

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING  
October 23, 2023

The Township Committee Meeting of the Township of Cranbury was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Town Hall. Answering present to roll call were Township Committee members: Eman El-Badawi, Lisa Knierim, Dr. Barbara Rogers, Matthew Scott and Mayor Michael Ferrante. Also present were Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/CFO, Chief Michael Owens, Chief of Police and Debra Rubin, Municipal Clerk. Mayor Ferrante 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 6, 2023.

Filed on January 6, 2023 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.

**Agenda Additions/Changes:** None

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

**-- Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes October 9, 2023**

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

Ayes: (El-Badawi  
(Scott  
(Ferrante

Abstain: (Knierim  
(Rogers

Absent: (None

Nays: (None

the Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2023 were adopted in the affirmative by the members present.

**Reports and Communications:**

**Members of Committee**

- Mr. Scott – Mr. Scott provided an update to the pickleball project. He reported on his anticipated attendance at the Board of Recreation meeting.
- Ms. Knierim – Ms. Knierim provided updates to the draft EDAC survey for Cranbury businesses. Ms. Knierim plans to attend the South Brunswick Economic Development luncheon in early November for outreach purposes. She additionally reported on RevolutionNJ celebrating the United States' 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Dr. Rogers – Dr. Rogers was unable to attend the Environmental Commission meeting but received a report from the Chair. She reported that the Shade Tree Commission had a work session meeting regarding the Tree Protection Ordinance. She provided an update to the Bike Network Plan and Municipal Energy Audit. Dr. Rogers plans to attend the upcoming Complete Streets Summit.

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- Ms. El-Badawi – Ms. El-Badawi reported on her attendance at the Municipal Alliance meeting and at the Parks Commission meeting on behalf of Mr. Scott. She shared information on a video produced for the Cranbury School 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. She reported on the success of the Mayors Wellness Living Well Van.

**Mayor**

Mayor Ferrante – Mayor Ferrante reported on officiating a wedding at Town Hall earlier in the day. He provided an update to the walking path between Birchwood and Bennett Place. He additionally reported on his attendance at the Fire Company's Open House event and the Library Board of Trustees meeting.

**Reminders:**

- **October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>** – The Little Prince at Princeton High School
- **November 4<sup>th</sup>** – St. David's Episcopal Church Annual Auction
- **November 4<sup>th</sup>** – Scouting for Food – Troop 52 and Pack 52 will be placing bags on all front doors to collect food and hygiene items
- **November 7<sup>th</sup>** – Election Day
- **November 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>** – The Great Gatsby at Princeton High School Spectacle Theatre Company
- **Free Narcan Training every month**

**Department Heads:**

**Police Department**

Chief Michael Owens, Chief of Police, gave his report of September through early October. He reported on the Department's preparation for Halloween 2023. He additionally reported on the DEA National Takeback Prescription program on October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Police Department.

**RevolutionNJ**

Ms. Knierim presented to the Township Committee her support for RevolutionNJ. A point person will need to be selected to organize any upcoming events.

**Follow-up Items:** None.

**Boards:** None.

**Work Session**

- a) **Discussion of Proposed Township Committee Meeting Dates for 2024 – Ms. Marabello, Township Administrator/Director of Finance will review and discuss with the Township Committee the proposed 2024 meeting dates**

Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/Director of Finance reviewed the proposed dates with the Township Committee. Hearing no other comments or questions, the Township Committee members unanimously approved the proposed Township Committee Meeting Dates for 2024.

- b) **Chamber of Commerce**

Eric Harmon of the Cranbury Chamber of Commerce shared a synopsis of the Chamber of Commerce as well as provided the one-year anniversary accomplishments report to the Township Committee. Township Committee members commended Mr. Harmon and the Chamber of Commerce for their hard work.

**Boards and Commissions** – Mayoral Appointments/Vacancies

**Mayoral Appointments:** None.

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**Vacancies:**

- Municipal Alliance
  - Member, expiring 12/31/23
- Parks Commission
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate, expiring 12/31/23
- Recreation Commission
  - Member, expiring 12/31/25

**Ordinances:**

**First Reading – None.**

**Second Reading – None.**

**Resolutions – Consent**

Mayor Ferrante asked the Committee if there were any questions or comments on the Consent Agenda items. Ms. El-Badawi requested Resolution # R 10-23-096 be pulled from the Consent Resolution list to be voted on separately. Hearing none others, Mayor Ferrante asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda resolution(s) (a, c and d). On motion by Mr. Scott, seconded by Ms. Knierim, the following Consent Resolution(s) were adopted unanimously by the following vote:

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

Abstain: (None  
Absent: (None

Nays: (None

**CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 10-23-095**

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 10-23-097**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY,  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NJ SUPPORTING REVOLUTIONNJ**

WHEREAS, Governor Philip Murphy and the New Jersey State Legislature created RevolutionNJ in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, New Jersey's pivotal role in the American Revolution, and the contributions of its diverse peoples to the nation's past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Historical Commission, under the leadership of Secretary of State Tahesha Way, with its non-profit partner Crossroads of the American Revolution established RevolutionNJ to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism, and scholarship in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will engage New Jerseyans in all 21 counties and 564 municipalities through its officially recognized programs, initiatives, and events over the next ten years; and

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WHEREAS, it is fitting and desirable that we commemorate the beginning of the Nation and the role New Jersey played over the past 250 years as well as its present and future role as part of the United States, with particular focus on the individuals, ideas, and events that shaped our Country, State, County and Township; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will consider the role New Jersey played during the American Revolution when it saw more battles and skirmishes than any other state and was truly the Crossroads of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will highlight the role New Jerseyans played beyond the battlefield during the American Revolution when people of diverse backgrounds contributed to the development of the State and the Nation in various ways and fought for the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, preserving, studying, and enjoying state history strengthens communities and builds bonds between New Jersey residents as we work together toward the goals of justice and equality embedded in the United States Constitution;

New Jersey Historical Commission  
P.O. Box 305  
Trenton, NJ 08625  
Crossroads of the American Revolution Assoc. Inc.  
101 Barrack Street  
Trenton, NJ 08625

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Cranbury hereby endorses RevolutionNJ and its mission to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism and scholarship in New Jersey.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. The Township Committee commemorates the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the United States as an independent Nation.
2. The Township Committee authorizes the appointment of a committee to develop a plan for this commemoration that will promote the maximum involvement of our residents, neighborhoods, businesses, schools, civic organizations, and institutions in the commemorations.
3. The Township Committee further urges all its residents to reflect upon the significance of this event and the role that our State and its diverse people have played in the history and development of our Nation and to participate in this important commemoration, endeavoring to include the stories of all those whose lives are part of the history of what we now know as New Jersey, and understanding that the revolution continues today as we uphold the revolutionary ideals articulated in our founding documents.

**CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 10-23-098**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A BID WITH  
EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC. FOR BIOXIDE OR APPROVED EQUAL**

WHEREAS, one (1) bid was received on October 11, 2023 for a contract for the supply of Bioxide or Approved Equal; and;

WHEREAS, one bid was received from Evoqua Water Technology LLC of Sarasota Florida with a bid of \$3.19/gallon, \$223,300.00 total for two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to enter into an agreement with Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC, Sarasota, FL and

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WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-4.1 et seq., authorizes the award for purposes for which a competitive bid may be used by local units; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there will be sufficient funds for this contract;

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Evoqua Water Technology LLC of Sarasota, Florida for the supply of Bioxide or approved equal and
2. A copy of the Agreement shall be available for public inspection in the Township Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

**Resolutions**

Mayor Ferrante asked the Committee if there were any questions or comments on Resolution # R 10-23-096. Hearing none, Mayor Ferrante asked for a motion to approve Resolution # R 10-23-096. On motion by Ms. Knierim, seconded by Dr. Rogers, the following Resolution was adopted in the affirmative by the following vote:

Ayes: (Knierim  
(Rogers  
(Scott  
(Ferrante

Abstain: (El-Badawi  
Absent: (None

Nays: (None

**CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 10-23-096**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, NJ**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF ESCROW**

WHEREAS, Omar Mobin-Uddin has deposited planning escrow with Cranbury Township

WHEREAS, Omar Mobin-Uddin has requested the release of the balance of said escrow in the amount of \$38,882.01.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury authorizes the release of the above escrow deposit.

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 Director of Finance
- (b) Omar Mobin-Uddin

**Public Comment**

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Mayor Ferrante reminded the public of the three (3) minute time limit for public comment. Mayor Ferrante then opened the meeting to public comment.

- Martin Haring – Mr. Haring reported on the road conditions in the Four Seasons development. He requested the township consider adding their roads for upcoming repaving projects.

Hearing and seeing no one else, Mayor Ferrante closed public comment.

**Action Items** –

- EDAC Survey – final edits and comments due by October 30<sup>th</sup> to Ms. Knierim
- Shade Tree Commission to attend the November 27<sup>th</sup> Township Committee meeting

**Adjourn**

Mayor Ferrante requested a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Ms. Knierim, seconded by Dr. Rogers and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

**Debra A. Rubin**  
Debra A. Rubin, RMC  
Municipal Clerk