

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
March 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, Konin and Lt. Henderson

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Bills & Claims
- b. Resolution: Repurchase 211 Brickhouse Road
- c. Resolution: Contract Extension for the Removal of Gulick Preserve Farm Spruce Trees
- d. Resolution: Joint Sidewalk and Bikeway Committee
- e. Appointments: Shade Tree, William Flemer
Joint Sidewalk and Bikeway Committee, Janet Heroux, David Cohen, Betsy Marshall
- f. Resolution Authorizing Participation of Princeton Township in the Development of the Mercer County Wastewater Management Plan
- g. Resolution to Authorize Infrastructure Trust Application
- h. Resolution 2009 Green Communities Grant, Community Forestry Management Plan
- i. Resolution to Increase the Temporary Budget
- j. Resolution: NJDOT Agreement Route 206/Arreton Road Police Service
- k. Resolution: Sustainable Jersey Certification Program

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

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

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Speed Limit, Sycamore Road

Mayor Miller read by title an 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”.

Mr. Kiser said that it came to the attention of the Traffic Safety Bureau that the speed limit for Sycamore Road between Harrison Street and Riverside Drive West is posted as both 30 miles per hour and 35 miles per hour. Patrol Officer Kim Hodges recently conducted a speed survey and has confirmed that the appropriate speed limit is 30 miles per hour. The proposed ordinance addresses the issue and deletes the section currently in the Township Code regulating speed limits of 35 miles per hour.

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.

Low Speed Vehicles

Mayor Miller read by title an 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”.

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

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

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. Kiser said that representatives of Princeton University met with the Traffic Safety Committee to discuss the proposed Low Speed Vehicle Ordinance.

Following that discussion, the Traffic Safety Committee recommended and the University agreed that low speed vehicles be permitted to operate on Alexander Street and Sycamore Road, both of which are under the

Township’s traffic jurisdiction. Low speed vehicles would also be able to operate along Faculty Road which is a private road owned by the University.

On February 23, 2009 a proposed ordinance regulating low speed vehicles was introduced . That ordinance was defeated as it has been substantively revised in the newly proposed ordinance.

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 23, 2009.

REPORTS

Ray Wadsworth, Spirit of Princeton thanked Township Committee for their continued support as well as that of Police and the Fire Department. Mr. Wadsworth noted the following dates for events to be held this year: the Memorial Day Parade, May 23; Flag Day, June 15; 4th of July Fireworks, July 2 and Veterans Day, November 11, 2009. It was the consensus of Township Committee to waive the fees for the fireworks displays and for Flag Day

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Henry Frank, 126 Valley Road discussed signs in the “right of way” in the island on Harrison Street.

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, 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
- Joint Budgets
- North Ridge Non-Binding Arbitration
- Princeton Ridge Lawsuit
- Vacancies, Boards and Commissions

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Linda S. McDermott
Township Clerk