

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
June 25, 2018

The Township Committee Meeting of the Township of Cranbury was held at 7:00 p.m. following the Closed Session which began at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Answering present to the roll call were Township Committee members: Mike Ferrante, Matt Scott, Jay Taylor and Mayor Glenn Johnson. Dan Mulligan was absent. Also present were Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/Director of Finance and Debra Rubin, Municipal Clerk. Mayor Johnson led in the salute to the flag, and Ms. Rubin 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 May 22, 2018 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 May 22, 2018.

Filed on May 22, 2018 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.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor to open Closed Session, seconded by Mr. Ferrante, and unanimously carried.

Mr. Mulligan jointed the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Mulligan to close Closed Session, seconded by Mr. Taylor, and unanimously carried.

**Presentation** for Steve Benner, Tax Assessor:

Mayor Johnson read the following resolution;

**CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 06-18-102**

**WHEREAS**, Steven H. Benner ("Steve") was hired on July 1, 1997 as the Tax Assessor for the Township of Cranbury; and

**WHEREAS**, during those years as Tax Assessor, Steve personified the highest ideals of public service, and earned the admiration and respect of his friends, colleagues and residents; and

**WHEREAS**, during the economic recession, Steve worked tirelessly to settle tax appeals in the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, during the Township's reevaluation, Cranbury residents appreciated Steve's availability to answer questions with his "easy to understand" explanations. Steve always gave out his contact information, urging residents to feel free to communicate with him to address their issues; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve was influential in maintaining Cranbury's healthy rateables through compliance plans; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve and his lovely wife, Kathy, have now decided it is time to retire; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cranbury will miss Steve's ability as Tax Assessor to guide and direct the Township Committee and Cranbury residents with great tact and efficiency.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury expresses its appreciation and thanks to Steve for his many years of excellent service to the residents of Cranbury Township; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township of Cranbury extends to Steve and Kathy its best wishes for many years of happiness in the future.

On a motion by Mr. Ferrante and seconded by Mr. Mulligan, the following Resolution was adopted by vote:

Ayes:	(Ferrante	Abstain:	(None
	(Mulligan	Absent:	(None
	(Scott		
	(Taylor		
	(Johnson		

Nays: (None

Mr. Benner thanked the governing body and residents and expressed his gratitude for his experience working within the township. Mr. Benner stated that he was very blessed to have this position.

Fellow members of the township committee added their thanks and best wishes to Mr. Benner on his retirement. They added that they owe him a debt of gratitude for his service.

--Township Committee Minutes of June 11, 2018

The Township Committee Minutes of June 11, 2018 on a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Mulligan, and unanimously carried; the Township Committee Minutes of June 11, 2018 were adopted.

--Reports and Communications

--Mayor – Mayor Johnson and Mr. Ferrante attended the 101:Fund awards night.

Mayor Johnson attended the Planning Board Meeting.

Mayor Johnson appointed Marty Coffey from the Alternate 2 position to the Alternate 1 position on the Historical Preservation Society. The Alternate 2 position is now vacant.

--Reports and Communications

--Members of Committee

--Mr. Ferrante

Mr. Ferrante reported that he attended the Princeton Board of Education meeting and Cranbury Board of Education meeting where both voted on the shared services agreement for Cranbury students to attend Princeton High School. He added the agreement between Princeton and Cranbury is valid through 2030. This agreement will now move forward for final state approval.

He also attended the 101:Fund awards night with Mayor Johnson

--Mr. Mulligan

Mr. Mulligan stated that the parking lot in Village Park has been completed. Ms. Marabello added that the lot will be striped tomorrow. Mr. Mulligan discussed the current State idea of the consolidation of towns under population of 5,000. He advised that residents need to be diligent and stay aware of what is being discussed on the State level regarding affordable housing and the consolidation of small towns. These two topics will directly affect Cranbury Township and its residents.

Mr. Mulligan also suggested the committee set formal meeting guidelines. These guidelines should address rules of order, public participation, meeting room capacity and provide order to stay on topic.

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Mr. Scott and Mr. Taylor added their suggestions and concerns. Ms. Marabello advised that this will be added as a "Follow-Up Item" for the next meeting.

--Mr. Taylor

Mr. Taylor attended the Crossing Guard Appreciation Breakfast at Teddy's and a ribbon cutting ceremony for Mass Mutual. He spoke with George Nikitiados and John Nichols from Cranbury Volunteer First Squad and they discussed their concerns and ideas regarding the squad.

Mr. Taylor explained the reason he placed the sign on his front yard, which began the idea for the "Slow Down in Our Town" Contest for Cranbury children to participate in. This is a coordinated effort with the Township Committee, Police Department and the Cranbury Business Association in promotion of traffic safety. Information will be placed on the township website for resident's convenience. He also thanked Julie from Studio 43 for the design of the flyer that will be used to promote the contest.

--Mr. Scott

Mr. Scott further discussed the topic of street lightning from his June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting presentation. He will bring the numbers necessary for the next meeting to discuss cost of implementing the changes. He shall also bring a more detailed map for the next meeting showing the proposed replacement lights locations.

--Subcommittees

There were no reports from Subcommittees.

--Departments Heads

Michael Kervan – Chief – Cranbury Volunteer Fire Department - Chief Kervan provided his monthly report to the members. Some items included were 23 incidents and a total of 162 incidents year to date. The department attended the Strawberry Festival and the Touch-a-Truck. He expressed the need for volunteers to the audience and the governing body. He reported that 4 members received recognition for a severe accident that occurred on the NJ Turnpike on March 11<sup>th</sup> with the members receiving a gold pin recognizing their exceptional service on a rescue.

Agenda Additions/Changes – None

--Public Comment (For Items on the Agenda) – Mayor Johnson opened the meeting to public comment.

- Nancy Witt – Provided the Municipal Clerk with her intent to withdraw from the 2018 general election, effective immediately. She added that she will be working to help fellow candidate Wayne Wittman's campaign.

No other public wished to speak. Mayor Johnson closed the portion to public comment.

Resolutions

Consent Agenda

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

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Nays: (None

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Cranbury Township Resolution #R 05-18-099

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 06-18-100

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Cranbury refund the credit balance on a final sewer bill at 3 Wynnewood Drive;

Cranbury Township Resolution #R 05-18-101

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Cranbury authorizing the acceptance of a bid with S. Brothers, Inc. Construction for John White Road – Road Improvement Phase II;

Traffic Update

--Mayor Johnson presented a slideshow regarding traffic safety. It highlighted recent purchases, goal setting, addressing resident concerns and the proposed traffic bureau plan. This further explained budget timelines as well. The presentation material will be made available on the township website. Ms. Marabello reminded the members to bring any concerns or suggestions to the Traffic Safety Subcommittee for review first. Once they review the information provided, a report will be sent to the Township Committee for review. Mr. Ferrante requested a reminder email be sent to residents regarding the traffic form that may be used to send concerns directly to the Police Department.

--Reports from Township Staff and Professionals

--Administrator's Report - None

--Public Comment

Mayor Johnson opened the meeting to public comment.

Claudette Guy – Ms. Guy questioned the timeframe the new officers will be enrolled in the police academy. She encouraged the establishment of meeting guidelines, discussed earlier in the meeting. Ms. Guy stated her concerns in the areas where speed limits drop from 40 mph to 25 mph and suggested the online form be easier to complete. She requested a timeline for follow up on her recent inquiries to “Keep Middlesex Moving”, intersection issues, and the use of traffic flags provided by the County.

Joseph Buonavolonta – Mr. Buonavolonta appreciated the traffic presentation but stressed the need for more focus on the entire town and not just Main Street. He questioned the use of court fees and suggested Cranbury revisit the idea of maintaining their own court. The committee responded that it is not financially beneficial to do so. He asked about the Neighborhood Watch signs in certain areas of the township and asked who was in charge of organizing the Neighborhood Watch programs.

Mark Berkowsky – Discussed the passing of Elizabeth “Betty” Wagner seven (7) months after celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. He believed her passing went relatively unnoticed by township officials. He stated that the Historical Preservation Society is renaming the history center after her. He suggested that the township committee members and Cranbury residents find a way to recognize her and all her efforts in preserving the history of Cranbury. The committee members discussed permanent, large scale suggestions in an effort to recognize her contributions. This will continue to be discussed at future meetings for possible street naming.

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Richard Kallan – Mr. Kallan suggested adding North and South to Liedtke Road street addressing to aid in minimizing confusion for dispatching services. He also wanted to acknowledge that Betty Wagner volunteered more than most others.

Mr. Mulligan asked for follow up on discussion regarding street name renaming.

Mr. Ferrante thanked Ms. Ftikas for attending tonight's meeting after the last meeting she attended was met with much public discussion and disagreement.

Mayor Johnson closed the meeting to public comment.

--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. Taylor and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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Debra A. Rubin, RMC  
Municipal Clerk