

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
July 13, 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 Deputy 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 1:10 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 Deputy Clerk then called the roll.

Present: Mayor Miller, Ms. Lempert, Mr. Goerner and Mr. Liverman.

Absent: Ms. Nemeth

Also Present: Ms. Monzo, and Messrs Kiser, Killian, Pascale, Schmierer and Captain Buchanan.

MINUTES

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the minutes of May 4, 2009. Mr. Goerner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously by those present.

Mr. Goerner offered a motion to approve the minutes of May 18, 2009, as corrected. Mr. Liverman seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously by those present.

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the minutes of June 8, 2009. Mr. Goerner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously by those present.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Bills & Claims
- b. Resolution, Recycling Tonnage Grant
- c. Music Amplification Request: - Annual Joint Effort Princeton Summer Basketball Classic, August 17, 2009 at Community Park Basketball Courts, 9:00 am to 8:30 pm
- d. Street Closing Request as approved by the Traffic Safety Officer: - John Witherspoon Middle School, October 3, 2009, Walnut Lane between Franklin and Guyot Avenue, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm for "Super Saturday".

- e. Appointment: Emergency Management Council
- f. Resolution and Agreement: 2009-2010 Deer Management Program, United Bowhunters of New Jersey
- g. Improvement of Smoyer Park Dam, Approval of Change Order #1, Top Line Construction, \$43,359.72
- h. Professional Services Agreement: JT Surveying, Hillsborough, New Jersey, Quarry Lane Sewer Sanitary Sewer Extension Project, Not to Exceed \$600.00
- I. Resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of loan agreements to be executed by the Township of Princeton, in the county of Mercer, New Jersey and each of the New Jersey environmental infrastructure trust and the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the department of environmental protection, and further authorizing the execution and delivery of an escrow agreement, all pursuant to the 2009 New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust financing program.
- J. Resolution determining the form and other details of not exceeding \$3,500,000 general improvement bonds, series 2009, of the Township of Princeton, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey, and providing for their sale to the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust and the State of New Jersey pursuant to the 2009 New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing program.
- k. Resolution of the Township of Princeton, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey declaring its official intent to reimburse expenditures for project costs from proceeds of debt obligation in connection with the Township's participation in the 2009 New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure financing program.
- l. Resolution – 2009 Salaries
- m. Resolution – Extension of Grace Period for Payment of Third Quarter, 2009 Property Taxes
- n. Resolution – Annual National Night Out, August 4, 2009
- o. Resolution – Authorization for Sale of Abandoned Vehicles

Mayor Miller removed from item f from the consent agenda.

Mr. Goerner offered a motion to approve the consent agenda excluding item f. Mr. Liverman seconded the motion which was carried unanimously by those present.

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

Mayor Miller opened the discussion concerning the Resolution and Agreement: 2009-2010 Deer Management Program, United Bowhunters of New Jersey. He stated that he commends the bow hunters for the job they have done over the past few years but would like to hear recommendation from the members of the Ad Hoc Deer Management Plan Program Evaluation Committee before acting on the Resolution and Agreement. After discussion it was the consensus of Township Committee to carry the Agreement to the August 17, 2009 Committee meeting so that the Deer Management Committee

could convene prior to that and review the agreement.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

Mayor Miller read by title a proposed ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON CONCERNING THE SPEED LIMIT ON SYCAMORE ROAD, AMENDING THE “CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968”, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2009-6**

Mr. Schmierer explained that the proposed ordinance would decrease the speed limit on Sycamore Road from 30 m.p.h. to 25 m.p.h. He continued that the Police Department conducted a speed study and confirmed that 25 m.p.h. was an appropriate speed limit. The Traffic Safety Committee reviewed the recommendation and worked on creating guide lines for reducing speeds to 25 m.p.h.

Mr. Goerner offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on first reading. Mr. Liverman seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously by those present.

The public hearing was scheduled for August 17, 2009.

REPORTS

Mr. Goerner reported that he and the Mayor met with NJDOT representatives concerning the pedestrian crosswalk improvements to Rt. 206 and that the teams will review the suggested improvements. He also thanked the Citizens Finance Committee and CFO Monzo for their extraordinary work on the budget communication piece going out with the tax bills.

Mayor Miller reported that the Shade Tree Commission received a \$3,000 grant to update its Management Plan.

Mr. Kiser noted that the Edgerstoune Road Improvement Project was complete and that work has begun on the Rosedale Road Bridge.

WORK SESSION

Southern Way – Request for Belgium Block Curbing

Mr. Kiser reviewed with Committee that at the last Township Committee meeting residents from Southern Way had been present to discuss curbing installation. Mr. Kiser stated that approximately 2/3 of the residents were in favor of installing the Belgium block curbing and 1/3 were against its installation.

Mr. Kiser continued that to date the Township is still not aware of any consensus reached by the neighborhood.

Absent of any consensus and in consideration of the input received, Mr. Kiser recommended the following be implemented on Southern Way:

1. Road to be repaired and resurfaced to a uniform 20' width
2. Southern Side of the road to be widened by 2' to 3' in areas requested by individual neighbors to provide additional parking width
3. No new Township curbing to be installed, and existing private curbs to be permitted to remain. Note: curbs will be installed at the Cedar/Southern and Southern/Harrison intersections as per Township policy and as shown on the project plans.
4. Install two (2) type A storm sewer inlets on either side of Southern Way a distance of approximately 400 feet from Harrison Street, These inlets would be installed to address neighbor drainage concerns

Dave Mountainland, 23 Southern Way asked Mr. Kiser what a "Type A" drain was. Mr. Kiser answered that it is a flat drain.

Mayor Miller and Committee thanked the Southern Way residents and staff for working together to come up with a resolution on a difficult project.

It was the consensus of Township Committee to endorse the recommendations of the Township Engineer.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Goerner offered a motion to enter into closed session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liverman and carried unanimously by those present.

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/Personnel/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

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Chief Emann, Captain Buchanan and Lt. Henderson were present during this portion of closed session to discuss Police Department personnel.

Township Committee and staff discussed various ongoing negotiations and joint issues with Princeton Borough.

Committee and staff discussed the status of the Lowe litigation and Riccardi negotiations.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Kathy Brzezynski, Deputy Clerk