

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
October 8, 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 Capt. Buchanan.

MINUTES

Mr. Goerner offered a motion to approve the minutes of August 13, 2007 as corrected. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Bills & Claims
- b. Maintenance/Performance Guarantee - Princeton University - Springdale Golf Club, Completion time extension to March 31, 2008.
- c. Resolution: Endorsing the "Green Acres, Farmland, Blue Acres, and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2007"
- d. Resolution: Affordable Housing, Request for Subsidy Payment Approval, 433 Brickhouse Road, \$22,238.00
- e. Street Closure Request: Barbara Barnett, Marion Road East & West, October 31, 2007, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a block party.

f. Resolution: New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program Commitment Letter and Planning Document (Revised) for Federal Fiscal Year 2008 / State Fiscal Year 2009 Request for Governing Body Endorsement of the Submission of the Commitment Letter and Planning Document (Revised) for Federal Fiscal Year 2008 / State Fiscal Year 2009

g. Professional Services Agreements:

- Louis P. Rago, Esq., Special Council to the Regional Planning Board of Princeton, Not to Exceed \$180.00 per hour.

- Van Note Harvey Associates, Survey Work in Connection with Bunn Drive Extension, Not to Exceed \$8,612.50

h Resolution and Agreement: Deer Management Plan, 2007-2008

Mrs. Bergman asked that items “c” and “h” be removed from the consent agenda.

Mayor Marchand asked if it would be the consensus of Township Committee to approve item “e”, a street closure request until 8:00 p.m.? Mr. Goerner said that they could scale back to 4:00 p.m. Township Committee agreed to the street closing request until 9:00 p.m. if lights on the barricades could be provided, otherwise approve until 8:00 p.m.

Regarding item “c”, Mrs. Bergman asked where this resolution came from? Mr. Pascale said that it was our own Princeton Environmental Commission who asked Township Committee to support this resolution. Mrs. Bergman said that she was not comfortable with specific “whereas’ ”. Mayor Marchand said that if this resolution was being circulated throughout other communities, time was of the essence. Mr. Goerner said that the point is that it is a ballot issue and the November 6th election was just around the corner.

Mrs. Bergman suggested eliminating the “whereas’ ”. Mr. Miller agreed with Mrs. Bergman. Mr. Goerner said that he could not support that change. Mr. Liverman said that they should vote on the resolution as submitted.

Regarding item “h”, Mrs. Bergman asking how many acres of land are unavailable to the deer due to fencing? Mrs. Bergman asked if the ad hoc deer committee could work with staff to make this determination. Mr. Goerner asked if the ad hoc subcommittee could also address the issue of bow hunters? Mayor Marchand said that they could.

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the consent agenda without item “c”. Mr. Goerner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Liverman offered a motion approving item “c”. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goerner and approved by three affirmative votes. Mrs. Bergman and Mr. Miller abstained.

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

Mayor Marchand read by title on first reading a proposed ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NO PARKING ZONES ON PORTIONS OF ABERNATHY DRIVE AND FRANKLIN AVENUE AND AMENDING THE “CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968”

Mr. Kiser said that the Traffic Safety Committee recommended that a No Parking at Any Time Zone be created on Abernathy Drive along the northerly side between Magnolia Lane and Snowden Lane. He said that currently there is no parking allowed in this location during school drop off and pick up times. However, Abernathy Drive has recently been resurfaced and the Traffic Safety Committee and Traffic Safety Officer Sergeant Thomas Murray recommend that the no parking prohibition be in effect at all times since it is not possible to pull off the shoulder of Abernathy Drive with the new curbing.

Sergeant Murray has also recommended that a No Parking Zone be designated on Franklin Avenue on both the north side from Walnut Lane to the Princeton Borough line.

Mr. Miller offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on first reading. Mr. Goerner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The public hearing was set for October 22, 2007.

REPORTS

Mr. Miller reported that the TV30 website is up and running at princetontv.org.

Mr. Goerner reported that Human Services had their annual breakfast at the Nassau Club and that it was a good experience.

Mr. Liverman reported that there will be a joint meeting between Township Committee and Borough Council on November 1, 2007 to hear the report of the Recreation Master Plan.

Mayor Marchand reminded everyone about the Race for the Cure at Great Adventure on Sunday.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Henry Frank, 126 Valley Road, expressed concern about trucks traveling on Valley Road. Mr. Kiser said that he would check the signs on Valley Road to make sure they are posted properly.

Members of the Princeton Battlefield Society came before Township Committee with concerns about the Battlefield and the Institute for Advanced Study project site.

Gerry Horowitz, said that the Battle of Princeton was pivotal in American history and new information has been discovered about the Institute for Advanced Study project site. He said that military artifacts have been found there, noting that housing is proposed for the area where “Pickets’s Charge” took place.

Kip Cherry, 24 Dempsey Avenue, said that this area could potentially be the basis for major tourism in New Jersey and that there are many ways in which the land could be preserved, including having the battlefield designated at a National Historic Site.

Mr. Liverman asked why an archeological study couldn’t be done before the building began. Ms. Cherry said that it could, but that they would need the battlefield for a major part of the interpretation. She also noted that they would like to have a Visitors Center.

Mr. Horowitz said that a through archeological study should be done as its findings could be significant.

Mr. Goerner thanked the members of the Princeton Battlefield Society for coming and asked how many studies have actually been done? Ms. Cherry said that there were four and that the one from Hunter was the most significant.

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

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

Hillier Proposal

Mr. Schmierer gave Township Committee a status report on the Hillier proposal with a possible draft ordinance for work session on October 22, 2007.

Valley Road Building

Mr. Pascale updated Township Committee on the status of the Valley Road Building.

Joint Matters with Princeton Borough

Mr. Pascale reviewed with Township Committee ongoing issues concerning Corner House, SOC Lands, the North Ridge Sanitary Sewer Project, the Sewer Rehabilitation Trust Fund, Old Billings, Library parking and the Fire Department.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Linda S. McDermott
Township Clerk