

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
February 9, 2009

A meeting of Township Committee was held on this date at 7:00 p.m. in the main meeting room of the Princeton Township Municipal Complex, 400 Witherspoon Street.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Clerk read the following statement.

The following is an accurate statement concerning the providing of notice of this meeting and said statement shall be entered in the minutes of this meeting.

Notice of this meeting as required by Sections 4a, 3d, 13 and 14 of the Open Public Meetings Act has been provided to the public in the form of the 2009 Schedule of Regular Meetings. On January 4, 2009 at 1:15 p.m., said schedule was posted on the official bulletin board in the Municipal Building, transmitted to the Princeton Packet, the Trenton Times, the Trentonian, and the Town Topics, and filed with the Township Clerk.

ROLL CALL

The Township Clerk then called the roll.

Present: Mayor Miller and Mesdames Lempert and Nemeth and Messrs. Goerner and Liverman.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mrs. Monzo, and Messrs Kiser, Pascale, Schmierer and Capt. Buchanan.

MINUTES

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goerner and carried unanimously.

Ms. Nemeth offered a motion to approve the minutes of January 26, 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goerner and carried unanimously.

Mr. Goerner offered a motion to approve the minutes of January 27, 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liverman and carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION
Black History Month

Mayor Miller read the aforementioned proclamation proclaiming Black History Month.

CONSENT AGENDA

Contains items of a routine nature, which are approved by a single vote.

- a. Bills & Claims
- b. Maintenance/Performance Guarantees

- The Hun School – Major Site Plan, Athletic Facilities, Completion time extension to

April 15, 2009.

- Mr. James J. Britt, Esq., Princeton University, Boiler House Renovation, Re-Use, Completion time extension to April 30, 2009
- Mr. James J. Britt, Esq., Princeton University, Whitman College, Completion time extension to April 30, 2009.
- Mr. James J. Britt, Esq. Princeton University, 294-306 Alexander Street, Completion time extension to April 30, 2009.
- J. Halleck Hoeland, Princeton Development Group, Princeton Day School – Building Reconstruction and Expansion Project, Completion time extension to April 1, 2009.

c. Appointments

- Municipal Judge, Bonnie Goldman
- Fire Commissioner, Ed Greenblat
- Recreation Board, Michael Petrone

d. Resolution and Agreement – Mercer County HOME Investment Partnerships Program Consortium

e. Resolution and Agreement: 2009 Canoe Concession, Turning Basin Park

f. Music Amplification Requests:

- Cindy Linville, for a party at 1075 Great Road, February 21, 2009, 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- Janet Lasley, for a party at 860 State Road, March 7, 2009, 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

g. Professional Services Agreement: Zoning Board Attorney, Robert Casey, Esq.

h. Supplemental Agreement: New Jersey Sustainable Institute/Rutgers University, \$15,000.

i. Resolution: Budget Transfers, \$67,200.

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Goerner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

(Bills & Claims and Resolutions appended to this set of minutes.)

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

Bond Ordinance, Various Road Improvements

Mayor Miller read by title on first reading a proposed ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AS A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$300,000.00 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE A PART OF THE COSTS THEREOF.

Mr. Schmierer said that the Township Engineer has indicated that the Public Works Department will be in a position to repair and resurface various roads and streets throughout the Township of Princeton. Utilizing municipal manpower allows for this work to be done for substantially less than

hiring outside contractors. In order to acquire the necessary paving materials for the upcoming paving season, the Township Engineer has requested an appropriation of \$300,000.

Mr. Goerner offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on first reading. Mr. Liverman seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The public hearing was set for February 23, 2009.

Stony Brook Pedestrian Bridge and Pathway

Mayor Miller read by title on first reading a proposed ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AS A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE STONY BROOK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AND PATHWAY BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$789,692.00 THEREFOR.

The Township of Princeton has received Federal and State funding totaling \$789,692. for the construction of a Stony Brook Pedestrian Bridge and Pathway. This project would install a handicapped accessible path adjacent to the Jasna Polana Golf Course and a bridge to cross the Stony Brook linking the pathway through the Hun School of Princeton to existing pathways to the Greenway Meadows Park.

Mr. Schmierer said that the various Federal and State grants which have been committed to this project will pay for the complete cost of the project. Consequently, the Township Engineering Department requests no capital funding for this project. However, in order to authorize this project, the Township is required to adopt a Capital Ordinance.

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on first reading. Ms. Lempert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The public hearing was set for February 23, 2009.

REPORTS

Ms. Lempert said that the Environmental Commission has presented their annual report.

Mr. Goerner said that he had recently attended a meeting with Congressman Rush Holt.

Mr. Goerner also reported that he attended a meeting with Ettl Farm residents regarding the Rosedale Road bridge.

Mr. Liverman said that he recently attended a gang awareness program sponsored by the Township Police Department.

Mayor Miller said that he too attended a meeting with the Mercer County Engineer and residents west of the Rosedale Road bridge. He said that the discussion was “spirited”, noting that there was a consensus for Mercer County to proceed with the project.

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION

TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION (Open Public Meetings Act Sec.3)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Princeton:

1. This body will now convene into a closed session that will be limited only to consideration of an item or items with respect to which the public may be excluded pursuant to section 7B of the Open Public Meetings Act.
2. The general nature of the subject or subjects to be discussed in said session is as follows:

Negotiations/Personnel

3. Stated as precisely as presently possible, the following are the time when and the circumstances under which the discussion conducted at said session can be disclosed to the public:

Within 90 days or upon settlement of litigation, if applicable

Princeton Borough

Robert Morrison, Auditor, Hodilik & Morrison attended this portion of the meeting. He briefed Township Committee on the following issues:

Outstanding Financial Issues (Township Auditor to be Present)

Outstanding Capital Payments

- SOC Audit
- Sewer Rehabilitation Trust Fund Audit
- North Ridge

Joint Issues Meeting

Mr. Pascale offered Township Committee a status report on the joint issues meeting.

Princeton Ridge Lawsuit, Status Report

Mr. Schmierer updated Township Committee on the status of the Princeton Ridge litigation.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Linda S. McDermott
Township Clerk