

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
June 22, 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.

Absent: Mr. Liverman.

Also Present: Mrs. Monzo, and Messrs Kiser, Pascale, Schmierer and Lt. Henderson

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Bills & Claims
- b. Maintenance/Performance Guarantee:
- James Britt, Princeton University: New Chemistry Building – Restoration: Release of performance guarantee along with any remaining escrows.
- c. Resolution: Liquor Licenses Renewals, 2009-2010
- d. Resolution of the Township Of Princeton Making Application to the Local Finance Board Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(d), N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c), 40A:2-26(e) and N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9(a)
- e. Waiver of Noise Ordinance: County of Mercer, Rosedale Road Bridge Replacement Project: Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Saturday, 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Sunday. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- f. Resolution to Close Arreton Road Access to Route 206
- g. Resolution Concerning NJDOT Route 206 Concept Development Study
- h. Lease Agreement: Valley Road Building

Mr. Goerner offered a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ms. Nemeth seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously by those present.

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

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Bond Ordinance, Sewer Rehabilitation

Mayor Miller read by title an ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$2,500,000 FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE SEWER SYSTEM IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,500,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

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

Ms. Nemeth offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lempert and carried unanimously by those present.

Land Development Application, Escrow and Permit Fees

Mayor Miller read by title an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION, ESCROW AND PERMIT FEES AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968".

Mr. Schmierer said that section 10B-36 of the Township Code sets forth the various land development and escrow fees. He said that Deputy Development Enforcement Officer Christine M. Lewandowski, has suggested that we include in the list of various fees the escrow deposit required whenever the Engineering Department determines that a land development application must have its Stormwater Management Plan reviewed. The current requirement for this review appears in section 10B-216 and amounts to \$1,500.00 as an escrow deposit. Ms. Lewandowski would like to move this existing charge to section 10B-36 so that it can be more easily identified and understood by land development applicants.

Mr. Schmierer said that we also charge all applicants a \$30.00 administration fee which is used for Board educational training. While this is mentioned in the text of section 10B-36, Ms. Lewandowski also thought that it would be helpful to list this fee with the schedule of fees so again land development applications will not miss the fee when they file for their approval.

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

Mr. Goerner offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lempert and carried unanimously by those present

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Henry Frank, 126 Valley Road, said that in his opinion bike paths are a waste of taxpayer money.

REPORTS

Mr. Goerner noted that the Rosedale Road project begins on July 6, 2009 and asked that the press continue to keep the public informed on the progress of the project.

WORK SESSION

Southern Way - Request for Belgium Block Curbing Installation

Mr. Kiser used a power point presentation to detail the Southern Way Belgium block curbing project. He said that the contractor, Earle Asphalt is set to begin the project in mid July. Mr. Kiser said that Southern Way would have to be dropped 6-7" to allow for drainage. Mr. Kiser said that when the road project was proposed some of the neighbors inquired about curbing. He said that it has always been the position of Township Committee that there has to be 100% approval of the neighbors before the work on curbing would begin.

Many of the neighbors spoke against the curbing project expressing issues such as cost, erosion and drainage and narrowness of the street.

Mayor Miller thanked the neighbors for their input saying that there are more issues to look at and work on before this project can move ahead. Mr. Kiser suggested meeting with the neighbors again before the next Township Committee meeting on July 13, 2009.

The Use of Strategic Planning in Municipal Government – Jonathan Rothwell, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University and the Brookings Institute

Jonathan Rothwell offered a power point presentation to Township Committee regarding the use of strategic planning in municipal government and what possibilities it may have for Princeton Township.

Mayor Miller thanked Mr. Rothwell for his presentation noting that it would provide a framework for the elected officials and staff to consider how to best use strategic planning to chart the future of Princeton Township.

Wastewater Management Plan

Lee Solow, Planning Director gave a power point presentation outlining a proposed wastewater management plan. Mr. Goerner said that the idea of the proposed plan was to establish specific guidelines to use wide range and uniformly.

Dan Haggerty, Esq., representing the Westerly Road Church, said that the church is looking to relocate to an 18 ½ acre site and supports the proposed wastewater management plan.

Bryce Thompson, developer, said that he owns the property that the church is looking at, noting that this is only the second time in 50 years that we've all been on the same side.

Mayor Miller asked what the sense of Township Committee was about the proposed resolution.

Mr. Goerner offered a motion to approve the resolution supporting the wastewater management plan. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nemeth and carried unanimously by those present.

(Resolution appended to this set of minutes.)

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 Litigations

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 – Results of Joint Issues Meeting

North Ridge Sewer Project, Non-Binding Arbitration
SOC Lands Master Plan Study
Clerical Assistance for Human Services Commission
Valley Road Building/Corner House
Capital Claims Payment Requests, Status Report
SOC Audit, Refund
2009 Capital Budget
Joint Services and Consolidation

Mr. Pascale reviewed with Township Committee the status of the above referenced issues as they relate to Princeton Borough.

Lowe Litigation, Status Report

Mr. Schmierer provided Township Committee a status report regarding the above referenced litigation.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Linda S. McDermott
Township Clerk