

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
March 16, 2020

The Township Committee Special Meeting of the Township of Cranbury was held at 8:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room of Town Hall. Answering present to roll call were Township Committee members: Michael Ferrante, Barbara Rogers, Evelyn Spann, Jay Taylor and Mayor Matthew Scott. Also present were Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/CFO; Chief Rickey Varga, Chief of Police; and Debra Rubin, Municipal Clerk. Mayor Scott led in the salute to the flag and Debra Rubin gave the following Open Public Meetings Act statement:

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Section 4-10(b), this special meeting has been called to address the Township's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Substantial harm to the public interest would likely result from a delay in holding this meeting because determining the Township's response to the pandemic is urgent.

This meeting will be limited to discussion of and acting with respect to the Township's response to this emergency.

On March 16, 2020, notice of this will be:

- Posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Office at 23A North Main Street;
- Communicated to the Cranbury Press, Home News Tribune and Trenton Times;
- Filed at the Cranbury Town Hall
- Posted on the Township's website; and
- Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

Because of the rapid and unexpected spread of the virus, the need for this meeting could not reasonably have been foreseen at a time when adequate notice could have been provided.

Resolutions

a). Ms. Rubin read the following resolutions by title. Mayor Scott requested a motion to adopt the following resolutions. On a motion by Mr. Ferrante, seconded by Mrs. Spann and unanimously carried, the following Resolution was adopted by a vote:

Ayes: (Ferrante
(Rogers
(Spann
(Taylor
(Scott

Absent: (None

Abstain: (None

Nays: (None

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION NO. 03-20-054

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING SPECIAL, UNSCHEDULED MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP
COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor has requested that a special, unscheduled meeting of the Township Committee be held on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, this special meeting will be held in the Meeting Room of Town Hall, 23A North Main Street, Cranbury, NJ; and

WHEREAS, the call for this special meeting has been filed with the Township Clerk and has been served on each Committee member as required by Cranbury Code Section 2-4B; and

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WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act allows a public meeting to be held without adequate notice as long as certain conditions have been met (N.J.S.A.10:4-9b.1-4) and;

WHEREAS, this special meeting is required to deal with urgent matters addressing the COVID-19 pandemic and delay for the purpose of providing adequate notice would result in substantial harm to the public interest; and

WHEREAS, this special meeting shall be limited to discussion of and acting with respect to matters involving the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, notice of this special meeting is being provided as soon as possible following the calling of the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee could not reasonably have foreseen the need for this special meeting at a time when adequate notice could have been provided.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex, upon the affirmative vote of three quarters of the members present, that the requirements of the Cranbury Township Code and the Open Public Meetings Act for holding a special meeting without adequate notice have been satisfied; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this special meeting shall be limited to discussion of and acting with respect to matters involving the COVID-19 pandemic.

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RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act permits a public body to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which the public body discusses any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair that protection (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.6).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex, that the Committee meeting be closed to the public for the purpose of discussing the Township's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is unknown at this time precisely when the matters discussed in this session will be disclosed to the public.

Mayor Scott asked for a motion to move into Closed Session. Motion was made by Mr. Ferrante and seconded by Dr. Rogers. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Scott asked for a motion to move into Open session. Motion was made by Mr. Ferrante and seconded by Dr. Rogers. The motion passes unanimously.

Public Comment

Mayor Scott opened the meeting to general public comment.

Mayor Scott closed the meeting to public comment.

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Mayor Scott requested a motion to adjourn. On motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Spann and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Debra A. Rubin, RMC
Municipal Clerk