

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 13, 2006

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: Richard Stannard, Pari Stave, Richard Stannard, Wayne Wittman and Mayor Thomas F. Panconi, Jr. Also present were: Trishka Waterbury, Esquire, Attorney, Cathleen Marcelli, Engineer, Thomas C. Witt, Administrator, Denise Marabello, Chief Financial Officer and Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk. Mayor Panconi 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 7, 2005 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 7, 2005.
- (3) Was filed on December 7, 2005 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 February 27, 2006

On motion by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Stannard and unanimously carried, the minutes of February 27, 2006 were adopted.

Reports and Communications

--Mayor

Mayor Panconi reported on March 1, 2006, he and Mr. Stout had attended a meeting with ConAgra representatives. Mr. Stout will give the report. Mayor Panconi also reported on March 5, 2006, he had his monthly meeting with the Cranbury Fire Company. One of the outstanding issues, the State Incident Reports, had been completed and the Fire Company had received its defibrillator. Mayor Panconi reported the Fire Company had fourteen calls for the month of February—seven of those calls were between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and seven between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Three of the calls were to assist other fire companies; two were in Plainsboro and one in Applegarth. There were two false alarms and two actual fires, one call being for a frozen sprinkler head. Mayor Panconi stated on March 10<sup>th</sup> he had attended a luncheon meeting with the Mayor and Planning Board Chairman of South Brunswick. The purpose of the meeting was to get together with both the Mayor of Plainsboro and South Brunswick; however, the Mayor of Plainsboro had been called away unexpectedly. The group will be meeting every few months to discuss ongoing issues. Mayor Panconi had conducted Mayor's hours on Saturday, March 11, 2006 from 8:30 until 10:30 a.m. and no one had shown up. Mayor Panconi indicated earlier in the evening he had met with Mr. Stout, Mr. Witt and representatives of Veridian (the new owners of the former Unexcelled site). Mr. Stout will give the report.

--Members of Committee

Mr. Stout reported on March 12, 2006, he, Mayor Panconi and Tom Witt had a meeting with representatives of ConAgra (also known as Spice Tech). Mr. Stout reported the meeting had been very productive with ConAgra indicating they would be producing a timeline for correcting the odor problem. In addition, ConAgra has acquired a very reputable engineering

Members of Committee (Continued)  
Mr. Stout (cont'd)

firm to collect data and perform pilot tests on equipment they would be using to correct the problem. Mr. Stout added the Township representatives had requested they move quickly on the issue. Mr. Stout also reported, earlier in the evening there had been a meeting with representatives of Veridian, the owners of the former Unexcelled property, which consists of 380+ acres. Mr. Stout reported this parcel had been the former site of a munitions factory on which there had been an explosion in the 1950's. Since the explosion, the site had not been developed and by a legal agreement with D.E.P., Veridian was required to clean up the property.

--Subcommittees

Ms. Stave reported she had spoken with Mr. Wittman concerning the barn issue on the Updike property and had informed him during the past summer there had been a barn subcommittee formed, consisting of the following members: Mr. Bob Brown, Consultant on the Wright/South property, Richard Preiss, Township Planner, Judy Dossin, Parks Chairperson, Mr. Stout, Bill Bunting, Cranbury Historical Society and herself. The group had invited Mr. Elric Endersby of The New Jersey Barn Company, who had given his assessment on the barns that the Township had acquired. Ms. Stave stated the group had agreed to reconvene, specifically to discuss and site the parsonage barn which the Township had acquired. Ms. Stave recommended taking a step back to look at the bigger picture, i.e. how all the barns would work together, along with where monies could be obtained to fund the project. Ms. Stave recommended adding three other individuals to the subcommittee; Beth Veghte, Recreation Chairperson, Mike Kaiser, Contractor and Sue Lesson, Cranbury Arts Council. Mr. Wittman asked that Kate McConnell, Historic Preservation Commission, should also be added to the subcommittee. Mr. Stout agreed to step down from the subcommittee to allow Mr. Wittman to be the Township Committee representative. Ms. Stave indicated she would be sending out an e-mail to notify members of the next subcommittee meeting.

Agenda Additions/Changes

There were no additions/changes.

Ordinance

Second Reading

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 02-06-06

A motion to enter an Ordinance entitled, "Cranbury Township Ordinance # 02-06-06, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 84-19 OF CHAPTER 84, "FIRE PREVENTION" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY", 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 Panconi indicated the Ordinance had been requested by the Fire official to keep the Township up to date with the State's fees. No one else present wished to speak, so the hearing was declared closed. On motion by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Wittman, the Ordinance was adopted by a vote:

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

Abstain: (None  
Absent: (None

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(Continued)

Nays: (None

Resolution  
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 03-06-033

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 03-06-034

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION OF FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF NEW TOWNSHIP POLICE BUILDING CONTRACT AND  
AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF FINAL PAYMENT**

WHEREAS, a contract for construction of the new Township Police Building ("Project") was awarded to M&K Contracting, LLC ("Contractor") on August 30, 2004; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Contract Documents, the Construction Manager and Architect have issued a "Certificate for Payment" and "Certificate of Final Acceptance" certifying that the Project was completed as of February 17, 2006 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents and that final payment in the amount of \$70,858.46 to the Contractor is now due; and

WHEREAS, along with the Certificate for Payment and Certificate of Final Acceptance, the Contractor has submitted all required close-out documents to the Township, except a Certified Property Survey, which is in the process of being completed and finalized; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Manager and Architect, in consultation with the Township Administrator and Township Attorney, have recommended that the Project be accepted and final payment be released, conditioned upon the Contractor's timely delivery to the Township of the aforementioned document;

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

1. Upon M&K Contracting, LLC's ("Contractor") timely delivery of a Certified Property Survey to the Township Administrator, and the Administrator's approval of same, the Township Police Building Project shall be deemed accepted.

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2. Upon delivery and approval of the foregoing, the Performance and Payment Bonds shall be deemed released and returned directly to the Contractor, and Final Payment in the amount of \$70,858.46 shall be paid to the Contractor.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, 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 March 13, 2006.

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Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Cranbury Township Resolution 03-06-035

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR THE ELMS  
OF CRANBURY**

WHEREAS, by letter dated March 13, 2006, The Elms of Cranbury 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 March 3, 2006 (attached hereto as "Exhibit A") recommended that the following performance guarantee be released:

Performance Bond	\$ 44,371.80
Cash	\$ 4,930.20

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) Anita Dietrick, The Elms of Cranbury
- (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 March 13, 2006.

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Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

***PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2006 BUDGET***

Mayor Panconi opened the Public Hearing on the 2006 Budget and asked Ms. Denise Marabello, Chief Financial Officer to give an overview of the proposed Budget. Ms. Marabello indicated the proposed Budget allows for growth, while still giving the Township the ability to pay down its debt. Ms. Marabello reported \$12,553,667.00 was the total amount of 2006 proposed budget. The amount in surplus was \$ 2,317,000 and the amount to be raised in taxes would be \$5,264,727. This would yield a municipal tax rate of .85 cents, an increase of eight cents from 2005. Ms. Marabello reported in the year 2005, the Township had rolled its Bond Anticipation Notes into a bond at a lower interest rate for a longer period of time, allowing in 2006 the total amount of short-term debt to decrease and the total long-term debt to increase. The debt was incurred to acquire property for open space, improve the sewer system and build the new police station. If the County and open space tax rates remain the same in 2006 (which is not known yet), the tax rate for 2006 would be \$3.76 per \$100 of assessed value. Ms. Marabello also reported, prior to the public hearing, Mayor Panconi did meet with a Cranbury Township resident, Jennifer Kanawyer, who had several questions regarding the Budget.

Mayor Panconi reported Ms. Kanawyer had asked some questions and raised her concern with the costs associated with the Township Auditor, Attorney and Engineer. In particular, Ms. Kanawyer asked if it would not be more prudent for the Township to hire full-time employees for all three positions rather than having consultants as contracted individuals. Ms. Marabello and Mayor Panconi indicated with reference to the position of Township Auditor, the Township is required by law to have both an Auditor to submit certain documents to the State and an independent Auditor to review everything; one Auditor was not allowed to perform both duties. Mayor Panconi stated in reference to the Township Engineer and Attorney, the costs of the Engineer and Attorney were higher than normal last year due to the replacement of the Township Administrator. Mayor Panconi stated, one of the practices by the former Mayor was to have a weekly "Core" meeting, requiring both the Engineer and Attorney to be in attendance on a weekly basis and that is no longer the case. Mayor Panconi indicated this year the Township had looked at reducing where possible, both the Engineer's and Attorney's budgets. Mayor Panconi also explained due to considerable growth within the Township, the total debt for the Township was \$30 million.

Mayor Panconi asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on the proposed 2006 Budget:

Mr. Robert Hemler, Shadow Oaks resident and member of the Board of Trustees for the Library spoke in support of the Library's budget and complimented the Township Committee on the fiscally-responsible budget.

Ms. Judy Dossin, Wynnewood Drive, raised her concern with the large increase in the Public Safety's Budget for 2006 and asked if it would increase by that amount for 2007. Ms. Marabello responded the increase was due to the new police building, the Township's 911 and LOSAP. In previous budgets, the police building costs had been under utilities. Ms. Marabello indicated the costs should level out for 2007. Mr. Witt added, the major difference had been due to the Police Department moving from a double-wide trailer into a very large office building and in addition, the past year utility prices had risen considerably.

Mr. John Ritter, Plainsboro Road, asked if the Township was expecting any reimbursements from the State or County that would offset the debt and also if it was expecting any revenues from sale of properties. Mr. Ritter also questioned how much of the budget was for services for seniors. Ms. Marabello indicated the Township would be getting monies from the State Agriculture Development Committee for open space this year for the Simonson property and also there will be a closing on the Barclay North and South as soon as the litigation was over. Mr. Witt added the Township only owed \$800,000 for the Barclay parcel and at the last auction, the highest bidder was \$1.9 million. The balance would be profit and would be used to pay off debt. Ms. Marabello indicated senior services would fall under Recreation and there had been no plans in

***PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2006 BUDGET***  
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its budget for seniors. Mr. Stout mentioned all recreational services are open to everyone. Ms. Beth Veghte, Recreation Chairperson, stated \$3,000 had been allocated for the Senior Fellowship and \$2,000 for the Golden Agers.

Ms. Jennifer Kanawyer, Brainerd Drive: Ms. Kanawyer indicated over the past few weeks she had spoken with each member of the Township Committee and felt confident that each member cared about the Township and its residents. Ms. Kanawyer indicated she had two major issues concerning the Budget, the responsibility of the Township Committee to educate its residents concerning revaluation and the second issue being how it could be in the best interests of the Township to not have an in-house Engineer and Attorney, when the professional is working in "billable hours" for the company that employs them. Ms. Kanawyer stated it would be better to have someone who had a vested interest in the Township and not the company who employs them. Ms. Kanawyer remarked this issue had been discussed on the street, in the Library and at Teddy's and indicated it would be hard to find anyone who would applaud the current contract arrangements. Ms. Kanawyer used as an example, the recent Gourgaud Gallery lease, citing how long it took to prepare it, and asked what were the costs associated with its preparation.

Ms. Kanawyer indicated in her opinion the Township Committee had acted conservatively concerning the Budget keeping increases to a minimum as much as possible and turning down requests for luxury items.

Ms. Stave responded to Ms. Kanawyer's remarks about the Township Engineer and Attorney. Ms. Stave stated she had never known either one to not put the Township before other concerns and that both individuals were highly skilled. Ms. Stave also mentioned that both the Township Engineer and Attorney submit estimates for annual costs, and they are the ones who put the brakes on the Township when it was near exceeding those allocated costs. Ms. Stave also explained that 2005 was an exceptional year, as an example the "Core" meetings and the costs associated with them. Ms. Stave stated in reference to having an in-house Engineer or Attorney, she would be curious to see what other municipalities do and if they employ such professionals how much costs are associated with the two positions. Ms. Stave stated she was very confident in the loyalty and professionalism of both the Engineer and Township Attorney and stated how efficient it was for the Township to be able to draw from a variety of skills with the present law firm. Ms. Stave stated as far as expenses go, the "buck" stops with the Township Committee and not the professionals.

Mr. Stout thanked Ms. Kanawyer for looking at the Budget. Mr. Stout agreed with Ms. Stave to look at what other community's practices are concerning the Township Engineer and Township Attorney. Mr. Stout indicated from his experience, it was very important to get a broad range of services for the Township's money and the best value for the Township. Mr. Stout reported his experience with other towns had been while they still had a professional on staff, they still had to reach out and hire consultants for certain services thus creating both a short-term and long-term costs.

Mr. John Ritter, Plainsboro Road, stated he had worked in technology in the past and had hired consultants and he did not feel the Township could attract a good Engineer and Attorney with the salary it would be prepared to pay and who would have the attributes for the long term. Mr. Ritter urged caution with hiring a Township employee Attorney or Engineer as it would not be easy to undo a mistake. Mr. Ritter agreed that the Township needed to watch its spending.

Ms. Stave asked that the Township reach out to South Brunswick to determine what costs are associated with having an in-house Attorney and what the pros and cons are and then report back to the community.

Ms. Kanawyer spoke again, asking how the Township would know whether or not the Attorney they had as a consultant was a good attorney and how the number of hours expended on a task is commensurate with the task. Ms. Kanawyer raised her concern of there being no "oversight".

Mr. Stannard stated the past year the Township had used three or four attorneys within the law firm representing the Township. Mr. Stannard added at the Budget workshop meetings, the Township Committee had discussed keeping the point of contact down with the professionals and all assignments will go through the Township Administrator creating one point of contact. Mr. Stannard used as an

example, the Township Code project had been put on "hold" for now and the Township was going to be careful in terms of "needs and wants". Mr. Stannard raised his concern with the Township not being able to attract the best attorney if it hired an in-house employee.

Mr. Wittman stated he concurred with the Mayor the Township Committee had gone over the Budget with a fine tooth comb and the Budget tax increase had been higher by five cents. Mr. Wittman added the Township Committee was looking at wants vs. needs with the 2006 Budget and with respect to looking at professional services, Mr. Wittman stated the Township had to be prudent and if it were cost effective to hire someone full-time than the Township Committee would look at that.

Ms. Kanawyer, Brainerd Drive, asked if anyone knew what the amounts were of the 1099s for 2005 for the Township Engineer and Attorney and what the Township expected the expenditures to be for 2006 for both. Ms. Marabello, C.F.O., responded she would get the information for Ms. Kanawyer for 2005 and as far as 2006 amounts, the amounts would be the amount in the 2006 Budget. Ms. Marabello also indicated the budgeted amounts were broken down in the budget and she would provide that information to Ms. Kanawyer.

Ms. Stave pointed out the Police and staff in the Township received cost of living increases, however, the Attorney and Engineer did not get increases in their base rates for 2006. Ms. Stave addressed the issue of the Gourgaud Lease and indicated she would find out the cost associated with its creation vs. what the costs were for creating bond ordinances and get back to Ms. Kanawyer.

Ms. Judy Dossin, Wynnewood Drive, stated she had worked with the Township for almost 30 years and has known the Township Committee to be "lean and mean" concerning the Budget. Ms. Dossin referenced the tax graph, showing only 20% representing operating costs for the Township. Ms. Dossin praised the professionals.

Mayor Panconi stated last year he had met with the Police Chief on a monthly basis to discuss overtime to keep a check on it and this year the Chief reports to the Township Committee on a monthly basis. Mayor Panconi stated the Township was watching every thing it could.

Mr. Robert Hemler, Shadow Oaks, asked about the Liberty Road Bridge and road in the Capital Budget and asked if the debt were covered by any other funds. Ms. Marcelli indicated the project for the road was entirely funded by the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund. Ms. Marcelli reported the costs for the bridge had been an estimate, prepared by a consultant from Middlesex County and those costs were believed to be a little high; however, the Township had entered into numerous developers' agreements with developers on the east side of Route 130 who will be responsible for a percentage of the costs of the bridge. In addition, the Township had sought outside funding sources through the New Jersey Department of Transportation. Ms. Marcelli indicated the Township had deferred receiving any of the roadway monies for three years, however, the entire roadway would be paid for by grant and not tax dollars. Ms. Marcelli added, the bridge was only in the planning stages and indicated the Township had been applying for monies to help fund the bridge. Mayor Panconi mentioned the Liberty Way Bridge was part of the Township's Master Plan. Mr. Stout mentioned the purpose of the roadway and bridge was to help alleviate truck traffic.

Mayor Panconi thanked everyone for attending the public hearing on the 2006 proposed Budget and closed the public hearing.

#### Reports from Township staff and professionals

Mr. Witt reported in January the Township had hired Mr. Gary Buck as a Public Work's employee and Mr. Buck had joined the Cranbury Fire Company. Mr. Witt also indicated Public Work's has seven (7) employees of which three (3) are members of the First Aid Squad, one (1) an E.M.T. and with Mr. Buck joining the Fire Company, the Public Works Employees were doing their part for public safety in the Township and in addition, praised the employees for doing a "great job" with the Public Work's Department.

Mr. Witt also reported on the signage for the Township's parks and indicated within the next four weeks the signs should be in place in the Township's parks.

#### Reports from Township Boards and Commissions

There were no reports.

#### Work Session

a. Report from Police Chief Jay Hansen on the Police Department

Police Chief Jay Hansen reported and discussed with the Township Committee the past month's activities in the Township. Chief Hansen reported there had been a total of 110 summonses issued. 70 were in the Village area, 23 on Route 130 and 17 east of Route 130. There had been 41 speeding violations and 29 other violations. Chief Hansen indicated there had definitely been a reduction in the number of speeders going through the Township since December when the slow down campaign started. Chief Hansen also reported the overtime for February was higher than normal due to mandatory training costs. Chief Hansen stated the bike patrol was inactive and he hoped to get it going in April or at least the next couple weeks in March. He stated he had insufficient manpower due to vacations, school or illness. Mayor Panconi indicated the bike patrol had been a casualty of the overtime being high the previous month and that the Chief had been trying to balance everything. The Chief also reported there had been very few problems with the new police building since moving in.

b. Township Committee Discussion of PCB Contaminated Concrete (Tom Witt & Cathleen Marcelli)

The Township Committee discussed a recent issue concerning contaminated concrete being brought into other municipalities for construction jobs and to ensure contaminated concrete was not brought into Cranbury Township. Ms. Marcelli suggested making a recommendation to the Planning Board that any time concrete fill is brought into the Township it be certified. Ms. Marcelli indicated in all Planning Board Resolutions, it is a requirement all fill, etc. had to be certified before being brought into the Township for any job.

c. Discussion of Township request for County recreation and preservation funding

The Township Committee discussed items to be presented to the County for recreation and preservation funding assistance. Ms. Stave reported every year Ralph Albinair, Middlesex County Improvement Authority, solicits requests from municipalities for help in funding recreational needs and/or preservation of historical structures. Ms. Stave indicated it was premature to decide on what items the Township would request as it still had to get the costs on the structures for the ball field along with the barns once the subcommittee meets. Ms. Stave recommended Mayor Panconi and she reach out to Mr. Albinair to have a preliminary discussion and subsequently send a letter of request.

#### Work Session (Continued)

d. Discussion of MGD stream corridor

Ms. Stave reported the MGD parcel, being the most western parcel south on Plainsboro Road, had been for sale and together with Green Acres the Township had tried to purchase it. However, the parcel had been sold to a single buyer. Ms. Stave reported the Township's interest in the parcel had been to create a pedestrian access easement. Ms. Stave recommended sending a letter to the new owner requesting a pedestrian access easement. Ms. Stave and Mr. Stout will draft a letter.

e. Discussion of temporary use of Heritage Park for team sports

Ms. Stave reported the purpose of placing the above issue on the Agenda was not to rescind the recommendation of the Parks Commission, rather to discuss how the decision for use of the Township's parks is made. Ms. Stave recommended the Township do recreational planning this year and perform an inventory of its open spaces and put the two together. Ms. Stave stated the



urgent need for identifying those spaces. Mr. Wittman stated indicated he had been working with both Judy Dossin, Parks Chairperson and Beth Veghte, Recreation Chairperson to come up with a list of groups that wish to use the fields, as well as a plan for those uses. Mr. Wittman indicated he was going to

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request a meeting within the next few weeks with Ms. Stave, Judy Dossin and Beth Veghte and also Brian DeLucia, School Board Secretary and Carole Malouf, School Administrator. Mr. Wittman also indicated he would like to get a plan in place by Summer. Ms. Judy Dossin, Parks Chairperson, read the recommendation of the Parks Commission's reluctant decision approving temporarily soccer practices at Heritage Park. In addition, the Parks Commission recommended the Township move with urgency to open up park space. Mr. Stannard asked for a definition of "temporary" and Ms. Dossin indicated it would be for the Spring. Ms. Dossin indicated the purpose of using the Heritage Park fields was due to the reseeding of the Millstone Park and Heritage Park would be "spillovers only". Ms. Stave recommended a more public meeting should be held before a decision was made and also to determine the costs to the Public Works Department to maintain the fields. The Township Committee decided to table the issue until the next meeting on March 27, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Stout asked how Millstone Park would be controlled to enable the seeding to take hold. Ms. Beth Veghte, Recreation Chairperson, indicated a lot of the damage to the fields at Millstone had been from adults using the fields and just this year a new system had been put into place requiring any individual or team wanting to use the Park to obtain a permit from the Township Recreation Office. Mr. Stout raised his concern with people parking on the grass at Heritage Park. Ms. Veghte assured the Township Committee the Recreation Department would let those using Heritage Park there would be no parking allowed on the grass. Ms. Judy Dossin, Parks Chairperson, commended Ms. Veghte for putting in so much time as a volunteer and asked should the Township ever need a Recreational Director it consider her for the position, given the great job she had done. Mr. John Ritter, Plainsboro Road, stated he was very opposed to sports teams using Heritage Park and raised his concern once the park was given over for emergency uses, there would be no end to it. Mr. Ritter stated many residents use Heritage Park to walk and this would displace them. Mr. Ritter also raised concern over the lack of parking places. Mr. Ritter asked the Township to consider the needs of the residents who use Heritage Park. Mr. Wittman responded both he and Ms. Veghte were looking at the entire needs of the community and were in the process of finding a solution. Ms. Beverly Luck, South Main Street, stated she was very surprised to see the issue listed on the Agenda with residents not having prior notice so they could come to the meeting to give their input. Ms. Luck recommended having a community-wide discussion asked the Township Committee to not deciding the issue so quickly. Ms. Stave stated there needed to be more airing of the issue, before making a decision. Mayor Panconi indicated the issue would be listed on the Agenda for the March

Work Session (Continued)

e. Discussion of temporary use of Heritage Park for team sports (cont'd)

27, 2006, to give residents adequate time to come to the meeting and give their input. Ms. Stave asked who ultimately would make such a decision, as it had been her understanding it was the Parks Commission's decision to make and as a courtesy it was letting the Township Committee know the decision they had made. Mr. William Schaudenbach, Cranbury School Board, indicated some of the other municipalities' teams spill over into Cranbury at times and that could explain why there was such an overflow. Mr. Schaudenbach also stated on Sundays, Millstone Park was very crowded and numerous games on the fields were being played. Ms. Stave requested the Township Committee re-examine creating an Ordinance to designate open space for such uses. Mr. Vinnie Katowsky, North Main Street, President of the Cranbury Soccer Club, stated The Cranbury Soccer Club did not request use of Heritage Park for soccer games and it was opposed to its use. Mr. Katowsky recommended using the soccer facilities at the West property behind the School and have the teams rotate use of the fields. Mr. Katowsky asked that the permits be issued as quickly as possible as the soccer season would start on the weekend. Mr. Richard Grubb, soccer coach, recommended asking some of the corporate sites in the Township if they had any available fields for use on land they were not

using. Ms. Marcelli stated there were many fields that had been set aside for recreational use in the companies' developer's agreements and offered to provide to Mr. Grubb their names so he could contact them.

#### Public Comment

The Mayor opened the meeting to public questions and comments on those items not on the agenda. Ms. Judy Dossin, Wynnewood Drive, asked why there were large trucks and huge "diggers" at the Sharbell (Updike) site. Mr. Stannard responded there had been re-grading and the moving of soil from where the homes had been built to the other side of the property. Ms. Dossin also complained about the soil blowing in her neighborhood the previous week due to high winds and asked if there were a remedy to control the problem in the future. Ms. Marcelli responded the developer should have had a water truck available to help alleviate the problem and indicated she would contact the developer. There being no further comments, the Mayor closed the public part of the meeting.

#### Mayor's Notes

Mayor Panconi reported the Middlesex County Hazardous Waste Day would be held on Saturday, March 18, 2006 in Sayreville and the Township cleanup day would be held May 6-7, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

#### Resolution

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-06-032

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 03-06-032  
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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:

- Review of Closed Session Minutes of February 27, 2006;
- Pending or Anticipated Litigation: Cranbury Brook Farms and J. Clark Poling v. Township of Cranbury et al.;
- Matters Requiring Confidential Advice of Counsel: Fair Share Housing Center objection to Cranbury Township's Third Round

Affordable Housing Plan;  
--- Litigation: Update from Township Attorney on EnviroCraft/CBA [TENTATIVE].

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: March 13, 2006

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

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

Nays: (None

On motion by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Stannard and unanimously carried, the minutes of February 27, 2006 were unanimously adopted.

On motion by Mr. Stannard, seconded by Ms. Stave and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk