

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 26, 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 were: Township Committee members: Thomas F. Panconi, Jr., Richard Stannard, Wayne Wittman and Mayor David J. Stout. Ms. Stave arrived at 7:20 p.m. Also present was: Trishka Waterbury, Esquire, Attorney, Christine Smeltzer, 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.

Reports and Communications

--Mayor

Mayor Stout reported on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, he had been invited to speak before the Clean Water Council of New Jersey at their Annual Meeting, held at the D.E.P. in Trenton. Mayor Stout reported the topic was "New Jersey's Water Infrastructure". On November 8<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Stout, Mr. Stannard and Christine Smeltzer, Township Administrator attended the Annual Dinner for "Plan Smart New Jersey", formerly known as the Regional Planning Partnership. At the Dinner, Thomas Harvey, Cranbury Township's Planning Board Chairman for the past twenty-one years received "The VanZandt Community Involvement Award" for his role in shaping Cranbury Township the way it is today. On behalf of the Township Committee and all of Cranbury's residents, Mayor Stout congratulated Mr. Harvey. Mayor Stout also reported on November 22<sup>nd</sup> the Township had received a letter from New Jersey D.E.P. providing for "2008 In-Lieu of Tax Payment Funds". Mayor Stout explained the check represented 100 acres within the Township that were funded under the State Green Acres Program.

--Members of Committee

Mr. Panconi reported on the past three months of Fire Company activity: In August there were 16 calls; 9 between 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Seven (7) calls between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., four (4) calls between 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Mr. Panconi stated there is still a problem with Preferred Realty and false alarms (they had seven (7) from March to August). Mr. Panconi reported one of the Township's Public Works employees who is a member of the Fire Company has been responding. As the Company is in both Monroe Township and Cranbury Township the law regarding fines is difficult to enforce. Mr. Panconi reported in September they responded to 19 calls; 12 calls were from 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Seven (7) calls between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. and seven (7) calls between 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. There were two (2) false alarms for the month of September. In October there were 33 calls, 19 calls between 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., 14 calls between 6:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. and 12 calls between 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. There was a second Public Works employee added to the Fire Company and he assisted during the month of October. A number of false alarms at different companies had occurred than in the past. The new pumper truck

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Mr. Panconi (cont'd)

is fully operational now as the foam has been installed. Mr. Panconi reported the foam will alleviate using a lot of water and cause less property damage. Training on the new vehicle will begin shortly. Mr. Stannard asked about the number of false alarms at the Preferred Realty site. Mr. Panconi stated he intended to speak with the Township Administrator and Fire Official concerning Preferred Realty as the problem is there is a mix of Monroe Township and Cranbury Township answering the false alarms.

Agenda Additions/Changes

Mayor Stout added a discussion under the Work Session for the West Property. Ms. Cunningham announced Cranbury Township Resolution # R 11-07-185 was being removed as further research was needed by the Township Attorney and Administrator. Ms. Cunningham also announced Cranbury Township Ordinance 11-07-13 was being removed from Second Reading due to further information being needed. Ms. Waterbury, Esquire, stated because a public hearing was to be held, the Ordinance needed to be carried to a specific date and time. Mayor Stout indicated the issue would be discussed later on in the Agenda.

Regular Committee Minutes for October 22, 2007

On motion by Mr. Wittman, seconded by Mr. Stannard and unanimously carried (with Mr. Panconi abstaining), the Regular Committee Minutes were adopted.

Closed Session Minutes for October 22, 2007

**Ms. Cunningham, Clerk, reminded the Township Committee, by adopting the Closed Session Minutes they would be agreeing not to release them until such time as they deemed ok, due to the sensitive personnel nature of the minutes:**

On motion by Mr. Stannard, seconded by Mr. Wittman and unanimously carried (with Mr. Panconi abstaining), the Closed Session Minutes of October 22, 2007 were adopted.

Special Committee Minutes for November 1, 2007

On motion by Mr. Stannard, seconded by Mr. Wittman and unanimously carried (with Mr. Panconi abstaining), the Special Committee Minutes for November 1, 2007 were adopted.

Resolution

Mayor Stout stated the following Resolution is to honor Cranbury Girl Scout Troop 1467 for their selfless acts of kindness to our troops over in Iraq, under the leadership of Sally O'Grady, Cyndy Coppotelli and others. Mayor Stout explained he had received an e-mail from First Sergeant Richard Coyle of the 407 ELRS in Iraq which had been a heartwarming thank you. Mayor Stout read the following Resolution:

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 11-07-178

WHEREAS, Cyndy Coppotelli and Cranbury Township Girl Scout Troop 1467 have provided care packages to the 407 Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron (407 ELRS) stationed in Iraq for the past seven (7) years; and

WHEREAS, on Cranbury Day, September 8, 2007, Cyndy, Girl Scout Troop 1467 and residents packaged up individual care packages for each airman in the 407 ELRS; and

WHEREAS, Mayor David Stout received an e-mail from First Sergeant Richard M. Coyle on October 11, 2007, expressing how grateful he and members of the 407 ELRS are for the thoughtfulness shown to them; and

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WHEREAS, First Sergeant Coyle stated, "Cyndy's continued thoughtfulness lets us know we are appreciated for our service to our nation, and the efforts of Cyndy and Girl Scout Troop 1467 help to keep morale high in my squadron"; and

WHEREAS, these efforts from Cyndy Coppotelli and Girl Troop 1467 deserve the recognition of Cranbury Township; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, that it recognize and sincerely thank Cyndy Coppotelli and Cranbury Township Girl Scout Troop 1467 for being "Outstanding Ambassadors" for Cranbury Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution is presented to Cyndy Coppotelli as the Troop Leader of Cranbury Township Girl Scout Troop 1467.

Ayes: (Panconi  
(Stannard  
(Stout  
(Wittman

Abstain: (None  
Absent: (Stave

Nays: (None

Work Session

a. Monthly Report by Police Chief Jay Hansen

Chief Jay Hansen presented his report to the Township Committee. Chief Hansen reported overtime expenditures were lower compared to other months and were well within the limits. During the month of October 89 summonses had been issued: 26 in the Village area for speeding, 20 for other violations, Route 130- 1 for speeding, 27 for other violations and East of Route 130 – 2 for speeding, 13 for other violations. Chief Hansen reported the radar patrols had been down for the month of October due to staff shortages. He reported the bike patrol had been out on October 5, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 29, 30 and 31<sup>st</sup> with a major presence in the Village area both on October 30<sup>th</sup> (Mischief Night) and October 31<sup>st</sup> (Halloween). Chief Hansen reported the Township had received a total of \$55,063.33 from F.E.M.A. for reimbursement for the damage to Petty Road Bridge and overtime for Public Works Department, Police and Emergency Personnel due to the storm. Of that amount, \$44,095.23 was reimbursement for the Petty Road Bridge. Chief Hansen reported the two new officers will complete their training within the next three weeks and the Traffic Safety Bureau will begin operating at that time. The C.E.R.T. Program will begin again in March. Mayor Stout asked Chief Hansen what the "Special Detail" item was on the overtime report. Chief Hansen explained a lot of those costs involved the officers out on both Mischief Night, Bike Patrol and Halloween. Chief Hansen reported during the month of October officers ran radar posts on 109 occasions: Cranbury Neck Road-5, Dey Road-6, Halsey Reed Road-4, Maplewood Avenue-8, North Main Street-22, Old Cranbury Road-2, Old Trenton Road-6, Plainsboro Road-20, Route 130-4, South Main Street-15, South River Road-4, Station Road-5, undisclosed location-10. The radar speed sign mounted on the trunk of one of the patrol cars had been deployed on 24 occasions: Cranbury Neck Road-5, Halsey Reed Road-4, Old Cranbury Road-3, Old Trenton Road-3, Prospect Street-3 and South Main Street-6. The unmanned decoy car had been deployed on 26 occasions (and occasionally remained for a period of two days): Cranbury Neck Road-4, Halsey Reed Road-4, Maplewood Avenue-2, North Main Street-5, North Main Street-5, Old Trenton Road-4, Plainsboro Road-6, South Main Street-1 and Station Road-2.

Work Session (Continued)

b. Discussion of Parking Vehicles on Township Roads

Mr. Wittman led the discussion with the Township Committee and Chief Hansen concerning vehicles parking on Township roads. Mr. Wittman stated several residents had approached him concerning large vehicles parking on Township roads. Mr. Wittman noted, in particular, on the East Side of Route 130 and also along South River Road and Station Road and seemed to be parking overnight in the warehouse areas. Mr. Wittman stated there is nothing in the Township Code prohibiting them from parking and suggested the Township adopt such laws. Mayor Stout stated the Township would need to distinguish between State/County and Township roadways before undertaking such a project. Mayor Stout asked Chief Hansen and Ms. Smeltzer, Township Administrator, to work on the issue and report back to the Township Committee before the end of the year to allow the Committee to take action in the beginning of 2008.

c. Discussion of Township Committee's 2008 Meeting Schedule

The Township Committee discussed the proposed 2008 Meeting Schedule and unanimously agreed on the Meeting Schedule as prepared.

d. Performance Reviews of Township Professionals

The Township Committee discussed implementing Performance Reviews for Township Professionals. Mayor Stout asked Ms. Smeltzer, Township Administrator, her opinion on reviewing staff and professionals. Ms. Smeltzer indicated she was in favor of reviews. Mr. Wittman shared he was very familiar with "Zoomerang" evaluations (which are done via e-mails) and recommended the Township use either that or a similar program. Mr. Wittman noted the subscription for one year is \$300.00 and his place of employment found it to be very successful. Mayor Stout asked Mr. Wittman to work on the item with Ms. Smeltzer, Township Administrator.

e. Discussion of Cranbury Brook Preserve (West Property)

Mayor Stout led the discussion, explaining his reason for requesting the discussion was due to his recently walking the Preserve. Mayor Stout reported in 2004 the Township Committee had adopted an Ordinance that dedicated a portion of the West Property to form the Cranbury Brook Preserve and at that time 14 acres were set aside for the Preserve which also accompanied a section already existing along the Creek of Green Acres preserved property. The 14 acres were set aside for general municipal purposes. Mayor Stout reported it had been mentioned at that time it could possibly be used for further School expansion. Mayor Stout indicated he would now like to move forward with adding the 14 acres by adopting an Ordinance to the Preserve to enjoy continued enjoyment for passive recreation for conservation purposes and this plan would work in conjunction with the recently adopted Recreation Master Plan and the Township's Master Plan. Mayor Stout added if left unprotected in the general municipal purposes category, the possibility would exist for an incompatible or unintended loss to the Community. Mr. Wittman asked if Mayor Stout had talked to the School about the issue. Mayor Stout indicated he had not. However, he wished to start a dialogue. Ms. Stave, as the liaison to the School, will reach out to them and get back to the Township Committee.

Ordinance  
Second Reading

Cranbury Township Ordinance 11-07-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, MIDDLESEX COUNTY,  
NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 150 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY TO  
ADD A NEW R-ML III RESIDENTIAL MT. LAUREL III ZONE.

Cranbury Township Ordinance 11-07-13  
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Mayor Stout indicated the Township Committee would not be taking formal action this evening on the Ordinance. Ms. Waterbury, Township Attorney, indicated the Public Hearing needed to be re-Scheduled as it had been advertised to be held this evening. Ms. Waterbury also indicated the application before D.C.A. for the Affordable Housing reimbursement would not move forward until the Ordinance is adopted. Ms. Stave requested the Ordinance be carried until the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Stout agreed and asked the COAH subcommittee to meet in the interim to decide what needed to be done.

#### Resolutions Consent Agenda

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

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

Nays: (None

#### Cranbury Township Resolution # R 11-07-179

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 11-07-180

#### TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

WHEREAS, in Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 5, the President directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State and Local governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity; and

WHEREAS, the 9-11 Commission recommended adoption of a standardized incident Command System; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that all Federal, State and Local emergency management agencies and other public safety agencies coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that Federal, State and Local organizations utilize standard terminology, standardized organizational structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training and exercising, comprehensive resource management and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

#### Cranbury Township Resolution # R 11-07-180 (Continued)

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the ability to utilize State and Federal funding to enhance County and

Local agency readiness, maintain first responder safety and streamline incident management processes;  
and

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the State, County and Local Municipalities, including all public safety and emergency response organizations training programs; and

WHEREAS, over fifty Federal grant programs mandate that NIMS be adopted as a prerequisite for obtaining these grants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury hereby mandates that the National Incident Management System (NIMS) be utilized for all incident management in the Township of Cranbury; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Cranbury Township Resolution No. 11-07-181

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, NJ**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR MONROE MEDICAL**

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 17, 2007, Monroe Medical 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 24, 2007 (attached hereto as "Exhibit A") recommended that the following performance guarantee be released:

Performance Bond	\$ 11,912.02
Cash	\$ 1,323.56

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. Nasri Saad, Monroe Medical
- d. Township Attorney

Cranbury Township Resolution 11-07-182

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, NJ**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR CEDAR BROOK BLOCK 1 LOT 5.01**

WHEREAS, by letter dated September 6, 2007, Cedar Brook 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 17, 2007 (attached hereto as "Exhibit A") recommended that the following performance guarantee be released:

Performance Bond	\$ 359,034.25
Cash	\$ 39,892.69

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:

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- (a) Township Engineer
- (b) Township Chief Financial Officer
- (c) Joseph Stern, Cedar Brook
- (d) Township Attorney

**CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 11-07-183**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has determined, there were erroneous paid taxes which caused an overpayment on a parcel for the 2007 property taxes,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that the following 2007 erroneously paid property taxes be refunded:

<b>BLOCK</b>	<b>LOT</b>	<b>ASSESSED TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
7	20.02	Rreef America REST II Corporation	\$2,002.71
23	157	Lloyd & Lorraine Pawlak	\$2,238.90
26	43	William & Joanne Gordy	\$1,467.78

**Cranbury Township Resolution # R 11-07-186**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has received certified funds in the amount of \$ 4,429.41 for the redemption of the following Tax Title Lien; and

<b>Redemption</b>	<b>Premium</b>
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<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>TTL#</u>	<u>Assessed To</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>
19	9	224	Carol Nady	\$4,429.41	\$ 3,400.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, that said lien is redeemed in the amount of \$ 4,429.41.

#### Resolution

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

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

Nays: (Wittman

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 11-07-184

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

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING CONTRACT NO. 35 TO PRECISE CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR THE BABE RUTH LEAGUE BASEBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, PHASE 1

WHEREAS, pursuant to a duly advertised notice to bidders, eight bids were received on November 16, 2007 for completion of Contract No. 35, the Babe Ruth League Baseball Field Improvements Project, Phase 1; and

WHEREAS, the apparent low bidder is Precise Construction, Inc. of Freehold, New Jersey, with a bid of \$297,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer recommends that the contract be awarded to Precise Construction, Inc., as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder; and

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

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

1. Contract No. 35 for the Babe Ruth League Baseball Field Improvements Project, Phase 1 is hereby awarded to Precise Construction, Inc., of Freehold, New Jersey, for \$297,000.00, as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder.
2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Precise Construction, Inc., consistent herewith.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 11-07-184  
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Mr. Larry Plevier, Hatch Mott MacDonald employee, representing the Township Engineer, Ms. Marcelli, reported he would not be making any engineering opinions but rather reporting on the bid process. Mr. Plevier reported 16 bidders had picked up the bid packages and eight (8) contractors had submitted



bids. Precise Construction was the responsible low bidder for the project. Mr. Plevier reported the prices were pretty close to each other. Mr. Plevier added, the plans which had previously been prepared by EDAW were used as part of the bid specs. An irrigation plan is proposed and three utility poles are to be removed by PSE&G. Mr. Plevier checked on the status and they had given him a six-week schedule for the removal. Mr. Plevier stated, providing the Township Committee awards the bid this evening, there would be a two-week turnaround period for insurance papers and other necessary paperwork. Ms. Waterbury, Township Attorney, indicated there had been two questions raised about the bid submitted by Precise. The bid documents inadvertently included a requirement for a certain form to be included (which had nothing to do with this project but rather Federally-funded projects over a certain dollar amount). Six out of Eight bidders did not submit the form. Precise did not attach its corporate seal to its Ownership Disclosure Certificate. Ms. Waterbury stated it was her legal opinion both of these items were minor and the bid should be awarded to Precise as the lowest bidder. Mr. Stannard asked about the dollar amounts of the bids submitted. Mr. Plevier indicated the separation between the lowest and highest bidder had been only \$27,000. On motion by Mr. Stannard, seconded by Ms. Stave the Resolution was adopted:

#### Reports from Township Staff and Professionals

Township Attorney – Report on Hazardous Route Evaluation. Ms. Waterbury, Township Attorney, reported as a follow-up her research on a “Hazardous Route Evaluation” in response to a request the Township had previously received from the School Board concerning school children crossing on a section of Cranbury Neck Road. Ms. Waterbury gave a brief summary explaining the School Board had approached the Township with a request that a certain section of Cranbury Neck Road be designated as a “hazardous route”. After reviewing Title 18A, which pertains to Schools and also reviewed statutes pertaining to municipalities, she and her colleagues had determined there was no requirement to the Township to designate any route as hazardous or non-hazardous. If a School District provides courtesy busing (busing students who are not required by law to be bused to school), it is required by State law to adopt a hazardous route policy. Ms. Waterbury emphasized it is the School’s and not the Township’s responsibility. However, the municipality would work in conjunction with the School to determine the criteria for determining if a particular road is hazardous. Ms. Waterbury added, Title 18A lists ten different criteria for determining if a particular route were hazardous, however, suggested working with the Township’s Police Department and Engineer. If the Township should decide certain students should be bused, either the Township or the parents would have to pay for it and not the School. Ms. Waterbury stressed she could not find any requirement in the law requiring the Township to designate a road a hazardous route. Mayor Stout asked Ms. Stave, as the liaison to the School, to contact the School Board to discuss the issue. Mr. Wittman asked if Ms. Waterbury knew of any other towns that provided courtesy busing. Ms. Waterbury stated she believed there had been a huge issue between Hopewell Township and their School Board concerning this issue and would check on it. Ms. Smeltzer suggested drafting a letter to the School Board stating what the Township’s understanding of the law is. Ms. Smeltzer will work with Ms. Stave and Ms. Waterbury on drafting a letter.

#### Reports from Township Boards and Commissions

Mr. Wittman on behalf of Municipal Alliance Chairperson, Jane Holland:

Mr. Wittman reported Ms. Holland could not attend the meeting this evening and he was representing her as the liaison to the Municipal Alliance. Ms. Smeltzer explained the Municipal Alliance wished to increase two (2) programs; one provided by Corner House for girls and the

#### Reports from Township Boards and Commissions (Continued)

Mr. Wittman on behalf of Municipal Alliance Chairperson, Jane Holland(cont’d):

other provided by The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey for boys. Ms. Smeltzer indicated both Programs were working very well for the age groups they cover. However, the issue is a budgetary one. They wished to expand the budget amount for 2007. Mr. Wittman stated he had spoken with Ms. Holland and she indicated they could wait until 2008. The problem seems to be the Programs have been so successful they would like to expand the services and need more money. Mr. Wittman stated he could get the numbers by the next meeting. Mayor Stout asked for what

the Programs were given for this Budget Year, what amount they would request for 2008 and the type of services provided. Mr. Wittman requested Ms. Holland come to the next meeting to explain to the Township Committee the Programs.

#### Public Comment

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

Mr. Jack Ziegler, 9 Prospect Street, spoke concerning his displeasure with having to wait until after the Township Committee voted on the Resolution for the award of the bid for the Babe Ruth Baseball Field to speak and not being allowed to speak before the adoption of the Resolution. Mr. Ziegler objected to the Township spending \$300,000 for a baseball field without getting input from the public beforehand. Mr. Ziegler referenced the Township spending "a fortune" on remediation of the property already. Mr. Ziegler stated by the time everything is done, the cost will be \$500,000. Mr. Ziegler also asked who would maintain the ball field and stated the taxpayers have a right to know who would maintain it. Mr. Ziegler also asked who would be allowed to use the field once it is built. Mr. Ziegler urged the Township Committee to think before spending. He also referenced the Township wasting money for the Liberty Way project and stated the recent Election showed the taxpayers are getting tired, both on a local and County level.

Mr. Edward Reilly, 11 Cranbury Neck Road spoke concerning the issue of busing. He indicated he is one of three families that wrote a letter to the School Board asking for busing. Mr. Reilly stated he agreed it is the School Board's responsibility to determine who gets bused. He reported until this year all the students along Cranbury Neck Road had been bused and explained the cross walk is on the side of Symmes Court and to get to that cross walk safely from the South side of Cranbury Neck Road is not possible as there is a lot of leaves, shrubbery and no sidewalk. Mr. Reilly stated the residents believe it is unsafe for the children to cross Cranbury Neck Road over to the cross walk on Symmes Court. Mr. Reilly reported he had counted over 200 cars between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. over the Summer. Mr. Reilly thanked the Township Committee for acting so quickly on the issue and for trying to help. Mayor Stout indicated the Township had received a copy of the letter from Mr. Reilly and the other residents which had been sent to the School concerning the problem..

Mr. Arthur Hasselbach, Route 130, spoke concerning his displeasure with the Babe Ruth Baseball Field and its expense. Mr. Hasselbach mentioned he had attended the meeting on Open Space and had also read the report which stated, "at this time a Babe Ruth Baseball Field was not needed". Mr. Hasselbach recommended the Township should consider placing affordable housing on the Wright South Property instead of having a baseball field, should the State rule municipalities would not be allowed to sell their Regional Contribution Agreements. Mr. Hasselbach added, he had been involved, when he served on the Township Committee, with the first round of Affordable Housing. Mr. Hasselbach indicated the Township had negotiated with the developers of Cranbury Green to get the units which presently exist and they provided the Township with a park as well. Mr. Hasselbach raised his concern with future obligations for affordable housing being very expensive. Mr. Hasselbach said he felt the Township should re-visit the baseball field and not spend any more monies and urged the Township to bank the land for

Public Comment (Continued)

Mr. Arthur Hasselbach, Route 130 (cont'd)

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

On motion by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Stannard and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

