

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2007

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 was: Township Committee members: Thomas F. Panconi, Jr., Richard Stannard, Pari Stave and Mayor David J. Stout. Mr. Wittman was absent. Also present was: Kevin Van Hise, Esquire, Township Attorney, Thomas C. Witt, Administrator and Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk. Mayor Stout 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 1, 2006 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 1, 2006.
3. Was filed on December 1, 2006 with a Deputy Municipal Clerk at the Cranbury Municipal Office, 23-A North Main Street, Cranbury, New Jersey and remains on file for public inspection, and
4. Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

Regular Committee Minutes of January 22, 2007

On motion by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Stannard and unanimously carried, the Regular Committee Minutes of January 22, 2007 were adopted.

Special Committee Minutes of January 27, 2007, February 3, 2007 & February 8, 2007

On motion by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Panconi and unanimously carried, the Special Committee Minutes of January 27, 2007 were adopted.

Closed Session Minutes of February 5, 2007

On motion by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Stannard and unanimously carried (with Mr. Panconi abstaining), the Closed Session Minutes were adopted.

The Special Committee minutes of February 8, 2007 were carried over until the next meeting on February 26, 2007, due to a lack of a majority to adopt.

Reports and Communications

--Mayor

Mayor Stout reported skating had taken place on Brainerd Lake over the weekend. Mayor Stout thanked the Department of Public Works and the Police Department for their help.

Mayor Stout also reported on traffic safety in the Township and indicated on the Agenda was a Resolution for passage for a "No Passing Zone" on Old Trenton Road, between Main Street and the Millstone River bridge and follows a Resolution adopted at the last Township Committee Meeting to reduce the speed limit along the same stretch of Old Trenton Road from 50 to 40 miles per hour. Mayor Stout indicated since the last Township Committee Meeting, he and Tom Witt, Administrator, had met with Dave Campion from Middlesex County and also had received a copy of a memo to John Reiser, County Engineer, in response to a letter (sent to Freeholder Polos) the Township had sent in reference to reducing the speed limit along Old Trenton Road.

Reports and Communications (Continued)

--Mayor (cont'd)

The memo indicated the County will support the Township; however, the matter is a State Department of Transportation matter and approval would be given only after a review of a traffic study performed by the Township. Mayor Stout stated the Chief of Police would also be reporting on this when he gives his report later in the meeting. Mayor Stout reported at the meeting with the County, discussed had been a "no passing zone" which would require the Resolution which was being considered this evening as well as a need for the traffic consultant to do a short study explaining why it would be a good safety measure. Also discussed was the issue of "bump outs", particularly by the crosswalk to the Millstone Park. Mayor Stout indicated the County does not usually do "bump outs"; however are willing to come out to discuss with the Township how to make the area safer. Lastly, discussed was the Ancil Davison Road issue of the sidewalk which goes in to the guard rail. The County has requested the Township put a sketch together and then they would try to come up with a solution. Mayor Stout stated the Township is making progress on the traffic issues.

Mayor Stout also reported on an e-mail which had been received from Congressman Rush Holt's office concerning safe trucking routes. Mayor Stout reported there are several serious concerns for Cranbury Township and meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at Rider College and suggested some one from Cranbury Township attend. Mr. Stannard volunteered to attend the meeting and report back to the Township Committee.

--Members of Committee

Mr. Panconi reported he had met on Sunday, February 11th with members of the Cranbury Fire Company concerning their monthly report for January. Mr. Panconi updated his spread sheet of false alarms for 2007 and reported the Fire Company had responded to 11 calls in January---seven (7) were between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., four (4) calls between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. and four (4) calls were Monday – Friday, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Of the calls, four (4) were false alarms, two of which were at 1265 South River Road and caused by contractors. Mr. Panconi reported the tenant had moved from 1265 South River Road and since that time, no alarms at the site had been activated. Also, at 324 Half Acre Road a contractor had used the fire hydrant, setting off a false alarm. There had been an average of ten (10) responders per call. The tentative delivery date for the pumper/rescue truck is June 11, 2007. Mr. Panconi stated, it had also been pointed out by members of the Fire Company, there is movement in Trenton to require a Fire Fighter II Class, requiring 120-140 hours of training. In the past members had been "grandfathered" in and it was the feeling the same would not be done. Mr. Panconi indicated he would be reaching out to members of the Legislature to get some clarification on the issue.

--Subcommittees

Mayor Stout stated he had neglected to thank Ms. Stave for her assistance, as a member of the Traffic subcommittee, in working with the County, Township Engineer and Traffic Consultant on the Township's traffic safety issues.

Agenda Additions/Changes

The Clerk, Ms. Cunningham, stated Resolution # R 02-07-046 was being added, after the Budget Resolution and before the Public Hearing on the Community Development Block Grant. Also, adding to the Consent Agenda, Resolution # R 02-07-047 and adding a Closed Session Resolution # R 02-07-048 to discuss: Litigation--Everhome Mortgage Company vs. Township of Cranbury et al; Litigation--Cranbury Brook Farms vs. Township of Cranbury and Confidential Advice of Counsel concerning risk management.

Ordinances

First Reading

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 02-07-01

An Ordinance entitled, Cranbury Township Ordinance # 02-07-01, AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14), was introduced for first reading. On motion by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Stannard, the Ordinance was passed on first reading by vote:

Ayes: (Panconi
(Stannard
(Stave
(Stout

Abstain: (None
Absent: (Wittman

Nays: (None

Public Hearing: February 26, 2007

CALENDAR YEAR 2007
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township of Cranbury in the County of Middlesex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2007 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body hereby determines that a 1 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$53,714.62 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the governing body hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the governing body of the Township of Cranbury, in the County of Middlesex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2007 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Cranbury shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 1 %, amounting to \$53,714.62, and that the CY 2006 municipal budget for the Township of Cranbury be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Ordinance
First Reading

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 02-07-02

An Ordinance entitled, "Cranbury Township Ordinance # 02-07-02, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY REPLACING EXISTING CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, ENTITLED "DRUG ABUSE AND ALCOHOLISM, MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE ON", WITH NEW CHAPTER 26, ENTITLED "MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE", was introduced for first reading. On motion by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Stannard, the Ordinance was passed on first reading by vote:

Ayes: (Panconi	Abstain: (None
(Stannard	Absent: (Wittman
(Stave	
(Stout	

Nays: (None

Public Hearing: February 26, 2007

**TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 06-90-23, adopted July 23, 1990 and codified at Chapter 13 of the Code of the Township of Cranbury ("Code"), the Township established a Municipal Alliance Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (the "Committee"); and

WHEREAS, since its establishment, the Committee has worked vigorously to address the education, prevention and reduction of substance abuse problems in the local community; and

WHEREAS, over time certain procedural and other issues have arisen; and

WHEREAS, the Committee and Township desire to correct these issues and make such other changes as may be needed to facilitate the Committee's ability to continue its efforts to reduce alcoholism and drug abuse in the local community; and

WHEREAS, the Township also seeks to take this opportunity to amend the Township Code in order to relocate the chapter concerning the Cranbury Township Municipal Alliance Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

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

1. Existing Chapter 13 of the Code of the Township of Cranbury ("Code"), entitled "Drug Abuse and Alcoholism, Municipal Alliance Committee On", shall be repealed in its entirety and replaced with a new Chapter 26, to read as follows:

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**CHAPTER 26
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE
ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE**

§ 26-1. Establishment; purpose.

A. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:2BB-9, there is hereby established within the Township of Cranbury a Municipal Alliance Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

B. This Committee is formed for the purposes of:

(1) Organizing and coordinating efforts involving schools, law enforcement, business groups and other community organizations for the purpose of eliminating alcoholism and drug abuse ("substance abuse").

(2) In cooperation with local school districts, developing a comprehensive and effective substance abuse education program in grades kindergarten through 12.

(3) In cooperation with local school districts, developing procedures for the intervention, treatment, referral and discipline of students abusing alcohol and/or drugs.

(4) Developing comprehensive substance abuse education, support and outreach efforts for parents in the community.

(5) Developing comprehensive substance abuse community awareness programs.

C. This Committee is formed to replace the Municipal Alliance Committee created pursuant to Ordinance No. 06-90-23, adopted July 23, 1990, and shall assume all of the functions, programs, records and responsibilities of said Committee.

§ 26-2. Responsibilities.

The duties and responsibilities of the Committee shall include, but not be limited to:

A. Creating a network of community leaders, private citizens and representatives from public and private human service agencies who are dedicated to a comprehensive and coordinated effort to promote and support substance abuse prevention and education programs and related activities with an emphasis on youth.

B. Conducting an assessment of the community to determine its needs in relation to substance abuse issues.

C. Identifying existing efforts and services acting to eliminate or reduce substance abuse.

D. Coordinating projects within the municipality to avoid fragmentation and duplication.

E. Developing programs to be implemented at the municipal level and/or participate in regionally developed programs that accomplish the purposes of the Cranbury Township Municipal Alliance Committee.

F. Assisting the municipality in acquiring funds for Committee programs.

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G. Cooperating with the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and the County Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse / County Alliance Steering Subcommittee to provide

municipal data, reports or other information which may be required for the County Annual Alliance Plan or needed to assist the Alliance effort.

§ 26-3. Membership; composition; terms.

A. The Committee shall consist of nine (9) regular members and two (2) alternate members appointed by the Township Committee.

B. The membership should include broad representation from the local community, including such persons as, but not limited to:

- (1) Township residents.
- (2) The Chief of Police, or his designee.
- (3) Township school board members and/or school administrators.
- (4) A student assistance coordinator.
- (5) Representatives of the Cranbury Township Parent-Teacher Organization.
- (6) Township teachers.
- (7) Township students or youth representatives.
- (8) Representatives of the Cranbury Township Business and Professional Association and/or Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce.
- (9) Representatives of local civic associations.
- (10) Representatives of local mental health agencies, treatment and/or prevention providers.
- (11) Representatives of local religious groups.
- (12) Representatives of the municipal staff.
- (13) Representative of the municipal court system.
- (14) Other private citizens, including persons recovering from substance abuse problems and/or persons having specialized knowledge of substance abuse, addiction, treatment or resources matters.
- (15) The designation of these categories is meant to provide assistance and guidance as to the intended broad composition of the Committee only and is not meant to require the appointment of members from each, any or all such categories.

C. Terms.

(1) The term of a regular member shall be three years. The term of an alternate member shall be one year.

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(2) Current members of the Municipal Alliance Committee who were appointed under former Chapter 13 (now repealed and replaced with this, new Chapter 26) shall continue in office, except that three members shall be designated by the Township Committee as regular members with a term expiring December 31, 2007, three members shall be designated as regular members with a term expiring

December 31, 2008, three members shall be designated as regular members with a term expiring December 31, 2009, and two members shall be designated as Alternate No. 1 and Alternate No. 2 with terms expiring December 31, 2007. Thereafter, the term of a regular member or alternate member shall be as set forth in subsection C(1) above this section.

D. Alternates. The alternate members may participate in discussions of the proceedings but may not vote except in the absence or disqualification of a regular member. A vote shall not be delayed in order that a regular member may vote instead of an alternate member. In the event that a choice must be made as to which alternate member is to vote, Alternate No. 1 shall vote.

E. Committee Liaison. The Township Committee shall designate one of its members to act as a liaison between the Municipal Alliance Committee and the Township Committee.

§ 26-4. Removal; absenteeism; vacancies.

A. The Township Committee may remove any member of the Municipal Alliance Committee for cause after written notice has been served upon the member and, if requested by the member, a public hearing held on the issue(s) raised with an opportunity by the member to be heard.

B. Cause for removal may be found where a member has missed three consecutive meetings without prior permission from the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall report to the Township Committee every six months as to such absenteeism.

C. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the Committee other than by expiration of term, such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term only, in the same manner as the original appointment. The Chairperson shall be responsible for notifying the Township Committee, in writing, of any such vacancy.

§ 26-5. Chairperson; officers.

A. The Committee shall elect from among its regular members a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson. The Committee shall also select a Recording Secretary who may or may not be a member of the Committee.

B. Election of all officers shall be held annually at the Committee's first regular meeting of the calendar year.

§ 26-6. Meetings; bylaws; quorum.

A. The Committee shall meet on a regular basis, at least quarterly, with a calendar of meetings established in advance.

B. The Recording Secretary shall keep minutes and records of all meetings and proceedings. All meetings shall be noticed and conducted in accordance with the New

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Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. Copies of all minutes shall be maintained in the office of the Committee and shall be promptly delivered to the Township Clerk.

C. A quorum for the transaction of business shall be five members. A majority vote of those present and voting shall prevail.

- D. The Committee shall have the power to establish bylaws and rules for the conduct of its meetings.
- E. The Committee shall have the power to establish standing and ad hoc committees as needed.

§ 26-7. Relationship with other groups.

It is acknowledged that cooperative relationships are necessary to effectively develop the municipal alliance network and to maximize coordination and avoid duplication of efforts and to assure effectiveness of resources, including volunteers and funds. In this regard, the Committee is directed to determine how to best work with and/or join municipal groups such as drug and alcohol task forces, municipal youth service commissions, youth task forces, other municipal alliance committees, county alliance committees and other groups compatible with the purposes and function of an Alliance.

§ 26-8. Annual report.

The Cranbury Township Municipal Alliance Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse shall report on an annual basis to the Township Committee on its works and the extent to which it is carrying out the purposes set forth in this Chapter.

- 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon notice and publication, as provided for by law.

Resolution

Budget

**Cranbury Township Resolution # R 02-07-034
2007 Municipal Budget**

Mayor Stout thanked the Township Committee, Ms. Marabello, Chief Financial Officer, Tax Assessor, Steve Benner, Thomas C. Witt Administrator, the Police Department and other Township Employees and volunteers who had worked hard to develop this year's Budget. The total 2007 Budget is less, by \$410,824.00, than last year's Budget. This year's Budget is: \$ 12,169,283.00 vs. \$ 12,580,107.00 for last year. Mayor Stout reported due to the Township's revaluation the municipal tax share will increase by a rate of \$.08 per \$100 of assessed value. Contributing factors for the increase were: State mandated increases to pension costs, rising costs for health and dental benefits, the necessity of having a surplus for tax appeals due to the revaluation, hiring of two (2) additional police officers in response to public safety issues and the paying down of debt. Mayor Stout reported the Township staff and professionals have put a hold on various costs and in some cases, where possible, decreased items and all Departments have either decreased or kept expenses the same as the previous year. Mayor Stout added, the public hearing on the Budget will be held on Monday, March 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at which time public comment may be made.

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2007 Municipal Budget
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Mr. Panconi stated, he believed the Budget was excellent, however, he felt there still remained a need to pursue every and all opportunities at Town Hall for savings, whether that is for job consolidation or other saving procedures.

On motion offered by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Stannard, the following resolution was adopted by vote:

Ayes: (Panconi
(Stannard)

Abstain: (None
Absent: (Wittman)

(Stave
(Stout

Nays: (None

of the Township of Cranbury, county of Middlesex for the fiscal year 2007.

Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

Anticipated Summary of Revenues

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
1. Surplus	\$1,065,000.00	\$2,317,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$4,500,960.55	\$4,853,040.40
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	\$107,000.00	\$118,900.00
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	\$6,496,322.24	\$5,264,726.60
b) Addition to Local District School Tax		
Tot Amt to be Raised by Taxes for Mun Budget	\$6,496,322.24	\$5,264,726.60
 Total General Revenues	 \$12,169,282.79	 \$12,553,667.00

<u>Summary of Appropriations</u>	<u>2007 Budget</u>	<u>2006 Budget</u>
1. Operating Expenses: S&W	\$2,909,105.00	\$2,624,801.00
Other Expenses	\$4,492,940.00	\$4,391,116.86
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	\$433,636.10	\$322,381.00
3. Capital Improvements	\$60,000.00	\$0
4. Debt Service (include for School Purposes)	\$4,023,601.69	\$4,965,368.14
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
 Total General Appropriations	 \$12,169,282.79	 \$12,553,667.00

Total Number of Employees	82	70
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Balance of Outstanding Debt

Interest	\$818,075.25
Principal	\$3,205,526.44
Outstanding Balance (12/31/06)	\$25,156,521.41

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex on February 12, 2007.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 02-07-034 2007 Municipal Budget

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held in the Committee Meeting Room, Town Hall, 23A North Main St, on March 12, 2007 at 7:00 o'clock PM at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2007 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the budget are available in the office of the Township Clerk at the Municipal Building, 23A North Main St Cranbury, NJ, (609) 395-0900 ext 234 during the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Resolution

On motion offered by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Stannard, the following resolution was adopted by vote:

Ayes: (Panconi
(Stannard
(Stave
(Stout

Abstain: (None
Absent: (Wittman

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 02-07-046

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EMPLOYMENT AND HARASSMENT POLICIES

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury is committed to creating a work environment in which all municipal employees are evaluated and encouraged on the basis of merit; and

WHEREAS, it is the expressed policy of the Township of Cranbury to afford equal employment

opportunity to all Township employees regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, marital status, sexual or affectional orientation, veteran status or disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Township has expressed its commitment to a bias-free workplace in the resolutions adopting the Township's personnel policies and procedures as set forth in the Employee Manual of the Township of Cranbury, adopted on February 23, 2004, mandating equal employment opportunity and condemning harassment of any kind on the basis of any conduct or status prohibited by law; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2007, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury held a public meeting involving the Budget Committee, during which meeting the Chief of Police appeared before the Township Committee to discuss staffing and budgeting issues; and

WHEREAS, during the course of said discussion a member of the Township Committee delivered certain remarks concerning the impact of age on the value of retirement benefits; and

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WHEREAS, the Township Committee regrets that, during a discussion about retirement benefits, a Committee member's remarks may have created the impression that the Committee member was relating age to employment qualifications; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby reaffirms its commitment to fair employment practices and makes clear that it does not countenance any employment action taken, in whole or part, on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, marital status, sexual or affectional orientation, veteran status, or disabilities, atypical cellular or blood trait, or genetic information or because of a mental/physical disability that does not interfere with the ability to do the work required; and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2007, the Township Committee held an emergency closed session meeting in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 and 4-12.b to address the above-referenced remarks; and

WHEREAS, Township Committee expresses its utmost respect for its Chief of Police and the Officers of the Cranbury Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Township undertakes the following action in accordance with the Township's Equal Employment Opportunity Statement and Employee Manual, which requires prompt, fair, remedial action whenever there is an appearance or incident of bias in employment.

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

1. The Township hereby reaffirms the policies set forth in the Employee Manual of the Township of Cranbury adopted on February 23, 2004, especially, among others, the Township policy to promote the recruitment, selection, placement, promotion, retention and separation of Township employees based upon employees' qualification and fitness, free of personal and political considerations, and in compliance with federal and state laws, and to carry out public policy as expressed in laws, regulations, ordinances or otherwise, and to conduct the affairs of government with courtesy, honesty and integrity.
2. The Township hereby also reaffirms its anti-harassment and anti-discrimination policies set forth in sections 24 and 25 of the Employee Manual.
3. The Township commends the dedication to the municipality of its Chief of Police and police officers, and conveys its appreciation for their years of service.
4. The Mayor and Administrator are hereby directed to amend any existing procedures or develop and establish any new procedures as may, in the opinion of the Township Attorney, be necessary and proper to ensure that instances of harassment and discrimination may be promptly and effectively reported and dealt with.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, RMC, do hereby certify that this is a true copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury on February 12, 2007.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Public Hearing **2007 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

Mayor Stout opened the Public Hearing for the 2007 Community Development Block Grant at 7:20 p.m. Mr. Witt, Administrator and a member of the Community Housing Development Committee, stated this year, the Township would be receiving \$29,700.00, which was going to be used to defray some of the costs (architectural and engineering) related to developing the 20 affordable units at the Four Seasons Affordable Housing site to meet the Township's COAH Third Round requirements. No one from the public wished to speak; therefore Mayor Stout closed the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Resolution
Consent Agenda

On motion offered by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Panconi, the following Consent Agenda Resolutions were adopted by vote:

Ayes: (Panconi	Abstain: (None
(Stannard	Absent: (Wittman

(Stave
(Stout

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 02-07-035

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 02-07-036

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

A Resolution Adopting Street Addresses

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has determined there is a need for the following street addresses to be established for the new affordable housing units on Old Cranbury Road:

<u>BUILDING #</u>	<u>STREET ADDRESS</u>	<u>UNITS GOING LEFT TO RIGHT</u>
1	17 Old Cranbury Road	A-B-C-D
2	15 Old Cranbury Road	A-B-C-D
3	13 Old Cranbury Road	A-B
4	11 Old Cranbury Road	A-B-C-D
5	9 Old Cranbury Road	A-B-C-D
6	7 Old Cranbury Road	A-B; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has determined there is a need to change the following street addresses:

Block	Lot	Assessed to	Old Address	New Address
20	10.02	Cranbury Township	13 Old Cranbury Rd.	5 Old Cranbury Rd.
20.16	8	Vilue Carter ETAL	5 Old Cranbury Rd.	1 Old Hightstown Rd.
20.16	9	Judson & Margaret Hagerty	7 Old Cranbury Rd.	3 Old Hightstown Rd.
Cranbury Township Resolution # R 02-07-036 (Continued)				
20.16	10	Cranbury Bldg. Assoc.	11 Old Cranbury Rd.	5 Old Hightstown Rd.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that the above street addresses be established.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk of the Township of Cranbury, hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution, adopted by the Township Committee on February 12, 2006.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Cranbury Township Resolution No. 02-07-037

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, NJ

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR
CRANBURY BUSINESS PARK – BUILDING V

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 17, 2006, Prologis 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 October 26, 2006 (attached hereto as "Exhibit A") recommended that the following performance guarantee be released:

Performance Bond	\$ 0.00
Cash	\$ 2,781.08

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

1. 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. Shawn McIntyre
- d. Township Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R Cunningham do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Township of Cranbury at a meeting duly held on February 12, 2007.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 02-07-038

WHEREAS, it is necessary to make the following appointments,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, that the following individual is appointed to the position and term noted effective February 12, 2007:

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

NAME	POSITION	TERM ENDING
Kathleen R. Cunningham	Housing & Community Development Committee	12/31/07

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk, hereby certify that this a true copy of a Resolution, which was adopted on February 2, 2007.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 01-07-039

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY'S REQUEST TO THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX TO ESTABLISH A "NO PASSING ZONE" ALONG OLD TRENTON ROAD FROM SOUTH MAIN STREET TO THE MILLSTONE RIVER BRIDGE (BORDERING EAST WINDSOR)

WHEREAS, Old Trenton Road, also known as County Route 535, extends through the Township of Cranbury from the Township's border with East Windsor Township, Mercer County, in a northeasterly direction to its intersection with South Main Street; and

WHEREAS, along this stretch of road, Old Trenton Road is bordered by residential neighborhoods, single family homes and recreational facilities such as Millstone Park and the Cranbury Swim Club; and

WHEREAS, Township residents and children routinely walk along and cross Old Trenton Road to access Millstone Park, the Cranbury Swim Club and other amenities in the area; and

WHEREAS, several school bus stops are located on this road; and

WHEREAS, Township residents have expressed their concerns about speeding, illegal passing and other activities impacting on the general safety of pedestrians and other motorists along Old Trenton Road; and

WHEREAS, the Township is concerned with vehicles passing along Old Trenton Road, jeopardizing the safety of children, pedestrians and other motorists; and

WHEREAS, other improvements to Old Trenton Road, such as striping and reducing the speed limit may also assist in improving safety along the road; and

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WHEREAS, the County of Middlesex has expressed its interest in working with the Township to improve safety along Old Trenton Road;

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

1. The Township hereby requests and petitions the County of Middlesex to establish a "no passing zone" along the entire length of Old Trenton Road (a/k/a County Road 535) from South Main Street to the Millstone River Bridge (bordering East Windsor Township); and
2. The Township, through its Mayor, staff and professionals is hereby authorized and directed to request from and work with the County of Middlesex to seek to establish a "no passing zone" along Old Trenton Road (a/k/a County Road 535) from South Main Street to the Millstone River Bridge (bordering East Windsor Township) as well as other improvements that may be recommended to improve the safety along Old Trenton Road for pedestrians and motorists.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk of the Township of Cranbury, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury at its meeting held on February 12, 2007.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Cranbury Township Resolution No. 02-07-040

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, NJ

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR CRANBURY BUSINESS PARK – BUILDING V

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 17, 2006, Prologis 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 October 26, 2006 (attached hereto as "Exhibit A") recommended that the following performance guarantee be released:

Performance Bond	\$	0.00
Cash	\$	2,781.08

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".

1. It hereby authorizes the release of performance guarantees set forth in the Township Engineer's letter referenced above.

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2. 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. Shawn McIntyre
- d. Township Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R Cunningham do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Township of Cranbury at a meeting duly held on February 12, 2007.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 02-07-041

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CRANBURY TOWNSHIP LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING
COMMITTEE (L.E.P.C.); TERMS TO RUN CONCURRENT WITH EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN,
COMMENCING NOVEMBER 1, 2006 AND TERMINATING ON OCTOBER 31, 2009

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA, Title III), each political subdivision in New Jersey is required to create a Local Emergency Planning Committee to plan for hazardous materials incidents; and

WHEREAS, John V. Hansen, Cranbury Township Emergency Management Coordinator, advises that the individuals listed on the attached page, representing elected officials, police, fire, emergency management, first aid, public works, media, community groups and owner/operators subject to SARA Title III, have expressed a desire to serve on said Local Emergency Planning Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cranbury Township Committee does hereby appoint the following persons to serve on the Cranbury Township Emergency Planning Committee in accordance with the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, for terms to run concurrent with the Cranbury Township Emergency Operations Plan, commencing retroactive to November 1, 2006 and terminating on October 31, 2009.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution which was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury at a regular meeting on February 12, 2007.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Cranbury Township Resolution # R-02-07-042

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY
Cranbury Township Resolution # R 02-07-042
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MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL
ACCOUNTING SERVICES TO RONALD A. GHRIST, CPA, RMA**

WHEREAS, Township of Cranbury ("Township") requires the services of a professional accountant as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of said accounting services will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is for the period January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Ronald A. Ghrist, CPA, RMA ("Contractor") has submitted the attached proposal dated January 12, 2007 to provide the accounting services described therein, at the rates and costs set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, Contractor has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that the Contractor has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the Contractor from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., authorizes the award of this Contract without competitive bidding as a professional services agreement; and

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

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached contract with Contractor pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq. Said 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 authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law.
2. A copy of this Resolution, the Determination of Value, the Business Disclosure Certification, and the executed Agreement shall be placed on file in the office of the Township Clerk.
3. 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.

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CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, RMC, Clerk of the Township of Cranbury, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury at a regular meeting duly held on February 12, 2007.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Cranbury Township Resolution # R-02-07-043

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CITY CONNECTIONS, LLC**

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury requires the services of a consultant to host and maintain its website; and

WHEREAS, the Township entered into a contract with City Connections LLC to provide those services during the calendar year 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to enter into an agreement with City Connections LLC to provide these services for the calendar year 2007; and

WHEREAS, City Connections LLC has offered to provide these services to the Township for the lump sum cost of \$6,190.00; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*, authorizes the award of a services contract without competitive bids when the cost of the contract does not exceed the applicable bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are sufficient funds for this contract.

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with City Connections LLC to host and maintain Cranbury Township's Web Site for the calendar year 2007, for the not-to-exceed cost of \$6,190.00.

2. A copy of the agreement will be made available for public inspection in the Township Clerk's office during regular business hours.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, RMC, Clerk of the Township of Cranbury, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury at its meeting held on February 12, 2007.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Cranbury Township Resolution # R-02-07-044

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH GAIL L. HUNTON**

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury requires the services of a consultant to update Design Guidelines for the Cranbury Village Historic District; and

WHEREAS, Gail L. Hunton has offered to provide these and other, similar services to the Township for \$8,800.00, in accordance with the proposal attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*, authorizes the award of a services contract without competitive bids when the cost of the contract does not exceed the applicable bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are sufficient funds for this contract.

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Gail L. Hunton to update and revise the Design Guidelines for the Cranbury Village Historic District (and to perform other services specified in more detail in the proposal attached to said agreement) for the not-to-exceed cost of \$8,800.00.
2. A copy of the agreement will be made available for public inspection in the Township Clerk's office during regular business hours.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, RMC, Clerk of the Township of Cranbury, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury at its meeting held on February 12,, 2007.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R-02-07-045

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION REGARDING CRANBURY BRICK YARD ROAD, LLC'S REQUEUST FOR AMENDMENT TO LOWER RARITAN-MIDDLESEX COUNTY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR FORMER UNEXCELLED CHEMICAL CORPORATION SITE

WHEREAS, Cranbury Brick Yard Road LLC ("applicant") is the record owner of property designated on the Cranbury Township Tax Map as Block 12, Lots 1 and 10 and known as the Unexcelled Chemical Corporation Site ("site" or "Unexcelled site"); and

WHEREAS, the site is located on Brick Yard Road and Hightstown-Cranbury Station Road, in the southern half of the area east of Route 130; and

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WHEREAS, the site is outside of the Township's sewer service area; and

WHEREAS, the site is designated on the New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan ("State Plan") as being in Planning Area 4.b; and

WHEREAS, the site is located in the Township's Industrial-Light Impact (I-LI) zoning district; and

WHEREAS, the 1993 Cranbury Township Master Plan explains on page I-3 that one of the planning objectives for the area of the Township east of Route 130 is to "[e]stablish zone categories and intensities which reflect the availability of infrastructure and recognizes different environmental conditions"; and

WHEREAS, on page II-12, the 1993 Master Plan recommends that the area east of Route 130 be split into a northern and southern section and proposes the I-LI zoning designation for the area south of Brainerd Lake, in which the site is located; and

WHEREAS, on page III-5, the 1993 Master Plan states that the above-referenced split “is warranted based on availability of infrastructures, current approvals and uses, and environmental constraints,” and continues that “[t]he two proposed zones have different permitted uses and development densities based on their different characteristics”; and

WHEREAS, significantly, page III-29 of the 1993 Master Plan recognizes that the area south of Brainerd Lake contains approximately 750 acres of wetlands (more than 50 percent of the total land area), and states as follows: “Planned industrial parks and high-intensity office uses have been eliminated as permitted use (sic) because the area contains a significant amount of environmentally sensitive land, is not serviced by water and sewer and is not appropriate for more intensive uses.” The Master Plan further provides that “Distribution and warehouse uses have been included because these used to not necessarily require sewer service, do not generate significant amounts of traffic, and can be developed with minimal impact to the environment”; and

WHEREAS, the site is also included in both the Middlesex County Open Space and Recreation Plan and the Township Open Space and Farmland Preservation Plan; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Cranbury Brick Yard Road LLC (“applicant”) approached Township official to explore the possibility of extending sewers to the site; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2006, the applicant submitted a letter and report “formally requesting that the Township consider and seek an amendment to the Lower Raritan-Middlesex County Wastewater Management Plan (“208 amendment”) to include [the] site in the designated public sewer service area”; and

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the Township Committee on September 11, 2006 regarding this request, but explained at said meeting that its request was informal only and intended to begin a “dialogue” with the Township regarding a possible 208 amendment; and

WHEREAS, following the applicant’s presentation, Township Committee formed a subcommittee for the purpose of exploring the applicant’s request; and

WHEREAS, in December 2006, members of the subcommittee met with representatives of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP"), including, among others, the Deputy Commissioner of the DEP and the Special Assistant to the Commissioner of the DEP; and

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WHEREAS, during this meeting, the DEP reviewed with the subcommittee the policies underlying the State Plan and Water Quality Management Plans, as well as the land use objectives regarding the State's natural resource regulations, such as its regulations concerning wetlands and threatened and endangered species; and

WHEREAS, the DEP compared the Township's Master Plan policies as they relate to the site, including the zoning for the site, the site's State Plan designation, and the site's exclusion from the Township's sewer service area, and acknowledged the consistency of those policies with the State's policies identified above; and

WHEREAS, the DEP further acknowledged the consistency of the Township's position regarding the extension of sewers to the site with all of the aforementioned policies; and

WHEREAS, as a result of said meeting, the subcommittee has recommended that the Township not agree to the requested 208 amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Township recognizes that the site may be developed under the present zoning; and

WHEREAS, the Township does not wish to prevent such development; and

WHEREAS, the Township does, however, wish to ensure that any such development is consistent with the policies set forth in the Master Plan and the property State Plan designation, as said policies are embodied in I-LI zoning requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, that at this time it is not prepared to agree to Brick Yard Road LLC's request for an amendment to the Lower Raritan-Middlesex County Wastewater Management Plan ("208 amendment") to include [the] site in the designated public sewer service area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this shall not be deemed to preclude Cranbury Brick Yard Road LLC from filing a formal application for said amendment.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk of the Township of Cranbury, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true copy of a resolution passed by the Township of Cranbury at a meeting duly held on February 12, 2007.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 02-07-047

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

WHEREAS, Cranbury Township has applied for \$29,700.00 from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) earmarked to be used for its Third Round Affordable Housing Program; and

WHEREAS, Cranbury Township has submitted its Third Round Affordable Housing Plan;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury it hereby requests the \$29,700.00 in grant monies be used to defray some of the costs related to developing the 20 affordable units at The Four Seasons Affordable Housing site.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk of the Township of Cranbury, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true copy of a resolution passed by the Township of Cranbury at a meeting duly held on February 12, 2007.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Reports from Township staff and professionals

Mr. Witt reported he had spoken earlier in the day with the Traffic Consultant. He was working on putting together a plan for the "No Passing Zone" and reducing the speed limit on Old Trenton Road. Mr. Witt will have the information by the next meeting.

Ms. Cunningham, Clerk, reported had represented the Township at the Community Block Grant kick-off meeting in New Brunswick on Saturday, February 3rd. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 31, 2007.

Reports from Township Boards and Commissions
There were no reports.

Mr. Panconi did not participate in the following discussion:

Work Session

a. Monthly Update on Police Department by Chief Jay Hansen (Jay Hansen)

Police Chief Jay Hansen reported the overtime was within the Department's Budget. The largest expenditure had been for shift coverage due to illnesses and required training classes. Chief Hansen reported 115 total summonses had been issued in January. In the Village area—53, 20 for speeding and 33 other; Route 130 area—41, 5 for speeding and 36 others; East of Route 130—21 for other offenses, 0 for speeding. There had been a total of 25 speeding violations issued, 4 D.W.I.s and 4 for driving while revoked, 1 individual for possession of marijuana in his vehicle and 2 for passing a school bus while boarding. Chief Hansen stated there had been no bike patrol activity due to weather and lack of manpower. Chief Hansen reported he had brought in Traffic Specialist Frank Dillane on special assignment to monitor speeds on Old Trenton Road and prepare a report regarding his observations. Sgt. Dillane had completed three radar speed surveys from two different vantage points—Washington Road and Lynch Way. Sgt. Dillane from Washington Drive, clocking southbound vehicles had been conducted from 9:15 a.m. until 10:20 a.m. and consisted of 93 passenger vehicles and 7 trucks and the average speeds had been 45.05 m/p/h for the passenger vehicles and 46.14 m/p/h for the trucks. The second sample was from Lynch Way, clocking northbound vehicles had been conducted from 1:00 p.m. until 2:10 p.m. and had consisted of 71 passenger vehicles and 9 trucks. The average speed for the passenger vehicles had been 45.24 m/p/h and 46.78 m/p/h for the trucks. The third and final sample, clocking southbound vehicles from Washington Drive had been conducted between 3:05 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. There were 87 passenger vehicles and 12 trucks and the average speed of the passenger vehicles had been 47.26 m/p/h and the trucks 48.08 m/p/h for trucks. Chief Hansen stated he had arranged to borrow a traffic counter from an adjoining municipality to conduct a week-long 24 hour survey to differentiate between trucks and passenger vehicles and to establish speeds for both. Chief Hansen also reported during the month of January the officers ran radar posts on 84 occasions---at Cranbury Neck Road—7 times, Dey Road—2 times, Maplewood Avenue—

Work Session

a. Monthly Update on Police Department by Chief Jay Hansen (Jay Hansen)(Continued)

2 times, North Main Street—19 times, Plainsboro Road—24 times, Route 130—6 times, South River Road—1, South Main Street—6 times and Station Road—5 times. Chief Hansen stated the speed sign car, which is mounted on the trunk of a patrol car, had been placed at Maplewood Avenue on 4 occasions, 7 on North Main Street, 2 on Old Trenton Road, 5 on Plainsboro Road and 4 on South Main Street. Also, the "decoy" car had been out on deployed on 16 occasions, remaining on site for approximately 2 days. Maplewood Avenue-2, N. Main Street-1, Old Trenton Road-11, Plainsboro Road-1 and Station Road-1.

b. Monthly Update on Revaluation by Steve Benner, Tax Assessor

Mr. Benner reported the revaluation had been completed and had been certified to the County and the appeal process would go until April 1, 2007. If property owners disagree with their assessment, they may stop in the Assessor's Office to pick up and appeal form or contact the County Board of Taxation. The forms must be filed with the County by the deadline of April 1, 2007. Mr. Benner noted the average assessment had increased three times on single family homes and if property owners take last year's amount of revenue raised, applies that against this year's overall ratable base, the tax rate would have worked out to \$1.28. Mr. Benner stated the ratable base changes between industrial and residential had not been very significant.

Public Comment (For those items not on the Agenda)

The Mayor opened the meeting to public questions and comments on those items not on the agenda:

Ms. Beth Veghte, Bunker Hill, asked who the liaison to the School. Ms. Stave responded she was the liaison. Ms. Veghte also suggested the Police Department give the School dates when they would be available for D.A.R.E. as opposed to the School giving the Police Department dates, causing overtime for the Police Department.

Mr. Robert Dillon, 32 Hightstown/Cranbury Road, Cranbury, spoke concerning use of the abandoned Rich Crete site on Hightstown Cranbury Road by Mid-State Filigree Company. Mr. Dillon reported, approximately six (6) months ago, Mid-State started having empty trailers delivered to the abandoned site for lack of room on their own property. Mr. Dillon added, there is a huge crane on the site which is being used for testing of concrete slabs due to a lawsuit against Mid State. Mr. Dillon referenced a lawsuit, initiated by himself and Mrs. Dillon several years ago and the decision of the presiding Judge that Mid State could not expand beyond their existing property. Mr. Dillon indicated he had spoken with the Township's Zoning Officer, Jeffrey Graydon, advising him of the problem. Mr. Graydon had indicated to Mr. Dillon he was awaiting a letter from Mid State as to how long they intended to use the abandoned Rich Crete lot and he intended to issue them a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy permit. Mr. Dillon re-emphasized if the testing of the concrete slabs were to continue, pursuant to the previous Court Order, it had to be done on their own block and lot. Mr. Dillon requested that No Temporary Occupancy Permit be issued and the crane removed from the abandoned site. Mayor Stout requested the Township Attorney to speak to the Zoning Officer to determine what avenues the Township would be able to pursue.

Ms. Connie Bauder, Petty Road, expressed her concern with cars trying to pull out on to Plainsboro Road from Petty Road and the fact that at that location it is a passing zone for cars traveling on Plainsboro Road. Ms. Bauder expressed there could be a passing vehicle hitting the person pulling out from Petty Road and urged the Township to move the existing passing zone more towards town. Mayor Stout responded the Township Committee would be taking up this item as well as other traffic concerns at the next public meeting they will be holding on safety and traffic issues within the Township.

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

Mayor's Notes

Mayor Stout noted he had sent an e-mail from Congressman Rush Holt appropriation request for 2008 which is due at the end of the month and asked the members to look at it and if anyone thinks the Township should pursue it, bring them to Tom Witt's attention before the next meeting. Also, on Tuesday, February 13th, Governor Corzine will issue an Executive Order on grass house gas reduction and announced the Township Committee will discuss at its next meeting the "Alternative Energy/sustainability Work Group" and has 14 names thus far of residents who wish to serve. Mayor Stout also announced he will be holding Mayor's hours on Saturday, February 24, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon.

Resolution

On motion offered by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Stannard, the following resolution was adopted by vote:

Ayes: (Panconi	Abstain: (None
(Stannard	Absent: (Wittman
(Stave	
(Stout	

Nays: (None

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TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

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

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

- Litigation; Everhome Mortgage Company vs. Township of Cranbury et. al;
- Litigation; Cranbury Brook Farms vs. Township of Cranbury;
- Confidential Advice of Counsel concerning risk management;

It is unknown at this time precisely when the matters discussed in this session will be disclosed to the public. Matters involving contract negotiations or the acquisition of land will be disclosed upon conclusion of the negotiations or upon approval of the acquisition. Matters involving personnel will be disclosed when the need for confidentiality no longer exists. Matters concerning litigation will be announced upon the conclusion of trial or settlement of that litigation or when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Date: February 12, 2007

On motion by Mr. Panconi, seconded by Mr. Stannard and unanimously carried, the meeting returned to Open Session:

Ayes: (Panconi	Abstain: (None
(Stannard	Absent: (Wittman
(Stave	
(Stout	

Nays: (None

On motion by Mr. Stannard, seconded by Mr. Panconi and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk