

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
July 25, 2011

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: David Cook, Glenn Johnson, Daniel Mulligan, Jay Taylor, and Mayor Win Cody. Also present were Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk/Assistant Administrator, and Jean Golisano, Deputy Clerk. Mayor Cody 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 December 2, 2010 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 December 2, 2010.
- (3) Was filed on December 2, 2010 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.

Regular Township Committee Minutes of June 27, 2011

On motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Mulligan and unanimously carried (with Mayor Cody abstaining due to his absence), the Regular Township Committee Minutes of June 27, 2011 were adopted.

Special Session Minutes of July 5, 2011

On motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously carried, the Special Session Minutes of July 5, 2011 were adopted.

Reports and Communications

-- Mayor

Mayor Cody reported the Planning Board approved a building application for a new pizza/pasta restaurant on South River Road. He also reported a new bank opened on South Main Street and members of the Township Committee had attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 14th. Mayor Cody stated he hoped other new businesses will hold similar ceremonies as it is a nice way to welcome a new business to the Town.

Mayor Cody stated there were reports of COAH being abolished by Governor Chris Christie. Mayor Cody explained the functions of COAH are not going away as they are being absorbed by the Division of Community Affairs. He reported there will more information forthcoming on COAH.

Mayor Cody reported he received several complaints on the brush notices which were mailed out. Mayor Cody asked for clarification, stating he knew the ordinance was passed, however, he asked for an explanation on why notices were mailed. Ms. Kathleen Cunningham, Assistant Administrator/Municipal Clerk, stated the problem is Public Works would begin the chipping on the third Wednesday of the month (regularly scheduled cycle, however, residents were not following the chipping schedule and would put out chipping the very next day for the next month's pickup. The Ordinance adopted in September 2010 addressed enforcement of chipping violations, and letters were mailed to residents who violated the Ordinance. Mr. Taylor explained a number of residents complained about the amount of brush left in Town because the Ordinance was being ignored.

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Reports and Communications

-- Mayor (continued)

Public Works sent out the warnings to violators as a way of informing residents the Ordinance is on the books. Mr. Taylor stated brush cannot be placed in the road or on right-of ways prior to the weekend before the third Wednesday of the month. Mayor Cody clarified for the public three (3) warnings are received before the penalty is issued. Mr. Taylor reported on July 6th 173 chipping violation notices were mailed, with no residents getting a second notice, and on July 12th an additional 96 notices were mailed for residents who placed brush on the curb before the allowed time period. Mr. Taylor stated Public Works will continue to mail notices to inform residents of the Ordinance. He does not expect second notices will need to be sent.

-- Members of Committee

Mr. Mulligan reported the Business and Professional Association is organizing Cranbury Day. He reported the 5K Race, Cranstock, Lions Club Duck Race, Recreation Canoe Race, and the Township Family Campout activities are all being held on Cranbury Day. Mr. Mulligan organized a meeting of the stakeholders, which included the Business and Professional Association, Arts Council, Helene Cody Foundation, Lions Club, School Administrator, Township Administrator, Public Works, and the Police Department. Logistics for Cranbury Day were discussed. The Arts Council is holding a much smaller version of Cranstock on School property in conjunction with Cranbury Day. Cranbury Day is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., and Cranstock will run until 5:00 p.m. The Campout will be pushed back until 6:00 p.m. to allow time for parked cars to leave Village Park. Additionally, at no cost, Public Works will create signage to direct cars to park in Village Park, and signs for no parking on Bennett Place. Mr. Mulligan explained the signs can be used for Cranbury Day and used again for July 4th fireworks next year. He stated the meeting was successful and thanked the organizations for attending.

Mr. Mulligan reported the Township Committee has had discussions in the past about the shortage of parking on Main Street. He proposed additional parking spaces could be constructed on the grassy area on the right of the West Property driveway. The Township had placed stanchions in the grass to discourage parking and prevent damage to the grass. Mr. Mulligan reported Mr. Taylor met with Public Works last week, and there is money in the Road Improvement Fund. Mr. Jerry Thorne, Public Works Manager, indicated for approximately \$1,000 in stone and using some surplus wood poles from the parks, a parking area for four (4) cars could be created. Mr. Mulligan spoke to the adjacent homeowner who had no objections since the parking area is on Township property. Mr. Mulligan stated the four spaces would add additional parking to Main Street. Mr. Taylor suggested numbers be painted on the wood barrier to identify four (4) parking spots. Mayor Cody stated the area is prone to flooding and inquired if the stones would prevent that. Mr. Cook explained the flooding problems will be addressed with repairs to the Brainerd Lake Dam project. Bulkheads will be injected into that section of Main Street and berm will be added to reduce flooding. Mr. Taylor further explained a fabric will be put down on that property to prevent the stone from sinking into the mud in the event of flooding, and the weight of the stones would keep it from being washed away. Mr. Mulligan asked the Township Committee if they were comfortable with the parking area being added, and all members agreed it was a good idea.

Mr. Mulligan reported he and Mr. Cook will be kicking off the Downtown Redevelopment Subcommittee at a meeting on August 17th. Additional meetings are being planned for September and October. Mr. Mulligan stated he and Mr. Cook hope to have a report for the Township Committee by year end.

Mr. Mulligan reported road work continues on Old Trenton Road, and he has received complaints from residents concerning the new narrow entrance to the Cranbury Swim Club. Mr. Mulligan stated Ms. Marabello, Township Administrator, contacted the County for details. The County reviewed aerial photos which show how the driveway grew over the last 15 years. Since there were no curbs, cars would drive over the grass making the entrance wider over time. Mr.

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Reports and Communications (Continued)

-- Members of Committee (Mr. Mulligan continued)

Mulligan reported the entrance does meet the specs, and he will address the residents individually.

Mr. Mulligan reported he also attended the bank opening on July 14th, and stated it is great to have another business in town.

Mr. Mulligan commented on the abolishment of COAH, and stated while he didn't like the number of affordable homes assigned to Cranbury, COAH did protect the Township from "builders' remedy." Mr. Mulligan stated the Legislature needs to take action and change affordable rules and regulations. Concerning Pension and Health Care reform, the Township will not see relief for next year's budget, however, Mr. Mulligan stated the Township may see some benefits in 2013 and 2014.

Mr. Mulligan reported he had received calls from some Petty Road residents concerning road paving/widening. Mr. Mulligan stated perhaps Petty Road could be considered when the Township is applying for DOT grants. Mayor Cody stated the Township Engineer makes the recommendations for road repairs.

Mr. Mulligan reported funding was received for the first phase of tree planting as a result of the Turnpike Widening project, and bids will be opened on August 2nd. Mr. Mulligan explained only the first phase of funding is guaranteed. The Township will need to apply for grants for the second and third phases of planting.

Mr. Cook reported half of the funding (\$400,000) has been received for the Reinhardt North property. Green Acres will provide the remaining funding after two (2) issues are corrected: the driveway drain off from an adjacent property and a small shed/barn on the property line. Mr. Cook stated both issues are small and will be remedied so the Township can receive funding, making the Reinhardt North property fully funded by State aid.

Mr. Cook reported the Brainerd Lake Dam Project will not involve digging up the Bridge or the spillway. The Dam/spillway will be enlarged from 40 square feet to 100 square feet. The current tunnel does not have to be enlarged, which will result in a large savings. The current pipe can handle the water flow. On either side of the Lake, bulkheads will be injected. The current Bridge is an earthen dam, which could be washed away if there was flooding for an extended period of time. The bulkhead will make the bridge stronger in the event of flooding. Mr. Cook reported the approximate cost of the bridge is \$2.6 million with Cranbury Township being responsible for half or \$1.3 million. Middlesex County will be responsible for maintaining the roadway. Mr. Cook reported the State and County will approach the Cranbury Historical Society for feedback on historical lighting and retaining the bridge railing. Mr. Cook stated unfortunately the trees by the bridge will need to be removed and new trees will be planted in tree pots or planted in containers flush with the ground to prevent root damage to the bridge.

Mr. Johnson reported he spoke to Ms. Bobbie Marlowe, Chairperson of the Historical Preservation Commission concerning handrails for the front of Town Hall. Mr. Johnson stated he has had difficulty finding similar buildings with handrails. He reported the buildings he found had rails that looked like they were added and could find nothing to use as a guide. Ms. Marlowe stated the railings are not in HPC's jurisdiction. Mr. Johnson suggested the Township consult vendors who construct railings for suggestions. Mr. Taylor stated he will speak with Mr. Greg Farrington, Construction Official, for a handrail vendor.

For the monthly police report, Mr. Taylor stated there were 149 summons issued (861 summons year-to-date). There were 32 speeding tickets issued in June. Top summons locations include Route 130, Main Street, Plainsboro Road, Cranbury Neck Road and Station Road. Overtime expenditures included shift coverage, training and special details. Overtime man hours

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-- Members of Committee (Mr. Taylor continued)

were 255, with year-to-date man hours totaling 1,116 hours. Mr. Taylor reported Plainsboro police officers were performing traffic detail today on Old Trenton Road construction because the Cranbury Police have exhausted many of their available hours of overtime as roadwork has to be done on their personal or vacation time. Chief Rickey Varga was able to obtain officers from Plainsboro to cover the construction so the work could continue.

Mr. Taylor reported there were 30 automobile crashes during the month. The "Slow Down in Our Town" campaign has been successful. Mr. Taylor reported residents are requesting signs for their yards, and there are not enough signs to go around. Mr. Taylor reported the Township received a \$4,400 grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the "Over the Limit/Under Arrest" 2011 Drunk Driving campaign, and applied for a \$40,000 grant for a campaign against aggressive driving. Mr. Taylor reported unfortunately the Township did not receive the "Click It or Ticket" grant funding this year.

Mr. Taylor reported he is very pleased to announce on June 8th Officer Doug Mayer was recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) for his efforts in the arrest and conviction of DWI offenders. Officer Mayer was responsible for 26 of Cranbury's 66 impaired driving arrests and was recognized by MADD as one of the top officers in the state for DWI arrests.

For the Detective Bureau, Mr. Taylor reported three (3) new investigations, one (1) closed investigation, two (2) new administrative investigations and four (4) closed administrative investigations. CERT was used for the Civil War Memorial Ceremony and the July fireworks which reduced overtime hours. With all the publicity concerning no alcohol at the park, no alcoholic beverages were confiscated at the park. In June there were seven (7) bicycle patrols. There were 11 arrests, five (5) DWIs, six (6) warrant arrests, one (1) controlled dangerous substance, and 46 unfounded burglary alarms. Vehicle maintenance totaled \$1,848 (year-to-date maintenance is \$15,088).

For the Construction Department, Mr. Taylor reported 14 building permits were issued resulting in \$34,000 in permit fees. There were 25 electrical permits for \$4,000, 24 plumbing permits for \$1,400, six (6) fire for \$300. There were 17 certificates of approval for occupancy for residential and 18 for non-residential. Mr. Cook inquired if activity is increasing in the Construction Department, and Mr. Taylor reported refurbishing is increasing but there is no groundbreaking for any new projects. This is important to note because the Construction Department is funded by permit fees. There is currently enough money in the Construction Trust to fund the Construction Department, and the fact permit fees are not being collected is not yet costing the taxpayers. However, if the Trust fund is depleted, funding the Construction Department will fall back to the taxpayers.

For Public Works, Mr. Taylor reported Mr. Bill Tanner, Township Engineer, and Mr. Greg Farrington, Construction Official, will oversee building the pole barn. Mr. Taylor stated hopefully the pole barn will be complete by January 2012 so equipment will not be outside in the bad weather. The funding is available, and the goal is to come in under budget.

As mentioned previously by Mr. Mulligan, Mr. Taylor reported discussion was held with Public Works on the four (4) parking spaces at the entrance to the West Property Driveway. Mr. Taylor stated a number of residents have questioned about the lack of curbs or condition of curbs on Main Street. As part of the downtown revitalization, applying for DOT grants was discussed. Mr. Taylor had met with Mr. Tanner who agreed the Township should make an application along with the County to the State. This would ensure meeting the necessary criteria for grant funding. Mr. Taylor suggested curb work could be done during the bridge repair work, and Mr. Cook agreed that may be beneficial.

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-- Members of Committee (Mr. Taylor continued)

For Public Works expenditures, Mr. Taylor reported a shed was purchased with grant funds. Public Works mowed the lawn at 176 Plainsboro Road, however, the mower broke because of the high grass at a cost of \$300. The Toro riding lawn mower rear wheel spindle was replaced at a cost of \$300. A back hoe hydraulic system was repaired at a cost of \$3,100. The Four Season pump station required a pump be replaced for \$2,195. A new phase monitor and relays were replaced for \$1,809.00. The hydraulic pump and corroded wiring were replaced in Truck #504 for \$1,500. As previously mentioned, Mr. Taylor reported notices of chipping violation were sent to residents.

-- Subcommittees

There were no Subcommittee reports.

Agenda Additions/Changes

Ms. Kathleen Cunningham, Clerk, announced the Library Board of Trustees will be presenting an update on the proposed free-standing Public Library to the Township Committee.

Ordinance

First Reading

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 07-11-16

An Ordinance entitled, Cranbury Township Ordinance # 07-11-16, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL PROCEDURES" was introduced on first reading.

Mayor Cody announced this Ordinance is based on the discussion held at the previous Township Committee meeting. Public discussion will be held at the next meeting on August 22nd. Mr. Mulligan stated it is important to clear sidewalks; however, he is against an Ordinance. The Ordinance has no penalties, and an unenforceable Ordinance is a waste of time. Mr. Mulligan explained the Brush Ordinance has consequences, and suggested if an Ordinance is to be adopted, it should be enforceable. Mr. Cook disagreed and stated he did not think a penalty was necessary. He stated residents may not like the Ordinance; however it provides an avenue to address snow removal on sidewalks. Mr. Cook stated he is in favor of the Ordinance without penalties, and if there are safety issues or consistent violations, enforceability can always be addressed again. Safety is the priority, and he agrees with the Ordinance as written. Mr. Johnson stated he agreed with Mr. Mulligan and believed the Ordinance needs some enforcement mechanism. He stated he believed the fine was removed during previous discussions as a compromise and stated compromise is not an option. He stated the fine should be included in the Ordinance. Mr. Johnson suggested an amendment at some point to include the fine in the Ordinance. Mr. Taylor stated based on the feedback received concerning the first notices for chipping violations (which carried no penalty), residents do not like to be told they are in violation and will comply with the Ordinance. Mr. Taylor stated Cranbury is a very civil town and residents do follow the rules when asked. Mr. Taylor stated he believed a fine is not necessary. Mayor Cody explained to the public the Ordinance is being introduced this evening and the public hearing will be at the next meeting on August 22nd. On motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Cook, the Ordinance was introduced:

Ayes: (Cook
(Johnson
(Taylor
(Cody

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None

Nays: (Mulligan

Public Hearing: August 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

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Cranbury Township Ordinance # 07-11-16
(Continued)

WHEREAS, Chapter 130 of the Code of the Township of Cranbury ("Code") includes ordinances pertaining to sidewalks.

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury wants to establish sidewalk snow removal procedures.

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

1. The recitals contained in the foregoing preamble are incorporated herein as if fully restated
2. Chapter 130 of the Code, entitled "Streets and Sidewalks" is hereby amended to add "Article VI Sidewalk Snow Removal" Section 130-39 through 130-43

Section 130-39. Snow and ice removal or treatment required.

The owner, occupant or tenant of any land abutting or bordering any streets in the Township shall remove all snow and ice from the sidewalks abutting such streets within 48 hours after the end of the snowfall or the formation of ice thereon. In the event of ice formation such that removal is impractical, the owner, occupant or tenant shall apply sand, sawdust, ashes, salt or other harmless substance to the portion not removed and shall, as soon as possible thereafter, remove the remainder.

Section 130-40. Depositing snow or ice upon streets and sidewalks.

No person, owner, tenant or occupant of any premises abutting or bordering on any street or sidewalk shall throw, place or deposit any snow or ice on, into or upon any street or sidewalk in the Township.

Section 130-41. Failure to comply.

A. Notice. Whenever an owner, occupant or tenant of such property shall fail to comply with the terms of this Article, a written notice shall be given to the owner and occupant or tenant, directing said owner, occupant or tenant to remove such snow or ice within 24 hours of the issuance of the notice.

B. Contents of notice; service. The notice shall contain a description of the property sufficient to identify it, but need not contain a legal description. Notice may be given by leaving a copy of the notice at the property.

Section 130-42. Enforcement.

The provisions of this Article shall be enforced by any duly authorized agent or employee of the Township of Cranbury.

Section 130-43. Suspension.

The Township Administrator and/or the Chief of Police may suspend this Ordinance for a period of time.

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3. This Ordinance will take effect upon final adoption and publication, as provided for by law.

Ordinance
Second Reading

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 06-11-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTERS § 82.1 "MISCELLANEOUS FEES"

An Ordinance entitled, Cranbury Township Ordinance # 06-11-15, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTERS § 82.1 'Miscellaneous Fees,'" was presented for second reading and final adoption. The Ordinance was published in the Cranbury Press, posted on the Township Bulletin Board and copies were available to the public. Ms. Cunningham, Clerk, explained this Ordinance deals with the outdoor license fees. Presently the yearly fee for village restaurants is \$50. This Ordinance eliminates the fee; however, yearly outdoor licenses must be obtained and a sidewalk site plan must be displayed in the restaurant. Mayor Cody opened the public hearing on the Ordinance, and hearing no comments, closed the public hearing. On motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Johnson*, the Ordinance was adopted by vote:

Ayes: (Cook	Abstain: (None
(Johnson	Absent: (None
(Mulligan	
(Taylor	
(Cody	

Nays: (None

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, State of New Jersey, that the "Code of the Township of Cranbury ("Code") be amended as follows:

§ 82.1 "Miscellaneous Fees".

C. Outdoor dining license: [No Fee Required]

This Ordinance shall become effective after public hearing and final adoption and upon publication of same

Ordinance
Second Reading

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 05-11-13

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING RIPARIAN ZONES AND PROVIDING FOR
LAND USE REGULATIONS TO PROTECT STREAMS, LAKES AND
OTHER SURFACE WATER BODIES OF CRANBURY TOWNSHIP

A motion to enter an Ordinance entitled, Cranbury Township Ordinance # 05-11-13, "AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING RIPARIAN ZONES AND PROVIDING FOR LAND USE

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Cranbury Township Ordinance # 05-11-13
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REGULATIONS TO PROTECT STREAMS, LAKES AND OTHER SURFACE WATER BODIES OF CRANBURY TOWNSHIP," was presented for second reading and final adoption. The Ordinance was published in the Cranbury Press, posted on the Township Bulletin Board and copies were available to the public.

Ms. Cunningham, Municipal Clerk, announced this Ordinance was introduced in May. The Ordinance was referred to the Environmental Commission and Planning Board. Both Boards have had several recommendations. The Township Committee decided to carry this Ordinance over for second hearing and public comment on September 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Cody asked if the Ordinance was being rewritten. Ms. Cunningham explained if a large portion of this Ordinance is revised, it will need to be re-introduced. Mayor Cody stated there could be a new version introduced at the August 22nd meeting.

Resolution

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Cook, the following Resolution was adopted by vote:

Ayes: (Cook	Abstain: (None
(Johnson	Absent: (None
(Mulligan	
(Taylor	
(Cody	

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 07-11-088

Mr. Cook gave a summary of Resolution # R 07-11-088. He explained last year the voters decided to investigate the possibility of having a single contractor handle sanitation and garbage in Cranbury. The Township currently has a number of commercial haulers, including Midco Waste Management, Central Jersey Waste. The Request For Proposals went out on July 22nd to commercial haulers and municipalities. The bids will be opened on September 22nd. A series of public meetings will be held to discuss the information concerning the rates and scheduled pickups. Mr. Cook explained having Cranbury Township as one contract is very appealing to the haulers. Currently the four different haulers collect trash. The haulers still have to come into Town. If they have roughly 1,170 residences in Town, it makes it a different proposal monetarily. Mr. Cook stated it will be very interesting to see the returned RFPs.

Mayor Cody stated he is concerned the Township Committee is voting on the Resolution this evening without having all the information. The Resolution has to be voted on this evening in order to be on the November 8th General Election ballot. Mayor Cody stated he wanted assurance the residents would have all the information needed in time so they could vote.

Mr. Cook explained the Township is following the time parameters set for RFPs. An RFP must go out with 60 days to respond, and then be awarded within 60 days of the opening of the RFP. Mr. Cook explained this Resolution does not say the Township is moving ahead with a hauler. If the residents vote against the referendum, the process will cease.

Mr. Taylor suggested information go out to residents in the next sewer bill, and a separate mailing to those residents on septic. Mr. Cook stated there will be a number of different channels to distribute information including, mailings, the internet, and newspaper articles. Mr. Cook suggested a series of informational meetings after the bid opening. Mayor Cody asked if the information would be discussed at Township Committee meetings or at special meetings. Mr. Cook stated most residents remember when Township Committee meetings are held, and

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additional meetings could be held if necessary. Mr. Mulligan stated a mailing must be done so every resident receives information at their home. Mr. Cook stated he agreed with spending money on the postage for the mailing. Mayor Cody stated once the RFPs are open, information concerning the cost and frequency of service as well as Q&As should be mailed to residents. There was discussion concerning the mailing date of the sewer bills, and all Township Committee members agreed a mailing must go out to inform residents. Mr. Mulligan asked if a mailing date could be agreed upon. Mayor Cody asked if the Resolution had to be voted on this evening, and Mr. Cook stated it had to be voted on or the Township would have to wait until next year's November election to vote on it. Mr. Dave Mauger, Griggs Road, stated mailing the information in with sewer bills could be confusing and suggested the information be mailed individually to every household so every resident receives the same information. Mr. Cook agreed this information warrants the cost of the mailing. Mr. Mulligan agreed with Mr. Mauger's suggestion of a uniform mailing to every household. The Township Committee agreed on a separate mailing and public informational meetings.

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
CRANBURY AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2011 A PROPOSITION
AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE COLLECTION TO
BE PAID BY THE RESIDENTS THROUGH A FLAT QUARTERLY FEE

WHEREAS, NJSA 19:37-1 provides that the governing body can submit a proposition to appear on the ballot for the General Election up to seventy-four (74) days prior to the general election, which in the year 2011 is August 19th, and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has investigated the cost of providing garbage collection to the residents of Cranbury and would like to include garbage collection to its residents as a line item in the 2012 budget, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wishes to provide all of the voters with the opportunity to vote on the question of whether the Township should provide residential garbage collection through a fixed quarterly fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby request the County Clerk to place the following non-binding referendum question on the ballot for the November 8th General Election:

***“SHALL THE TOWNSHIP PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE COLLECTION AND
CHARGE THE RESIDENTS A FLAT QUARTERLY FEE?”***

☐ **YES**

☐ **NO**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to furnish a certified true copy of this resolution to the Middlesex County Clerk's Office and the Superintendent of Elections by the applicable deadline so that the above referenced referendum question may be placed on the general election ballot for November 8, 2011.

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Resolutions
Consent Agenda

Mayor Cody read the Resolutions on the Consent Agenda and asked if the Township Committee wished to address any of the Resolutions separately. Hearing no comments, he asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Cook, the following Consent Agenda Resolutions were adopted by vote:

Ayes:	(Cook	Abstain:	(None
	(Johnson	Absent:	(None
	(Mulligan		
	(Taylor		
	(Cody		

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # 06-11-089

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 07-11-090

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF ESCROW

WHEREAS, Riya Hospitality Group (Staybridge Suites) has deposited planning escrow with Cranbury Township

WHEREAS, Riya Hospitality Group has requested the release of the balance of said escrow in the amount of \$1,274.75

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 Attorney
- (b) Township Director of Finance
- (c) Stahl, James

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 07-11-091

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,

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Cranbury Township Resolution # R 07-11-091
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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 2011 in the sum of \$766,703.00 which item is now available as a revenue from the New Jersey Turnpike pursuant to the provision of statute, and

Section 2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$766,703.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption Reforestation Trees.

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 07-11-092

RESOLUTION CANCELING OUTSTANDING CHECKS

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance has requested that checks outstanding for more than a year be cancelled; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance has advised that it would be appropriate for the Township Committee to authorize the cancellation of said checks as follows:

**RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT
1ST CONSTITUTION BANK
ACCOUNT # 2000031001**

2366	\$1,500.00	10/09	Cranbury-Plainsboro Little League
2604	\$25.00	09/10	Kinney, Daniel
2618	\$75.00	09/10	Novak, Kari

**CURRENT CHECKING ACCOUNT
1ST CONSTITUTION BANK
ACCOUNT # 2050121212**

79603	\$1,000.00	12/08	US Gov't Dept of Army
79915	\$273.63	3/09	Crate & Barrel
80085	\$677.17	4/09	CHA-Affordable Housing
81596	\$10.00	4/10	Delaware Valley Assoc
81757	\$281.50	5/10	Holland, Jane
90215	\$500.00	9/10	US Gov't Dept of Army

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**PAYROLL ACCOUNT
1ST CONSTITUTION BANK
ACCOUNT #2050125512**

34072 \$271.71 08/09 Cook, Caitlyn

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex, hereby authorizes the cancellation of said checks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of Finance.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 07-11-093

**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 2011 in the sum of \$1,564.11 which item is now available as a revenue from the State of New Jersey pursuant to the provision of statute, and

Section 2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$1,564.11 is hereby appropriated under the caption Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement.

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

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Cranbury Township Resolution # R 07-11-094

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER TO
THE TOWNSHIP'S CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL LAWN SPRINKLERS

WHEREAS, a contract was awarded to National Lawn Sprinklers for a not to exceed amount of \$71,750 on May 9, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has recommended a change order for additional items stated in the attached memo, which would increase the agreement by \$4,900; 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 \$4,900 is hereby approved.
2. This Resolution, when counter-signed by National Lawn Sprinklers shall serve as an amendment to the original contract for the purpose of increasing the contract by \$4,900 and confirming that the new amount, including all change orders will not exceed \$76,650.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 07-11-095

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2010 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and,

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations, and,

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and,

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and,

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board, and

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WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 07-11-096

WHEREAS, the owner of record on Block 24, Lot 4 Qfarm is Cranbury Township, and the property location is 178 Plainsboro Road and,

WHEREAS, the tax duplicate for 2010 lists this parcel as Cranbury Township and as such is exempt, and taxes for 2010 in the amount of \$324.46 should be canceled of record and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury to direct the Tax Collector to cancel the second half billing of 2010 in the amount of \$324.46 on Block 24 Lot 4 Qfarm because said parcel is exempt for 2010.

Cranbury Township R 07-11-097

RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT
FOR TOWN HALL WINDOWS

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury received a \$100,000 grant from the "Middlesex County Sustainable Economic Growth Improvement Fund"; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury has decided to utilize the grant to install high performance aluminum storm windows for Cranbury Township Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, after legal proper notice and publication, three (3) bids were received on July 19, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bid was submitted by Central Jersey Landscaping, 523A Chesterfield-Arneytown Road, Chesterfield, NJ 08515, in the total lump sum amount of \$99,650.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has reviewed the qualifications of Central Jersey Landscaping, and has recommended that the contract be awarded to Central Jersey Landscaping; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for this purpose.

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Central Jersey Landscaping, 523A Chesterfield-Arneytown Road, Chesterfield, NJ 08515 for the installation of high performance aluminum storm windows for Cranbury Township Town Hall for an amount not to exceed \$99,650.00.

Reports from Township Board and Commissions

Ms. Kirstie Venanzi, President of the Cranbury Public Library Board of Trustees presented to the Township Committee an update of the proposed free-standing Library. Also present at the meeting were: Marilyn Mullen, Library Director; Patricia Thomsson, President of the Cranbury Public Library Foundation; James Fahey, Vice President of the Cranbury Public Library Board of Trustees; Board members David Fletcher, Hal Rourke, Andre Mento; Mayor's Representative David Mauger, and Marilee Meacock from KSS Architects. Ms. Venanzi presented visuals of the concept Library, which will aid the Foundation in their capital fundraising. The Foundation is looking to raise \$2.7 million over the next three (3) years. The target date of moving into the new Library is 2015. Ms. Venanzi reported this past week presentations were made to the School Board and the Planning Board to obtain feedback. Ms. Marilyn Mullen presented information provided by KSS Architects. The new Library will provide state-of-the technology and will be accessible to residents during library hours and beyond. Ms. Meacock continued the presentation by reporting Cranbury is one (1) of two (2) libraries in the state sharing an adult library with a K-8 school, and stated student safety is a primary concern. Ms. Meacock reported the Township's Master Plan update was approved this spring, and the update includes space earmarked near the ball field and tennis courts for the Library and parking, along with a potential road to Park Place to link with the school parking lot.

Ms. Meacock described each of the visuals and stated the Library would contain an 80-seat meeting room, a small conference room, a media lab and storage space. Public rooms would be available for use on off hours. The exterior of the building would be modern with wood siding and a flat roof to accept solar panels in the future. There will be many windows to allow views of the surrounding landscape.

Ms. Meacock reported the School Board voiced concerns about parking, and the Planning Board had concerns about the proximity of the tennis courts. Mr. Taylor stated he is concerned with the traffic flow, and Ms. Meacock showed a sketch of various crossing areas. Mr. Mulligan stated Cranbury School has control over the parking lot; however, he stated he would like additional parking included. The square footage of the proposed building requires 36 parking spaces. Ms. Meacock stated parking is expensive and the proposed concept is not dependent on the connecting road to Park Place or additional parking spaces. Mr. Johnson stated traffic engineers will calculate parking based on mixed usage with the assumption drivers will make two (2) or three (3) stops in the area. Ms. Meacock explained there is parking sharing with urban development with the assumption drivers use the spaces at different times of the day.

Ms. Patty Thomsson, President of the Cranbury Public Library Foundation, reported the Foundation will raise 5% of the \$2.7 million capital from its Board members. Ms. Thomsson stated the Foundation will return in the spring to update the Township Committee on their fundraising efforts. She stated the Foundation needs the support of the Town, Library and School, and stated they will work through all details. The Library Board meets on the second Thursday of every month and residents are welcome to provide feedback. The Township Committee thanked the Foundation and Library Board for the presentation.

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Work Session

a). Discussion by the Park Planning Commission on Statuary in Village Park

Mr. Tom Weidner, Chairman, and Ms. Joan Smith of the Park Planning Commission presented to the Township Committee the proposed statuary in Village Park. The statuary is actually a sculpture which the Commission would like to place approximately 35 feet from Brainerd Lake in Village Park. Ms. Smith explained the location was chosen because looking through the frame of the sculpture, two recognizable landmarks of Cranbury, Brainerd Dam and the Gazebo, can be seen. Mr. Weidner explained the Park Planning Commission has been talking about statuary in the Park for more than ten (10) years. The Cranbury Arts Council has approved the sculpture selected by the Commission, stating in their letter it would be an attractive addition to the Park. This particular piece is very affordable at a cost of \$4,500. The Dossin Fund has agreed to cover \$1,000 and the Park Planning Commission will request the Township Golf Tournament to fund the remaining \$3,500. The sculpture is an interactive piece of art. Mayor Cody inquired if the sculpture is sturdy or could children get hurt climbing on it. Ms. Smith stated the sculpture has substance and was sturdily created. A similar sculpture is in a state park in New Hampshire.

Mr. Cook stated Cranbury has been vigilant in controlling developing Village Park, and it is unique among the other parks in Cranbury. Mr. Cook objected to the sculpture stating it would interfere with the view of a pristine waterway. He stated he would agree to a sculpture at Millstone Park or in Dossin's Meadow. Mr. Weidner stated the sculpture would be nestled by the grove of trees 35 feet from the lake and would not interfere with the view; however, he did appreciate Mr. Cook's comments.

Mr. Mulligan acknowledged the time and effort the Park Planning Commission has expended; however he does not see Village Park as a place for a statuary. He suggested looking for a better location.

Mr. Johnson suggesting the timing might be very bad considering the erosion problem in Village Park. Ms. Smith explained the statuary would be installed next spring. She explained the piece is actually water related.

Mr. Taylor suggested placing the statuary closer to "dirt mountain" in Village Park versus near the grove of trees. He stated there is a parking lot there and people would see the statuary. Ms. Smith explained the current placement allows for the view of the Gazebo and Dam. Ms. Smith stated she felt the framed sculpture would draw people into the Park. After much discussion, the Township Committee decided Village Park was not an appropriate site. Mr. Taylor suggested Dossin's Meadow. Mr. Weidner stated the statuary was designed to take advantage of the water. Putting it in another park does allow full advantage of the piece because the concept is to take advantage of the water setting. It is not worth spending the money if it is not placed to its advantage.

Mr. Dave Mauger, Griggs Road, asked how much it would cost to move the piece. He stated if it was placed by Brainerd Lake and didn't work out there, could it be moved? He suggested there are a number of wonderful locations of farm fields which could be framed. Mr. Weidner stated the cost to bring the sculpture from New Hampshire to Cranbury would be approximately \$1,000 to \$1,500. Mr. Mulligan inquired if the Park Planning Commission had an alternative location. Mr. Smith stated if someone looked through the sculpture, it is obvious the location is Cranbury. Mr. Weidner stated the lake setting is only in Village Park. The Park Planning Commission does not have a Plan B because this piece is perfect for Village Park.

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Work Session

a). Discussion by the Park Planning Commission on Statuary in Village Park

Ms. Connie Bauder, Petty Road, appreciates the hard work of the Park Planning Commission and agrees Village Park is not the place for the statue. Mayor Cody asked if there was any additional public comment, and hearing none, asked for a motion. Mr. Taylor asked for clarity if the matter could be addressed again in the future for possibly a different statuary or different location. Mr. Weidner stated at present there was no alternate location. Mr. Mulligan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to accept the statuary in Village Park as recommended by the Park Planning Commission:

Ayes: (Johnson
(Cody

Absent: (None
Abstain: (None

Nays: (Cook
Mulligan
Taylor

b). Discussion by Township Committee on Township Holiday Early Closings

Mayor Win Cody explained to the public the Township has allowed employees to leave three (3) hours early before approximately eight (8) holidays a year. He reported no other towns permit employees to leave early on the day before a holiday. Mayor Cody reported at the last meeting the Township Committee discussed giving the Administrator the discretion to permit employees to leave early. Mayor Cody stated he personally has a problem with paying employees for almost a half day not worked. Ms. Kathleen Cunningham, Clerk, clarified for the public the time employees are released early is two (2) hours. Employees are let go at 1 p.m. and do not take a lunch hour so technically the time in question (2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.) is two (2) hours. Mayor Cody stated the Library, School and Police do not have this policy. Mayor Cody stated if an employee wants to leave early, extra hours could be worked during the week to allow for the time off before the holiday. He also stated employees who do not work on Fridays do not get the benefit of the time off. Mayor Cody asked for comments from the Township Committee. Ms. Cunningham reported Ms. Marabello, Township Administrator, directed her to call the five (5) surrounding towns (including Plainsboro, Hightstown, East Windsor and South Brunswick) as well as the County of Middlesex regarding early holiday closing. She reported none of the entities have a formal policy in place for early holiday closing; however, the policy is informal and employees may be released depending on the workload at the time. Ms. Cunningham reported most towns and County have 13 to 14 holidays compared with Cranbury's 11 holidays.

Mayor Cody stated he is not comfortable with the informal policy and has concerns about paying employees when others do not get paid. He stated he has no objection to schedules being adjusted. Mr. Taylor stated not every holiday is on a Friday. He stated he agreed with Mayor Cody. Mr. Taylor stated for employees who work the compressed work on Mondays, instead of working until 7:00 p.m., they are released early. Ms. Golisano, Deputy Clerk, clarified for holidays falling on Mondays, employees working the compressed work week must make up the three (3) additional hours because they receive seven (7) holiday hours for the day. Mayor Cody stated on Monday holidays, employees must make up the time. Mr. Taylor stated when comparing the Township to other municipalities or the private sector for benchmarking, the Township learned other municipalities have 13 or 14 holidays while Cranbury has 11. Mayor Cody stated he researched several municipalities, and stated Plainsboro has 11 holidays, East Windsor has ten (10), and Hightstown has 12 holidays. Ms. Cunningham reported Middlesex County receives 13 holidays, the State receives 13 or 14 holidays, and South Brunswick Township has 13 holidays. Mr. Taylor stated he is not advocating additional days off, but stated there is danger when benchmarking. Mayor Cody stated schedules can be adjusted for time off.

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Mr. Cook stated municipal workers are not paid bonuses. He stated he thought the current policy is fine and the discretion and judgment of the Township Administrator is appropriate and functions well. Mr. Cook stated a contact number could be available for any type of emergency. Mr. Mulligan stated the Township pays the Administrator to run the Town and manage employees. He further stated her discretion has worked in past, and if there are issues, she must deal with them. It is the Administrator's job to run the Town on a day-to-day basis. Mr. Mulligan stated he is fine with the current policy. Mr. Johnson stated he is not in favor of employees getting the extra time off. It is not his experience employees receive early closing days before a holiday. He acknowledged the Township staff is good and morale is important, which is why he voted for a 2% raise increase.

Mayor Cody reported the questions to be considered are whether the Administrator should have the discretion to release employees early, and if the time off should be paid. Mayor Cody asked if the public had any comment.

Mr. Richard Kallan, Wynnewood Drive, stated if an employee takes off two (2) hours, the time should be paid back. Mr. Kallan stated he agreed with Mr. Cook and commented this type of issue should be addressed internally and should not be discussed at a Township Committee meeting. Mayor Cody stated the Township Committee does not decide issues on its own. Mr. Kallan stated other municipalities should not be used as examples

Mr. Cook stated the Administrator should have decision-making discretion, and stated he doesn't believe the Township Committee needs to get bogged down with this issue. Mr. Taylor agreed and commented there are times when employees are working extra and do not put in for their time. Mayor Cody stated he does not have a problem with employees making up their time. Mr. Mulligan stated he has now worked seven (7) months with local government, does not see abuse of time, and sees employees put in extra effort. Mr. Mulligan stated raises are not readily given, and employees will need to make larger contributions to health care and pensions. He stated this is one small thing that can be done for the employees. Mr. Mulligan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook, to allow the Township Administrator the discretion for early dismissals for holidays. The motion was passed with the following vote:

Ayes: (Cook	Absent: (None)
(Taylor	Abstain: (None)
(Mulligan)	
Nays: (Johnson	
(Cody	

Public Comment

Mayor Cody opened the meeting to public questions and comment. Ms. Bonnie Larson, Cranbury Neck Road, reported a she made a 911 call using a Verizon service land line and could not get an answer. Several attempts were made with no success. EMS was finally contacted using Life Line, who contacted the First Aid Squad. Ms. Larson complimented Irene, the EMT, who responded; however she voiced her concern at not being able to contact 911. Mr. Taylor asked Officer Galla to bring the issue to Chief Varga for investigation.

Mr. Dave Mauger, Griggs Road, suggested the Township Committee consult with experts when handling employee issues. Mr. Mauger stated experts can offer guidance on issues that could be liability issues for the Township. Mr. Mauger stated he heard Petty Road may be widened, and

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Public Comment (continued)

commented there is not good sidewalk access. He stated many neighborhoods of Cranbury are disconnected and recommended more pedestrian walkways wherever possible.

Ms. Connie Bauder, Petty Road, stated the property the proposed Library is to be built on was originally for a Library/Senior Center. Ms. Bauder asked if the whole piece of property is being given to the Library and would there be any land left for a Senior Center. Mayor Cody stated nothing has been given yet to the Library. Mr. Cook stated the Library is in a concept stage only. He explained the thought is to incorporate a community-type center. Ms. Bauder suggested the proposed Library be constructed to handle a second story expansion in the future. She stated someone needs to guide this process along and look at the future. Mr. Mulligan explained whatever Township Committee is in place at the time will have influence on the Library construction. The Library location is a place holder on the Master Plan. Mayor Cody suggested other residents should become involved. Mr. Mauger, Mayor's Representative to the Library Board, invited Ms. Bauder to attend the Library Board meetings. He stated the Library Board's intention is to make presentations for fund raising.

On the paving of Petty Road, Ms. Bauder stated the paving was done incorrectly last time. She stated buses and trash trucks cannot pass on the narrow roadway. Ms. Bauder stated a drainage swale is needed and currently there is no shoulder on the roadway. She advised the Township Committee of other problems with the roadway and suggested the problems be corrected before the roadway is repaved.

Mr. Richard Kallan, Wynnewood Drive, stated the concept Library was presented as a 21st century building. He asked if the Historic Preservation Commission has any say on what the building will look like. Mr. Mauger strongly encouraged residents to voice opinions at the Library Board meetings. The Library Board would appreciate feedback. Mr. Kallan stated there is a safety issue with adults being in the School Library and asked if the new Library would mix adults with children. He asked if the School Library and Public Library would have a duplication of children's books. Mr. Mauger stated the Library Board is actively seeking feedback. While he is happy to bring comments to the Board, it would be more compelling to have residents bring their comments to the Board.

Mr. Dee Wahlers, Hagerty Lane, stated he is concerned with expanding the parking lot at the preserve. He suggested working with a volunteer civil engineer before expanding the lot. Mr. Taylor reported Mr. Bill Tanner, Township Engineer, did not see any issue.

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

On motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Jean Golisano, Deputy Clerk