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PRINCETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
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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 2011 Schedule of Regular Meetings. On January 2, 2011 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, the Town Topics, and filed with the Township Clerk.

ROLL CALL

The Township Clerk then called the roll.

Present: Mayor Goerner and Mesdames Lempert and Nemeth and Mr. Miller.

Absent: Mr. Liverman.

Also Present: Mrs. Monzo, and Messrs Kiser, Pascale, Schmierer and Chief Buchanan.

RESOLUTION: Police Promotions

Ms. Nemeth offered a motion to approve the proposed resolution promoting Christopher Morgan and Robert Toole to the rank of Lieutenant, Police Department as presented. Ms. Lempert seconded the motion which was approved unanimously by those present.

(Resolution appended to this set of minutes)

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

a. Bills & Claims

b. Music Amplification Requests:

- D & R Greenway Land Trust, May 6, 2011, for a party at 166 Cherry Hill Road, 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

- Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart, May 14, 2011, Spring Gala, 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

c. Resolution: Authorizing Purchase of a Washington Oaks Affordable Unit, \$73,164

d. Resolution: Princeton Church of Christ, Bike Path Easement

Mr. Miller offered a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ms. Lempert seconded the motion which was approved unanimously by those present.

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

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Hillside Avenue Sidewalks

Mayor Goerner read by title an ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AS A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SIDEWALK ALONG BOTH SIDES OF HILLSIDE AVENUE, ITS ENTIRE LENGTH, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$48,000.00 THEREFOR, PROVIDING FOR THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE MAKING OF A DOWN PAYMENT AND ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES OF SAID TOWNSHIP AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF FIFTY (50%) PERCENT OF THE COST THEREOF.

Mr. Kiser said that the Engineering Department has recommended the installation of sidewalks on Hillside Avenue as part of the Cherry Valley Road and Hillside Avenue Capital Improvement Project. It is estimated that the cost of installing the sidewalks on both sides of Hillside Avenue for its entire length is approximately \$48,000. As has been the policy of the Township, fifty percent of the cost of installing the sidewalks would be assessed to the benefitted property owners along both sides of Hillside Avenue.

Mayor Goerner opened the public hearing

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

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

Bond Ordinance Mountain Lakes

Mayor Goerner read by title an ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$30,000.00 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROOF AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MOUNTAIN LAKES HOUSE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SUPPLEMENTAL BONDS OR NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,500.00 THEREFOR IN ORDER TO FINANCE A PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

Mr. Schmierer said that the Mountain Lakes holding Corporation is scheduled to complete construction of the new roofs over the Mountain Lakes House terrace and other related improvements in order to accommodate their first scheduled spring wedding on May 7, 2011. He said that as construction progressed however, additional

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expenses have been incurred for skylight work, roof decking work, metal fascia and related improvements. In order to complete the project, the Mountain Lakes Holding Corporation has requested that the Township consider a Supplemental Bond Ordinance appropriating an additional \$30,000. The Mountain Lakes Holding Corporation will be responsible for repayment of both the original bond ordinance and the supplemental if approved by Township Committee.

Mayor Goerner opened the public hearing

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

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

CAP Ordinance

Mayor Goerner read by title an ordinance entitled TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON CALENDAR YEAR 2011 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A.40A: 4-45.14)

Mayor Goerner opened the public hearing

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

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

2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

- Resolution: To read the budget by title only
- Resolution, "Self Examination" of budget
- Public Hearing on the 2011 Municipal Operating Budget
- Resolution amending the 2011 Municipal Operating Budget
- Adoption of the 2011 Municipal Operating Budget

Resolution: To read the budget by title only

Mayor Goerner read a resolution to read the budget by title only. Mr. Miller offered a motion to approve the resolution as read. Ms. Nemeth seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously by those present.

Resolution, "Self Examination" of the 2011 budget

Mayor Goerner read a resolution for self examination of the budget. Mr. Miller offered a motion to approve the resolution as read. Ms. Nemeth seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously by those present.

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Public Hearing on the 2011 Municipal Operating Budget

Mr. Pascale and Mrs. Monzo presented a power point presentation explaining the 2011 operating budget for Princeton Township.

Adoption of the Operating Budget

Mayor Goerner opened the public hearing on the 2011 municipal operating budget.

There being no comment, the public hearing was closed.

Ms. Nemeth then offered a motion to approve a resolution setting forth the 2011 municipal budget.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously by those present on a roll call vote.

(Resolutions appended to this set of minutes)

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Wendy Mager said that she understood that recycling was picked up by Mercer County; however, she noted that the people who actually pick up the recycling are very careless.

REPORTS

Mr. Miller noted that an Arbor Day Ceremony would take place on April 29, 2011, 10:30 a.m. at Littlebrook School.

Mrs. Monzo reported that the use of credit cards would be in place for payment of second quarter taxes.

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

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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

- Arts and Transit District
- Valley Road Building
- Consolidation Study Commission, Status Report

The above referenced issues were discussed by Township Committee.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Linda S. McDermott
Township Clerk