

**These minutes not yet
Approved by the Princeton Council**

**PRINCETON COUNCIL MEETING
July 22, 2013**

A meeting of the Mayor and Council was held on this date at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room in the municipal complex, 400 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, NJ 08540.

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 2013 Schedule of Regular Meetings. On January 2, 2014 at 6:45 p.m., said schedule was posted on the official bulletin board in the Municipal Building, transmitted to the Princeton Packet, the Trenton Times, the Torontonionian, the Town Topics, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL

The Municipal Clerk then called the roll.

Present: Mesdames Butler, Crumiller, Howard and Messer Liveryman, Miller and Simon and Mayor Lempert.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Ms. Monzo, Mr. Kiser, and Mr. Schmierer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance as lead by Stephanie Hu "Mayor for the Day"

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

The "Save the Valley Road School" citizen group came before Council to present a petition with approximately 2100 signatures asking that a referendum be place on the election ballot in November.

Richard Woodbridge, Kip Cherry, and Chuck Creasy formed their nonprofit agency. Mr. Woodbridge said that that the Princeton Schools have turned down the citizen's group proposal but they feel that it was the overall sentiment in the municipality to continue using the Valley Road School.

Kip Cherry, 26 Dempsey Avenue said that the Valley Road School is listed as one of the 10 most endangered historic places in New Jersey.

Claire Jacobus asked that we continue to find a use for the building and that we not let it rot as it will be a scar on the building.

John Clearwater, Governors Lane asked that it be resurrected as a community facility and that Witherspoon Street be turned into a “cultural corridor”.

Mayor Lempert said that there would be no decision by Council on this issue tonight.

Mr. Schmierer said that the initial problem in putting the issue on the November ballot is that the municipality does not own the Valley Road School Building and that Council has no legal ability to move forward with this request. He said that he was not confident from a legal point of view that this would qualify as a referendum question.

Mr. Woodbridge asked that the municipality enter into negotiations with the schools.

Ms. Butler asked if the building is condemned does it fall back to the municipality. Mr. Schmierer said that no it would still belong to the school board.

Tim Quinn, President, Board of Education explained the position of the BOE and said that they have not abandoned the Valley Road School and are looking for a solution with little or no financial impact to the district.

PRESENTATION

9/11 Memorial, Roy James, Deputy Fire Chief

Mr. James presented Council with a plan for a 9/11 Memorial to be located at Monument Hall. He said that he was working on a design with KSS Architects and artist Pietro del Fabrio to create a place to learn about the events of 9/11, mourn those lost in the tragedy and reflect on the events of that day.

Mr. James said that he has yet to begin fundraising and was asking Council for their support by up fronting \$75,000. -\$100,000. to offset project costs. He would then begin fundraising to pay back the municipality. He said that he would like to see the project completed next year.

Mayor Lempert raised the issue of the cross that is cut into the piece of steel from the twin towers that will become part of the memorial. Mr. James said that the pieces of steel were cut out and given to people as a symbol of hope. He said that he was adamant about not hiding the cross because he understands the story behind it.

Ms. Butler said that she thought that we would need a copy of the presentation and cost estimate and said that the project would have to go before Historic Preservation.

Ms. Howard said that the symbol may be a different matter when government is providing funding. Ms. Crumiller said that she was concerned that we would get sued. Ms. Howard said that this may be a legal questions that we would have to test.

Mayor Lempert said that we appreciate the dedication and hard work that Mr. James has put into the project and said that the issue of funding would be brought before the Citizens Finance Advisory Committee.

(Presentation appended to this set of minutes)

WORK SESSION

Capital Analysis, CFAC, Scott Sillars, Gary Patteson

Mr. Sillars and Mr. Patteson presented a power point presentation outlining the Princeton Capital Expenditure Outlook, 2013-2018. Mr. Sillars said that the objective of the CFAC review of the budgeting process was to develop a template to understand the implications of our capital expenditure decisions on debt issues, to address several questions and to offer suggestions on ways to improve the process. He said that the larger question, as to what should be our outstanding debt level was still being assessed by the CFAC, especially in context of our debt ratings.

Mr. Sillars said that the CFAC concluded that greater attention needs to be paid to capital spending and its potential impact on debt service and property taxes; consolidation offers the opportunity to improve upon our management practices; and while big ticket items are affordable, they need to be prioritized and rigorously analyzed.

Mr. Liverman thanked the CFAC for the presentation and said that it was eye opening. Mr. Miller thanked the CFAC for another outstanding job.

Ms. Butler said that she thought that when we consolidated, debt service would be about equal and wouldn't increase the Borough's tax base.

Ms. Crumiller said that it was never good to have rose colored glasses on and asked how surplus plays into this. Mr. Sillars said that it doesn't. Mr. Patteson said that controlling capital judgments was the way to make an impact and keep this under control. Mr. Sillars said that any capital we spend will raise up debt service.

(Presentation appended to this set of minutes)

Resolution 13-212 Personnel Policy Manual

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve resolution 13-212 as recommended by the Administrator. The motion was seconded by Ms. Butler and carried unanimously.

(Resolution appended to this set of minutes)

REPORTS

Ms. Howard said that the Human Services Director would come to Council with a report in the fall.

Ms. Crumiller commented on the Vandeventer/Moore Street road project.

Mr. Miller reported that Avalon Bay meetings are being held.

Mr. Simon said that the Public Works Committee is working on the composting program.

Mayor Lempert said that Community Night Out is scheduled for August 6, 2013 and that she will be holding her next "Meet the Mayor" at The Community Park Pool.

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARINGS**Salaries and Compensation**

Mayor Lempert read by title an ordinance entitled ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF PRINCETON CONCERNING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN PERSONNEL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PRINCETON.

Mayor Lempert opened the public hearing.

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

Mr. Simon offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liverman and carried unanimously.

Bond Ordinance, Parking Utility Repairs

Mayor Lempert read by title an ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PARKING UTILITY FACILITY REPAIRS AND THE ACQUISITION OF A VAN FOR THE PARKING UTILITY IN AND BY PRINCETON, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$80,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$80,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF.

Mayor Lempert opened the public hearing.

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

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

Bond Ordinance, Various Capital Improvements

Mayor Lempert read by title an ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY PRINCETON, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$3,699,900 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,838,229 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

Mayor Lempert opened the public hearing.

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

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Ms. Crumiller and carried unanimously.

13-213 Resolution: Community Park Pools & Recreation Facility, Hall Building Corp., Final Change Order \$54,923.05

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve resolution 13-213 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

(Resolution appended to this set of minutes)

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Bills and Claims
- b. Maintenance and Performance Guarantee:
- Igor L. Barsky, Heritage Homes Builders LLC, Extension of Time to October 6, 2013
- c. 13-214 Resolution: Approving Fire Department Application For Junior Member.

Mr. Miller offered a motion to approve the consent agenda as proposed. The motion was seconded by Ms. Howard and carried unanimously.

(Resolutions appended to this set of minutes.)

13-215 CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION
TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION
(Open Public Meetings Act Sec.3)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council 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: Administrator
Negotiations: Land Acquisition

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

The above referenced issues were discussed by the Princeton Council.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Linda S. McDermott
Municipal Clerk