

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
February 23, 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 Lt. Henderson

MINUTES

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goerner and carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION

Peace Corps Week

Mayor Miller read the aforementioned proclamation proclaiming Peace Corps Week in Princeton Township.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Bills & Claims
- b. Resolution: Down Payment Loan #46, Washington Oaks, \$5,000
- c. Resolution: Subsidy Payment, Washington Oaks
- d. Appointments: Housing Board
 - Tricia Russo, Alternate I
 - James Floyd, Alternate II
- e. Request to Install Temporary Banner: Princeton Senior Resource Center, "Brunch at Home"
- f. Resolutions: Approval of Bus Shelter Installation

g. Resolution: Joint Sidewalk and Bikeway Committee

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

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

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Sewer Laterals, Edgerstoune and Winant

Mayor Miller read by title an ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AS A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SEWER LATERAL REPAIRS BY THE PRINCETON SEWER OPERATING COMMITTEE OF DEFECTIVE SEWER LATERALS INVOLVING PROPERTIES LOCATED ALONG EDGERSTOUNE ROAD AND WINANT ROAD WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF THE SUM OF \$322,100.00 THEREFOR, PROVIDING FOR THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE MAKING OF A DOWN PAYMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF SAID TOWNSHIP AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF 100% OF THE COST THEREOF UPON THE BENEFITTED PROPERTY OWNERS.

Mayor Miller opened the public hearing. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Goerner offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liverman and carried unanimously.

Sewer Laterals, Cedar Lane, Southern Way and Western Way

Mayor Miller read by title an ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AS A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SANITARY SEWER LATERAL REPAIRS BY THE PRINCETON SEWER OPERATING COMMITTEE OF DEFECTIVE SEWER LATERALS INVOLVING PROPERTIES LOCATED ALONG CEDAR LANE, SOUTHERN WAY AND WESTERN WAY WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF THE SUM OF \$230,790.00 THEREFOR, PROVIDING FOR THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE MAKING OF A DOWN PAYMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF SAID TOWNSHIP AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF 100% OF THE COST THEREOF UPON THE BENEFITTED PROPERTY OWNERS.

Mayor Miller opened the public hearing. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nemeth and carried unanimously.

Sidewalks Along Cedar Lane

Mayor Miller read by title an ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AS A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT THE REPLACEMENT AND REPAIRS OF SIDEWALKS ALONG CEDAR LANE, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$7,400.00 THEREFOR, PROVIDING FOR THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE MAKING OF A DOWN PAYMENT AND ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES OF SAID TOWNSHIP AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF FIFTY (50%) PERCENT OF THE COST THEREOF.

Mayor Miller opened the public hearing. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Goerner offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lempert and carried unanimously.

Bond Ordinance, Various Road Improvement Projects

Mayor Miller read by title an 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.

Mayor Miller opened the public hearing. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Goerner offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lempert and carried unanimously.

Construction of Stony Brook Pedestrian Bridge and Pathway

Mayor Miller read by title an 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.

Mayor Miller opened the public hearing. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

Ms. Lempert offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liverman and carried unanimously.

Increasing Number of Members of the Princeton Township Housing Board

Mayor Miller read by title an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE PRINCETON TOWNSHIP HOUSING BOARD AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968".

Mr. Goerner offered a motion to table the proposed ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liverman and carried unanimously

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

Speed Limit Sycamore Road

Mayor Miller read by title on first reading a proposed ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON CONCERNING THE SPEED LIMIT ON SYCAMORE ROAD AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968".

Ms. Nemeth offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on first reading. Mr. Goerner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The public hearing was set for March 9, 2009.

Low Speed Vehicles

Mayor Miller read by title on first reading a proposed ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING LOW SPEED VEHICLES OPERATING ON THE ROADWAYS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968".

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on first reading. Mr. Goerner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The public hearing was set for March 9, 2009.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Henry Frank, 126 Valley Road commented on signs in the “right of way”. He asked that Township

Committee repeal the ordinance if they did not want to enforce it.

REPORTS

Mr. Goerner reported on a meeting that he had with representatives of Lawrence Township, Hopewell Township, Hopewell Borough, Princeton Borough and New Jersey Department of Transportation Stephen Dilts.

Mr. Liverman said that Affordable Housing is postponing their open houses until April.

Mayor Miller reported that the Township has completed this year’s deer program.

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/Litigation
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

School District, License Agreement, Valley Road Building

Mr. Pascale and Mr. Schmierer updated Township Committee on the Valley Road Building.

Princeton Borough

- SOC Audits
- Outstanding Capital Claims
- Sewer Trust Fund Audit
- Results of February 12th Joint Issues Meeting
- Police Department Study
- North Ridge Non-Binding Arbitration

Mr. Pascale updated Township Committee on various items as they related to Princeton Borough.

Princeton Ridge Lawsuit

Mr. Schmierer gave a status report regarding the Princeton Ridge lawsuit.

Vacancies, Boards and Commissions

Township Committee reviewed vacancies on various Boards and Commissions

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Phyllis Marchand - Proposed Plaza Naming
- Proposed Party Details

Mr. Liverman updated Township Committee on plans to honor Phyllis Marchand.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Linda S. McDermott
Township Clerk