

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
December 7, 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

ROLL CALL, Borough of Princeton

Present: Mayor Trotman, Mesdame Trelstad, Messrs Goldfarb, Koontz, and Martindell.

Absent: Ms. Karcher and Mr. Wilkes.

Also Present: Mr. Bruschi.

SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICERS

Mr. Goerner offered a motion authorizing new patrol officers Stephen Lattin and Michael Strobel.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Lempert and carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmierer swore in the new patrol officers.

**JT MEETING WITH PRINCETON BOROUGH
Revaluation Status Report**

Neal Snyder, Tax Assessor, introduced the members of the Revaluation Committee that were present.

Ernest Del Guercio, Appraisal Systems gave an overview to date of the revaluation process currently in Princeton. He stressed that revaluation did not raise taxes, no more, no less. He said that the company was ready to send out letters to residents and begin informal hearings.

Mr. Goldfarb asked if residents had an opportunity to see what other properties are valued at? Mr. Del Guercio said that they did. He noted that residential properties in general have decreased in value and that there has been a shift. Any discussions at this point will be one on one with property owners.

Mayor Trotman said that the deadline to file an appeal is May 1, 2010. She asked up to what date would there be home inspections. Mr. Del Guercio said that there is no set date and that they have inspected about 90% of properties. He said that they will be flexible as to the inspection process.

Mayor Miller thanked Mr. Snyder and Appraisal Systems for their presentation and bringing everyone up to date on the revaluation process.

MINUTES

Mr. Goerner offered a motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liverman and carried unanimously.

Ms. Nemeth offered a motion to approve the minutes of October 5, 2009. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lempert 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
 - Commerce Bank/CVS: Release of performance guaranty along with any remaining escrows. No maintenance guaranty required.
 - The Hun School, Major Site Plan, Athletic Facilities: Maintenance guaranty extension with authorization to pull bond if necessary.
- c. Resolution: Bid Award; Stony Brook Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Pathways and Bridges to Let It Grow, Inc., River Edge, NJ, based on their low bid amount of \$958,565.75.
- d. Resolution: Transfer of Funds, \$20,000.
- e. Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Contract for the Installation of the Braeburn Drive Culvert, Top Line Construction, \$209,325.05
- f. Resolution: "Over the Limit, Under Arrest" 2009 Impaired Driving Crackdown Grant

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

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

REPORTS

Ms. Nemeth reported that the H1N1 clinics are continuing.

Ms. Lempert spoke about the Human Services toy drive, adding that all children have been matched with a donor.

WORK SESSION

Mayors Task Force on School Funding Reform

Mayor Miller briefed Township Committee on this new initiative. It was the consensus of Township Committee to ask the Princeton Regional School Board for a recommendation and get more information.

Fire Prevention Bureau Fees

Mr. DiLapo, Fire Official said that after reviewing the originally proposed ordinance, the proposed increase in fees would drop from 20% to 4% and that there would be a reduction in part time staff hours. Ms. Nemeth thanked Mr. DiLapo for taking another look at the proposed increases.

Mayor Miller read by title on first reading a proposed ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CONCERNING NON-LIFE HAZARD USE REGISTRATION AND PERMIT FEES FOR THE PRINCETON TOWNSHIP BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION AND AMENDING THE “CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968”.

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance first reading. Mr. Goerner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The public hearing was set for December 21, 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/Personnel

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

- **Princeton University Payment Negotiations**
- **Consolidation Study Commission Appointments**
- **Riccardi Negotiations, Status Report**
- **Lowe Litigation**
- **Police/DPW**

The above referenced issues were discussed by Township Committee.

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

Linda S. McDermott
Township Clerk