TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 7, 2005

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 Panconi, Jr., David J. Stout, Pari Stave and Mayor Beauregard. Mr. Stannard was absent. Also present were: Trishka Waterbury, Esquire, Attorney, Cathleen Marcelli, Engineer, Frederick C. Carr, Administrator and Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk. Mayor Beauregard 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 February 28, 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 February 28, 2005.

3. Was filed on February 28, 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 3, 7 and 10 February, 2005 and March 4, 2005

On motion by Mr. Panconi, seconded by Mr. Stout the minutes were adopted. NOTE: Ms. Stave and Mr. Stout abstained on the February 10th minutes, as they were absent and on the March 4th minutes, Ms. Stave and Mr. Panconi abstained, as they were absent.

Reports and Communications

•	Mayor				
	Mayor Beauregard requested Township Committee members complete their list				
	of priorities. In particular, the liaisons for various departments and members of sub committees.				
	Mayor Beauregard reported she had joined the Middlesex County				
Conference	of Mayors.				
	Members of Committee				
	Mr. Panconi reported the Personnel sub committee has had a few				
meetings	and another meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2005 at 5:00				
p.m.					
	At the last meeting, the Committee proposed a salary increase for Denise				
	Marabello, as she is helping out, preparing the budget and other various				
	duties which were previously performed by the C.F.O. Mr. Panconi indicated				
	a resolution was on the consent agenda with the recommended increase				
	from the Personnel sub committee giving Ms. Marabello an increase in				
	her hourly rate. Mr. Panconi also reported the sub committee has				
	been setting goals for the coming year. Mr. Panconi will give another				
	report to the Township Committee after the meeting of March				
	10 th . Mr. Panconi reported he had met with the Chief of the Police Department				
	concerning the overtime for the Department. As of the first week in March, the				
	overtime expenses for the previous month were well within the budgeted for overtime—even with				
	the snowstorm. Mr. Panconi reported Mr. Tom Witt, has found a non-profit organization that will take the older ladder fire truck. Ms. Waterbury will				
work	with Mr. Witt on this. Mr. Panconi reported the bumps on Route 130				
WOIN					

South assistance

have been repaired by the Department of Transportation, with the of the Township Engineer and Assemblywoman Greenstein's office.

--Members of Committee (continued)

Mr. Stout reported he had attended a meeting earlier in the evening on the Storm water sub committee with the Township Attorney and members of the Environmental Commission to discuss ordinance changes to comply with the required storm water regulations. Mr. Stout reported the Township moving forward and is on target with the required deadlines.

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--Subcommittees and Ad Hoc Committees

Agenda Additions/Changes

The Township Attorney reported Ordinance # 02-05-06, was being pulled and will be reintroduced at a later date.

Ordinance Second Reading

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 02-05-04

A motion to enter an Ordinance entitled, "Cranbury Township Ordinance # 02-05-04, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY CONCERNING LAND DEVELOPMENT AND AMENDING SECTIONS 150-82, 150-83, and 150-86 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. No one present wished to speak, so the hearing was declared closed. On motion by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Stout, the Ordinance was adopted by a vote:

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

Nays: None

Ordinance

Second Reading

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 02-05-07

A motion to enter an Ordinance entitled, "Cranbury Township Ordinance # 02-05-07, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF PROPERTY ABUTTING CORPORATE DRIVE AND DESIGNATED ON THE CRANBURY TAX MAP AS BLOCK 2, LOT 3.031", 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 Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Panconi, the Ordinance was adopted by a vote:

Ayes:

(Beauregard (Panconi (Stave Absent: (Stannard

(Stout

Abstain: (None

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 02-05-07 (Continued)

Nays: None

Consent Agenda

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

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

Nays: None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-05-049

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Professional Services Agreement for Planning Consulting Services

WHEREAS, there is a need for consulting services for technical planning advice and assistance in the review of applications for development and in the preparation of planning reports on an "as needed" basis, and;

WHEREAS, Harvey S. Moskowitz, PP (the "Consultant") has submitted a proposed contract for providing these services at rates noted in the attached document, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40:11-1 et. seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of the contracts for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised if in excess of the bid limit;

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

1. Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Cranbury are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Agreement with Harvey S. Moskowitz, PP for professional planning consulting services for the year 2005, as set forth in said Contract, which is available for inspection at the Office of the Township Clerk.

2. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law, inasmuch as said Agreement is for services to be performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession which is not susceptible to competitive bidding and is of a qualitative nature.

3. A notice regarding the award of the Contract shall be published in the Cranbury Press within ten (10) days after passage of same if the Contract will exceed the bid limit.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-05-049 (Continued)

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk of the Township of Cranbury, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution, adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury on March 7, 2005.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-05-050

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

A RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES TO MICHELE R. DONATO, Esquire

WHEREAS, there is a need for legal services for the Township of Cranbury Historical Preservation Committee on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, Michele R. Donato, Esquire has submitted a proposed contract for providing these services at rates noted in the attached document, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40:11-1 et. seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of the contracts for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised if in excess of the bid limit;

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

1. Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Cranbury are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Agreement with Michele R. Donato, Esquire, for professional legal services for the year 2005, as set forth in said Contract, which is available for inspection at the Office of the Township Clerk.

2. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law, inasmuch as said Agreement is for services to be performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession which is not susceptible to competitive bidding and is of a qualitative nature.

3. A notice regarding the award of the Contract shall be published in the Cranbury Press within ten (10) days after passage of same if the Contract will exceed the bid limit.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk of the Township of Cranbury, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution, adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury on March 7, 2005.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-05-051

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, that the following individual be appointed as Cranbury Township Police Lieutenant, effective February 28, 2005.

Rickey Varga

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

- a) Township Police Chief
- b) Township Chief Financial Officer
- c) Township Administrator
- d) Rickey Varga

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, Township Clerk of the Township of Cranbury, hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution which was adopted at a regular meeting on March 7, 2005.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-05-052

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranbury is currently without a Chief Financial Officer or a Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Frederick C. Carr by Resolution # R 01-05-028 was appointed the Township's Temporary Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, Denise Marabello by Resolution # R 01-05-013 was appointed as the Township's Treasurer and was asked to take on certain additional duties and responsibilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that Denise Marabello shall be compensated for her expanded duties and responsibilities at an hourly rate of \$40.00, effective January 1, 2005.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true copy of a resolution which was adopted by the Township Committee on March 7, 2005.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-05-053

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-05-053 (Continued)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX FOR FY'04 HOMELAND SECURITY SPENDING PLAN PASS-THROUGH GRANT

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders has approved the County's FY'04 Homeland Security Spending Plan, which included pass-through grants to all 25 municipalities within Middlesex County for specific projects; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Attorney General has approved said Spending Plan; and

WHEREAS, included in said Spending Plan was a grant to the Township of Cranbury in the amount of \$5,000.00;and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the pass-through of the funds for the Township of Cranbury, an agreement is required; and

WHEREAS, the County of Middlesex and the Township of Cranbury are hereby authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et. seq;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Cranbury that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Interlocal Agreement.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, Township Clerk of the Township of Cranbury, hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution which was adopted at a regular meeting on March 7, 2005.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-05-054

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, NJ

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR GRUNDY SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 29, 2005, Donna and Jeff Grundy 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 February 14, 2005 (attached hereto as "Exhibit A") recommended that the following performance guarantee be released:

Cash Bond \$3,000.00

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".

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-05-054 (Continued)

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) Donna & Jeff Grundy, 3 Bunker Hill Drive Cranbury, NJ 08512
- (d) Township Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R Cunningham do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Township of Cranbury at a meeting duly held on February 28, 2005.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-05-055

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:78b has authorized the Local Finance board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7-2 through 7.5, the Township of Cranbury has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2005 budget year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Township of Cranbury that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:

- a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
- b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
- c. Cash deficit of preceding year
- d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
- e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
- f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes

Cranbury Township Resolution # 03-05-055 (Continued) 2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exception to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).

3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A. .C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.

4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:

- a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
- b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
- c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.

5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk, hereby certify this is a true copy of a resolution, adopted by the Township Committee on March 7, 2005.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Cranbury Township Resolution # 03-05-056

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO PAY REQUIRED BILLS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of

the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to pay the following required bills prior to the approval of the bill list:

Debt Service, School Taxes, County Taxes, Utilities, Payroll, Cell Phone Payments, Payment to Professionals, Insurance Premiums, Reimbursement of Petty Cash, Contracts, Recreation Program Payments and other statutory obligations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be effective as of January 1, 2005.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, Township Clerk of the Township of Cranbury, hereby certify that this is a true copy of a resolution which was adopted at a regular meeting on March 7, 2005.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-05-057

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND URGING CONGRESS TO RESTORE ITS FUNDING

Whereas, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was enacted and signed into law by President Gerald Ford, as the centerpiece of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

Whereas, the CDBG program has as its primary objective"... the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income"; and

Whereas, the CDBG program provides needed flexibility which allows communities to carry out activities that are tailored to their unique affordable housing, neighborhood revitalization and public service needs; and

Whereas, throughout its 30-year history, the CDBG program has been a partnership among the federal, state and local governments, business and the nonprofit sector, carrying out activities that improve the lives and neighborhoods of low and moderate income families, the elderly and the disabled; and

Whereas, according to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in FY 2004 CDBG provided funds for thousands of activities, assisting over 23 million persons and households through such activities as expanding home ownership activities, eliminating slums and blighting influences, improving infrastructure such as roads, water and sewer systems, libraries, community centers, adult day care and after school care for children, homeless housing facilities, employment training, transportation services, crime awareness, and business and job creation; and

Whereas, the Township of Cranbury uses CDBG funds to build low and moderate income housing; and

Whereas, the President's FY 2006 budget proposes to completely eliminate the CDBG program; and

Whereas, if this proposal is implemented, it would affect the Township of Cranbury's CDBG program in the following way:

It would make it increasingly difficult to fund the low and moderate income housing needs of our residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Cranbury hereby calls on the Congress to preserve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program within the Department of Housing and Urban Development and provide a FY 2006 funding of at least \$4.7 billion overall, with no less than \$4.35 billion in formula funding.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-05-057 (Continued)

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, Township Clerk of the Township of Cranbury, hereby certify that this is a true copy of a resolution which was adopted at a regular meeting on March 7, 2005.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-05-058

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR FULL AND FAIR FUNDING THE TEA-21 REAUTHORIZATION

WHEREAS, New Jersey continues to rank dead last in the amount of federal tax dollars that are returned to their state of origin; and for every dollar that New Jersey citizens send to Washington, only 65 cents worth of federal services come back; and

WHEREAS, this injustice has long been a problem, though when our economy was strong, we were better able to bear it; but now, the economic situation has intensified this problem for our State and its municipalities; and

WHEREAS, investments in our infrastructure, which would help to revitalize our economy, have been indefinitely deferred; crucial positions, which could be filled from the ranks of our unemployed, are left vacant; and essential property relief funding from State government remains flat; and

WHEREAS, as a result, our historic unequaled over-dependence on regressive property taxes grows more and more severe; and

WHEREAS, one priority of Congress, as it fashions the shape of TEA-21 reauthorization, should be to alleviate traffic congestion that is costing millions of dollars in lost productivity in many of the nation's urban regions; and

WHEREAS, even though local governments own and operate about 75 percent of the nation's 4million-mile highway and roadway network, about 300,000 bridges and 90 percent of the nation's mass transit systems; yet, when it comes time to make crucial transportation decisions, local officials have control of only 6 cents of every tax dollar in federal transportation spending; while State departments of transportation have nearly complete autonomy over transportation spending decisions; and

WHEREAS, in New Jersey, municipal government maintains 25,382 miles of New Jersey's total 36,175 miles, 70% of our State's roads;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township of Cranbury, calls on Congress to support full and fair funding for TEA-21 reauthorization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we do ask our delegation to work towards giving local officials direct access to and flexibility in the use of federal dollars commensurate with their responsibilities to police and maintain roads, bridges, transit facilities and transit equipment; and

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-05-058 (Continued)

BE IT FURTHE RESOLVED, that the Township of Cranbury recognizes the national imperative for a predictable long-term transportation reauthorization, which is adequately funded for the mobility and safety needs of the people, and supports the funding level of \$318 billion over six years as set forth by the Senate in S. 1072 during the 108th Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That authentic copies of this resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, Congressman Rush Holt, Senators Corzine and Lautenberg, and the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, Township Clerk of the Township of Cranbury, hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution which was adopted at a regular meeting on March 7, 2005.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-05-059

Whereas, the Municipal Clerk has determined, that an overpayment has been made for liquor license fees, for a "Person-to-Person" Transfer, in the amount of \$200.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that a refund be issued, in the amount of \$200.00 to Thomas and Gloria Ingegneri.

CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution which was adopted by the Township Committee on March 7, 2005.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk

Reports from Township Staff and Professionals

Fred Carr, Township Administrator, gave an update on the E. Barclay and Simonson farmland acquisition and the siting of a farmhouse on the Barclay parcel, close to Ancil Davison Road. The S.A.D.C. has requested the Township provide them with a map within the next month, indicating exactly where the house is to be located. This is for the stream corridor easement and the S.A.D.C. indicated to Mr. Carr they hope to have the money to the Township for the easements of both the E. Barclay and Simonson parcels in the Fall or certainly no later than December of this year.

Ms. Marcelli gave a report to the Township on the "Congestion Buster Task Force" meeting she had attended with the Mayor. Ms. Marcelli indicated this task force is being led by the D.O.T. Commissioner to address truck traffic issues along the Exit 8A area. Ms. Marcelli reported they have so far done a tremendous job on identifying the problem and trying to find some solutions to the problems—some being "quick fixes" and others being more long term. The Task Force has come out recommended two solutions-one being how to route truck traffic off of Exit 8A to where they are destined to go and not to Cranbury's downtown area or Monroe Township. They have suggested to install color zones, somewhat like airports. This will cause less signage and less changing of signs as developers change and businesses get bought out. The Task Force applied the Federal government for funds to has to implement this program. Ms. Marcelli indicated she had some concerns as far as lumping together some of the zones, but that could be worked out. The second recommendation of the Task Force is what could be done about some of the locations which the D.O.T. has control over quickly. Two projects are in

Reports from Township Staff and Professionals (Continued)

Cranbury—the location of Route 130 and Old Trenton Road. Right turn movement in the Southbound direction. D.O.T. will install that right-turn lane this summer. The other project is Cranbury-South River Road and Route 130. Heading south on South River Road, going south on route 130, the island will be fixed. Ms. Marcelli and the Mayor mentioned the Liberty Way project in Cranbury as far as moving truck traffic. The Task Force members were very supportive of this project and the following day called Ms. Marcelli and asked her to immediately apply for Federal grant monies to make up for the shortfall. Ms. Marcelli did apply on the Township's behalf.

Ms. Marcelli also reported on the Wright South update: Ms. Marcelli earlier had given a copy of a report submitted to D.E.P. to try to identify bringing in the limits of the area for arsenic contamination was submitted and Ms. Marcelli is awaiting a response from them. Once they reply the Township can move forward with the remediation process.

Ms. Marcelli gave report sewer budget meeting with South а on the Brunswick: The Township of Cranbury paid in 2004, the amount of \$128,000 for sewer usage. South Brunswick could onlv support \$124.000 charges, in giving \$3,600 in credit from last year. They estimate next year's charges will be the Township of Cranbury about \$120,000, due to the updates Cranbury Township has made.

Ms. Marcelli reported on the Carter-Wallace demo schedule: Because of the weather conditions, they are a little behind schedule. To date there has been nothing that has not been recorded in the clean environmental reports. Ms. Marcelli also reported they are taking out the materials out by rail and not trucks. They hope to be on the site by April 15, 2005.

Mayor Beauregard commended Ms. Marcelli for her work at the Congestion Buster Task Force meeting and her intervention in getting programs moving on behalf of the Township.

Ms. Waterbury, Township Attorney, reported the Township had received secondround substantive certification from the C.O.A.H. giving protection to the Township on its affordable housing plan until the end of this year and well underway in preparing the new affordable housing plan which will be to comply with the third round which has to be in place by the end of the year. Ms. Waterbury also reported the litigation itself over the developers and municipalities was denied by the Supreme Court. Ms. Waterbury reported the final payment had been made for Fischer and the Township now owns the parcel.

Reports from Township Boards and Commissions

Environmental Commissioner Peter Sibley and William Mikula gave a report to the Township Committee on the following four it has been working on:

- 1. New Jersey's Fast Track Permitting Act: The E.C. opposes this legislation and would like the Township Committee to adopt a resolution encouraging the repeal of this legislation. Mr. Stout indicated this legislation would also diminish the power of the boards and commissions of the Township. The E.C. will draft a resolution, working with the Township Attorney, to be presented to the Township Committee to adopt at the March 28th meeting.
- 2. The Environmental Commission would like to apply to ANJEC for a \$10,000 grant to hire a consultant to develop and update the environmental resources inventory for the Commission. The E.C. believes the total cost for the consultant would be around \$ 20,000 and the Township would have to match \$10,000. Mr.

Reports from Township Boards and Commissions (Continued)

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Stout indicated the importance of updating the environmental resources and inventory, in particular with the new storm water regulations.

3. A potential new stream corridor ordinance. Mr. Mikula reported the Environmental Commission recommended the Township move forward on a stream corridor ordinance as it would protect those areas which are not protected by other entities, i.e. Federal or State regulations. The ordinance would also compliment other regulations which are already in place by other agencies such as the State and Federal regulations. Ms. Waterbury, Township Attorney, indicated the new storm water regulations would require towns to adopt a new stream corridor ordinance. Mayor Beauregard suggested having the existing two sub committees—the "Storm Water Sub Committee" and the "Stream Corridor Sub Committee", merge, now to be called the "Storm Water/Stream Corridor Sub Committee" and have the same individuals serve.

4. The Environmental Commission had been asked to determine if the Township should have a need for a soil testing ordinance. Mr. Mikula reported such an ordinance would require testing of soil on land which had previously been used for farming and would be used for either recreational or residential use. Mr. Panconi had previously given the E.C. a copy of Hamilton Township (Mercer County)'s ordinance on soil testing. Mr. Mikula indicated the E.C. was in the process of reviewing four ordinances from other municipalities which have been adopted. The E.C. will work with the Township Attorney to draft an ordinance to be reviewed by the Township Committee.

Work Session

<u>Mayoral and Township Committee Appointments</u>
Mayor Beauregard indicated there were vacancies on the Environmental Commission for two regular members and two alternates, which are Mayoral appointments. Two candidates had indicated they were interested in becoming regular members of the E.C. Mr. Stout reported both candidates had attended the recent E.C. meeting to introduce themselves and present their qualifications to the E.C. Mr. Stout indicated the appointment of the two individuals, Mr. James Gallagher and Mr. John Kobland. Mayor Beauregard then made the appointments.

Mayor Beauregard appointed Angie Cook as the Mayor's Representative to the Municipal Alliance Commission.

Mayor Beauregard reported Ms. Gloria Cook had resigned from the Human Services Board and Ms. Jane Holland from the Library Board of Trustees. Also, Madge Hoffer had expressed her desire to resign from the Arts Review Committee. Mayor Beauregard asked Township Committee members to try to recruit individuals to fill these vacancies and indicated the replacement to the Arts Review Committee should be an art historian.

Mayor Beauregard also mentioned a vacancy still exists for a Class II Member of the Planning Board. Ms. Waterbury, Township Attorney had prepared an e-mail indicating those individuals who are legally eligible to serve on the Planning Board. Mayor Beauregard asked the Township Committee to look at the list and make recommendations and the Mayor will then speak with Mr. Harvey, Planning Board Chairman.

Work Session (Continued)

b. CHA Pin Oaks

The Township Committee discussed with Mr. Mark Berkowsky and Ms. Marcelli, Township Engineer, a request by Cranbury Housing Associates to have the Township acquire the site known as "Pin Oaks". Pin Oaks was previously an affordable housing location. The housing was demolished and there are no further plans to develop the site. Mr. Berkowsky reported KHov had done all the required work to clean up and restore the parcel to its natural habitat. Ms. Marcelli indicated she had inspected the site and everything was more than adequate, however she did not realize the other portion (the wetlands) was part of the site. Ms. Marcelli also mentioned there is a public purpose for the dedication of the parcel, that being the boy scouts have a trail on the parcel which provides a pedestrian connection from Farmstead Way to Old Cranbury Road and by preserving this property for the Township it opens it up for future use by the public, as well as protecting wetlands and stream corridors. The Township Committee agreed to accept the site and the Township Attorney will prepare an ordinance for introduction.

c. <u>FY 2006 NJDOT State Aid Application (Cathy Marcelli)</u>

The Township Committee discussed with Ms. Marcelli, Township Engineer, possible State aid projects for roads and sidewalks for the NJDOT FY 2006 Municipal Aid, Local Bikeway, Safe Streets to Schools and Centers of Place Programs State Aid Applications. Ms. Marcelli indicated she had sent a letter to the Township Committee members on February 4, 2005 indicating the deadline for the D.O.T. FY' 06 grant applications for the Township are due April 15, 2005. Ms. Marcelli indicated previously the Township had been very successful in receiving grant monies-the Liberty Way project had received \$700,000 thus far. Ms. Marcelli asked for authorization to go forward to the suggestions she had recommended in her Februarv 4th letter. Ms. Marcelli indicated priority number one would be continued construction of Liberty Way to make it complete from South River Road to Half Acre Road and finally, to Station Road.

d. Police Station Update

Mark Berkowsky of Berkowsky and Associates, Inc. updated the Township Committee on the current status of the construction of the new Police Building. Mr. Berkowsky indicated everything was moving quite well-paperwork being up to date and the shell has been completed. All of the steel work had been completed. Mr. Berkowsky also reported the site drainage to be about 50% completed and the exterior studs are complete. The interior studs are 50% completed. Cost wise: The original contract amount was \$3,241,875, offset by Township Bond Ordinances and Mr. Berkowsky indicated there were a few cost increases-additional conduit for telephone and cable, as well as additional security costs and changing the water heater from electric to gas fired for longterm cost savings. Mr. Berkowsky stated that those additional costs would be presented to the Sub Committee for approval and then to the Township Committee for approval. The scheduled completion by contractors is August 28, 2005. Mr. Berkowsky handed out a draft of the plaque and asked that Township Committee members get back to him with any changes as soon as possible. Ms. Waterbury indicated if there are any change orders, they should be coordinated with Ms. Randazzese in her office and she will make sure they get to the Township Committee.

Public Comment

The Mayor opened the meeting to public questions and comments on those items not on the agenda. Ms. Connie Bauder, Petty Road, asked about the grant monies and if it might not be better to apply for the road, should the State not have the monies the following year. Ms. Marcelli responded the State had indicted they will have the program in place next year and gave the reasons why the Liberty Road project should take priority over others. Ms. Bauder also mentioned a safety issue on Route 130 with the traffic signs recently placed by the Cranbury Circle by the State. One of the signs is obstructing the view if an individual were to cross over South Main Street, going towards

Cranbury. Ms. Marcelli indicated she would get in touch with the State

D.O.T. Also, Ms. Bauder mentioned the Board of Health meets in the Recital Room and the temperature is always very cold. Mr. Carr, Township Administrator, will check and will reach out to Bill Hart to see if the Board of Health can move its meeting to another evening during the

month. Mr. Richard Kallan, Wynnewood Drive, asked if in the future there might be a plan to connect Old Trenton Road extension to Liberty Way. Ms. Marcelli responded eventually those two roads are planned to connect. Mr. Kallan also asked what the "rubble" is at The Cranbury Service Center. Ms. Marcelli responded and indicated it would be removed. Mr. Kallan inquired about the on-going Danser v. Township of Cranbury litigation. Ms. Waterbury gave a short update. Mr. Kallan also mentioned he had received a telephone call from a resident concerning the tree which had been removed in front of The Cranbury Inn and asked why the entrance and exits could not have been reversed. Ms. Marcelli responded due to the parking lot configuration, it would change the entire traffic flow and could not have been done. Ms. Waterbury gave a short update. There being no further comments, the Mayor closed the public part of the meeting.

Resolution

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

Ayes: (Beauregard (Panconi (Stout (Stave

Absent: (Stannard Abstain: (None

Nays: None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-05-046

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:

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

2. --- Pending Litigation: Danser v. Township of Cranbury, Docket No. MID-C-267-04 and In re Six Month Extension of NJAC 5:91-

14,

Supreme Court Docket No. 56,945, Appellate Division Docket No. A- 795-02;

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 03-05-046 (Continued)

--Land Acquisition: Discussion of potential land acquisitions;

2005.

--Review of Closed Session Minutes from February 7, 2005. Land Acquisition: MGD ---- Approval of Closed Session minutes of Committee Meeting of February

7,

3. 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 7, 2005

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

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

Nays: (None

On motion by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Stout and unanimously carried, the Closed Session Minutes of February 7, 2005 were adopted.

On motion by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Stout and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk