

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
February 26, 2007

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 2007 Schedule of Regular Meetings. On January 4, 2007 at 7:00 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 Marchand and Mrs. Bergman and Messrs. Goerner, Liverman and Miller.

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 5, 2007 as corrected. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Bills & Claims
- b. Maintenance/Performance Guarantees
 - * Boyd - Minor Subdivision - 62 Cherry Hill Road, Release cash performance guaranty in the amount of \$5,050 less \$756 to serve as a two-year maintenance guaranty.
 - * Princeton Day School - Early Start Utilities/Footing Foundations, Performance Guaranty Reduction. An amount of \$35,559.41 plus interest, should be returned to the applicant at this time from the cash portion of the guaranty. The new performance guaranty amount of \$348,972.89 (Letter of Credit) and \$38,774.77 (10% cash) is recommended to be retained.
 - * David Cohen, 149 Terhune Road - Seija Subdivision, Completion time extension to June 4, 2007.
- c. Interim Contract: Township of Princeton/Greater Mercer Ride Provide, Inc. – Crosstown 62
- d. Appointments: Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance

- f. Farmview Fields: US Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Restoration Agreement/Contract
- g. Steve Androsko - Proposal for Canoe Rental Concession for 2007 season.
- h. Resolution and Supplemental Interlocal Services Agreement: Township of Princeton – County of Mercer: Harrison Street and Alexander Road Illuminated Crosswalk Improvements
- i. Raffle Applications: University Medical Center at Princeton Auxiliary, for three (3) raffles to be held on June 9, 2007 at the Princeton University Football Stadium. Proceeds to benefit maternal and child care at the University Medical Center at Princeton.
- j. Music Amplification Requests:
 - Sharee Mickle, Plainsboro, NJ for a wedding to be held at Mountain Lakes, June 2, 2007, 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
 - Margaret Griffin, Princeton, NJ for a wedding to be held at 59 Battle Road, June 9, 2007, 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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

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

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Marchand read by title an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN EDUCATIONAL TRAINING FEE FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS AND AMENDING THE “CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968”

Mr. Schmierer said that effective July 2006, members of the Princeton Regional Planning Board and the Princeton Township Zoning Board of Adjustment are required to take a basic course in land use law and planning. The courses are offered by the New Jersey Planning Officials, Rutgers University, etc. A provision of this law does permit the cost of this training to be passed along to land development applicants.

Mayor Marchand said that the proposed ordinance has received the approval of the Princeton Regional Planning Board.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

There being no public comment, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Marchand read by title on first reading a proposed ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AS A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$891,000.00 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.

Township Committee authorized proceeding with the following four road projects at their meeting on February 5, 2007. The four road projects are: Canal Path Crosswalks, Route 206/Cherry Valley Road Connector; Supplemental appropriation for the Davies Drive Pedestrian Walk; and the Department of Public Works In-House Paving Projects.

Mr. Kiser said that of the total \$861,000. for the four road projects, \$504,500. would be recouped from various New Jersey Department of Transportation grants, Princeton University contributions and other off-tract contributions. As these grants and contributions are received, they will be applied towards the overall cost and reduce the amount of the bond anticipation notes, which would have to be issued for the various capital projects.

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 26, 2006.

REPORTS

Mrs. Bergman noted that there will be a Shredding and Electronic Equipment Disposal Day in May. She also noted that the Environmental Commission was looking for financial support for an Environmental Resource Inventory.

Mr. Liverman said that the Recreation Department would be looking for community input in March. Mr. Liverman also said that Human Services will be holding advocacy training for parents in March, and that the PADA will be collecting donations for prom dresses for distribution in April.

Mr. Goerner said that he and Mayor Marchand attended a meeting at Rider University regarding truck traffic. Mayor Marchand thanked Mr. Goerner and former township committeeman Bill Hearon for

their work on this project as well as that of Mr. Kiser and his staff for putting together a professional report in such a short period of time.

Mayor Marchand said that she recently attended a wonderful meeting at the First Baptist Church to discuss race relations and relations with the police.

Mr. Pascale said that the review of the 2007 budget has begun and that things are beginning to come into focus.

Lt. Henderson said that reports for 2006 have shown that deer/car accidents have fallen dramatically.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Dale Meade, 48 Oakland Street said that he was a strong advocate of road projects, especially those on Oakland Street. He said that Ewing Street is often used as a bypass of Harrison Street and urged Township Committee to give strong consideration to the project as it has a lot of merit and benefit to the community.

WORK SESSION

2007 Proposed Additional Road Projects

Mr. Kiser offered a presentation to Township Committee regarding additional road projects to be considered for 2007. The projects included Mountain Avenue, \$650,000, Hemlock Circle, \$500,000.; 2007 Resurfacing Project, \$1,000,000.; Ewing Street Improvements, \$50,000.; and Hilltop Drive, \$50,000.

Robert Hough, Sewer Operating Committee, spoke about the ability to continue coordinating projects between the SOC and the Township Engineering Department. Mr. Pascale said that we're really talking about aesthetics at this point as sewer work that needs to get done, not a requirement to pave from curb to curb. Mr. Kiser said that the roads are in very bad shape with drainage problems, and they need attention at this time.

Mr. Goerner said that there were many compelling reasons to approve these projects and that he felt comfortable approving new projects.

Mrs. Bergman asked if there would ever be a year when there wouldn't be road projects. Mr.

Kiser said that the Township has spent many years playing catch up with the roads and sewers.

Mayor Marchand said that some road projects had already been part of a bond ordinance introduced earlier in the evening. She asked if Township Committee wanted to authorize another bond ordinance for the next meeting.

Mr. Liverman offered a motion for consensus of a bond ordinance be written for the next meeting. Mr. Goerner seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

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

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

SOC Lands

Mr. Pascale reviewed with Township Committee the status of the proposed SOC Lands study, and a memorandum by Lee Solow.

Tiger Garage

Mr. Pascale reviewed the status of the Tiger Garage with Township Committee.

DPW Garage

Mr. Pascale reviewed with Township Committee the status of the DPW garage.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Linda S. McDermott
Township Clerk