

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
November 13, 2006

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 2006 Schedule of Regular Meetings. On January 4, 2006 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, the Town Topics, and WHWH, filed with the Township Clerk and mailed to those persons who as of that time had requested and paid for same.

ROLL CALL

The Township Clerk then called the roll.

Present: Mayor Marchand and Ms. Bergman and Messrs. Goerner, Liverman and Miller.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Ms. Monzo, and Messrs Kiser, Pascale, Schmierer and Capt. Emann.

MINUTES

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the minutes of October 9, 2006 as corrected. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the minutes of October 23, 2006 as corrected. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Public Information Contest Winner

Mayor Marchand announced that Princeton Township would receive the award for Best Overall Entry in the 45th Annual Municipal Public Information Contest. The award will be presented at the League Luncheon during the League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City later in the week. The Mayor said that this is the third time that the Township has won this award.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Bills & Claims
- b. Maintenance/Performance Guarantees

- The Hillier Group, James Banks, Town Topics, Performance Guaranty Substitution and return of the Cash Performance Guaranty plus interest minus 10% in the amount of \$12,474.84 to be held for the cash portion of the substituted performance guaranty.
 - Mark Solomon, Esq., GHP - 29 Thanet Road - Completion time extension to April 1, 2007.
- c. Raffle License: Stuart Country Day School for a raffle to be held April 21, 2007 to benefit program and curricular enhancements at the school.
 - d. Resolution and Agreement: Municipal Alliance Contract with Mercer County, January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007, Not to Exceed \$29,270.00
 - e. Resolutions (2): Endorsing the Princeton Recreation Department's Application to Mercer County's Mercer at Play Grant Program in the amounts of \$143,000. and \$486,048
 - f. Resolution: Supporting the Route 206 Joint Vision Plan and Traffic Calming Study
 - g. Resolution and Agreement: Level 3 Communications, LLC, Broomfield, CO, to install aerial fiber cable within the Township's right of way to serve primarily their new customer, Princeton Health Care Systems, \$1,500.
 - h. Final Change Order: Aponte Construction, Inc., Reconstruction of Clearview Avenue, Dorann Avenue, Tee-Ar Place and Grover Avenue, \$38,619.72.
 - i. Bid Awards:
 - Bucks County International, Inc., Langhorne, PA, for a 25-Yard Compaction Refuse Vehicle, \$129,985.
 - L3 Communications, Boonton, NJ for Mobile Vision Recorders for Police Cars, \$52,238.25
 - j. Contract Award: 2006-2007 Maintenance services for Municipal Facilities, Eastco Building Services, \$137,107.08
 - k. Resolution: Authorizing the Cancellation of a Portion of the Property Taxes for the Year 2006 on Block 5501, Lot 4 to Correct Assessed Value and Extended Tax Duplicate.
 - l. Resolution: Chapter 159 Requesting Approval of Special Items of Revenue and Appropriation, State of New Jersey, The College of New Jersey, Building Livable Communities Grant Program, \$60,000.
 - m. Resolution: Transfer of Funds, \$107,600.
 - n. Resolution: "You Drink and Drive, You Lose"

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

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

REPORTS

Mayor Marchand announced the death of Helen Fairbanks, 91 who came to Township Committee meetings as a League of Women Voters representative.

Mrs. Bergman said that she received a letter from Karen Jezerney asking the Township to consider improvements to her area with roundabouts at Mt. Lucas Road.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Daniel Nall, 80 Random Road, said that he is the owner of the property with the bridge over Harry's Brook. He said that the bridge serves as a weir and is an important mechanism over Harry's Brook. He said that there have been increased levels of erosion due to runoff and he has made efforts to stabilize the banks with boulders.

Olivia Applegate, Random Road, said that she is a neighbor of Mr. Nall. She thanked Mayor Marchand and Mr. Miller for visiting the Random Road neighborhood and the area along Harry's Brook. She said that there was danger there and that she had a copy of an ordinance from the Village of Bridgeport on flood damage prevention.

Mr. Goerner thanked Ms. Applegate and asked when the next Flood Control Committee meeting was to be held. Mr. Kiser said that it was scheduled for November 30, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.

Billie Emmerick, 219 Dodds Lane, gave Township Committee a handout with information about the Princeton Senior Resource Center budgets. She asked how the Senior Center could maintain or expand services, noting that they cannot do it on the current budget. She said that the handout is for information at this time, not action.

Morton Greenberg, 35 Finley Avenue, came before Township Committee to discuss the property tax situation and tax relief. Mr. Pascale said that there is a lot of discussion in Trenton about the current tax situation and a lot happening to circumvent the actions that started with the increase in sales tax in July of this year.

REPORTS

Mrs. Bergman said that the Health Commission was planning an "Emergency Planning Day" for the public and that more information would be forthcoming.

Mr. Liverman announced that there will be an Internet Safety Forum on November 30, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

WORK SESSION**Email Use and Township Business**

Mr. Schmierer reviewed with Township Committee a recent memorandum detailing a recent decision by the New Jersey Government Records Council regarding email use and township business.

It was suggested that Township Committee, members of Township boards and commissions, and employees use the "First Class" email program for Township business. IT Director, Scott Walter will help with setting up the program for those who wish to use it on their home computers.

CLOSED SESSION

Negotiations/ Personnel/Litigation

Princeton Borough**Library Parking**

Mr. Pascale updated Township Committee on the issue of Library Parking and the Borough of Princeton.

SOC Lands

Mr. Pacale discussed with Township Committee the status of the SOC lands.

Fire Department Dispatch Protocol

Mr. Miller gave a status report to Township Committee regarding the fire department dispatch protocol.

Princeton Township Police Department Personnel

Mr. Pascale and Chief Emann discussed with Township Committee police department personnel issues.

Glasberg Proposal – Appraisal

Mr. Pascale offered a status report to Township Committee regarding the Glasberg proposal and appraisal.

Status Report – Pursuit of PILOTS from Large Tax Exempt Property Owners

Mr. Pascale and Mayor Marchand updated Township Committee on the recent pursuits for payments in lieu of taxes from large exempt property owners.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Linda S. McDermott
Township Clerk