

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
January 8, 2024

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: Michael Ferrante, Lisa Knierim, and Mayor Eman El-Badawi. Dr. Barbara Rogers and Matthew Scott were both absent. Also present were Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/CFO, 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 5, 2024.

Filed on January 5, 2024 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 El-Badawi asked if any members of the Township Committee would like to address changes or amendments to the following minutes. Hearing none, Mayor El-Badawi asked for a motion to adopt the following minutes:

-- Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes December 11, 2023

On a motion by Ms. Knierim, seconded by Mr. Ferrante, along with the following roll call vote of the members of the Township Committee;

Ayes: (El-Badawi
(Knierim
(Ferrante

Abstain: (None
Absent: (Rogers
(Scott

Nays: (None

the Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2024 were unanimously adopted by members present.

Reports and Communications:

Members of Committee

- Mr. Ferrante – None of the board/commissions he is liaison to have met in 2024.
- Ms. Knierim – Ms. Knierim discussed her upcoming liaison meeting dates and thanked Michael Ferrante for his time and dedication as Mayor in 2023.

Mayor

Mayor El-Badawi - None of the board/commissions she is liaison to have met in 2024.

Department Heads: None

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Follow-up Items: Mr. Ferrante reported the walking path connecting CHA to Ingerman was completed.

Boards: None.

Boards and Commissions – Mayoral Appointments/Vacancies

Mayoral Appointments: None.

Vacancies:

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

Ordinances:

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

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 01-24-01
CALENDAR YEAR 2024
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH
A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Mr. Ferrante made a motion to introduce the following ordinance. Ms. Knierim seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the ordinance was introduced unanimously by those present. Second reading to be held January 22, 2024.

Ayes: (Knierim
(Ferrante
(El-Badawi

Nays: (None

Abstain: (None

Absent: (Rogers
(Scott

Ms. Rubin read the following ordinance by title only:

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 01-24-02
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO
COMCAST OF NEW JERSEY, LLC. TO CONSTRUCT, CONNECT,
OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATIONS
SYSTEM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CRANBURY, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Ms. Knierim made a motion to introduce the following ordinance. Mr. Ferrante seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the ordinance was introduced unanimously by those present. Second reading to be held January 22, 2024.

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Ayes: (Knierim
(Ferrante
(El-Badawi

Nays: (None

Abstain: (None

Absent: (Rogers
(Scott

Second Reading - None

Resolutions – Consent Add resolutions

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

Ayes: (Ferrante
(Knierim
(El-Badawi

Nays: (None

Abstain: (None

Absent: (Rogers
(Scott

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 01-24-018

WHEREAS, Sunnymac, LLC will not be performing the work and no longer needs the permit; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Official has recommended that the following Permit be refunded:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Permit #</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Refund Amount</u>
Sunnymac, LLC	23-395	23 Silvers Lane	97.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, that the above permit payment be refunded.

CRANBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # R 01-24-019

SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION

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

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Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2024 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.
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 01-24-020
Appointment to Municipal Alliance Committee**

WHEREAS, it is necessary to make the following appointment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury that the following individual(s) is appointed to the position(s) and term(s) noted effective January 8, 2024:

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

NAME	APPOINTMENT	TERM ENDING
Manish Kumar, Member	Municipal Alliance Committee	12/31/26

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Public Comment

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

Hearing and seeing none, Mayor El-Badawi closed public comment.

Action Items

Adjourn

Mayor El-Badawi requested a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Mr. Ferrante, seconded by Mrs. Knierim and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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