

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
September 14, 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 Capt. Buchanan

PRESENTATION: National Weather Service Storm Ready Designation

Captain Buchanan introduced Jim Poinier of the National Weather Service who presented the National Weather Service Storm Ready Designation to Mayor Miller saying that Princeton Township is one of twenty six municipalities in the State of New Jersey with this designation.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Miller read a proclamation for "Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month". The proclamation was adopted unanimously.

Constitution Week, September 17-23, 2009

Mayor Miller read a proclamation for "Constitution Week". The proclamation was adopted unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Goerner offered a motion to approve the minutes of June 22, 2009. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lempert and carried unanimously.

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the minutes of July 13, 2009. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lempert and carried unanimously.

Ms. Lempert offered a motion to approve the minutes of August 17, 2009. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nemeth and carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Bills & Claims
- b. Maintenance/Performance Guarantees
 - Town Topics Realty Venture Group, LLC, 190 Witherspoon Street, Release of the maintenance guaranty along with any remaining escrows.
 - Commerce Bank/Rt. 206 & Princeton Avenue, Completion time extension to October 3, 2010.
 - Stuart Country Day School, Parking Lot Expansion Phase 1A and 1B, Release of the original performance bond and associated cash and inspection escrow, less \$10,000, that is to be retained to ensure the completion of work along Stuart Road.
 - Stuart Country Day School, Magnetti Field Renovation, Release of the performance bond contingent upon the receipt of an acceptable one-year maintenance guaranty and submittal and approval of the project's as built drawings. It is also recommended that the inspection escrow be reduced to \$5,000.
- c. Street Closing Request: Liz Cutler, Hun Road between 53 and 91 for a block party to be held on October 4, 2009 from 3-5:00 p.m., contingent upon approval of the Traffic Safety Officer.
- d. Music Amplification Requests:
 - D&R Greenway Land Trust, September 20, 2009 at Greenway Meadows, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - DARE New Jersey, Inc., October 3, 2009 at Drumthwacket, 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- e. Resolution: Joint Purchase of Infa-Red Pavement Heating Equipment, \$16,255.00
- f. Resolution & Agreement: 2009/2010 Maintenance Contract Extension, Eastco Building Services, Inc., for the Cleaning of Municipal Facilities, Not to Exceed \$148,377.72
- g. Resolution: Acceptance of the 2008 Audit
- h. Resolution: Deferred Compensation - AXA Equitable

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

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

**ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARINGS:
Various Capital Improvements**

Mayor Miller 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 \$3,816,834 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,377,422 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

Mr. Pascale explained that the items within the ordinance have a useful live of five years or more and he continued by highlighting items listed within the ordinance.

Mayor Miller opened the public hearing.

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

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

Position of Fire Official

Mayor Miller read by title an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE POSITION OF FIRE OFFICIAL AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968".

Mr. Schmierer explained that the Fire Official recently reviewed the Township Code and found that his position did not appear on the list of exempt employees and that this ordinance is a house keeping item to have the correction made.

Mayor Miller opened the public hearing

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

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

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Travis Linderman, Princeton Merchants Association, offered an update to Township Committee on the recent activities of the Princeton Merchants Association. He indicated that in the future all businesses in the Princeton Shopping Center will be included in the Princeton Merchants Association.

REPORTS

WORK SESSION

Harry's Brook Flooding

- History/August 22, 2009 Event
- Review of Stormwater Management Regulations
- Possible Action Steps:
 - Professional Services Agreement: To Reanalyze Stormwater Management Regulations
 - Resolution: To Apply for Funds to Purchase Flooded Properties
 - Resolution: Relocation of Sanitary Sewer Line, 59 Meadowbrook Drive
 - Ordinance Introduction: Capital Ordinance to Replace Culvert
 - Initiation of Structural Inspection of all Township Culverts

Joseph Skupien, SWM Consulting gave an overview of the Harry's Brook flooding history and the flooding event of August 22, 2009. Mr. Kiser noted that the suggestion of a detention basin at Terhune Road would not be an inexpensive solution to the problem.

Olivia Applegate, 98 Random Road; Allen Poritz, Overbrook Drive; and Kip Cherry, 24 Dempsey; expressed their concern about various issues regarding the flooding problem.

Mr. Skupien then gave an overview of the 2005 Stormwater Management ordinance for residential lots.

Mr. Kiser explained the proposed professional services agreement with SWM Consulting to reanalyze stormwater management regulations. Mr. Goerner suggested that we look at the best practices of other municipalities to see what other options are available to us.

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the agreement between Princeton Township and SWM Consulting to reanalyze stormwater management regulations. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lempert and carried unanimously.

Mr. Goerner offered a motion to approve a resolution authorizing application to FEMA for emergency funding to purchase flooded properties. Mr. Liverman seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Ms. Nemeth offered a motion to approve a resolution for the relocation of the sanitary sewer line, 59 Meadowbrook Drive. Ms. Lempert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Miller read by title a proposed ordinance entitled **BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AS A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT THE REPLACEMENT OF A CULVERT AND SANITARY SEWER PIPE ON BRAEBURN DRIVE, APPROPRIATING \$500,000.00 THEREFOR AND PROVIDING FOR THE SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE MAKING OF A DOWN PAYMENT AND BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF SAID TOWNSHIP.**

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

The public hearing was scheduled for October 5, 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/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

- North Ridge Sewer
- PU Pilot Negotiations
- SynTurf, Joint Meeting – October 6 @ 7:00pm @ Boro Hall
- Corner House and the VRB Site
- Human Services Commission
- Joint Services & Municipal Consolidation – Status Report
- Joint Parks Proposal

- Legal Report

- Sheehan
- Princeton Ridge
- Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad Option Agreement

The above referenced issues were discussed by Township Committee.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Linda S. McDermott
Township Clerk