

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
August 13, 2018

The Township Committee Meeting of the Township of Cranbury was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Answering present to the roll call were Township Committee members: Mike Ferrante, Matt Scott, Jay Taylor, Dan Mulligan and Mayor Glenn Johnson. Also present was Debra Rubin, Municipal Clerk. Mayor Johnson led in the salute to the flag, and Ms. Rubin gave the following Open Public Meetings Act statement:

In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, it is hereby announced and shall be entered into the minutes of this meeting that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided:

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

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

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

Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

--Township Committee Closed Session Minutes of July 9, 2018

The Township Committee Closed Session Minutes of July 9, 2018 on a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Ferrante, and unanimously carried; the Township Committee Closed Session Minutes of July 9, 2018 were adopted.

--Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2018

The Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2018 on a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Scott, and unanimously carried; the Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2018 were adopted.

--Reports and Communications

--Mayor – Mayor Johnson attended the township's diversity training, a planning board meeting and the Girl Scout Gold Award ceremony. He also attended the swearing in of the two (2) new police officers. Mayor Johnson discussed the "Outstanding Traffic Warrants" report he received from the Supreme Court audit.

--Reports and Communications

--Members of Committee

--Mr. Ferrante

Mr. Ferrante reported that he attended the Girl Scout Gold Award ceremony along with Mayor Johnson. Mr. Ferrante informed the members of the recent newspaper article regarding the lawsuit involving the Princeton Board of Education and an alleged Open Public Meeting Act (OPMA) violation. He used this opportunity to remind all members not to comment on pending lawsuits.

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--Mr. Mulligan

Mr. Mulligan attended the Library Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Mulligan asked all residents to advocate for the township as discussions regarding consolidation of towns, school and affordable housing are being held at the State and County levels. He stated that all residents need to remain aware of the topics that affect the community.

--Mr. Taylor

Mr. Taylor reported that he had been contacted by residents with concerns regarding High Point development. The concerns are being addressed by the township officials.

--Mr. Scott

Mr. Scott asked that the PSE&G street light replacement discussion be tabled and placed on the August 27th work session agenda.

Mr. Scott also asked for a discussion regarding Cranbury Day funding to be addressed at the next meeting. Mr. Mulligan asked Mr. Scott for clarification as there seems to be conflicting reports regarding this. Mr. Scott to follow up with the association prior to the next meeting for clarification of what is needed to continue Cranbury Day and any additional funding needs.

--Subcommittees

There were no reports from Subcommittees.

--Departments Heads – None

--Follow-up Items

Agenda Additions/Changes – Ms. Rubin advised that resolution “h” on the Consent Agenda would be removed and tabled to the August 27th meeting of the Township Committee.

--Public Comment (For Items on the Agenda) –

Mayor Johnson opened the meeting to public comment.

Mayor Johnson closed the portion to public comment.

Resolutions

Consent Agenda

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

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

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Cranbury Township Resolution #R 08-18-109

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 08-18-110

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Cranbury authorizing the release of performance guarantee for Cranbury Brickyard Water Main;

Cranbury Township Resolution #R 08-18-111

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Cranbury extending the grace period for 2018 third quarter property taxes;

Cranbury Township Resolution #R 08-18-112

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Cranbury authorizing the release of performance bond for Cranbury Brickyard Bldg. 1 vertical construction;

Cranbury Township Resolution #R 07-18-113

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Cranbury providing for the insertion of a special item of revenue in the municipal budget – Clean Communities;

Cranbury Township Resolution #R 07-18-114

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Cranbury authorizing the release of extra duty escrow – Hisko Excavating;

Cranbury Township Resolution #R 07-18-115

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Cranbury authorizing the execution of agreement with SAVE, A Friend to Homeless Animals (SAVE);

--Reports from Township Staff and Professionals

--Administrator's Report - None

--Public Comment

Mayor Johnson opened the meeting to public comment.

Deanne Napurano – Ms. Napurano provided material to the committee for their review regarding the warehouse distribution center east of Route 130. She and fellow residents of this area are present to request advocacy from the members of the committee regarding the constant noise pollution and the physical shaking of their homes; traffic and safety issues, truck and employee traffic congestion, and pedestrian safety.

Lorraine Morris – The increased traffic from industrial real estate has become a major concern in the area of Halsey Reed Road.

Kathy Morolda – Monroe Resident – The residents in the area are asking for support to alleviate these issues that are being brought before them. She made the committee aware of truck traffic parking on private property after hours.

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Nick Morolda – Monroe Resident – He spoke of environmental issues pertaining to the areas of lot 13, 14 & 16 which were discovered by NJDEP, such as, pockets of wetlands and conservation deed restrictions. This is also compromising the historical landscape of Cranbury. He proposed that lots 13 & 15 remain open space.

Mr. Mulligan advised the public that these decisions are not made by the Township Committee and are under the jurisdiction of the Planning Board. He suggested to all in attendance to stay aware of when the application is being brought before the Planning Board and to bring their concerns up at that time.

Suraj Sashidharan – Monroe Resident – He expressed his concern regarding the proposed warehouses to be built.

Mr. Taylor advised the public that the Township Committee can look into the ordinances regarding truck parking and enforcement of any ordinances. The other concerns being brought to their attention will need to be brought to the Planning Board. He stated that he would send a memo the Environmental Commission and the Planning Board over the concerns of the residents. Mr. Mulligan agreed to the review of the ordinances and the enforcement of the parking by the Police Department. Mr. Ferrante reminded the public of the process of the landowner rights to use the property for what it is zoned for. Unless there is a true environmental concern, the property owner is within their rights to develop the property as it is zoned for. Mayor Johnson will follow up with the Chief of Police regarding the speeding complaints and truck parking on private property.

Navin Ramachandran – Monroe Resident – Stated he is concerned about the increased truck traffic due to warehouse development as well as increased truck traffic accidents.

Linda Healey – Requested having Hightstown-Cranbury Station Road speed limit lowered to 25 mph due to tractor trailers speeding on roadway.

Claudette Guy – Asked for clarification on what crosswalks are being discussed with the County and are the addition/removal of crosswalks being discussed as well. She requested expectations be set for temporary solutions as future permanent solutions are being addressed. She also wanted clarification on how the speed data is being gathered and the confirmation of its legitimacy. Ms. Guy stated that she expects to have these reports at the second meeting in October to review the traffic issues and strategies. Lastly, she thanked the committee for the sign campaign focusing on children in Cranbury to participate in.

Mark Eisenbry – The proposed warehouse construction has great impact on traffic, safety, roads and environment.

Deann Napurano – Asked that the committee be the liaison to Planning Board and support the residents and their concerns. She questioned if the property in question can be used as farmland preservation or another type of use rather than commercial use. She suggested starting the conversation of an alternative use now prior to the application being brought before the Planning Board.

Mr. Mulligan advised the public that the proper forum is to attend the Planning Board meeting and discuss their concerns. Mr. Mulligan and Mr. Taylor will have the property owner contacted regarding the use of the property. Mr. Taylor asked that the Environmental Commission be informed and request their input on the property. Mr. Scott will follow up with the Environmental Commission for their input on the proposed project. Also, Mr. Ferrante requested Monroe Township be contacted regarding what notification they received from the State Department of Protection of environmental impact. Denise Marabello will be notified to follow up with the Monroe Township Administrator for more information.

Janice Mondoker – She stated not enough police coverage regarding enforcement in the area of Halsey Reed Road. She is requesting more police presence and enforcement regarding speed and truck parking. Ms. Mondoker added that a storm drain has needed repair. Ms. Marabello will be notified

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to have Department of Public Works confirm the drain is the responsibility of Cranbury Township and if so, explore what is needed to get it repaired as soon as possible.

Connie Bauder – She advised the committee that Petty Road is in worse condition than when she initially reported to the committee in January. She stated the road is a hazard and can no longer be driven on. She is requesting a temporary solution until the developer completes the sewer and permanently repairs the roadway. The committee advised that they hope to have more to update in the fall regarding the developer's timeframe.

Robert Dillon – Hightstown-Cranbury Station Road – He questioned if proper notification from the property owner to the residents in the area was given regarding combining the two lots. He requested the committee to research if that was a requirement of the property owner and, if so, have the owner begin the process over from the beginning.

Mayor Johnson closed the meeting to public comment.

--Mayor's Notes

Mayor Johnson stated he had no additional information.

--Township Committee Members' Notes
None

Mayor Johnson requested a motion to adjourn. On motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Taylor and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Debra A. Rubin, RMC
Municipal Clerk