

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
December 10, 2018

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

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

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

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

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

Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

--Township Committee Closed Session Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2018

The Township Committee Closed Session Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2018 on a motion by Mr. Ferrante, seconded by Mayor Johnson. On a roll call vote of the members of the Township Committee;

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

the Township Committee Closed Session Minutes of November 26, 2018 were adopted.

--Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2018

The Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2018 on a motion by Mr. Ferrante, seconded by Mayor Johnson. On a roll call vote of the members of the Township Committee;

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

the Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2018 were adopted.

--Reports and Communications

--Mayor

Mayor Johnson reported that he attended two (2) Planning Board meetings and a Development Review Committee meeting.

Mayor Johnson attended a ribbon cutting for a new restaurant opening in town.

--Reports and Communications

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--Members of Committee

--Mr. Ferrante

Mr. Ferrante attended a Board of Education meeting. He attended the celebration for the retirement of Jan Murphy and her many years of service.

Mr. Ferrante met with the secretary of the Municipal Alliance and discussed the history of the commission and how it began. He discussed how the organization may be absorbed in to other areas and should be discussed further during budget season.

--Mr. Mulligan

Mr. Mulligan suggested a Municipal Alliance member be in attendance at the budget meeting to further discuss and help to decide whether to continue the Municipal Alliance organization as is within the township or disperse into other areas.

Mr. Mulligan congratulated Mr. Taylor and Mr. Ferrante on the recent election. He discussed the number of provisional ballots being reported on Facebook and the discrepancy of the official numbers. Residents had been questioning the difference. Ms. Marabello and Ms. Rubin stated that the amount reported on Facebook was not a confirmed number. Discussion followed amongst the members regarding posting information on social media.

Mr. Mulligan attended a Planning Board meeting and recognized that it had been Art Hasselbach's last meeting as Chairperson and thanked him for the many years of service to Cranbury Township. Mr. Mulligan added that the retail component of High Point was approved at that same meeting, however, the residential portion still had open items to be addressed by the developer and Planning Board. More updates to follow.

--Mr. Taylor

Mr. Taylor attended a Historical Preservation Commission meeting prior to the Planning Board meeting that was addressing the High Point subject. Mr. Taylor reported that he and Mr. Davidow discussed a redevelopment ordinance to be introduced in early 2019.

Mr. Taylor spoke to Mr. Davidow regarding residents' concerns over vehicles parking on the street for consecutive days. Mr. Taylor said a draft ordinance will be addressed in January.

Mr. Taylor discussed that he and Mr. Davidow also reviewed the ordinance addressing dumpsters on the roadways and will have a draft for January.

--Subcommittees

There were no reports from Subcommittees.

--Departments Heads --

--Follow Up Items --

--Agenda Additions/Changes

Ms. Rubin advised that resolution #R 12-18-159 listed under "Consent" and marked as "c" on the agenda, was incorrectly noted as a "**decrease**" and should have noted as an "**increase**". The resolution had been corrected and each member had received an updated version of the resolution for review.

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

Mayor Johnson closed the portion to public comment.

Resolutions

Consent Agenda

Mayor Johnson asked the Township Committee if there were any questions or comments on the existing Consent Agenda. Hearing no questions or comments, Mayor Johnson requested a motion to

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adopt the existing Consent Resolutions. On a motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Taylor and unanimously carried, the following Resolutions adopted by vote:

Ayes: (Ferrante  
(Mulligan  
(Taylor  
(Johnson

Abstain: (None  
Absent: (Scott

Nays: (None

**Cranbury Township Resolution #R 11-18-157**

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 12-18-158**

**WHEREAS**, The Tax Collector, Tanyika L. Johns has certified that the following taxpayers overpaid their taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, The Tax Collector is requesting that the overpaid taxes be refunded,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that the following overpayment be refunded:

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Refund</u>
<b>OWNER: O'LEARY, SHAUN &amp; ERIN</b>	<b>\$4,155.18</b>

**Make check payable to:** Title Village Title Agency

**LOCATION:** 19 Parkview Road

**BLOCK:** 21 **LOT:** 8.14 **QUALIFIER:**

**Cranbury Township Resolution # R 12-18-159**

Change Order #1

Road Improvement

John White Road – Road Improvement Phase II

**Whereas**, The Township of Cranbury was awarded a grant by the New Jersey Department of Transportation through the Municipal Aid Program, for John White Road – Road Improvement Phase II; and

**Whereas**, The Township of Cranbury awarded a contract to S Brothers Inc of South River, New Jersey for the road improvement as detailed in the bid Documents; and

**Whereas**, changes in the scope were made to extend the improvements and make other beneficial changes to the Contract; and

**Whereas**, these changes have been reviewed and approved by the Township Engineer who has recommended a change order which would increase the agreement by \$1,580.77; and

**Whereas**, these changes are more specifically outlined in the attached document; and

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**Whereas**, this increase is permitted under the law;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the current contract amount is hereby amended and increased to \$192,239.99

**Cranbury Township Resolution # R 12-18-160**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to make the following appointments,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that the following individual is appointed to the position and term noted effective December 10, 2018:

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT</b>	<b>TERM ENDING</b>
Edward F. Durner, Jr.	Clock Winding Committee	12/31/18 (to fill unexpired term)

**Work Session – 87 Old Trenton Road** – Discussion on Possible Historical House Relocation to Millstone Park:

Audrey Smith, Karen Kelly and Steven Golisano were present and provided a presentation to the members regarding the history and records search of the home located at 87 Old Trenton Road. The home was to be demolished, however, the current owner was willing to work with the Historical Society to purchase and move the home from the property to preserve it.

Ms. Smith provided reading material to each of the members while Ms. Kelly discussed the history of the house dating back to 1693 from a title search which provided a copy of the original deed. She had assistance in her search from county officials and various other individuals to create a timeline of the history of the home. It is believed that there is proof of a historical connection to the American Revolutionary War era.

Mr. Golisano appeared before the committee to present a slideshow detailing the interior and exterior of the home, plus the proposed plan for moving the historical home from the present site on Old Trenton Road to an area located in Millstone Park. He described the different stylings of the period between Dutch and English examples and the significance of those individual stylings in this area. His presentation also addressed the logistics of moving the home and the necessary cooperation that would be needed from various departments to make the move as seamless as possible. Mr. Golisano added that he would coordinate with the County on the road closure. He included the construction material used originally and what type of materials and processing could be used to help restore to its original state. Mr. Golisano was able to provide a visual representation of the house on the proposed site from various angles and topography to better visualize the impact it would have on the aesthetics of the park.

The discussion included the proposed use to be as a “seasonal style museum”. Which would mean no utilities. The use may further include possible time period reenactments.

The Township Committee responded that there needs to be clarification on whether Millstone Park has a deed restriction, thereby causing this move unable to be on this particular property. Also, the Committee asked that the Police Department review and respond regarding any security issues. The members also request further assurances that the Historical Society would finance the project if the various State funding was not approved.

Mr. Davidow stated that a resolution and an agreement must be executed between the Township and the Historical Society regarding the terms of the agreement. He suggested that an environmental specialist be contacted regarding possible environmental contamination in that area prior to any moving of dirt.

The Township Committee thanked Ms. Smith, Ms. Kelly and Mr. Golisano for being well prepared in their presentations and for their efforts in saving the historical site. The Township

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Committee is very supportive of the idea and agreed to have this item discussed further in early 2019 to address the environmental and funding topics.

--Reports from Township Staff and Professionals

--Administrator's Report

The Township Committee meeting of December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, originally listed on the annual notice as "optional" has been cancelled.

The Township Committee 2019 meeting dates were approved. The first budget meeting will be scheduled for February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Marabello expressed her gratitude to the Department of Public Works and the employees of Town Hall for restringing the lights on the garland and for installing them in town.

--Public Comment

Mayor Johnson opened the meeting to public comment.

- Paul Mullen – Environmental Commission Member – Asking approval of ten (10) flowering dogwoods trees to be planted in the Cranbury Brook Preserve by the dirt pile. Ms. Marabello advised that the "dirt mound" cannot be moved. She had been advised by the Environmental Commission Chairperson that the Shade Tree Commission Chairperson would be contacted seeking approval of the tree plantings and species. Ms. Easton, Shade Tree Commission Chairperson, was present and said the matter would be discussed in January with the full Shade Tree Commission.
- Paul Mullen – Clock Winding Committee - The clock in Town Hall is currently not illuminated. One of the two light fixtures are currently damaged, however, should be repaired in near future. Mr. Mullen announced that Mr. Kallan was resigning from the Clock Winding Committee after serving since the inception of the Committee. He further added that Mr. Kallan will be greatly missed.
- Frank Marlowe – Discussed new sidewalks that were placed within the village area. He notes three (3) places where the bricks are elevated due to tree roots. He believes this is a maintenance problem and the township should do early maintenance to stop larger more costly repairs in the future. Mr. Marlowe was advised that sidewalks are the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain, not the township. Ms. Marabello added that if it is a safety issue, the area can be assessed and if it is determined there is a need for the area to be fixed, the homeowner would be charged the cost for the maintenance. Mr. Mulligan asked to have a price prepared for discussion at the budget meeting in February.
- Marilee Nissen – Ms. Nissen added her concerns over the tree/sidewalk issue. She stated it was a special project by the township and should therefore be covered by special maintenance by the township as well.
- Richard Kallan – Mr. Kallan reminded the members he stated the brick sidewalks would be a problem back when they first discussed using brick for the sidewalks. Any shallow root style tree can easily lift the bricks. Mr. Kallan disagreed with idea of having the township repair the sidewalks. He believes it is unfair that the area in Village gets special treatment and it is not uniform throughout the entire township. He believes a standard ordinance for all should be considered and not special consideration for Main Street residents only.

Mayor Johnson closed the meeting to public comment.

--Mayor's Notes -

Mayor Johnson stated he had no additional information.

--Township Committee Members' Notes

Mr. Mulligan thanked Mayor Johnson for his hard work and dedication over the past year as his service to the town as Mayor.

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Mayor Johnson requested a motion to adjourn. On motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Taylor and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

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Debra A. Rubin, RMC  
Municipal Clerk