

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 4, 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

**RESOLUTION: Naming Phyllis L. Marchand Plaza**

Mayor Miller read a resolution formally naming the outside plaza of the Princeton Township Municipal Building as "Phyllis Marchand Plaza". Official ceremonies will be held on May 13, 2009.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

**PROCLAMATION: Be Green and Be Seen**

Mayor Miller read a proclamation for "Be Green and Be Seen". The proclamation was adopted unanimously. Ms. Lempert offered detail of the upcoming Bike Rally.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Bills & Claims
- b. Maintenance/Performance Guarantees
  - Tom Zola – Velocitel, Cingular Site, South Princeton, Princeton University, Fine Hall Washington Road, Release of performance guarantee along with any remaining escrows.

- Princeton University – Graduate School Basketball Court Relocation (Administrative Waiver) James Britt, Esq., Release of performance guaranty along with any remaining inspection fees.
  - c. Street Closing Request:
    - Battle Road between Olden Lane and Battle Road Circle, Memorial Day Potluck Supper, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. contingent upon approval of the Traffic Safety Officer
  - d. Music Amplification Requests:
    - Andrea Didisheim, Bar Mitzvah at Mountain Lakes, October 17, 2009, 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
    - Sheri Bechtel, wedding at Mountain Lakes, June 28, 2009, 3:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
    - Katherine Mitchell, wedding at Mountain Lakes, August 1, 2009, 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
  - e. Appointments: Revaluation Committee, Clive Usiskin  
COAH Mediation Team, Audrey Chen and Julie Nachamkin
  - f. Bid Awards:
    - 2009 Road Materials, Trap Rock Industries, Kingston, N.J., \$390,361.25
    - Improvements of Cedar Lane, Southern Way and Western Way, Earle Asphalt Company, Farmingdale, N.J., Total Recommended Bid Award \$886,113.13
  - g. Resolution and Agreement: Government Software Solutions, for a sum not to exceed \$17,000 for purchasing and installing software and \$16,000 for training, data conversion and first year's maintenance for the Construction Department and Rental Housing fee based program. Funds are available for this purpose from fees collected by the Building Department and will not involve any expense to the Township taxpayer.
  - h. Resolution: Supporting New Jersey Department of Transportation Enhancement Funds Grant Application
  - i. Resolution: Support of Grant Application for Food Waste and Leaf Composting Education
- Mayor Miller suggested that the appointment of Audrey Chen be removed from this agenda.

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. Mr. Goerner

seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

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

## **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS**

### **School Speed Zones**

Mayor Miller read by title on first reading a proposed ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SPEED ZONES FOR THE PRINCETON CHARTER SCHOOL AND THE PRINCETON FRIENDS SCHOOL AND AMENDING THE “CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968”.

Mr. Schmierer explained that Patrolman Kim Hodges recently completed two school safety surveys. Following the surveys, she found that school zones can and should be established near the Charter School and the Princeton Friends School.

The proposed ordinance establishes both of the requested school speed zones.

Mr. Goerner 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 May 18, 2009

### **Parking, Farm View Fields**

Mayor Miller read by title on first reading a proposed ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PARKING REGULATIONS WITHIN FARM VIEW FIELDS AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968".

Mr. Schmierer said that the Princeton Township Traffic Safety Bureau has recommended that due to heavy usage of the parking lot at Farm View Fields on Great Road, regulations be established for internal parking purposes. Patrol Officer Kim Hodges has experienced problems with vehicles parking along the driveway entrance and not within designated parking stalls. She also recommended prohibiting vehicles from stopping to drop off persons along the westerly curb of the parking yard.

Mr. Goerner offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on first reading. Ms. Nemeth seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The public hearing was set for May 18, 2009

### **Dogs Annoyance or Injury**

Mayor Miller read by title on first reading a proposed ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING A DOG FROM CREATING AN ANNOYANCE OR INJURY TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968".

Mr. Goerner offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on first reading. Ms. Nemeth seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The public hearing was set for May 18, 2009

**Discharge of Sanitary Sewer Easement, 261 State Road**

Mayor Miller read by title on first reading a proposed ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VACATION OF A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT ON BLOCK 5403, LOT 12, PRINCETON TOWNSHIP TAX MAP BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON.

Mr. Schmierer said that while doing sanitary sewer lateral repair work on State Road near its intersection with Ewing Street, it was discovered that the Township had a sanitary sewer easement in the backyard of 261 State Road which was not being utilized. The property owners, therefore, have requested through the Princeton Sewer Operating Committee that the Township vacate or terminate this easement which is not needed for the public sanitary sewer system.

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 May 18, 2009

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Henry Frank, 126 Valley Road, complimented Township Committee on the recent Joint Consolidation meeting. He said that it was an emotional issue and that everyone should keep an open mind when considering the options.

**REPORTS**

Ms. Nemeth reported that the affordable housing open houses were well attended.

Mr. Liverman reported that the Corner House fundraiser is scheduled for May 9, 2009.

**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/Potential 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

**- Princeton Borough: SOC Audits/Capital Claims – Status Report  
North Ridge Sewer Non Binding Arbitration – Status Report**

Mr. Pascale provided Township Committee with a status report on the above referenced issues.

**- All Outstanding Litigation – Status Report**

Mr. Schmierer gave a status report to Township Committee on the above referenced issues.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Linda S. McDermott  
Township Clerk