

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
April 9, 2018

The Township Committee Meeting 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: Dan Mulligan, Matt Scott, and Mayor Glenn Johnson. Jay Taylor was absent. Also present were Steven Goodell, Esq., Township Attorney; Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/Director of Finance and Kathleen R. Cunningham, Municipal Clerk/Assistant Administrator. Mayor Johnson 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:

Posted on December 4, 2017 on the Bulletin Board of the Municipal Office at 23-A North Main Street, Cranbury, New Jersey and remains posted at that location.

Communicated to the Cranbury Press, Home News Tribune and Trenton Times on December 4, 2017.

Filed on December 4, 2017 at the Cranbury Municipal Office, 23-A North Main Street, Cranbury, New Jersey, posted on the Township's web site and remains on file for public inspection.

Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

Township Committee Minutes of March 26, 2018

On motion by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mayor Johnson, the Township Committee Minutes of March 26, 2018 were adopted.

Reports and Communications

--Mayor

Mayor Johnson reported Mr. Dave Cook resigned from his position on the Township Committee effective April 3rd. He stated the Committee will have to follow the State procedure for filling a vacancy. He explained the appointment will be made at the April 23rd Township Committee Meeting. Mayor Johnson explained from the time Mr. Cook handed in his resignation, there are two (2) weeks during which the Democratic Party Committee would meet and draw up a list of three (3) names of Democrats who can be referred to the Township Committee. From that list, one (1) person will be appointed to serve the remainder of Mr. Cook's term, which runs to December 31st. Mayor Johnson stated the meeting was held yesterday and the three (3) suggested names were submitted to the Township Committee, which now has 30 days to act on filling the vacancy. Mayor Johnson further explained the way the law is written, if a Democrat resigns from office, he/she is replaced by a Democrat. He stated he met with Mr. Cook to talk about some DOT issues that he was working on. Mayor Johnson stated he also met with Mr. Richard Preiss, Township Planner, to review some planning issues.

Mayor Johnson appointed Ms. Mona Bhatia as a regular member of the Environmental Commission, filling an unexpired term through December 31, 2018.

Reports and Communications

--Members of Committee

--Mr. Mulligan

Mr. Mulligan stated Mr. Cook will be missed. He stated Mr. Cook has provided great service to the Township and has also become a very good friend.

--Mr. Scott

Mr. Scott stated he has nothing to report this evening, but echoed Mr. Mulligan's comments that Mr. Cook will be missed.

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Reports and Communications
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--Subcommittees

There were no reports from Subcommittees.

--Departments

There were no reports from Departments.

Follow-up Items

There were no Follow-up Items.

Agenda Additions/Changes

Ms. Cunningham reported Ordinance # 03-18-07 will be considered at the next Township Committee Meeting on April 23rd at 7:00 p.m. as four (4) members need to be present to adopt a Bond Ordinance.

Public Comment (For Items on the Agenda)

Mayor Johnson asked if there were any comments from the public for items on the Agenda, and hearing none, closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Ordinances

Second Reading

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 03-18-05

A motion to enter an Ordinance entitled, CRANBURY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE # 03-18-05, "ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING \$100,000.00 PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES IN VARIOUS CAPITAL ORDINANCES IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY," was presented for second reading and final adoption. The Ordinance was published in the Trenton Times, posted on the Township's website, posted on the Township Bulletin Board and copies were available to the public. Mr. Scott inquired about the funds, and Ms. Marabello explained the funds have already been approved for one purpose and are no longer needed for that original purpose so the funds will now be used for a new purpose. The Mayor opened the public hearing on the Ordinance. No one present wished to speak, so the hearing was declared closed. On motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Scott, the Ordinance was adopted by a vote:

Ayes: (Mulligan
(Scott
(Johnson

Abstain: (None
Absent: (Taylor

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 03-18-06

A motion to enter an Ordinance entitled, # CRANBURY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE # 03-18-06, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY AMENDING "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES, WAGES AND BENEFITS FOR VARIOUS OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF PAYMENT THEREOF, AND RATIFYING SALARIES AND PAYMENTS TO EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS PREVIOUSLY PAID," was presented for second reading and final adoption. The Ordinance was published in the Trenton Times, posted on the Township's website, posted on the Township Bulletin Board and copies were available to the public. The Mayor opened the public hearing on the Ordinance. No one present wished to speak, so the hearing was declared closed. On motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Scott, the Ordinance was adopted by a vote:

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Cranbury Township Ordinance # 03-18-06
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Ayes: (Mulligan
 (Scott
 (Johnson

Abstain: (None
Absent: (Taylor

Nays: (None

Consent Agenda

Mayor Johnson asked the Township Committee if there were any questions or comments on the Consent Agenda. Hearing no additional questions or comments, Mayor Johnson requested a motion to adopt the Consent Resolutions. On a motion by Mr. Mulligan seconded by Mr. Scott and unanimously carried, the following Resolutions were adopted by vote:

Ayes: (Mulligan
 (Scott
 (Johnson

Abstain: (None
Absent: (Taylor

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-18-072

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 # R 04-18-073

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 2018 in the sum of \$300,000.00 which item is now available as a revenue from the State of New Jersey DOT pursuant to the provision of statute, and

Section 2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$300,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption "NJDOT Ancil Davison Road"

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Section 3

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

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

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # 04-18-074

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the township of Cranbury that the following salaries, wages and fees shall be paid to the various Township Officials and employees of the Township of Cranbury effective March 25, 2018 unless otherwise noted:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY OR HOURLY RATE</u>
Mayor	\$ 6,416.22
Township Committee	\$ 5,133.50
Township Administrator/Director of Finance/Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer/**	Per Contract
Township Clerk/Registrar	\$ 96,207.69
Assistant Administrator	\$ 2,388.57
Tax Assessor	\$ 63,831.34
Tax Collector	\$ 12,985.42
Chief of Police***	Per Contract
Zoning Officer/Director of Fields	\$ 11,128.23
Clock Winder*	\$ 100.00
Construction Official/Building Inspector	\$ 94,011.78
Building Sub-Code/Building/Senior Fire Inspector	\$ 90,731.21
Plumbing Subcode Official	\$ 16,895.85
Electrical Subcode Official	\$32.47 per hour
Fire Sub-code Official	\$ 6,882.04
Fire Official	\$ 27,510.06
Director of Recreation	\$ 14,111.68
Summer Recreation Art Director**	PER MEMO
Summer Programs Employees**	PER MEMO
Summer Program Director	PER MEMO
Assistant Fire Official	\$20.57 per hour
Deputy Treasurer/Payroll Clerk/Tax Clerk/Sewer Collector	\$27.88 per hour
Qualified Purchasing Agent/Accounts Payable Clerk/Finance Assistant	\$29.65 per hour
Senior Technical Assistant/Alternate Deputy Registrar	\$28.48 per hour

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Deputy Clerk/Deputy Registrar	\$28.14 per hour
Planning Admin Officer/Info Systems Coordinator	\$32.78 per hour
Public Works Admin Asst/Recycling Coordinator	\$27.55 per hour
Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police	\$28.44 per hour
School Crossing Guards**	PER MEMO
Director of Public Works/Small Animal Control Officer/Property Standards Enforcement Officer	\$38.79 per hour
Heavy Equipment Operator/Senior Foreman	\$31.22 per hour
Public Works Mechanic	\$25.33 per hour
Public Work Employee/Sewer Assistant	\$23.38 per hour
Public Work Employee	\$26.01 per hour
Public Work Employee	\$19.57 per hour
Public Work Employee	\$25.33 per hour
Part-Time Help/Board Secretary*	\$19.00 per hour
Board Secretary	\$19.78 per hour
Board Secretary*	\$ 5,814.00
Emergency Services Incentive-First Aid Responder	\$1.00 per hour
Emergency Services Incentive-Fire Responder	\$1.00 per hour

* Set by memo of the Administrator

** Set by memo of the Department head with approval of the Administrator

*** Effective January 1, 2018

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION R 04-18-075

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF ESCROW

WHEREAS, Cranbury Brickyard has deposited engineering escrow with Cranbury Township

WHEREAS, Cranbury Brickyard has requested the release of the balance of said escrow in the amount of \$2,927.27.

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 Engineer
- (b) Township Director of Finance

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Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-18-076

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR CRANBURY BRICKYARD BLDG 2

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 28, 2018 Cranbury Brickyard has requested the release of their performance guarantee previously posted with the Township in accordance with Planning Board approval and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has, in a letter dated March 14, 2018 (attached hereto as "Exhibit A") recommended that the following performance guarantee be released:

Bond	\$2,036,860.18
Cash Deposit	\$ 203,868.00
Less:	\$ 761,764.65 to be posted as Maintenance Bond

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has stated a maintenance guarantee shall be posted with the Township for a period not to exceed two (2) years after final acceptance of the improvements in an amount not to exceed 15% of the cost of the improvement. The amount of the required maintenance guarantee to be posted with the Township is \$761,764.65, and the maintenance period shall be for a period of two years from April 9, 2020.

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

It has reviewed, agrees with and hereby accepts all recommendations of the Township Engineer as set forth in "Exhibit A".

2. It hereby authorizes the release of performance guarantees set forth in the Township Engineer's letter referenced above.
3. The Township hereby accepts the public improvements, if any so designated pursuant to the Planning Board's approval.

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 Engineer
- (b) Township Chief Financial Officer
- (c) Cranbury Brickyard

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 04-18-077

WHEREAS, Cedar Brook erroneously overpaid for a permit; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Official has recommended that the following Permit be refunded:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Permit #</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Refund Amount</u>
Cedar Brook	18-029D&E	4A Cedar Brook Dr	\$50.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, that the above permit payment be refunded.

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Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-18-078

A RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to hire the following firm ("Professional") to provide professional services to the Township during the calendar year 2018 as follows:

- a). IT Network Solutions – IT Services

WHEREAS, the costs for the services to be provided by the Professional is set forth in their respective proposal submitted to the Township, which is incorporated herein as if fully restated; and

WHEREAS, the Township has a need to acquire the foregoing services without a "Fair and Open Process" as defined by P.L. 2004, c. 19, the "Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law"; and

WHEREAS, the Professional has completed and filed with the Township Campaign Contributions Affidavits as required by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.2 *et seq.* certifying that they have not made any prohibited contributions to a candidate's committee or municipal committee representing the elected officials of the Township of Cranbury, along with Certifications Regarding Political Contributions as required by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.* authorizes the award of this contract without public bidding on the basis that this is a professional services agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Cranbury Township Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for this purpose and that the value of said Agreement will exceed \$17,500.00;

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

1. The Township of Cranbury hereby approves the following firm to provide professional services to the Township during the calendar year 2018:

- a). IT Network Solutions – IT Services

2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with the aforementioned Professionals pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.* This contract is being awarded without competitive bidding as a Professional Services Agreement under the provisions of the aforementioned law because a service will be rendered or performed by a person or persons by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law.

3. A copy of this Resolution, the pay-to-play forms, and the executed Agreement and insurance certificate shall be placed on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

4. A brief notice of this action shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Cranbury within ten (10) days of its passage.

Report – Parks Commission

Mr. Tom Weidner, Chairperson, gave the Parks Commission's yearly report for 2017 and goals for 2018. He thanked the Township Committee for their support and including \$10,000 in the 2017 Budget and \$5,000 in the 2018 Budget, which will allow the Commission to beautify the Township's parks. Mr. Weidner stated signs have been or will be erected to identify Heritage Park, Barn Park, and Memorial Park. Also, the 50-year-old rotted sign at Village Park was replaced. He reported all signs were done in consultation with and approval of the Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society. Black-eyed Susans

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Report – Parks Commission

(Mr. Weidner cont'd.)

were planted at Barn, Millstone, Village and Heritage Parks and the Cranbury Brook Preserve, and boxwoods were purchased for the Millstone Park. Signs were erected and plantings were done by the Department of Public Works at a considerable cost savings to the Township, and he commended Public Works for their assistance for these projects as well as their service all year long in keeping the parks beautiful. Mr. Weidner reported parts of the damaged fence in Village Park will be replaced at a cost of \$2,795, which should make Village Park more appealing.

Mr. Weidner thanked Mr. Mulligan for his efforts in ensuring additional funds of \$16,600 were placed in the Capital Improvement Fund to improve the parking lot in Village Park. Mr. Weidner reported Parks worked last year with the Board of Health's Ordinance to keep the parks smoke free. He stated they have been working with the Shade Tree Commission to methodically look at the trees in all of the parks to determine the removal/replacement and/or addition of trees so funds can be appropriated in next year's budget.

Mr. Weidner stated Parks has recommended that the area surrounding the proposed new library be kept as open space for the use and enjoyment of Cranbury residents. He stated the Township Committee and the Library have agreed to this goal and he stated he trusts the Parks Commission will be kept "in the loop" as construction on the Library progresses.

Mr. Mulligan stated the plans for the Village Park parking lot have started and quotes have been obtained so that project should be moving forward shortly. He stated he and Mr. Taylor are working with the Library to prepare the best possible application for grant monies so the new Library can commence its construction.

Presentation on the Formation of a "Diversity and Human Rights Committee"

Ms. Holly Johnson, Station Road thanked the Committee and Mayor Johnson for adding them to the agenda. She and some Cranbury residents presented a proposal for the establishment of a Civil Rights commission for the Township of Cranbury. She stated they will explain why Cranbury needs the Commission, what the Commission can do, and how it will benefit all residents.

Ms. Jessica Ware, South Main Street and a Cranbury resident since 2012, stated they have always felt very comfortable in this Town. She stated there are 27% minorities in Cranbury and stated representation is important in higher office.

Ms. Eman El-Badawi, Cranbury Neck Road, stated she has many good friends and has had many wonderful experiences in Cranbury; however, she stated there have also been moments that have been hurtful, not because she is Muslim, but because she is a minority. She stated people have forgotten to be nice to others and need to remember that we are Americans first. She stated children in the school say hateful things to other children, but pointed out that they did not learn these things on their own but from their homes. Ms. El-Badawi stated it is hard to look beyond these hateful events, but she can because she has people around her that care. She stated there are many people who do not have support systems. She stated it is easier to prevent problems like these from getting larger than to repair the damage it caused.

Ms. Jessica Irons, Old Cranbury Road, stated she loves the small town warmth of Cranbury; however, she does share the concern of others and is bothered that anyone would feel less than welcome here. While she has not experienced anything personally, she stands in support of her friends that have had negative experiences. She stated she supports the proposal to create a Civil Rights Commission, which would be a resource for the Township Committee and Township as a whole. The primary goals of the Commission would be:

- To create a network of community leaders and to provide a comprehensive and coordinated effort to promote and support tolerance and inclusivity

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- To provide an assessment of the community to determine its needs in relation to human rights issues.
- To define, execute and participate in civic awareness and educational events to cultivate an awareness of the needs and experiences of minorities. She stated Cranbury is a very diverse town and there are many great opportunities to explore and celebrate that diversity.
- To provide a safe forum for residents to report if they have experienced or witnessed a potential hate or bias incident and to collect their information, provide support and to refer them to the appropriate authority as needed. She pointed out the Commission would not be responsible for having a direct role in actually mediating an incident.
- To develop programs to implemented at the municipal level and/or to participate in regional diversity programs.
- To serve as a liaison between the Township and the State Department of Law and Public Safety.

Mr. Shuchi Mehta, Hardley Drive, stated his family moved to Cranbury because of Cranbury School. He stated he has travelled extensively in the United States and abroad and feels he has grown as a person by interacting with multiple cultures. He is supporting the proposal because he feels inclusion is important since we are multi-colored, multi-faceted and multi-cultured. Inclusion helps because people are more welcome and there is more tolerance and less hate crimes.

Mr. Preet Kamal, South Main Street stated his personal experience with Cranbury has been fantastic, including the community and his neighborhood, and stated the proposed Commission would make Cranbury even better. He stated it takes a village to raise a town and he stated while the Township of Cranbury is a town, it is like a child and everybody needs to be given a chance. He stated he feels the proposal is about community and everyone respecting everyone else.

Ms. Johnson thanked the Township Committee for listening and the public for attending. She stated when she speaks about the Commission, she gets a lot of support as well as a lot of blank stares. She stated many people do not understand, and while she agrees with them that Cranbury is wonderful, she stated there is a part that is harming all of us, even those who are not directly affected. She stated having 27% minorities in the Township and not having any minorities in the municipal government means there is not representation. She cited several examples of where minorities were "slapped in the face."

Mr. Richard Kallan, Wynnewood Drive, stated he has come to Township Committee meetings for almost 43 years and most meetings no one shows up. Concerning complaints about minorities not being represented in government; he explained being on the Committee starts with attending meetings. He stated he also experienced bias when he moved to Cranbury many years ago as being one of only a few Jewish families in Town. Mr. Kallan stated if you want to know what is going on in Town, you have the opportunity to attend meetings and that's the way appointments occur.

Ms. Deanna Ferrante, North Main Street, pointed out the number of people attending the meeting this evening indicates the level of support and passion for the establishment of a Commission, which asks people to commit on a long-term basis to serving their town in this way. She stated the way you get on the Township Committee is to serve on other committees to gain the knowledge and experience to eventually run for office. Ms. Ferrante stated Cranbury has an opportunity to project to others that it is a community that respects and values diversity and inclusion. She stated the demographics of Cranbury is changing and it is important to welcome people of different backgrounds and ethnicities. Ms. Ferrante stated she sees nothing negative about the Commission, only positive.

Dr. Laura Collins, Bunker Hill, stated she wanted to address Mr. Kallan's comments about recruitment. She stated she is on the Board of Health and was recruited by a Board of Health member, which is mostly how people are recruited for Boards. She stated residents appreciate the Township Committee and are grateful they serve; however, the Committee consists of five (5) white men, which does not represent any of the 27% minorities living in the Township. She stated if there was a Civil Rights

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Commission that could reach out and be a better liaison with minorities, there might be an easier time recruiting minorities.

Mr. Tom Weidner, North Main Street, and Chair of Parks Commission, stated some Boards are harder to get on than others; for example, Zoning and Planning are harder because they have more power. Parks Commission is currently full although in the past Parks was looking for members. He stated there is a form on the website that can be filled out specifying what Board you would like to serve on. He encouraged everyone to research the Boards and volunteer. Mr. Weidner stated it is reprehensible for negative comments to be made against people and not all comments can be stopped; however, it is up to the Township Committee to do what it can when making appointments to not contribute to the problem but to solve the problem.

Mr. Mulligan reiterated Mr. Weidner's comments, stating the forms are on the web and people are encouraged and welcome to join Boards. He stated recruitment happens because residents are not volunteering for positions. He stated Cranbury has been struggling with recruiting volunteers, not only with government boards, but all organizations in the Township, such as the Volunteer Fire Company. He stated the Woman's Club has aged and is looking for members. He encouraged the audience to consider volunteering for organizations.

Ms. Betty Conover, North Main Street, stated she has lived in Cranbury her whole life and stated the Township has always had "someone on the outside looking in." She stated she is 87 and has learned there are lots and lots of different people. She stated she admires the people who sit on boards, and while she cannot make that time commitment, she volunteers in the Township.

Ms. Jill Murphy, South Main Street, stated she grew up in Cranbury and had no friends in school for eight (8) years. She wanted to know if her experiences of being an outsider would include her in the Civil Rights Commission.

Ms. Carlene Reyes, Bergen Drive, stated she came to the meeting to learn more about the Commission and stated there are two (2) issues: representation and being kind. She stated people need to be educated and though we may look a little different, we are all the same. She stated it is a no brainer if the Commission can do something positive.

Ms. Michele Gittings, Park Place West, stated it is a lot of work to be a volunteer and encouraged people to volunteer.

Mayor Johnson closed the public portion of the meeting. Mr. Scott commended the group for their time and efforts in preparing the proposal. He stated he felt proud to see citizens act for no financial gain to see something wrong and do something about it. He stated he moved to Cranbury from North Jersey a few years ago and felt it was a great place to raise a family. He stated they did not want to change Cranbury; they wanted to be a part of it. He stated he believes the group wants to feel a part of Cranbury and not feel ostracized. Mr. Scott stated some of the members on the Committee and some of his fellow citizens see others and change as a threat, and fundamentally, he feels that is wrong. He commended the group for also wanting a "piece of the pie" and thoroughly endorsed the Commission.

Mr. Mulligan thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and stated it is good to see people sharing their points of view. He stated it is not common to get a lot of people attending the meeting and stated getting involved in Town is important. He stated he tried to get on Boards and was not accepted on any Boards. He stated he had to run twice before he was elected. He stated he would like to see more facets on the Committee and would applaud more people being involved. He stated he is for diversity; it is the way he lives his life and raises his children. He stated there was a woman on the Committee last year and a woman is running for Committee this year. He stated there are opportunities to take advantage of. Mr. Mulligan stated he loves Cranbury and loves living here; however, to be honest, it is a

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Town of cliques and it has nothing to do with color, sexual orientation or nationality. He applauded the group and thanked them for coming out.

Mayor Johnson also thanked the group. He stated he has been the Chairman of the Democratic Party on and off for ten (10) years. He stated this was the first community where there were not a lot of young people waiting their turn to run for office. He stated he has had a very tough time recruiting candidates and on two (2) occasions, he ran alone because he could not find a running mate. Mayor Johnson stated Cranbury is an upscale community and he believes people want things done for them. He has knocked on doors and cold called residents to ask them to consider running. He stated he has an excellent relationship with the Republican Chair and she has the same experiences with finding candidates..

Mayor Johnson also addressed the comments about the blue stripe down Main Street in support of the police. He gave a background on how the stripe was painted. He stated we have an excellent police department and Cranbury does not have the trouble other towns have. He stated the Police Department appreciated the support. Subsequent to that, Mayor Johnson stated the Township found out it was in violation of a federal law. He stated the stripe was to honor our police department and was never intended to mean black lives don't matter.

Public Comment

Mayor Johnson opened the meeting to public comment. He stated if there were no further comments from the Public, the Committee would take all the comments under consideration. He stated the Township Committee does not take the creation of new Boards lightly, but they will consider and come back and discuss the topic again.

Ms. Betty Conover, stated she believes the Township Committee does a wonderful job and recognized the number of hours they volunteer. She thanked the Committee members for their service.

Mr. Jeff Grundy, Bunker Hill, stated he is very concerned about the quality of lighting on Main Street. He stated the lighting is especially bad at Gil & Bert's, Cranbury Pizza, and at the Methodist Church. He stated an accident is bound to happen. He encouraged the Township Committee to consider spending some money and increasing the lighting. He pointed out in Princeton, it is very clear to see where the crosswalks are way before you reach them. He stated additional lighting in Cranbury could possibly save a life. Mr. Scott agreed, stating there are many kinds of lighting down Main Street and suggested working with PSE&G to get more uniform lighting.

Ms. Michele Gittings, West Park Place, reported there is a tree limb in the Reinhardt property on Plainsboro Road that is wedged in another tree. She requested it be looked at to see if it needs to be removed. She voiced concern that it could fall on a passing car.

Hearing no additional comments, Mayor Johnson closed the public portion of the meeting.

Mayor's Notes

Mayor Johnson stated he had no additional information.

Township Committee Members' Notes

There were no additional Township Committee Members' Notes.

Mayor Johnson requested a motion to adjourn. On motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Scott and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, RMC
Municipal Clerk