolly, North Main Street, stated driving on Petty Road is very dangerous. He stated the road is narrow, and has cracks, dips, and potholes. He supports applying for a grant to repair Petty Road.

Mr. Tanner reminded the Township Committee and public that application can be made for only one (1) road. Mayor Cook asked if the Township chooses Petty Road, is there a chance the amount of funding the Township receives would make a difference on Petty Road. Mr. Tanner stated only 1/6<sup>th</sup> of the road would be done. There was additional discussion concerning the width of Petty Road, Mayor Cook asked if the road would need to be brought to regulation width if work was done now. To resolve some of the issues, Mr. Tanner explained 20 feet is a reasonable width for cars to pass in both directions; however, a 24-foot width is more comfortable. Mr. Tanner also recommended having the speed limit lowered to 35 mph on Petty Road, stating the current speed limit is too high for a road in such poor condition.

Mr. Tanner explained if everything was done correctly on Petty Road, the \$800,000 figure previously quoted would not cover the entire project. He stated only 1/6<sup>th</sup> of the road would be repaired. Mr. Tanner said he will go out again, talk with residents and the give the Township Committee a report with his recommendations.

Mayor Cook stated two (2) members of the Committee were absent at this meeting, and asked if the decision could be made on October 8<sup>th</sup> when all members were present. Ms. Marabello stated the Resolution had to be adopted at the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Taylor stated residents on Petty Road may want to provide input if Petty Road were to be widened. Mr. Tanner stated the road would be widened 2-1/2 feet on either side only. However, Mr. Tanner stated he was not sure the work could be done through a grant this year, and may be better looked at as a complete project in the future. He stated a lot of information would need to be gathered for this project before the grant submission date of October 16th, and suggested going with Brickyard Road or John White Road which may have a better chance of the grant being awarded. Mr. Tanner stated he needs to have clear direction on the top two (2) grant choices at the end of the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. The grant applications are due

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a). <u>Discussion of NJDOT Grant Application Options</u> (Mr. Tanner cont'd.)

on October 16<sup>th</sup> and the Resolution must be submitted within 30 days of the grant submission.

**Public Comment** 

The Mayor then opened the meeting to public questions and comment.

Ms. Connie Bauder, Petty Road, reported the Public Works Department put down crushed stone in the gullies along Petty Road. The stones collect at the corner of Plainsboro and Petty Roads, which is not safe. Ms. Bauder also stated the pine tree branches are obstructing the view for drivers making a left onto Plainsboro Road, and stated the pine trees need to be trimmed. She stated she requested two years ago that the passing line be replaced with a solid line on Plainsboro Road by Petty Road because cars passing at that location is very unsafe. Mayor Cook asked Ms. Marabello to check on the jurisdiction for striping of the road. He stated he would be willing to contact the homeowner about the trees. Mr. Tanner stated the tree problem is similar to the situation on the corner of Maplewood Avenue and Plainsboro Road, and stated those homeowners gave the County permission to trim the trees, which he said has dramatically increased the site view. Mayor Cook stated similar measures should be taken at the Petty Road Corner. There being no further comments, the Mayor closed the public part of the meeting.

Mayor's Notes

Mayor Cook reported he had nothing additional to report and asked for a motion to adjourn.

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, RMC Municipal Clerk