

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 9, 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, Wayne Wittman and Mayor David J. Stout. Also present was: Trishka Waterbury, Esquire, Attorney, Cathleen Marcelli, Engineer 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.

Committee Minutes of March 26, 2007

On motion by Mr. Wittman, seconded by Mr. Stannard and unanimously carried, the Regular Committee Minutes of March 26, 2007 were adopted.

Closed Session Minutes of March 26, 2007

On motion by Mr. Stannard, seconded by Mr. Wittman and unanimously carried, the Closed Session Minutes of March 26, 2007 were adopted.

Reports and Communications

--Mayor

Mayor Stout reported he had the Clerk make copies of an article by the New Jersey League of Municipalities concerning the rising pension and health benefits costs to municipalities. Mayor Stout explained, during the recent Budget process the issue had come up and he felt the article explained the problem with the State Pension and Health Benefits very well.

--Members of Committee

Mr. Panconi reported he had his monthly meeting with the Fire Company the previous day. In March they had responded to 11 calls, eight (8) were between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and three (3) between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. and five (5) were between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. They had responded to two (2) false alarms, set off by a contractor at Preferred Realty. Mr. Panconi stated the Fire Company had been sent a letter from the Department of Community Affairs indicating the Fire Company was up to date with their reporting.

Mr. Stannard reported he had a letter from the Lions Club asking if the members of the Township Committee were marching in the annual Memorial Day Parade. The Township Committee members indicated they will be marching.

--Subcommittees

Ms. Stave reported she had received a telephone call from a resident inquiring about the Township's plans for the Barclay property and the sale of it. Ms. Stave contacted the Township Attorney, Ms. Waterbury, to get a status report. Ms. Waterbury contacted Max Reports and Communications(Continued)
--Subcommittees(cont'd)

Spann, Auctioneer and asked him to proceed with putting the documents together for the auction the property in May or June of this year.

Agenda Additions/Changes

Ms. Cunningham, Clerk, announced Resolution # R 04-07-078 would be considered separately and not on the Consent Agenda. Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-07-079 was being deleted. Also, under the Closed Session, an item was being added; Contract Negotiations/Personnel: Review and evaluation of candidates for Township Administrator and lastly, under Closed Session: Litigation: Everhome Mortgage vs. Bailey.

Ms. Cunningham then read the following Resolution aloud and the Resolution was included in the Consent Agenda vote by the Township Committee:

Cranbury Township Resolution # 04-07-078

WHEREAS, over the years, members of the Cranbury Police Department have committed themselves to the protection of Cranbury Township and its residents, on March 12, 2007, the uncommon act of bravery demonstrated by Cranbury Township Patrolman Giuseppe DeChiara merits this commendation;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2007, an accident occurred near the intersection of Route 130 and Conover Road in East Windsor Township, New Jersey, involving a truck driven by Mr. Shawn Goodwin and a vehicle driven by Mr. James Stevens; and

WHEREAS, on his way to work, Cranbury Township Patrolman Giuseppe DeChiara arrived on the scene of the accident moments later; and

WHEREAS, Officer DeChiara immediately rushed to the overturned truck to help Mr. Goodwin out of the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goodwin indicated to Patrolman DeChiara that another vehicle 40 yards away had also been involved in the accident; and

WHEREAS, Patrolman DeChiara quickly moved to assist the driver of the other vehicle, Mr. James Stevens; and

WHEREAS, as Patrolman DeChiara helped Mr. Stevens from his vehicle, he learned that Mr. Stevens one-year old son, Joshua, was in his car seat in the back of the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Patrolman DeChiara felt heat and noticed flames coming from the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Patrolman DeChiara then, risking his own life, removed one-year old Joshua in his car seat from the now-burning vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Patrolman DeChiara, with Mr. Stevens in one arm and Joshua in the car seat in the other arm, carried both to safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, on behalf of the Township of Cranbury and all citizens of the Township of Cranbury, do hereby extend

their gratitude to Patrolman Giuseppe DeChiara for his uncommon bravery and self-sacrificing actions that saved the lives of two adults and one child involved in the accident; and

Cranbury Township Resolution # 04-07-078

(Continued)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution is presented to Patrolman DeChiara with heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution which was adopted by the Township Committee at a regular meeting held on April 9, 2007.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Ordinance

Second Reading

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 03-07-04

A motion to enter an Ordinance entitled, "Cranbury Township Ordinance # 03-07-04, 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 Cranbury Press, 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. Stannard, seconded by Ms. Stave, the Ordinance was adopted by a vote:

Ayes: (Stannard
(Stave
(Stout
(Wittman

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None

Nays: (Panconi

Ordinance

Second Reading

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 03-07-05

A motion to enter an Ordinance entitled, "Cranbury Township Ordinance # 03-07-05, A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,246,867 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$918,524 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF", was presented for second reading and final adoption. The Ordinance was published in the Cranbury Press, posted on the Township Bulletin Board and copies were available to the public. The Mayor opened the public hearing on the Ordinance. Mayor Stout explained there appears in the Bond Ordinance a difference in the values due to a grant to the Township awarded by Middlesex County to subsidize some of the costs; in particular various parks and recreational activities in Millstone and the Wright South property. Additionally the grant will pay for additional park and safety equipment for the Police Department and Public Works equipment. The new Cranbury Township Senior Center will have furnishings paid for by the grant monies and also the Township's Affordable Housing obligations as well as capital projects for the Township's roads. No one else present wished to speak, so the hearing was declared closed. On motion by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Panconi, the Ordinance was adopted by a vote:

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 03-07-05
(Continued)

Ayes: (Panconi
(Stannard
(Stave
(Stout
(Wittman

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None

Nays: (None

Resolutions
Consent Agenda

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

Ayes: (Panconi
(Stannard
(Stave
(Stout
(Wittman

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None

Nays: (None

Mayor Stout explained Resolution # R 04-07-077 was for a public auction of surplus property, several used police vehicles and a dump truck from Dept. of Public Works. Resolution # R 04-07-080 was for the demolition of the potato barn in Barn Park. Mr. Wittman commented he had recently met with Mike Kaiser at the site. Mike had obtained HPC approval to do work on the carriage barn and had some suggestions on how to save money on the demolition of the potato barn and filling in the hole. Mr. Wittman asked Mike to put his suggestions in writing and give them to Mr. Witt, Township Administrator, upon his return from vacation next week for his review.. Mr. Wittman indicated by the next meeting there should be available some estimates on what it will cost the Township to tear down the potato barn. Mayor Stout stated two of the Resolutions, R 04-07-082 and R 04-07-083 concern revenues the Township has received in the form of grants.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-07-075

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 04-07-076

For this Resolution please see Addendum A at the end of the minutes.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-07-077

Township of Cranbury
County of Middlesex

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:1-36, provides for the disposition of personal property owned by a municipality; and

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-07-077
(Continued)

WHEREAS, there are vehicles previously used by the Cranbury Township Police Department and one dump truck with snow plow and sander previously used by the Cranbury Township Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the auction will be conducted in conjunction with the participants in the Cooperative Pricing System of Mercer/Middlesex No. 61,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that the list of automobiles and one truck contained on "Schedule A" is hereby declared surplus property and is no longer needed for public use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk and Purchasing Agent are hereby authorized to dispose of the property in accordance with the law by holding a public auction at 10:00 a.m. on April 21, 2007 at the Plainsboro Department of Public Works, 20 Woodland Road, Plainsboro, New Jersey.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution which was adopted by the Township Committee at a regular meeting held on April 9, 2007.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-07-080

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

A RESOLUTION RE-AUTHORIZING THE DEMOLITION OF THE "POTATO BARN" LOCATED
IN BARN PARK (BLOCK 21, LOT 4.11)

WHEREAS, the Township is the owner of a .978± - acre parcel located on Cranbury Neck Road and designated on the Cranbury Township Tax Map as Block 21, Lot 4.11, commonly referred to as "Barn Park"; and

WHEREAS, there are three barns presently existing in Barn Park, including a 1930s barn referred to as the "potato barn"; and

WHEREAS, in the summer 2005, Township staff and consultants determined that the potato barn was in a state of disrepair and recommended that the barn be demolished; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2005 the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury accordingly passed Resolution R-08-05-168, which authorized and directed the Township to demolish the potato barn; and

WHEREAS, several residents came to the Township Committee's December 12, 2005 regular meeting and expressed their interest in saving the barn; and

WHEREAS, to that end, they appealed to the Township to stay its demolition temporarily to allow them sufficient time to explore the possibility of saving it; and

WHEREAS, in response to said request, Township Committee on December 19, 2005 passed Resolution R-12-05-242, temporarily staying the demolition of the potato barn; and

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-07-080
(Continued)

WHEREAS, since that time, the condition of the potato barn has continued to deteriorate; and

WHEREAS, it is not feasible to save the barn; and

WHEREAS, Township staff continues to advise that the barn should be demolished;

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

1. The Township through its appropriate staff and officials is hereby authorized and directed to demolish the potato barn as soon as is feasible;
2. The Township shall take all steps necessary to ensure that any debris resulting from the demolition is promptly and appropriately disposed of and that the foundation of the barn is either filled in or that all other appropriate steps as taken as deemed necessary and advisable by the Township Construction Official;
3. The Township shall further take all steps reasonable and necessary to protect the health and safety of the public in connection with the above; and
4. The Township is authorized and directed to undertake any and all other acts to effectuate the purposes hereof.

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 of Cranbury at a meeting duly held on April 9, 2007.

Kathleen R. Cunningham

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-07-082

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 2007 in the sum of \$5,572.14 which item is now available as a revenue from the State of New Jersey pursuant to the provision of statute, and

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-07-082
(Continued)

Section 2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$5,572.14 is hereby appropriated under the caption CLEAN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM.

Section 3

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

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

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk of the Township of Cranbury, N.J. hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury at a regular meeting held on April 9, 2007.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-07-083

**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 2007 in the sum of \$6,748.18 which item is now available as a revenue from Middlesex County pursuant to the provision of statute, and

Section 2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$6,748.18 is hereby appropriated under the caption RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT.

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
Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-07-083
(Continued)
- (b) Township Auditor
- (c) Township Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk of the Township of Cranbury, NJ, hereby certify that the above is a true of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury at a regular meeting held on April 9, 2007.

Kathleen R Cunningham, Township Clerk

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-07-084

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, NJ

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A MAINTENANCE BOND FOR CRANBURY
SUDLER ONE – LIBERTY WAY
(Block 5, Lot 17.01)

WHEREAS, Sudler Company has requested the release of their Maintenance Bond previously posted with the Township in accordance with Planning Board approval and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has, in a letter dated March 27, 2007 (attached hereto as "Exhibit A") recommended that the remaining \$48,540.90 cash maintenance bond be released:

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.
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) Steven Spinweber, Sudler
- (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 April 9, 2007.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Reports from Township staff and professionals

Ms. Cunningham, Clerk, reported, at the last meeting she had been asked by the Township Committee to research how much the "prescribed paper" used for certified copies for vital statistics cost the Township. The cost of the paper per page is \$.13. Ms. Cunningham further Reports from Township staff and professionals(Continued)

Ms. Cunningham, Clerk (cont'd)

stated, she had conducted a survey of other municipalities with similar populations to Cranbury Township and the average cost seemed to be \$6.00. Ms. Cunningham recommended and the Township Committee unanimously agreed to raise the current cost of certified copies to \$6.00. The Township Attorney will prepare an Ordinance for introduction at the next Township Committee meeting of April 23, 2007.

Reports from Township Boards and Commissions

There were no reports.

Work Session

a. Monthly report from Police Chief Jay Hansen

Police Jay Hansen updated the Township Committee for the month of March, 2007. Chief Hansen reported the overtime had been significantly lower than past months. Chief Hansen reported there had been 70 summonses, lower than he had expected; he attributed the low number to increased radar patrols and decoy vehicles being placed throughout the Township. As a result of the summonses there had been 3 for unlicensed drivers, 1 for driving while suspended and 1 D.W.I. the area breakdown was as follows: Speeding –Village: 11, other 28, Route 130—Speeding-2, 18 other, East of Route 130, Speeding-1, other-10. Bike Patrol activity was basically nil due to a brief Spring. During the month March officers had run radar 124 times at the following

locations: Cranbury Neck Road-11, Dey Road-1, Maplewood Avenue-14, North Main Street-33, Old Cranbury Road-1, Old Trenton Road-16, Plainsboro Road-17, Route 130-6, South Main Street-13 and South River Road-4 and Station Road-8. The speed sign mounted on the police car had been placed at the following locations: Cranbury

Neck Road-3, Maplewood Avenue-1, North Main Street-3, Old Cranbury Road-8, Old Trenton Road-1, Plainsboro Road-1, South Main Street-7, Station Road-2. The "decoy" car had been deployed on 23 occasions: Cranbury Neck Road-3, Old Trenton Road-3, North Main Street-3, Old Cranbury Road-1, Plainsboro Road-6, South Main Street-4 and Station Road-3. Chief Hansen also reported at the last Township Committee meeting when he had given his report (March 12th) Township Committeewoman Stave had requested he confer with the Township's Animal Control Officer, Mr. Thorne, regarding the subject of "menacing dogs". Chief Hansen reported neither he nor Mr. Thorne could recall any instances of menacing dogs over the past few years. In addition, he polled his police officers and they too had not recalled any instances. Chief Hansen stated as a result of his research he did not feel a need to propose any action by the Township and conveyed his thoughts to Ms. Stave via e-mail who concurred with him. Chief Hansen also reported the Township's Emergency Operations Plan had been approved by the County and State. Ms. Stave stated, in reference to the issue of menacing dogs, the question had been asked in response to persistent complaints from Mr. and Ms. Bauder of Petty Road and a certain effort on their part to encourage the Township to adopt an Ordinance as an effort to force the hazard caused by menacing dogs. The Township was not aware there had been a problem --now that has been confirmed by the Department. Insofar as the Township has influence over the Board of Health's decision whether or not to create an Ordinance, it should be noted it is not the recommendation of either the Police Chief or Animal Control Officer at this time to introduce an ordinance. In addition, she indicated it would also be difficult to enforce such a rule if there were an ordinance. Ms. Waterbury, Township Attorney, suggested the Chief transmit his report to the Board of Health prior to their meeting on April 10, 2007. Mr. Wittman asked if the Emergency Management Plan would be on file at Town Hall. Chief Hansen indicated he would be sending it to the printer and would provide a copy at that time.

Public Comment

Mr. Alan Danser, Petty Road, urged the Township to lease out the Barclay property for farming. Mr. Danser stated he believed to farm the land would be in the best interest of the Township and it should not be allowed to grow up in weeds. Mr. Danser explained if left alone, the farm would become an expense to the Township. Mr. Danser referenced the "very successful" auction of the farmland (Barton farm) on Ancil Davison Road and stated the parcel had been actively farmed up to the time of the auction. Mr. Danser stated the Barclay property is a "gateway" to the Village area and if not farmed would not be attractive as well as create pollen problems. Mr. Danser also indicated if the land is not farmed, an individual could not qualify the property under the Farmland Assessment Program and suggested the Township check with Mr. Benner, Tax Assessor for clarification. Ms. Stave stated Mr. Max Spann, the Auctioneer the Township used and has consulted with on the land, never advised the Township one way or the other regarding the farming of the land affecting its value or salability. Ms. Stave explained the Township had made the decision last Fall to lease the property and at that time intended to sell the land as quickly as possible. She also stated it had never been the intention of the Township to let the land go fallow. Ms. Waterbury, Township Attorney, explained last Fall the Township had hoped the remaining litigation would be resolved by the end of the year so that the Township could sell the property. Ms. Waterbury explained the pending litigation did not get resolved until February of this year. Ms. Waterbury indicated the Township had recently been in touch with Max Spann who is preparing to hold an auction on the property in about six weeks. Mr. Wittman requested Ms. Waterbury research as to whether or not the property would have to be farmed in order to qualify for farmland assessment. Ms. Waterbury indicated she would have the information by the next meeting. Mr. Stannard asked how much money the Township could expect to get for one planting. Mr. Danser responded everything he had been farming was for free as the developers want the land farmed so they could keep the farmland as farmland assessment on the tax roles.

Mr. Donald Patterson, Plainsboro Road, stated he was in complete agreement with Mr. Danser's remarks and further stated the properties that are deed-restricted and under farmland preservation also have a conservation plan. Mr. Patterson also stated there was no reason not to have the Barclay land farmed and it certainly would not impact the value of the property for auction purposes.

Mr. Dave Cook, North Main Street, stated he supported both Mr. Danser and Mr. Patterson's remarks and as a "good neighbor" he would like to see the property farmed.

Mr. Robert Dillon, Hightstown/Cranbury Station Road, stated he had been cutting the property next to his home since 1978 which had been previously farmed by Mr. Asa Davison. Mr. Dillon explained when the property was sold to the Bank of France it was no longer farmed and his children were suffering from severe allergies. Mr. Dillon then took it upon himself and cut the weeds to alleviate the allergy problems. Mr. Dillon urged the Township to do something so as not to create a more serious problem for itself in the future.

Dr. Debra Mara, 60 Petty Road, stated every other land in the Township that had been sold as farmland preservation has a crop on it and is being farmed. The possibility of someone being able to buy the property and planting nursery stock on it is almost none. Dr. Mara further stated, it was unfortunate the litigation had gone on beyond what anyone believed it could, however, the Township is now in a situation where it has to do something about the land or it is going to have ragweed growing or other non-favorable weeds that will be favorable to the Township.

Mayor Stout responded the Township had gotten to this point by an "imperfect storm"; a lot of things had not happened the way it thought they would and unfortunately the Township now finds itself in this situation and needs to get a lot of answers, namely, the farmland assessment issue. Once that answer is obtained, the parcel needs to be treated just as the other parcels were, namely, auctioned off.

Mayor's Notes

Mayor Stout reported on April 19th there will be a joint meeting with the Planning Board in the Community Room at the School for the Recreation Master Plan and encouraged everyone to attend. Mayor Stout announced, for the consecutive 19th year, Cranbury Township had been named as a "Tree City U.S.A." community from the National Arbor Day Foundation for its commitment to community forestry. On Wednesday, May 2, 2007, Mayor Stout and Ms. Stave will be attending the "Implementing Green Technology & Sustainability" Forum, being hosted by Freeholder H. James Polos. Items which will be addressed are: Clean Energy & Municipal Audits, Green Building Design – A Municipal Approach and grants. Mayor Stout and Ms. Stave will report back to the Township Committee after they attend the Forum. Mayor Stout also reported, Mr. Joseph Carroll III had received his Eagle Scout Award status and Cranbury Township presently has hundreds of young men who have achieved such an honor. Mayor Stout announced the Arts Council had recently received a grant from the County Cultural and Heritage Commission. Mayor Stout reminded everyone of the "Global Warming" event at the Cranbury Library on April 14, 2007 and indicated he would be speaking.

Resolution

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

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

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 04-07-085

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:

- Personnel: Review and evaluation of candidates for Township Administrator;
- Pending Litigation: Stuart Long vs. Township of Cranbury, Borough of Hightstown et. al, Docket # MID-L-3210-06;
- Everhome Mortgage vs. Bailey.

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: April 9, 2007

On motion by Mr. Stannard, seconded by Ms. Stave and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk