

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
June 11, 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 Chief Emann

MINUTES

Mr. Miller offered a motion to approve the minutes of April 9, 2007 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liverman and carried by four votes. Mayor Marchand was absent from that meeting.

Mr. Miller offered a motion to approve the minutes of April 23, 2007 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liverman and carried by four votes. Mayor Marchand was absent from that meeting

Mr. Miller offered a motion to approve the minutes of May 15, 2007 as corrected. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goerner and carried unanimously by those present.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Bills & Claims
- b. Maintenance/Performance Guarantees
 - TenEyck and Mackenzie, Rushbrook Ph I, Release Performance contingent upon the replenishment of inspection escrow due the Township in the amount of \$8,576.59. No Maintenance Guarantee required.
 - Turco Golf, acceptance of the continuation certificate extending maintenance bond 327006266 and a completion time extension to October 31, 2007 to complete the remaining items of work.
- c. Road Closing Requests:
 - Princeton Fire Department, for the Princeton Fire Department Inspection Parade, June 22, 2007, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Street from the Township/Borough line to Mercer Engine Co. #3, contingent upon approval of the Traffic Safety Officer
- d. Resolution: Personnel Policies and Practices Manual

- e. Resolution to Authorize Filing of Grant Application to Facilitate a Buy Local Economy
- f. Music Amplification Request: Julia Winder for a graduation party, 68 Westerly Road, June 17, 2007, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- g. Resolutions:
 - Homeowner Assistance Loan, 124 Brickhouse Road, \$1,437.00
 - Homeowner Assistance Loan, 278 Griggs Drive, \$950.00

Mrs. Bergman 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.)

ASSESSMENT CONFIRMATION HEARINGS

Snowden Lane Sidewalk Assessment

Mayor Marchand opened the public hearing for the Snowden Lane sidewalks assessment. There being no public comment the public hearing was closed. Mr. Liverman offered a motion approving the Snowden Lane sidewalk assessments as presented. The motion was seconded Mr. Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

Oakland Lane Sidewalks

Mayor Marchand opened the public hearing for the Oakland Lane sidewalk assessments. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed. Mr. Goerner offered a motion approving the Oakland Lane sidewalk assessments as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bergman and carried unanimously.

Carnahan Place Sidewalks

Mayor Marchand opened the public hearing for the Carnahan Place sidewalk assessments. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed. Mr. Miller offered a motion to approving the Carnahan Place sidewalk assessments as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goerner and carried unanimously.

Mayor Marchand opened the public hearing for the Newlin Road sidewalks assessment. There being no public comment the public hearing was closed. Mrs. Bergman offered a motion approving the Newlin Road sidewalk assessments as presented. The motion was seconded Mr. Mr. Liverman and carried unanimously by those present.

Evergreen Circle Curbing

Mayor Marchand opened the public hearing for the Evergreen curbing assessments. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed. Mrs. Bergman offered a motion approving the Evergreen curbing assessments as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liverman and carried unanimously.

Littlebrook Pathway

Mr. Kiser said that recently neighbors have come forward and asked that the assessment for Littlebrook Pathway be recalculated. Mr. Kiser suggested that the action be tabled for now and that he would come back to Township Committee with another recommendation. Mr. Miller offered a motion to defeat the proposed resolution confirming the Littlebrook Pathway assessments. The motion to defeat was seconded by Mayor Marchand and carried unanimously.

(Resolutions appended to this set of minutes)

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Prohibition for turns, Cherry Valley onto Heather Lane

Mayor Marchand read by title an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE ELIMINATING THE PROHIBITION FOR TURNS FROM CHERRY VALLEY ROAD ONTO HEATHER LANE AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968"

Mr. Schmierer said that Traffic Safety Officer Sgt. Thomas R. Murray, III recently conducted a traffic count and survey at the Heather Lane and Cherry Valley Road intersection during the morning rush hours. The Police Department is recommending that this turning prohibition be eliminated since Heather Lane is not being used as a cut through to the Great Road.

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. Goerner and carried unanimously.

Bond Ordinance, Replacement of Sidewalks, MacClean Circle

Mayor Marchand read by title an ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AS A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT THE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF SIDEWALKS ALONG MACLEAN CIRCLE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$32,000.00 THEREFOR, PROVIDING FOR THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE MAKING OF A DOWN PAYMENT AND ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF SAID TOWNSHIP AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF FIFTY (50%) PERCENT OF THE COST THEREOF

Mr. Schmierer said that in conjunction with road improvements to Maclean Circle, the Princeton Township Engineering Department has inspected the existing sidewalks along Maclean Circle and have determined that they

are in disrepair and required replacement. The estimated total cost for the replacement work is \$32,000. As has been the Township's practice, fifty percent of the cost would be assessed to the benefited property owner.

Mr. Kiser showed a power point presentation regarding the condition of the sidewalks on MacClean Circle. Mr. Goerner asked when the work was scheduled to begin. Mr. Kiser said that it would take place this summer but that a significant amount of sanitary sewer repairs are needed first.

Mrs. Bergman said that she lived on Leabrook Lane, which is not quite as residential as MacClean Circle. She said that when they talked about what should be replaced, they ultimately decided on the whole thing because it was a good deal. She asked that residents consider for what the future might bring when they make their decisions.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

Jeffrey Gossman, 54 MacClean Circle said that he questioned the Township priorities, noting the sidewalks on North Harrison Street are worse. He said that he would have liked some previous notification and that he was not told anything.

Mayor Marchand said that there are neighborhood meetings when the greater scope of work is to be discussed. Mr. Kiser said that a meeting was done recently and the project was discussed as part of the 2007 road resurfacing project.

William Allen, 108 MacClean Circle said that he did not support sidewalks.

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

Mr. Goerner offered a motion to table the proposed ordinance on second reading and revisit on June 25, 2007. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

Bond Ordinance, Sidewalks Along Linwood Circle and Leabrook Lane

Mayor Marchand read by title an ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AS A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT THE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF SIDEWALKS ALONG LINWOOD CIRCLE AND LEABROOK LANE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$42,500.00 THEREFOR, PROVIDING FOR THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE MAKING OF A DOWN PAYMENT AND ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF SAID TOWNSHIP AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF FIFTY (50%) PERCENT OF THE COST THEREOF

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

Sandra Abraham, 206 Snowden Lane, asked what the process of notification for the project was. She said that her address is on Snowden but that most of her property is on Leabrook Lane. Mr. Kiser said that public notice was given and that there were public meetings. He said that the project is set to begin in a couple of weeks.

Ms. Abraham asked that the staging area not be in front of her house as she just spent a lot of money having her house painted.

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

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

Pay to Play Regulations

Mayor Marchand read by title an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING “PAY TO PLAY” REGULATIONS AND AMENDING THE “CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968”

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

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

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

Concerning Legalized Games of Chance

Mayor Marchand read by title on first reading a proposed ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING LEGALIZED GAMES OF CHANCE 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. Mr. Miller seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously by those present. The public hearing was set for June 11, 2007.

Bond Ordinance, Sewer Lateral Repairs, Clover Lane

Deputy Mayor Miller read by title on first reading a proposed 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 CLOVER LANE, SOUTH OF ABERNATHY DRIVE AND DEER PATH WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$110,000.00 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 AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF 100% OF THE COST THEREOF UPON THE BENEFITTED PROPERTY OWNERS

Mrs. Liverman offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on first reading. Mr. Goerner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously by those present. The public hearing was set for June 11, 2007.

REPORTS

Mr. Miller commented that the Annual Fire Inspection Parade is scheduled for Friday, June 22, 2007.

Mr. Goerner said that a letter regarding the Hillsborough Bypass should be ready soon.

Mr. Liverman said that the Recreation Department is still selling pool passes for this summer. He also said that Corner House will be open in the evening and on weekends.

Mrs. Bergman announced that the Township would be having an Informal Meeting on Monday, June 18, 2007 for residents to come and air their concerns about issues not normally on Township Committee agendas.

Mayor Marchand reminded residents about the Flag Day ceremony scheduled to take place on June 14, 2007 at noon at Township Hall.

Mayor Marchand also announced that the Township golf team won again as defending champions at the recent YMCA's mayor's cup golf tournament. The foursome included Ann O'Neill, Allan Graham, Bill Ricigliano, and Jim Byers. All proceeds went to the YMCA's programs.

The Mayor also commended the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad as being the best during her recent illness.

Tom Crochet, Public Works said that the spring brush pickup was on schedule.

WORK SESSION

Clover Lane Curbing

Mr. Kiser reviewed the issue of curbing on Clover Lane. He said that he had a signed request from 18 neighbors for curbing and they understand that they will pay for 100% of the cost of the installation.

Mr. Liverman asked what happens to the three residents. Mr. Kiser said that there would be issues with soil erosion, so it would be better overall to install the curbing. He said that the majority of the neighbors do want to install the curbing. Mr. Miller said that it seems that the issue is between the neighbors. Mr. Miller asked if there was precedence about Belgium blocks curbing. Mayor Marchand said that it is less costly in the long run than concrete and a way to stop the soil erosion.

Dee Shaughnessy, Clover Lane said that her property has been a staging area for other projects and that she really does not want it to go on much longer.

Joel Zieden, 214 Clover Lane asked if the curbing was there and broken then what would the assessment be? Mr. Kiser said that there would not be an assessment. Mr. Zieden then asked why there was an assessment for sidewalks? Mr. Kiser said that it was because of Township policy.

Mr. Goerner then offered a motion to approve the introduction of an ordinance for Clover Lane curbing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liverman and carried by four affirmative votes. Mr. Miller voted in the negative. Mayor Marchand set the public hearing for June 25, 2007.

2007 Capital Budget

Mr. Pascale reviewed with Township Committee the 2007 Capital Budget items that have yet to be approved by Township Committee.

Robert McQueen, Director of Information and Technology, reviewed with Township Committee the projects he had requested for 2007 and those requests that came from Court.

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the IT and Court capital budget requests for 2007. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goerner and carried unanimously.

Chief Emann entertained questions for the police department capital budget requests. Mr. Miller offered a motion to approve the Police Department capital budget requests for 2007. Mr. Goerner seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Chief Emann, Police Officer Recruitment

Chief Emann and Captain Robert Buchanan approached Township Committee to gain permission to begin recruitment of one police officer. Mr. Liverman said that he would like to see the Township hire from within Princeton. Chief Emann said that he would love to do that, noting that they would have to run a test and that they couldn't guarantee getting a candidate from town. Chief Emann said that the other alternative would be the Alternate Route program, where the candidate puts themselves through the police academy.

Mayor Marchand said that it would be great to have someone local who fit the criteria.

Captain Buchanan said that they are trying to keep patrols at full staff. He said that one shift is short and this creates scheduling and overtime issues.

It was the consensus of Township Committee to authorize that the police department move ahead with the recruitment process.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Linda S. McDermott
Township Clerk

