

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
April 6, 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. Goerner offered a motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2009. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nemeth and carried unanimously.

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the minutes of March 9, 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goerner 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
 - Mr. Richard Fleck, CFO, The Hun School of Princeton, Major Site Plan – Athletic Facilities Completion Time Extension to June 1, 2009
 - Mr. Tom Zolna, Velocitel Cingular Site – South Princeton, Princeton University Fine Hall – Washington Road, Completion Time Extension to May 9, 2009
 - James Britt, Esq. Princeton University – Tennis Court Relocation (Phase I), Release of performance guaranty. No maintenance guaranty needed.
 - James Britt, Esq., Princeton University – Lawrence Drive Fence (Administrative Waiver)

Release of performance guaranty contingent upon the receipt of an acceptable 2 year maintenance guaranty agreement.

- c. Professional Services Agreements:
 - Benchmark Resolution Services, LLC, Brick, NJ for non binding arbitration services regarding the financing of the construction of the North Ridge Sewer Line.
 - Construction Materials Testing Services, Smoyer Park Dam Restoration, Not to Exceed \$27,730.15
- d. Appointments: Carol Pierce - Traffic Safety Committee
Mary McManus, Robin Wallach, Caroline Clancy and William Enslin - Revaluation Committee
- e. Resolution: Stony Brook Pedestrian Bridge and Path Capital Project – Jasna Polana Temporary Construction Access Agreement
- f. Music Amplification Requests:
 - Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart, Fundraising Gala, May 9, 2009, 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
 - Princeton Day School, Alumni Reunion Reception, May 15, 2009, 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
 - Stuart Country Day School, Spring Auction, April 18, 2009, 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- g. Bid Award; 2009 Spring Tree Planting , Whistle Stop Nursery & Farm, Ringoes, NJ, \$6,037.25
- h. Resolution: Permanent Appointment, Patrol Officer, Frank A. Pinelli
- i. Resolution: To Affirm the Township’s Civil Rights Policy

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

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

RESOLUTIONS: ASSESSMENT CONFIRMATIONS

- Ewing Street Sidewalk Project
- Philip Drive, Hemlock Circle and Woodside Lane Sidewalk Project

Mayor Miller opened the public hearing for the above referenced assessments.

There being no public comment the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Liverman offered a motion approving the Ewing Street Sidewalk Project. Ms. Nemeth seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Goerner offered a motion approving the Philip Drive, Hemlock Circle and Woodside Lane Sidewalk Project. Ms. Nemeth seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

Mayor Miller read by title on first reading a proposed ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING STOPPING OR STANDING VEHICLES ON STREETS OR PARTS OF STREETS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968".

Mr. Schmierer said that the Princeton Traffic Safety Committee has recommended a new regulation prohibit parking on Herrontown Road, the south side between Route 206 and Mount Lucas Road, The Township regulates parking on various sides of streets in Section 11-23.1 of the Township Code. He said that the proposed ordinance establishes the new parking regulations prohibiting parking on Herrontown Road, south side between Route 206 (State Road) and Mount Lucas Road. The ordinance moves the current designation from Guyot Avenue from Section 11-8.1 to Section 11-23.1 so all similar regulations are noted in one section of the code. The Ordinance then repeals Section 11-8.1 since this section is no longer necessary.

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 April 20, 2009.

REPORTS

Ms. Lempert reported on the recent "Stand Against Racism" program sponsored by the Human Services Commission.

Mr. Goerner reported on his recent meeting with Senator Lautenberg regarding truck traffic.

Mayor Miller noted that there will be a joint meeting with Princeton Borough on April 27, 2009 regarding consolidation.

WORK SESSION

Pool Report, Jack Roberts

Jack Roberts, Director, Recreation Department presented a power point presentation to the Governing Body regarding conditions at the pool complex.

Mr. Roberts said that a new pool complex would cost between \$7-8.5 million.

Ms. Nemeth asked if there were safety issues or if a wall could collapse? Mr. Kiser said that there have been many “bandaids” but one can’t predict. The structure of the pool is getting tired, he said, and there are critical issues regarding core components. Mr. Roberts said that he was concerned about health issues.

Ms. Nemeth asked about fund raising, a foundation and private funds. Mr. Roberts said that they were putting planning into place and putting together a task force.

Mr. Goerner asked if a more itemized list could be provided to Township Committee as time goes by and could some of the reconstruction be phased in? Mr. Roberts said that work could not be done without shutting down the pool complex. Mr. Goerner asked whether there could be capital fundraising efforts such as naming benches, etc? Mr. Roberts thought that would be an excellent way to raise funds.

Ms. Lempert asked what the timeline and next step would be. Mr. Roberts said that they were walking on “eggshells” and that they would not be ready to open the pool until the 2011 season if the shovel goes in the ground in 2010.

Mr. Pascale said that we all know that we need a new pool but that we were missing a financial plan and that economics was a big issue. We need to spend quality time on financials, he said. Mr. Roberts said that there was a utility bond, but the residents did not buy in to it.

Mr. Goerner said there needs to be some type of financial conceptual projection and then look at the impact. Mr. Pascale said that he did not think that it would be bad to look outside of Princeton for patrons.

Mr. Miller asked if the life of the pool could be extended if we were more proactive with replacement of major systems. Mr. Roberts said that that was tough to answer and that they have expended a fair amount over the last fifteen years on capital improvements. He said that the holistic way is cheaper in the long run.

Mayor Miller thanked Mr. Roberts and the Recreation staff and board.

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:

Potential Litigation/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

- Status of Auditor's review of Princeton Borough's Capital Reimbursement Claims/SOC

Mr. Pascale updated Township Committee on this issue.

Audits/Sewer Trust Fund

Mr. Pascale gave a status report to Township Committee regarding this issue.

- Princeton Ridge Lawsuit

Mr. Schmierer updated Township Committee on the status of this litigation.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Linda S. McDermott
Township Clerk