

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
January 23, 2017

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: Susan Goetz, Glenn Johnson, Dan Mulligan, Jay Taylor and Mayor Dave Cook. Also present were Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/Director of Finance; and Kathleen R. Cunningham, Municipal Clerk/Assistant Administrator. Mayor Cook 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 5, 2016 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 5, 2016.
- (3) Filed on December 5, 2016 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.
- (4) Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

Township Committee Minutes of January 9, 2017

On motion by Mr. Taylor seconded by Mr. Mulligan and unanimously carried, the Township Committee Minutes of January 9, 2017 were adopted.

Closed Session Minutes of January 9, 2017

On motion by Mr. Johnson seconded by Mr. Mulligan and unanimously carried, the Closed Session Minutes of January 9, 2017 were adopted.

Reports and Communications

--Mayor

Mayor Cook appointed Ms. Courtney Kohut as First Alternate on the Recreation Board of Commissioners for the unexpired term.

Mayor Cook reported the Township be looking at the future impact of warehouse traffic on the Township.

Reports and Communications

--Members of Committee

--Mr. Taylor

Mr. Taylor reported the sound system in the meeting room has been fixed, some equipment has been ordered and a 65-inch screen will be installed for presentations. He reported the total cost was \$5,300 and stated \$10,000 had been budgeted.

Mr. Taylor reported he had requests from several residents on Evans Drive as well as residents in the Estates concerning revisiting the "McMansion Ordinance" that was tabled a number of years ago. Mr. Taylor reported Fair Haven has a similar Ordinance that went all the way to the State Supreme Court and was upheld. Mr. Michael Herbert, Esq., Township Attorney, suggested making the Ordinance efficient and modeling it after the Fairhaven Ordinance. Mr. Taylor stated Mr. Richard Preiss, Township Planner, could come up with an Ordinance that is appropriate for Cranbury. Mr. Taylor stated West Windsor and Princeton are considering a similar Ordinance. Mr. Taylor suggested having a Work Session at the next meeting to discuss the Ordinance with Mr. Preiss, and the Committee agreed.

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Reports and Communications

--Members of Committee (cont'd.)

--Mr. Mulligan

Mr. Mulligan stated the Committee will be having Budget discussions soon and stated Mr. Tom Weidner, Chair of the Parks Commission, has a list of items/work for the Township's parks that Mr. Mulligan suggested be addressed during the Budget Meeting.

Mr. Mulligan stated he is in support of the "McMansion Ordinance" and also suggested in this Ordinance or in a separate Ordinance, addressing the number of habitants per square foot. Mayor Cook suggested talking with Mr. Jeff Graydon, Zoning Officer, for his thoughts. Mr. Taylor stated Mr. Graydon was in support of such an Ordinance when it was initially considered.

--Ms. Goetz

Ms. Goetz stated she had nothing to report this evening.

--Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson reported he attended the Cranbury School Board Meeting where a presentation on the Park Standardized Test was given. He stated after listening to the presentation, he feels the School is utilizing the results to identify students who may need extra help and not a situation where everybody is fixated solely on the test results.

Mr. Johnson reported there is a Kindergarten through 8th Charter School in Princeton that has asked for an additional \$1.8 million appropriation to expand their operation. Mr. Johnson stated the School is currently getting \$5.5 million and the \$1.8 million would be in addition to that. He stated Princeton is in difficult financial straits and requested the Charter School not request the additional funding. Mr. Johnson reported the Charter School went into Closed Session (which was not allowed since the topic was not a Closed Session item), and voted unanimously to request the funding. Mr. Johnson stated although Cranbury students do not attend the K through 8th grades in Princeton schools and only attend the High School, the feeling is that there will be budget cuts to accommodate the Charter School appropriation. He stated the public is encouraged to write letters and e-mails opposing the additional appropriation. Mr. Johnson explained the public input, and the input from the Princeton School District and the Charter School will be sent to an Interim Department of Education Commissioner who will make the ultimate decision. Mr. Johnson stated he will try to attend the Princeton School Board Meeting on Tuesday night.

Mr. Johnson reported he attended the Planning Board Meeting and stated one application was for the 62 acres of farmland on Cranbury Neck Road where the owner wants to split the property into two (2) 31-acre lots and sell one to the neighboring farmer and the other portion would become part of the farm he owns. Mr. Johnson stated this is not a subdivision in the classic sense as no homes would be built and no roads would be created as a result of the subdivision. Mr. Johnson confirmed this is Preserved Farm Land, and approval for the subdivision was already obtained from the State before the applicant came to the Planning Board. He further reported the other applicant was looking to put up a sign on the Turnpike.

Mr. Johnson reported Bristol Meyer Squibb will be donating furniture to the new Cranbury Library. He stated the Library will need a place to store the furniture for probably a year, and he stated Matrix offered to store the furniture.

--Subcommittees

There were no reports from Subcommittees.

--Department Heads

There were no reports from Department Heads.

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Follow-up Items

There were no follow-up items for this evening.

Agenda Additions/Changes

Ms. Cunningham reported Consent Agenda Resolution # R 01-17-023 is being pulled, and it will probably be added to the next meeting's agenda. For Resolution # 01-17-025, Ms. Cunningham stated the contracts for Mr. A. Feranda/Shropshire Associates and Mr. Glenn Gerken/T & M Associates will be considered at a later date.

Public Comment (For Items on the Agenda)

Mayor Cook opened the meeting to public comment for items on the Agenda. Hearing no comments or questions, Mayor Cook closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Ordinance

First Reading

Cranbury Township Ordinance # 01-17-01

An Ordinance entitled, Cranbury Township Ordinance # 01-17-01, "CALENDAR YEAR 2017 MODEL ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) was introduced for first reading. On motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Taylor, the Ordinance was passed on first reading by vote:

Ayes:	(Goetz	Abstain:	(None
	(Johnson	Absent:	(None
	(Mulligan		
	(Taylor		
	(Cook		

Nays: (None

Public Hearing: February 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to .5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township of Cranbury in the County of Middlesex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2017 budget by up to 3% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body hereby determines that a 3% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$213,443.55 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

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Cranbury Township Ordinance # 01-17-01

WHEREAS the governing body hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the governing body of the Township of Cranbury, in the County of Middlesex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2017 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Cranbury shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$213,443.55, and that the CY 2017 municipal budget for the Township of Cranbury be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Resolutions

Consent Agenda

Mayor Cook asked the Township Committee if there were any questions or comments on the Consent Agenda. Hearing no questions or comments, Mayor Cook requested a motion to adopt Consent Resolutions, with the exception of the contracts for Shropshire Associates and T & M Associates. On a motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried, the following Resolutions were adopted by vote:

Ayes: (Goetz
(Johnson
(Mulligan
(Taylor
(Cook

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 01-17-021

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 01-17-022

WHEREAS, Cranbury Township owns and maintains Corporate Drive, Brick Yard Road, Hightstown-Cranbury Station Road and Cranbury-Half Acre Road, located in Cranbury Township, Middlesex County; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority has developed the New Jersey Turnpike Interchange 6 to 9 Widening Program involving the construction of three (3) truck/car lanes with full

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shoulders in each direction and the reconstruction of Corporate Drive, Brick Yard Road, Hightstown-Cranbury Station Road and Cranbury Half-Acre Road; and

WHEREAS, this Program will benefit the Township and the New Jersey Turnpike Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Parties are entering into an Agreement to set forth their respective rights and responsibilities with respect to the new improvements at the Turnpike and the road crossings of Brick Yard Road, Hightstown-Cranbury Station Road and Cranbury-Half Acre Road;

WHEREAS, both parties agree and concur that they shall accept and exercise exclusive jurisdiction, maintenance and control over the respective areas marked on the Maintenance and Jurisdictional Maps;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Township of Cranbury.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 01-17-024

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b 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 2017 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.

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2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions 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.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 01-17-025

A RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to hire the following firms (collectively "Professionals") to provide professional services to the Township during the calendar year 2017 as follows:

- a). Karen Baldino, CMFO - Financial Consultant
- b). City Connections - Web Page Development
- c). Trishka W. Cecil, Esq. and Mason Griffin & Pierson, PC - Planning and Zoning Legal Services
- d). Virginia Guinta – Planning and Zoning Transcription Services
- e). Harry Haushalter, Esq. – Tax Appeal Services
- f). David J. Hoder, PE and Hoder Associates – Planning and Zoning Engineering Services
- g). James J. Kochenour, PE and Arora and Associates, PC – Conflict Traffic Engineer
- h). Mary Beth Loneragan, PP, AICP and Clarke Caton Hintz - COAH-related matters.
- i). John J. Maley, CPA, RMA and Holman, Frenia Allison, PC – Township Auditor
- j). Edward J. McManimon, Esq. and McManimon Scotland and Baumann, LLC – Bond Counsel
- k). Richard Preiss, PP and Phillips, Preiss, Grygiel, LLC – Township Planner
- l). Mark S. Ruderman, Esq. and Ruderman Horn & Esmerado, PC – Labor Relations Counsel
- m). Janice E. Talley, PP, AICP – Planning and Zoning Conflict Planner
- n). Van Cleef Engineering Associates, LLC – Township Engineer
- o). Steven J. Goodell, Esq., Parker McCay – Township Attorney

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WHEREAS, the costs for the services to be provided by the Professionals are set forth in their respective proposals submitted to the Township, which are incorporated herein as if fully restated; and

WHEREAS, the Township has a need to acquire the foregoing services without a "Fair and Open Process" as defined by P.L. 2004, c. 19, the "Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law"; and

WHEREAS, the Professionals have completed and filed with the Township Campaign Contributions Affidavits as required by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.2 *et seq.* certifying that they have not made any prohibited contributions to a candidate's committee or municipal committee representing the elected officials of the Township of Cranbury, along with Certifications Regarding Political Contributions as required by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et. seq.* authorizes the award of these contracts without public bidding on the basis that they are professional services agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Cranbury Township Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for these purposes and that the value of each Agreement will exceed \$17,500.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, in Middlesex County, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township of Cranbury hereby approves the following firms to provide professional services to the Township during the calendar year 2017:

- a). Karen Baldino, CMFO - Financial Consultant
- b). City Connections - Web Page Development
- c). Trishka W. Cecil, Esq. and Mason Griffin & Pierson, PC - Planning and Zoning Legal Services
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2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter into Professional Services Agreements with the aforementioned professionals pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.* These contracts are being awarded without competitive bidding as Professional Services Agreements under the provisions of the aforementioned law because a service will be rendered or performed by a person or persons by law to practice recognized professions and whose practice is regulated by law.

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3. A copy of this Resolution, the pay-to-play forms, and the executed Agreements and insurance certificates shall be placed on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

4. A brief notice of this action shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Cranbury within ten (10) days of its passage.

Reports from Township Staff and Professionals

--Administrator's Report

Ms. Marabello reported the Township's Budget Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 28th at 9:00 a.m. She stated the Shade Tree Commission will be added to the Budget Agenda.

--Assistant Administrator

Ms. Cunningham stated she had nothing to report.

Reports from Township Boards and Commissions

Shade Tree Commission

Ms. Kathy Easton, Chair of the Shade Tree Commission gave the Commission's report for 2015 and 2016. At the Township Committee's request, Ms. Easton gave a summary of the report. She stated in 2015, the Commission met with the Township Committee to get a better understanding of the Tree Ordinance. She reported they have submitted articles for the Newsletter and planted a Sugar Maple for Arbor Day in 2015. In 2016, Ms. Easton stated the Shade Tree Commission was granted \$5,000 to replace trees on Main Street due to age or damage from storms. Ms. Easton stated some of that funding was used instead to take down hazardous ash trees that were infested by the Emerald Ash Borer. She stated the Commission responded to many questions from residents concerning the ash trees. Ms. Easton stated the diseased ash trees in the Village have already been taken down, and at Saturday's Budget Meeting, she will discuss taking down the ash trees in Four Seasons and the right-of-way. Mayor Cook inquired if only diseased ash trees will be taken down, and Ms. Easton stated all ash trees will be removed. She stated there is no way to stop the disease, and it is expensive to treat the trees.

Ms. Goetz reported the Shade Tree Commission also participated in all of the "Downtown Beautification" efforts by identifying the right trees to plant on Main Street. She stated the Shade Tree was also able to provide information on trees to developers for projects. Ms. Goetz stated the Township Committee appreciates how hard Shade Tree worked with the High Point developers to identify trees.

Mr. Taylor stated there is concern about some dead trees in Heritage Park. Ms. Easton stated last year's survey was concentrated on missing trees on Main Street and also the diseased ash trees. She stated the Parks Commission reported there were no ash trees in the Township parks so an inventory was not done in the parks. She stated if the Shade Tree Commission notices a hazardous tree, they always let Public Works know, and stated Parks will be submitting a list to Public Works. Ms. Marabello stated Public Works will not take any trees down in the Township's parks without Shade Tree's permission.

Mayor Cook requested the Shade Tree update the survey done approximately five (5) years ago and perhaps even expand it to rank the condition of trees in the Township. The previous survey concentrated on the condition of trees on Main Street; however, Mayor Cook stated expanding the survey of hazardous trees could help the Township Committee for budgeting purposes. Ms. Easton stated the survey should not be difficult to update since some of the hazardous trees have already been removed. Ms. Easton stated many of the Turnpike trees that were planted are looking great. Ms. Bonnie Larson, member of the Shade Tree, stated she and Ms. Christine Quinn conducted the survey of the entire Town five (5) years ago, and she stated many of the trees were not Township trees. Ms. Easton stated there is a great awareness of trees

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Shade Tree Commission

(Ms. Kathy Easton cont'd.)

now and the Shade Tree is getting a lot of calls from residents inquiring if trees are hazardous. She stated the condition of trees cannot be determined until they "leaf out," probably in the summer or in September.

Mr. Taylor inquired about the condition of the tree on the corner near Cranbury Pizza, and Ms. Easton stated she will have to look at it once it "leafs out." The Township Committee thanked Ms. Easton for her report.

Public Comment

Mayor Cook opened the meeting to public comment.

Ms. Michele Gittings, Park Place West, stated she attended the Princeton Superintendent's meetings concerning the Princeton Charter School. Ms. Gittings stated feedback was provided by parents from Princeton and Cranbury, as well as from the Charter School's parents. Ms. Gittings stated a presentation was given outlining all of the costs of educating a child in the Princeton School system as well as the Charter School system, subtracting items to try to create an apples-to-apples comparison. She gave a summary of the presentation and stated the reason the Charter School is requesting additional funding is to increase the number of low-income students and students with disabilities. Ms. Gittings shared additional information from the meeting. She further explained to the Committee that residents are concerned that Cranbury students will not continue at Princeton School. At a Cranbury School meeting, the Princeton Superintendent affirmed that Cranbury students are absolutely not in jeopardy of being pulled from Princeton High School. Mayor Cook confirmed there is a good relationship with Princeton and there is no reason to worry. Mayor Cook urged residents to continue writing to oppose the additional funding to the Charter School. Mr. Taylor stated he felt the impact of the rumors that Cranbury students would not be attending Princeton when he was selling his home. Ms. Goetz stated the Cranbury/Princeton relationship was investigated when the Township was doing the Hagerty/Cheney Project. She stated the school system was looked out during the planning for affordable housing as well. Ms. Goetz stated she and Mr. Johnson met with representatives of the Cranbury School Board who also sit on the Princeton School Board, and they were assured that Princeton wants Cranbury as much as the Cranbury Township wants them. She stated the population Princeton has is much larger than what Cranbury sends them. Mayor Cook stated since Princeton is in Mercer County and Cranbury is in Middlesex, the State views the relationship as a great example of shared services.

Mr. Richard Kallan, Wynnewood Drive stated his children went to Lawrence High School and stated the Cranbury students were always in the top of the class. Mr. Kallan stated there would be no financial benefit for Princeton to sever its relationship with Cranbury.

Mr. Bob Dillon, Hightstown-Cranbury Station Road provided additional updates on the conditions of Hightstown-Cranbury Station Road. He stated tractor trailers do not fit on the roadway and are unable to stay on their side of the road due to the roadway's width and configuration. He stated the roadway is approximately 22 feet wide, and if two (2) tractor trailers are side by side on the road, there is only 14-1/2 inches on each side of them, making it an unsafe condition.

Mr. Dillon presented photographs for the Township Committee to review. He showed that Cranbury Brickyard made a curb cut facing Brickyard Road, which is contradictory to what was presented to the Planning Board when it was stated they would be using Cranbury Station Road and not Brickyard Road for access to the site. Mr. Dillon showed photos of the loading dock without screening or mounding to hide the area (unlike other warehouses in the Township), which is also contradictory to the plans presented to the Planning Board.

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Public Comment

(Mr. Bob Dillon cont'd.)

Mr. Dillon stated the trucks have been running over the corner of his property and damaging his lawn. He stated the stop sign on his lawn has been knocked down twice over recent years. He questioned the engineer's report about the speed limit and stated he has not been able to find the Statute quoted in the Engineer's report. Mayor Cook stated the Township is trying to address the speed situation by making the speed as low as it can be; however, he stated it will be an enforcement issue. Ms. Goetz stated if Mr. Dillon could not locate the Statute reference, she stated she was sure the information could be found for him.

Mr. Mulligan stated the most addressable issue would be the traffic flow patterns. He stated he remembers that the traffic would all go out Station Road and not Brickyard Road. Mayor Cook stated, as a result of Mr. Dillon bringing forth issues at the last few Township Committee meeting, it is important to clarify who enforces the site plan that was approved for Veridian. He stated he was not sure if the issues would stop once the construction was done. Mayor Cook stated he was not sure what the plans were for the actual roadway post construction to handle the traffic. He stated there may be construction issues that will end when the construction is complete; however, he would like to find out what will be allowed once the construction is finished. Mayor Cook stated he felt the Township has addressed what it can as far as the speed limits, and Ms. Goetz stated Mr. Tanner can provide the information Mr. Dillon is looking for. Mr. Dillon stated two (2) roads over the speed limit is 25 mph and Hightstown-Cranbury Station is 40 mph, whether during or post construction. Ms. Marabello stated the speed information is NJ State Statute 39.

Mr. Dillon stated it is a waste of time for him to call the Police when he sees something questionable. He stated "incident" reports and inquired if the Township Committee receives those reports. He stated it is unfair of the Township to expect him or his family to try to correct an unsafe condition in Cranbury Township. He stated the Planning Board allowed the situation to be created and it is the Township's responsibility to correct the problem.

Mayor Cook stated the plans would be reviewed to see if they address the roadways post construction. He stated the Township will look at truck traffic in the area, including Liberty Way and the effects on Route 130. Mayor Cook stated Monroe and South Brunswick will have to be looked at as the traffic affects the surrounding area as well. Mr. Mulligan stated at the last meeting it was discussed that once the warehouse is fully operational, another survey can be done to assess the speed limits. Hearing no additional comments, Mayor Cook closed the public portion of the meeting.

Mayor's Notes

Mayor Cook stated he had nothing further to report.

Township Committee Members' Notes

There were no additional Township Committee Members' Notes.

Mayor Cook requested a motion to adjourn. On motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Kathleen R. Cunningham
Municipal Clerk