

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
July 16, 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 Messrs. Goerner, Liverman and Miller.

Absent: Mrs. Bergman.

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

**MINUTES**

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the minutes of June 11, 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
  - Rafael Sharon, Snowden Lane Communities, 606 Snowden Lane, Completion Time Extension to September 10, 2007
  - Town Topics/Realty Venture Group, LLC - Completion Time Extension to September 10, 2007.
  - GHP Thanet, 29 Thanet Road - Completion Time Extensions as follows:
    - July 17, 2007 – Remove debris and install additional woodchips around plantings along Governors Lane.
    - August 1, 2007 – Install HVAC Screening
    - September 30, 2007 – Install Landscape along Governor’s Lane
    - December 1, 2007 – Complete all remaining site work
  - Princeton Day School, Facility Housing, Release of the project’s cash maintenance guaranty in the amount of \$19,944.47, plus interest and any remaining escrows.
- c. Resolution: Person to Person, Place to Place Liquor License Transfer, to JL Ivy Bar, LLC, 378 Alexander Street

- d. Resolution: NJDEP Green Acres, Acquisition of a portion of Tusculum, \$300,000.
- e. Resolution: For Increasing the Bid Threshold and Appointing a Qualified Purchasing Agent
- f. Resolution Awarding Contract for Digital Security Camera System (video and audio) for Police Interrogations, Audio & Telecom Services, LLC, Not to Exceed \$26,000.
- g. Music Amplification Request: August 20, 2007, Princeton Basketball Classic, Community Park Basketball Courts, 2:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- h. Resolution: Purchasing Hybrid Vehicle and Financing, Winner Ford of Cherry Hill, NJ, \$25,576.
- i. Resolution: To extend tax deadline for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter taxes.
- j. Resolution: To purchase 433 Brickhouse, \$49,620.

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

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

#### **HEARING TO CONFIRM Littlebrook Road Pathway Assessment**

Mayor Marchand opened the public hearing for the Littlebrook Road Pathway assessment. There being no public comment the public hearing was closed. Mr. Goerner offered a motion approving the Littlebrook Pathway assessment. Mr. Miller seconded the motion which was carried unanimously by those present.

#### **ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARINGS**

##### **Witherspoon Street Sidewalks**

Mayor Marchand read by title an ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AS A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT THE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF SIDEWALKS ALONG WITHERSPOON STREET, BOTH SIDES, FROM THE PRINCETON BOROUGH LINE TO VALLEY ROAD BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$9,725.00 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 (Carried from June 25, 2007).

Mrs. Bergman was present only for this portion of the meeting via telephone conferencing from Maine.

Mr. Liverman said that he would be abstaining as the proposed ordinance affects his property on Witherspoon Street.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

Henry Frank, 126 Valley Road, asked how many feet of sidewalk is being replaced. Mr. Kiser said that it was approximately 2132.25 linear feet

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

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

#### **Motor Vehicle Regulations, Hillside Avenue & Cherry Valley Road**

Mayor Marchand read by title an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON REGULATING MOTOR VEHICLE TURNING MOVEMENT ON HILLSIDE AVENUE AND CHERRY VALLEY ROAD AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968"

Mr. Kiser said that the Traffic Safety Committee has recommended changes to the turning movements permitted on Hillside Avenue and Cherry Valley Road. He said that the recommendations include no right hand turns from Cherry Valley Road on to Hillside Avenue; No left hand turns from Hillside Avenue on to Cherry Valley Road; No left hand from Cherry Valley Road onto Hillside Avenue.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

Chip Crider, who has a business north of Hillside Avenue said that limiting turns onto Hillside from Cherry Valley Road made sense since the loop road would make 206 safer, however, limiting the left turn from Hillside onto Cherry Valley had a staggering economic cost because those drivers would then have to go through the 206/Cherry Valley Road intersection twice. He said that using estimates of 1000 such movements at 6 minutes each meant a total of 6000 lost vehicle minutes per day, which cost

about 400 gallons of gas plus wear and tear on their cars, 200 lost man hours and \$6,000. lost per day in valuable time.

Mr. Kiser said that there have been a lot of accidents and that the Township is looking to address the site distance issues. Mr. Kreiger said that the increases traffic flow will increase the number of accidents due to traffic density increasing the number of possible fatalities on Cherry Valley. This was also due to the fact that most of the commercial driveway access points north of Hillside were blind. Mayor Marchand said that the proposed ordinance would make for a safer traffic flow north and south on Route 206. Mr. Kiser said that the Township was working with the Department of Transportation for traffic calming on Route 206.

Mr. Goerner thanked the public for their comments noting that sometimes there are unintended consequences even after due diligence.

There being no further 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. Goerner and carried unanimously by those present.

### **Bond Ordinance, Sidewalks on Philip Drive, Hemlock Circle and Woodside Lane**

Mayor Marchand read by title an ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AS A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT THE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF SIDEWALKS ALONG PHILIP DRIVE, HEMLOCK CIRCLE AND WOODSIDE LANE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$92,500.00 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.

Mr. Kiser said that as road and sewer assessments will be made to Philip Drive, Hemlock Circle and Woodside Lane later in 2007. Sidewalks along these three streets have been inspected and identified for replacement with an estimated cost of \$92,500. with the Township paying 50% of the cost and 50% assessed to the benefited property owners.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

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

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

### **Bond Ordinance, Various Capital Improvements**

Mayor Marchand read by title an ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$2,303,209 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,745,665 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

Mr. Pascale said that the proposed ordinance would put the financing in place for all of the capital projects approved during this year's budget deliberation.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

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

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

### **Affordable Housing Rules and Regulations**

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON CONCERNING VIOLATIONS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING RULES AND REGULATIONS AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968"

Mayor Marchand said that the proposed ordinance indicates that should any participant in the Princeton Township Affordable Housing Program violate any terms and conditions of the Affordable Housing Program, the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, the COAH rules or the NJHMFA Uniform Housing Affordability Rules, then a complaint could be filed in Municipal Court for an ordinance violation.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

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

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

**REPORTS**

Mr. Liverman reported that the Princeton Township Police Department will hold a National Night Out program on August 7, 2007.

Mrs. Monzo announced that the tax bills were mailed out to residents on Friday.

**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:

Personnel/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

**Appointment: Police Officer Replacement**

Lt. Henderson discussed with Township Committee the recruitment of Township police officers. It was the consensus of Township Committee to have a new patrol officer sworn in on August 13, 2007 per Lt. Henderson's recommendation.

**SOC Lands**

Lee Solow, Planning Director, gave Township Committee an update about the SOC Lands and asked for input from them before completion of the preliminary report that he was working on.

**Library Parking Status Report**

Mr. Pascale gave Township Committee a status report on the Library parking issue.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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Linda S. McDermott  
Township Clerk