

## PRINCETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

May 7, 2012

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 2012 Schedule of Regular Meetings. On January 3, 2012 at 8:00 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 filed with the Township Clerk.

### ROLL CALL

The Township Clerk then called the roll.

Present: Mayor Goerner and Mesdames Lempert and Nemeth and Messers Liverman and Miller.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mrs. Monzo, and Messrs Kiser, Schmierer and Lt. Toole.

### PRESENTATION

Eleanor Pinelli - Pettoranello Presentation, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Ms. Pinelli presented an itinerary to Township Committee for the delegation from Pettoranello, Italy that will be coming to Princeton in celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sister city relationship.

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Bills & Claims
- b. Resolution and Agreement: D&R Greenway Land Trust, Inc., Maintenance and Management Agreement
- c. Resolution: Appointment, Acting Police Chief
- d. Professional Services Agreement: Environmental Management Associates, Department of Public Works Garage, Not to Exceed \$28,860.
- e. Resolution: Personnel Manual Changes and Employment Liability Renewal
- f. Road Closing Request: Julie Hagan, Battle Road between Olden Lane and Battle Road Circle for a Memorial Day block party, May 28, 2012, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the consent agenda without item “c”. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lempert and carried unanimously.

Mr. Miller recommended the appointment of Lt. Christopher Morgan as Acting Chief of Police per item “c”. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liverman and carried unanimously.

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

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION**

Mayor Goerner read by title on first reading a proposed ordinance BOND ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON AUTHORIZING AS A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SIDEWALK ALONG THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF ROPER ROAD BETWEEN LITTLEBROOK ROAD AND THE PRINCETON KINGSTON ROAD, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$30,500.00 THEREFOR, PROVIDING FOR THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE MAKING OF A DOWN PAYMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES OF SAID TOWNSHIP AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF FIFTY (50%) PERCENT OF THE COST THEREOF ON PROPERTY OWNERS ON BOTH SIDES OF ROPER ROAD AND RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO 2012-4.

Mr. Kiser explained that while there was not a unanimous consensus, a majority of residents favored the installation of sidewalks on the southern side of Roper Road only and have agreed to contribute towards the cost.

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on first reading. Ms. Nemeth seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The public hearing was set for June 11, 2012.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Henry Frank, 126 Valley Road, suggested that Township Committee repeal the ordinance regarding signs in the right of way.

Charlie Yedlin, spoke in favor of the appointment of the Acting Chief of Police and commends the Township Police Department.

Carol Golden, voiced her support for the newly appointed Acting Chief of Police.

Robert DeMartino, Princeton Kingston Road, discussed a list of concerns and questions that he had about the Sewer Operating Committee, suggesting that he felt threatened and bullied.

**REPORTS**

Ms. Nemeth said that she had attended recent Stand Against Racism events.

Mr. Liverman said that the Corner House reenactment is scheduled for May 23, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Lempert noted that the Farmers Market will begin on May 17, 2012.

Mayor Goerner said that there will be a joint meeting of the Township Committee and Borough Council on May 21, 2012.

**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:

**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

- Police Personnel

The above referenced issues were discussed by Township Committee.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Linda S. McDermott  
Township Clerk