

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
August 22, 2022

The Township Committee Regular Meeting of the Township of Cranbury commenced at 7:00 p.m. by remote access videoconferencing in response to COVID-19 and the updated Open Public Meeting Act guidelines. Answering present to roll call were Township Committee members: Eman El-Badawi, Michael Ferrante, Michael Scott, Evelyn Spann, and Mayor Barbara Rogers. Also present were Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/CFO, Chief of Police Michael Owens and Debra Rubin, Municipal Clerk. Mayor Rogers led in the salute to the flag, and Ms. Rubin read 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 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 January 5, 2022.

Filed on January 5, 2022 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. Township website was previously updated with remote access information on April 24, 2020, and updated June 18, 2020.

Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

Ms. Rubin read the following additional statement:

Cranbury Township

Statement on Public Comment during Remote Meeting

The public may electronically submit questions or comments to twpcclerk@cranbury-nj.com or in written letter form via mail to Cranbury Township Town Hall no later than 3:00 p.m. the day of the scheduled Committee Meeting. Name, address and phone or email must be included. Timely submitted questions or public comment shall be read aloud and addressed during the public meeting. Duplicate written comments may be summarized and noted for the record in a consistent manner.

To eliminate background noise so that all meeting participants may hear, please mute your microphone and remain in listening mode only. The Clerk will place all remote attendees on this platform on mute as well and will manage the order of the remote participant's comments. During public comment period(s), the Clerk will make an announcement that any remote participant seeking to comment must signify their intent by using the "raise hand" feature on Zoom. The Clerk will then unmute each participant individually when it is their designated time to speak. If you do not have a question or comment, please keep your microphone muted. Please unmute yourself only at the direction of the Clerk. All remote users must state their name and address at the beginning of his/her public comment.

Should a member of the public using the Zoom platform become disruptive, that individual will be kept on mute and receive a warning that continued disruption may result in their being prevented from speaking or removed from the meeting entirely. If time permits, the disruptive individual shall be allowed to speak after all other members of the public have been given the opportunity to speak.

The Township Committee will facilitate a dialogue with all commenters to the extent permitted by Zoom technology.

Approval of Minutes: Mayor Rogers asked if any members of the Township Committee would like to address changes or amendments to the following minutes. Hearing none, Mayor Rogers asked for a motion to adopt the following minutes:

-- Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes August 8, 2022;

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On a motion by Mr. Ferrante, seconded by Mrs. El-Badawi, along with the following roll call vote of the members of the Township Committee;

Ayes: (El-Badawi
(Ferrante
(Scott
(Spann
(Rogers

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None

Nays: (None

the Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2022 were unanimously adopted.

**Reports and Communications
Members of Committee**

- Mrs. El-Badawi – Mrs. El-Badawi reported on her attendance at the Parks Commission. She confirmed the upcoming rescheduled Arts in the Park event at Heritage Park. She also provided an update to the water fountain project.
- Mr. Ferrante – Mr. Ferrante reported on his attendance at the Library Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Ferrante provided an update to the library's tentative grand opening and several Eagle Scout projects.
- Mr. Scott – Mr. Scott reported on his attendance at the Historic Preservation Committee and Traffic and Safety Subcommittee meetings. Mr. Scott discussed HPC's desire to be notified of applications under review of the Planning Board. Mr. Ferrante clarified that individuals on HPC who are interested in Planning Board hearings should follow projects as a private citizen and not acting as a member of HPC. This is applicable to all volunteers on every board/commission/committee within the Township.
- Mrs. Spann – Mrs. Spann reported on her attendance at the Traffic and Safety Subcommittee meeting. She provided an update on Gateway signs on Station Road and Rt. 130.

Mayor

Mayor Rogers – The following items were covered under the Mayor's Updates and Upcoming Events;

Reports & Communications:

- **Sustainable Jersey** – Deadline to submit is end of August. Mayor Rogers will continue to request additional information from staff, boards and commissions to upgrade the Township from bronze to silver status
- **Senior Center** – Lunches in the Senior Center have returned. Registration is required
- **Time Capsule 2022** – Contents are to be collected by Library and resident signatures and greetings are to be collected by Township Committee on Cranbury Day

Reminders:

- **September 10** – Cranbury Day at North Main Street 9am-4pm
September 10 – Helene Cody 5K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Run at Heritage Park
- **September 24** - Lion's Club 90th Anniversary Celebration at Cranbury Inn. All are welcome. Details on the Lion's Club website
- **November 19** – Upcoming Library Grand Opening with day filled with events and speakers

325 Anniversary Events:

- **September:** Gourgaud Gallery – Exhibit of residents of Cranbury who have passed away and contributed to the Township
- **Arts in the Park** – September 18 1pm-3pm at Heritage Park

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- **Tour de Cranbury:** Fall biking event – Troop 52 Eagle Scout Project

Boards:

Chief Michael Owens, Chief of Police, gave his to date reports. The Police Department is continuing their traffic enforcement throughout the community. Officers have continued to do business and residential checks during the summer. National Night Out was a huge success. He thanked the members of the community who participated and helped planned the event. Chief Owens additionally reported that school crossing guard training is beginning in anticipation for the upcoming school year. He stated that anyone interested in becoming a school crossing guard may fill out an application on the Township's website.

Agenda Additions/Changes – None

Boards and Commissions – Mayoral Appointments/Vacancies: Mayor Rogers announced one (1) vacancy on Municipal Alliance.

Ordinances –

First Reading – Ms. Rubin read the following ordinance by title only:

a). **An Ordinance of The Township of Cranbury, Middlesex County, New Jersey, Reappropriating \$6,500.00 Proceeds of Obligations Not Needed for Their Original Purposes**

Mr. Ferrante made a motion to introduce the following ordinance. Mr. Scott seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the ordinance passed by the majority for introduction. Second reading will be held on September 12, 2022.

Ayes: (El-Badawi
(Ferrante
(Scott
(Rogers

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None

Nays: (Spann

Second Reading – None

Resolutions – Consent

Mayor Rogers asked the Township Committee if there were any questions or comments on the Consent Agenda items. Hearing none, the Mayor asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda items. On a motion by Mrs. El-Badawi, seconded by Mr. Ferrante the following Consent Agenda Resolution(s) were adopted unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes: (El-Badawi
(Ferrante
(Scott
(Spann
(Rogers

Abstain: (None
Absent: (None

Nays: (None

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #R 06-22-108

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Cranbury that all bills and claims as audited and found to be correct be paid;

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CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 08-22-109

Appointment to Municipal Alliance Committee

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 individuals are appointed as members on the Municipal Alliance Committee and terms noted effective August 22, 2022:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM ENDING</u>
Elizabeth Grimaldi	Alt. 1 Member	12/31/22

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 08-22-110

A Resolution Appointing An Alternate Fund Commissioner To Serve On The Mid Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

BE IT RESOLVED, on this 22nd day of August by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the appointment of Denise Marabello as Alternate Fund Commissioner to replace Jean Golisano for the Mid Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and is hereby authorized.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Denise Marabello replace Jean Golisano as Alternate Fund Commissioner for the remainder of 2022.

Public Comment

Mayor Rogers opened the meeting to public comment. No comments were received in writing prior to the meeting deadline.

- Charlie Kratovil – Mr. Kratovil discussed the construction of a power plant in Woodbridge and the potential environmental impact. He stated he can provide a model resolution for Township Committee to adopt if in agreement.
- Rachel Dawn Davis – Ms. Davis provided additional comments against the construction of a power plant in Woodbridge.
- Wayne Wittman – Mr. Wittman inquired about lowering the speed limit on South Main Street between Old Trenton Road and Rt. 130.

Mayor Rogers closed the public comment portion at 8:01 p.m.

Mayor Rogers commented that the Traffic and Safety Subcommittee will investigate the speed limit between Old Trenton Road and Rt. 130 at their next meeting.

Mayor Rogers thanked the Township Committee and Township Staff, highlighting Ms. Rubin, on successfully running Zoom Meetings throughout the pandemic. This is the final virtual meeting of the Township Committee. September 12th will be the first Township in-person meeting. Any boards/commissions/committees who meet before then will remain virtual until after the September 12th date. Ms. Rubin confirmed the link to the YouTube channel for residents to view the live feed will be shared with the public.

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Action Items:

- None

Adjourn

Mayor Rogers requested a motion to adjourn. On motion by Mr. Ferrante, seconded by Mrs. Spann and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Debra A. Rubin, RMC
Municipal Clerk