

**TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-10

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$4,735,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE VARIOUS GRANTS AND A DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT CORPORATION CONTRIBUTION, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Cranford, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey (the "Township") is hereby authorized to make various public improvements and to acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new information technology equipment and new communication and signal systems equipment in, by and for said Township, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. The cost of the improvements includes all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized, and the various grants, the Downtown Management Corporation ("DMC") contribution and the down payment appropriated, by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements is not a current expense of said Township.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the various grants hereinafter appropriated, and (3) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the DMC contribution hereinafter appropriated, and (4) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes,

and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (6) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Resurfacing or reconstruction of various Township roads, as set forth on a list prepared or to be prepared by the Township Engineer, and placed on file or to be placed on file with the Township Clerk, and hereby approved as if set forth herein in full. Depending upon the contract price and other exigent circumstances, and upon approval by the Township Committee, there may be additions to or deletions from the aforesaid list. It is hereby determined and stated that said roads being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 698,200
County Grant Appropriated	\$ 90,000
Federal Grant Appropriated	\$ 25,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 27,775
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 555,425
Period of Usefulness	10 years

B. Undertaking of drainage and curbing improvements at various locations, including, but not limited to, Summit Road (from Belmont Avenue to Herning Avenue).

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 380,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 18,100
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 361,900
Period of Usefulness	10 years

C. Undertaking of pedestrian safety improvements at various locations, including, but not limited to, (i) Birch Street and (ii) Adams Field.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 850,000
State Grant Appropriated	\$ 575,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 13,100
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 261,900
Period of Usefulness	10 years

D. Resurfacing of the following roads: (i) Fifth Avenue (from Cedar Street to dead end); (ii) Cummings Street (from Centennial Avenue to Burchfield Avenue); and (iii) Hillside Avenue (from Collins Street to Centennial Avenue). It is hereby determined and stated that said roads being resurfaced are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$1,017,000
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State Grant Appropriated	\$ 416,028
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 28,622
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 572,350
Period of Usefulness	10 years

E. (i) Undertaking of drainage and storm sewer improvements at various locations and (ii) desilting of the Rahway River at various locations.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 120,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 5,715
Bond and Notes Authorized	\$ 114,285
Period of Usefulness	15 years

F. Undertaking of various improvements to Eastman Plaza.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 232,800
State Grant Appropriated	\$ 191,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 39,800
Period of Usefulness	10 years

G. Acquisition of new communication and signal systems equipment for the use of the Police Department consisting of (i) radar speed signs and (ii) flashing beacon signs.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 80,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 3,810
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 76,190
Period of Usefulness	10 years

H. Undertaking of the following security improvements: (i) installation of security cameras at the Cranford Crossing Parking Garage and the Municipal Building; and (ii) installation of a keycard access system at the Municipal Building.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 379,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 18,050
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 360,950
Period of Usefulness	10 years

I. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery for the use of the Fire Department consisting of (i) a power load stretcher and (ii) a chest compression machine.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 101,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 4,810
Bond and Notes Authorized	\$ 96,190
Period of Usefulness	10 years

J. Acquisition of new information technology equipment consisting of a computer server for the use of various Township departments, offices and agencies.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 41,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,600
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 38,400
Period of Usefulness	7 years

K. Undertaking of the Cranford Downtown Streetscape Improvement Project (Phase I).

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 600,000
DMC Contribution Appropriated	\$ 240,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 17,150
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 342,850
Period of Usefulness	10 years

L. Undertaking of the following recreation improvements: (i) installation of an HVAC system at the recreation facility located at 375 Centennial Avenue (the former MHS Tennis Academy acquired by the Township); and (ii) various improvements to the Hillside Avenue tennis courts. It is hereby determined and stated that said public building being improved is of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 236,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 11,240
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 224,760
Period of Usefulness	15 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 4,735,000
Aggregate Grants Appropriated	\$ 1,297,028
DMC Contribution Appropriated	\$ 240,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 152,972
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 3,045,000

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$1,329,396 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 6. The sum of \$90,000 received or to be received as a grant from the Union County Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant Program is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the road improvements authorized in Section 4.A hereof.

Section 7. The sum of \$25,000 received or to be received as a grant from the Union County Community Development program, pursuant to the Federal Housing and Community Development Act, is hereby appropriated to the payment of the road improvements authorized in Section 4.A hereof.

Section 8. The sum of \$575,000 received or to be received as a grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation ("NJDOT") is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the pedestrian safety improvements at Birch Street and Adams Field authorized in Section 4.C hereof.

Section 9. The sum of \$416,028 received or to be received as a grant from the NJDOT is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the road improvements authorized in Section 4.D hereof.

Section 10. The sum of \$191,000 received or to be received as a grant from the NJDOT is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the improvements to Eastman Plaza authorized in Section 4.F hereof.

Section 11. The sum of \$240,000 received or to be received as a contribution from the DMC is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the streetscape improvements authorized in Section 4.K hereof.

Section 12. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$152,972, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Township, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$152,972 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 13. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$3,045,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 14. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$3,045,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 15. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Township and attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 16. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 10.51 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 17. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk of said Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$3,045,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 18. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Union, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes (other than the various grants and the DMC contribution hereinbefore appropriated which shall be applied to the cost of such purposes, but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 19. The Township intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 of this bond ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Township hereby states its

reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 20. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Township, and the Township shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 21. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 22. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Introduced: April 23, 2024

Adopted: May 21, 2024

Approved:

Brian Andrews, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Municipal Clerk

RECORDED VOTE

INTRODUCED

ADOPTED

Brian Andrews	Aye	Aye
Terrence Curran	Aye	Aye
Paul A. Gallo	Aye	Aye
Kathleen Miller Prunty	Aye	Aye
Gina Black	Aye	Aye