



**PRINCETON**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF PRINCETON**  
**MINUTES • AUGUST 8, 2016**

**Regular Meeting**

**Main Council Room**

**6:30 PM**

400 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, NJ 08540

**I. STATEMENT CONCERNING NOTICE OF MEETING**

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 a written notice. On August 5, 2016 at 11:20 a.m., said notice was posted on the official bulletin board in the Municipal Building, transmitted to the Princeton Packet, the Trenton Times, the Town Topics and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

**II. ROLL CALL**

The Municipal Clerk then called the roll.

Present for Council: Mayor Lempert (6:45 p.m.), Councilwoman Howard (6:45 p.m.), Councilwoman Butler, Councilwoman Crumiller, Council President Liverman, Councilman Miller and Councilman Simon.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Dashield, Administrator, Trishka Cecil, Esq., Municipal Attorney.

**III. 6:30 P.M. CLOSED SESSION**

1. 16-241 Resolution, Closed Session

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [5 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jo Butler, Councilwoman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jenny Crumiller, Councilwoman
<b>AYES:</b>	Crumiller, Miller, Liverman, Butler, Simon
<b>RECUSED:</b>	Howard, Lempert

2. Litigation: Knapp v. Borough of Princeton

Mayor Lempert and Ms. Howard were recused from this discussion.

3. Litigation: Affordable Housing Declaratory Judgement Action Update

Kevin Van Hise, Esq., was present for this discussion with Council.

The above referenced items were discussed by the Council.

**IV. 7:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION****V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The audience participated in the pledge of allegiance.

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Butler said that on August 10, 2016 the Recreation Camp will hold its annual cardboard canoe race and on August 20, 2016 concerts will begin at Community Park North.

**VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Yina Moore, 19 Green Street, spoke to Council in regard to a July 29, 2016 Letter to the Editor in the Princeton Packet concerning the Mary Moss Park concept plan. She said that the Witherspoon-Jackson neighborhood looks forward to working with the Recreation Department and RBA Consultants to implement new design revisions and refinements to the proposed concept plan.

(Letter to the Editor appended to this set of minutes)

**VIII. REPORTS****1. Revenue & Expenditure Report Period Ending June 30, 2016**

Sandra Webb, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed with Council the Revenue and Expenditure Report for the period ending June 30, 2016. She said that many of the noted revenues are already at 100% of what was anticipated. She noted that there was a delay in payment of State Hazard Use fees which were not be paid out until June.

Ms. Butler said that under "taxes due" it appears that we are slightly ahead in collections noting that this is good news.

Mr. Miller stated that the energy receipt tax is vulnerable to the federal government and was concerned about receipt of payment. Ms. Webb said that the energy receipt tax always is vulnerable but that she is expecting full receipt.

Mr. Simon asked if Council can receive advanced calculations of current taxes that we've collected. Mr. Dashield said that we do not payout to Mercer County and Princeton schools until the end of the year, so we cannot give Council advanced calculations.

**2. Update on 2016 Council Goals, Marc Dashield**

Mr. Dashield reviewed with Council a power point presentation regarding an August status report for Council Goals and Priorities.

(Status Report appended to this set of minutes)

**Council Reports**

Ms. Howard said that there have been bear sightings in Princeton recently. She reminded residents to call the Police Department if a bear is seen.

Mr. Liverman reported that there will be a Safe Streets program August 12-14, 2016.

Ms. Butler stated that there has been 85,500 people in attendance at the pool this summer.

Mayor Lempert reported that the Library has finished the demolition of the second story floor area.

Mr. Dashield said the updating of the Monument Council Room will be handled by the Public Works Department. Ms. Butler said that she was not aware that there have been a lot of requests for use of the room. She stated that there is resistance from Council to meet there and is concerned that there removal of the dais is expensive and once removed, it will not be put back.

Mr. Simon stated that he has concerns about how to share space effectively.

Mr. Miller said that he would like to see other ways in which Monument Main could be laid out.

## IX. ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

1. 2016-35 An Ordinance Granting Renewal of Municipal Consent to Comcast of Central New Jersey II to Construct, Connect, Operate and Maintain a Cable Television and Communications System in the Municipality of Princeton, Mercer County, New Jersey (Public Hearing September 12, 2016)

Mayor Lempert read the proposed ordinance by title.

**Motion** – to introduce

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bernard Miller, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Patrick Simon, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Howard, Crumiller, Miller, Liverman, Butler, Simon

## X. ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

1. 2016-34 An Ordinance By The Municipality Of Princeton Concerning Trees And Shrubs And Amending The “Code Of The Borough Of Princeton, New Jersey, 1974” And “Code Of The Township Of Princeton, New Jersey, 1968.”

Mayor Lempert read the proposed ordinance by title.

Ms. Butler spoke in regards to a memorandum from Steve Hiltner regarding suggestions for other trees to be listed as exemptions from the proposed ordinance such as Norway Maple and Tree of Heaven. Mayor Lempert said that she too would recommend an exempt tree list.

Lorraine Konopka, Municipal Arborist said that she was concerned that including such a list will chip away at the intention of the proposed ordinance and stated that this is a tree preservation ordinance.

Mr. Simon stated that it would be his preference to address issues within the ordinance and not facilitate tear downs. He said that the proposed ordinance speaks against responsive customer service.

Ms. Butler said that the Emerald Ash Bore is fatal and that one affected tree on a tree street could affect other trees on the same street.

Mayor Lempert opened the public hearing.

Lindy Eiref, 221 Dodds Lane, asked that the proposed ordinance be softened as it presents a huge burden on residents in its current state.

Daniel Harris, 28 Dodds Lane, said that the proposed ordinance is very well conceived and urged Council to adopt it.

Victoria Airgood, 35 Jefferson Road, discussed with Council a memorandum from the Shade Tree Commission regarding the proposed amendments to the Trees and Shrubs Ordinance and the benefits of an "Urban Forest".

(Memorandum appended to this set of minutes)

Robert von Zumbush, Princeton-Kingston Road said that he was very disappointed that the proposed ordinance has not been reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission.

There being no further public comment the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Ms. Crumiller, Ms. Howard and Mr. Miller said that they were not interested in attaching an exempt tree list to the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Simon stated that he would like to see something simpler but not a list of invasive species.

Ms. Konopka said that the municipality is required to follow the rules and regulations of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP).

Ms. Howard said that we've changed the replacement standards from one tree to four trees. She was concerned that about what would happen if we offered more discretion and opened up the standards for tree replacement. Ms. Konopka stated that the tree footprint would all change. Mr. Simon said that we have trees that are too old in the public right-of-way and that there was no reason to believe that it was the same on private property.

Mr. Simon stated that some residents have a legitimate fear of trees falling on their homes during severe storms. He said that he was completely on board with the clear cutting of trees but was not on board with the ordinance as proposed.

Ms. Butler said that Princeton has many old, mature trees that are valued by everyone. She stated that a fear of trees was not a good enough reason to cut them down.

Mr. Simon said that he was trying to find a balance between privileging the tree canopy over all other goods.

Ms. Cecil stated that the proposed ordinance is worded so that one can remove a tree if they go through the permit process, pay the appropriate fee and then replace the tree. The ordinance does not deny the cutting of trees.

Ms. Konopka said that the proposed ordinance provides for a very workable, multilayered process.

It was the consensus of Council to table the adoption of the proposed ordinance until the meeting of September 12, 2016. It was also suggested that the proposed ordinance be sent to the Historic Preservation Commission for further review.

**Motion-** to table

**RESULT:        TABLED**

**Next: 9/12/2016 6:00 PM**

#### **XI.    CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESULT:        ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:**        Lance Liverman, Council President  
**SECONDER:**    Jenny Crumiller, Councilwoman  
**AYES:**         Howard, Crumiller, Miller, Liverman, Butler, Simon

1. Bills and Claims
2. 16-242 Banner Request Over Washington Road by Princeton University Office of Community and Regional Affairs, Announcing Community and Staff Day, September 12-19, 2016
3. 16-243 Banner Request Over Washington Road, The Parkinson Alliance, September 19-26, 2016
4. 16-244 Banner Request Over Washington Road, Alzheimer's New Jersey, Walk to Fight Alzheimer's, September 26-October 3, 2016
5. 16-245 Approval of Princeton University Football Game Fireworks Display, September 17, 2016
6. 16-246 Acceptance of Multi-Space Meters at Princeton Station for a Fee of \$10.00 and Extension of the Term of the License Agreement with the Trustees of Princeton University, dated December 9, 2013, to January 31, 2026
7. 16-247 Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees
8. 16-248 Authorizing The Appointment of Inspectors to Act in the Absence of the Fire Official

#### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Linda S. McDermott  
Municipal Clerk

ers, in their quest to catch Pokémon, actually start exploring and enjoying the natural world? They may discover that there's lots of real-life cool stuff out there - birds in trees, salamanders under rocks, butterflies on flowers, and constellations in the night sky.

There's already evidence of this happening. Pokémon Go players who have encountered real animals while playing the game started a new Twitter hashtag, #PokeBlitz, for sharing their sightings.

Luckily, the same mobile technology that gave us Pokémon Go has generated multitudes of apps to help nature lovers navigate and interpret the great outdoors. For instance, while there are many bird-like Pokémon, New Jersey has many more real birds, from hummingbirds to Golden eagles. Bird identification apps include the popular iBird, developed by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. For most bird apps, there's both a paid version and a free "lite" version.

Pokémon come in plant and flower forms, but they can't compare to the variety of flora in New Jersey's forests, meadows and wetlands. If you want to identify trees and plants, try an electronic field guide like Leafsnap.

A similar visual recognition app called Project Noah identifies your photos of animals, insects, reptiles and birds. There's also iNaturalist, which allows you to post photos of nature sightings and get experts to identify them.

While you're outside at night, perhaps searching for nocturnal Pokémon like Zubat and Golbat, you may become curious about the stars, planets, constellations and meteors above you. Check out apps like Sky Guide, Star Walk 2, Star Map, Night Sky and Sky Safari to learn about the night sky.

And if you like the challenging of finding Pokémon, you may also like geocaching, the popular GPS-based "treasure hunt" pastime. Instead of running through parks in search of imaginary creatures, you can find real hidden caches — usually small prizes or tokens. Try out apps like Geocaching, Commander Compass Lite and Geocaching Buddy to guide your search for loot stashed in parks and forests.

And if you'd like to spend more time in New Jersey's parks and forests — exploring trails, visiting historic sites and finding access points for boating, fishing and wildlife observation — there's a free app for that, known as Pocket Ranger, offered by the State of New Jersey.

It's a big world with so much to discover, and outdoor apps make it easier. And if Pokémon Go can help ignite a love of the outdoors and exercise, all the better! Studies show that time spent outdoors benefits both physical and mental health.

To learn more about preserving New Jersey's land and natural resources, visit the New Jersey Conservation Foundation website at [www.njconservation.org](http://www.njconservation.org) or contact me at [info@njconservation.org](mailto:info@njconservation.org)

*Michele S. Byers is executive director of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation in Morristown.*

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Community offers ideas for Mary Moss Playground

To the editor:

The Witherspoon-Jackson Historic District's Mary Moss Playground is planned for renovation. RBA Consultants, through the Recreation Department, has presented an initial concept plan to Princeton Council, which was approved for further planning. Because few residents of the neighborhood were able to provide input, the Witherspoon-Jackson Historic District Committee held three neighborhood meetings to review the Mary Moss Playground Concept Plan.

To properly honor its founder, Mary Moss, create a learning environment for toddlers and young children, and to ensure that the playground is sustainable, safe, sanitary, and respectful of nearby neighbors, it is requested that the neighborhood determine the language, imagery, location, and placement of historical/cultural information about Mrs. Moss and the playground, including entry signage, pool outline marker, plaque, and seated Mary Moss three-dimensional image, and we further request that the Recreation Department accept the following revisions:

1) Remove corner entry; retain access from Lytle and John streets, setting back entries from shallow sidewalk area; provide a traffic-calming intersection table (under consideration by Princeton Council); and install signage acknowledging the "Witherspoon-Jackson Neighborhood's Historic Mary Moss Playground" at the corner of Lytle and John.

2) Shift aquatic spray area into the southern corner, bordered by shrubbery; create a single entry to spray area with perimeter bench seating to confine wet area; keep the spray level to low heights; and choose skid-proof adaptable surfacing for storytelling.

3) Promote sustainability, replacing canopies with trees, replacing redundant ramp with heavily planted evergreen and flowering shrubbery buffer, (forsythia was Mary Moss's favorite); ground cover, soft surfacing for sitting, installing solar voltaic pavilion roof panels; sourcing local quarries for boulders; using post-consumer materials for building materials and appropriate equipment; placing recycling and trash containers at both levels.

4) Design slide and sloped area with more soft surfaces, age-appropriate for toddlers and attendant caregivers.

5) Provide a pavilion with dappled sunlight under which plants, art, and educational objects can be hung; and install an artwork wall.

6) Add a sand play area, shaded by pavilion; and consider reinstalling some form of animal sculptures.

7) Enhance book nook with a soft-surfaced sitting area for story time, (relocate spray area furnishings to storage area); accommodate displays of history and culture along both sides of ramp wall/barrier; install multi-media and audio-equipment for storytelling, including the history of Mary Moss, the playground, and the Witherspoon-Jackson neighborhood during segregated Princeton.

8) Install age-appropriate playground equipment in organic forms and colors, and of low-heat conducting materials.

9) Eliminate the port-a-potty, as the intended playground users either live or are cared for nearby.

10) Add motion-sensors and timers for daytime use of water-sprayers; add motion-sensor site-wide lighting; install time-locked

entry gates to prevent loitering; maintain deterrent plantings adjacent to permeable fencing, at heights consistent with safety and aesthetic standards; install water fountains at upper and lower playing areas.

11) Provide appropriate staffing throughout the year for safety and educational programming.

The Witherspoon-Jackson neighborhood looks forward to working collaboratively with the Recreation Department and its consultants in implementing these design revisions and refinements to the concept plan.

Respectfully submitted by,

**Yina Moore**

*On behalf of the Witherspoon-Jackson Historic District Committee: Shirley Satterfield, Bernadine Hines, Leighton Newlin, Kip Cherry, Daniel Harris, Tommy Parker and John Heilner*

### Police should work on 'positive footprint'

To the editor:

Princeton Police Chief Nick Sutter's recent comments regarding the killings of police are at once commendable and deplorable. Commendable is his pledge to increase the "positive footprint" of police in the community, and to engage in "relationship-building."

Deplorable is his over-the-top claim that "officers are being targeted, ambushed, and slaughtered nationwide," to which he intends to respond by including two officers in patrol units, presumably cars. That tactic hardly helped officers Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu, who were shot and killed while on patrol together in New York on Dec. 12, 2014. Beefed up patrols will likely only panic some of our more fearful citizens (and not-yet citizens).

More to the point: there is no "nation-wide slaughter" of police. There is an increase in the rate of police deaths from shootings this year, 30 so far. There were 41 deaths in 2014. The recent low point was 73 in 2011. The fact is that felonious killings of police have been fairly stable over the years, with an average, according to F.B.I. figures, of 64 per year from 1980 to 2014. Moreover, police shootings in any given year constitute about one-third of all police deaths in the line of duty, the remainder clustering around vehicle accidents and job-related illnesses. No one claims that such an occupational death rate is acceptable, but it should be kept in mind that policing is not among the top 10 most dangerous jobs. Try logging or farming.

Almost needless to say, the shooting of police any time is tragic. Also tragic is the fact that more police die from suicide annually than gunfire and traffic accidents combined. There were 51 in the last six months of 2015, 126 in 2012.

Let's not allow ourselves to panic and then enact policy that only increases panic. Let's go for that "positive footprint" instead.

**Martin Oppenheimer**  
Professor Emeritus of Sociology  
Rutgers University  
Franklin

### Governor should create safe, secure environment

To the editor:

The article in The New York Times of July 19 about the dangerous, deplorable conditions of bridges, roads, and infrastructure in New Jersey got my attention.

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2016 Expenditure Report

	2016 Budgeted	06/30/16 Expended	Percent Expended	Explanation
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>				
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
Mayor & Council				
Salaries and Wages	80,000.00	39,999.90	50.00%	
Other Expenses	22,150.00	5,801.37	26.19%	Expenditures occur later in the year
Administrative and Executive				
Salaries and Wages	214,966.00	124,659.93	57.99%	
Other Expenses	1,480,600.00	25,641.57	1.73%	Budget includes "up to cap" amount
Hazardous Bus Routing				
Other Expenses	213,000.00	0.00	0.00%	Expenditure will occur in 3rd quarter
Municipal Clerk				
Salaries and Wages	313,814.00	153,549.64	48.93%	
Other Expenses	43,500.00	8,552.31	19.66%	Budget includes Code updates, which will occur later in the year
Human Resources (Personnel)				
Other Expenses	279,725.00	102,176.33	36.53%	Billing lag for Postage & budget includes all training & conferences
Elections				
Salaries and Wages	4,500.00	1,726.94	38.38%	Expenditures occur in 4th quarter
Other Expenses	15,700.00	0.00	0.00%	Expenditures occur in 4th quarter
Information Technology				
Salaries and Wages	297,404.00	145,802.54	49.03%	
Other Expenses	517,042.00	156,964.39	30.36%	Software / hardware contracts occur throughout year
Access Princeton				
Salaries and Wages	132,140.00	70,020.08	52.99%	
Other Expenses	16,700.00	1,962.00	11.75%	Expenditures occur later in the year
Financial Administration				
Salaries and Wages	668,574.00	322,013.84	48.16%	
Miscellaneous Other Expenses	30,350.00	9,947.04	32.77%	Expenditures occur later in the year for SEC compliance & fixed asset accounting
Audit	50,000.00	0.00	0.00%	Must encumber funds for PSA
Assessment of Taxes				
Salaries and Wages	162,596.00	80,096.51	49.26%	
Other Expenses	84,000.00	17,340.74	20.64%	Expenditures occur later in the year
Collection of Taxes				
Salaries and Wages	164,507.00	71,375.36	43.39%	
Other Expenses	14,725.00	773.19	5.25%	Expenditures occur in 4th quarter
Legal Services and Costs				
Other Expenses	439,500.00	161,281.59	36.70%	Expenditures low first half of year
Municipal Prosecutor				
Other Expenses	70,000.00	0.00	0.00%	1st & 2nd quarter paid in July
Engineering Services and Costs				
Salaries and Wages	983,263.00	437,897.76	44.54%	
Other Expenses	48,000.00	4,855.94	10.12%	Expenditures occur later in the year



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Salaries and Wages	288,198.00	152,821.73	53.03%	
Other Expenses	9,340.00	789.11	8.45%	Expenditures occur in 4th quarter
Emergency Management Services				
Salaries and Wages	154,039.00	74,832.42	48.58%	
Other Expenses	16,000.00	1,584.53	9.90%	Expenditures historically low
Rental Housing Inspection				
Salaries and Wages	185,410.00	90,810.07	48.98%	
<b>STREETS AND ROADS</b>				
Road Repair and Maintenance				
Salaries and Wages	1,706,816.00	830,022.16	48.63%	
Other Expenses	421,900.00	165,422.51	39.21%	
Street Lighting				
Other Expenses	290,000.00	114,159.35	39.37%	
Mechanics				
Salaries and Wages	342,209.00	157,259.00	45.95%	
Other Expenses	318,000.00	137,269.90	43.17%	
Maintenance of Sewerage Facilities				
Salaries and Wages	663,185.00	272,812.00	41.14%	
Other Expenses	307,000.00	65,887.26	21.46%	Expenditures low first half of year
Sewer System				
Other Expenses	20,000.00	0.00	0.00%	Expenditures charged here prior to year end
Garbage and Trash Removal				
Other Expenses	1,504,500.00	624,322.83	41.50%	
<b>HEALTH AND WELFARE</b>				
Board of Health				
Salaries and Wages	331,988.00	164,338.90	49.50%	
Other Expenses	97,968.00	6,569.31	6.71%	Billing lag from professionals
Other Expenses - Flu Program	19,000.00	0.00	0.00%	Expenditures occur in 4th quarter
Animal Control				
Salaries and Wages	63,795.00	27,278.64	42.76%	
Other Expenses	7,200.00	703.10	9.77%	Expenditures occur later in the year
Save Boarding Costs & Animal Care				
Other Expenses	5,000.00	0.00	0.00%	Billing lag
Deer Management Program				
Salaries and Wages	20,000.00	18,388.33	91.94%	Expenditures occur in 1st quarter
Other Expenses	75,250.00	60,870.97	80.89%	Expenditures occur in 1st quarter
Worker's Right to Know				
Other Expenses	1,000.00	0.00	0.00%	Budgeted if needed
Contribution to Affordable Housing				
Other Expenses	100,000.00	100,000.00	100.00%	Funds moved at budget adoption
Parks & Playgrounds				
Other Expenses	105,750.00	59,628.34	56.39%	
Drug Abuse Program (Corner House)				

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Salaries and Wages	219,202.00	109,472.31	49.94%	
Other Expenses	155,000.00	119,573.92	77.14%	Fringe benefits charged in 2nd quarter
<b>RECREATION AND EDUCATION</b>				
Recreation Department				
Salaries and Wages	820,564.00	304,919.99	37.16%	Funds moved from open space in 2nd quarter
Other Expenses	61,150.00	14,473.52	23.67%	Expenditures occur in 2nd half of the year
Celebration of Public Events				
Other Expenses	7,500.00	671.92	8.96%	Expenditures occur in 4th quarter
Senior Citizens Program				
Salaries and Wages	10,000.00	10,000.00	100.00%	Funds charged after budget adoption
Other Expenses	204,650.00	69,197.06	33.81%	Billing for PSRC brought up to date in July
Department of Human Services				
Salaries and Wages	113,965.00	48,745.72	42.77%	
Other Expenses	18,850.00	1,558.88	8.27%	Expenses for Summer Youth Program / Outreach occur in 3rd quarter
<b>Unclassified</b>				
Condominium Service Reimbursement	250,000.00	0.00	0.00%	Expenditures charged here next year
Utilities				
Gasoline	305,000.00	91,267.69	29.92%	Billing lag
Telephone	225,000.00	89,239.54	39.66%	
Electric & Gas	400,000.00	81,208.25	20.30%	Billing lag
Natural Gas	100,000.00	33,362.64	33.36%	Billing lag
Water	21,000.00	5,107.19	24.32%	Billing lag
Accumulated Sick Leave	160,000.00	0.00	0.00%	Appropriation moved to trust at year end
<b>Statutory Expenditures</b>				
Contribution to:				
Social Security System	1,025,000.00	384,393.79	37.50%	
Police & Firemen's Retirement System	1,600,000.00	1,577,970.00	98.62%	Expenditure occurred in 2nd quarter
Public Employees Retirement System	1,242,500.00	1,199,840.00	96.57%	Expenditure occurred in 2nd quarter
Cons. Police & Firemen's Pension Fund	21,000.00	19,523.40	92.97%	Expenditure occurred in 2nd quarter
Defined Contribution Retirement Plan	8,500.00	4,249.21	49.99%	
State Unemployment Insurance	50,000.00	1,303.66	2.61%	Appropriation moved to trust at year end
<b>SUBTOTAL APPRS.: INSIDE CAP</b>	<b>37,694,108.00</b>	<b>17,451,945.07</b>		
<b>OPERATIONS - EXCLUDED FROM CAP</b>				
Maintenance of Free Public Library	4,150,000.00	3,075,000.00	74.10%	3rd quarter already turned over to the Library
Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority	3,850,000.00	1,915,879.80	49.76%	
Stony Brook Sewer Industrial User Fee	20,000.00	0.00	0.00%	Hospital moved, expenditures will be less & 1st quarter paid in July
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues				
Matching Funds for Grants	10,000.00	0.00	0.00%	Appropriation budgeted if needed
Bonner Foundation	23,834.12	23,834.12	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption
Princeton University - Fire	20,000.00	20,000.00	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption
Princeton University Street Lighting	7,654.00	7,654.00	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption

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Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	61,118.09	61,118.09	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption
Association of NJ Environmental Commissions	70,945.49	70,945.49	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption
CDC Preventative Health	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption
Clean Communities Program Unapp	10,000.00	10,000.00	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption
Cops in Shops (Unappropriated)-SW	2,800.00	2,800.00	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption
Corner House Foundation-SW	103,000.00	103,000.00	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption
Corner House Foundation-OE	97,000.00	22,849.07	23.56%	Fringe benefits charged prior to year end
Drug Program-Cranbury Intervention SW	10,080.00	10,080.00	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption
Muni. Alliance Program-SW	17,056.00	17,056.00	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption
Muni. Alliance Program-OE	11,000.00	11,000.00	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption
Drug Program-State of New Jersey SW	200,000.00	200,000.00	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption
Drug Program-Mercer County SW	30,000.00	30,000.00	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption
Academic Success Today SW	5,000.00	5,000.00	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption
Academic Success Today OE	5,000.00	5,000.00	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption
Mercer County-Motivation 180 SW	23,497.00	23,497.00	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption
Mercer County-Motivation 180 OE	5,000.00	5,000.00	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption
Mercer County-PYP Program SW	27,304.00	27,304.00	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption
Recycling Tonnage Grant	55,146.93	55,146.93	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption
Client Fees	50,000.00	50,000.00	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption
Drug Program-NJMSPLI SW	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption
Drug Program-STAR SW	8,500.00	8,500.00	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption
Drug Program-NJ Vicinage Prog sw	50,000.00	50,000.00	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption
Safer Grant	35,632.00	35,632.00	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption
Food Waste Recycling	20,000.00	20,000.00	100.00%	Grants fully expended at budget adoption
<b>Capital Improvements</b>				
Capital Improvement Fund	150,000.00	150,000.00	100.00%	Expenditures charged at budget adoption
Green Acres	246,792.84	17,304.23	7.01%	Debt Service - will be expended by year end
<b>Municipal Debt Service</b>				
Payment of Bond Principal	7,950,000.00	4,535,671.48	57.05%	
Interest on Bonds	2,050,000.00	1,058,374.39	51.63%	
Interest on Notes	135,000.00	0.00	0.00%	Note interest due in 4th quarter
Environmental Infrastructure Loan Program	1,250,000.00	204,865.70	16.39%	Debt Service - will be expended by year end
<b>Deferred Charges</b>				
Special Emergency	483,516.00	483,516.00	100.00%	Expenditure charged at budget adoption
Def. Chrg. To Fut. Taxation - Unfunded	200,000.00	200,000.00	100.00%	Expenditure charged at budget adoption
<b>SUBTOTAL OUTSIDE CAP</b>	<b>21,446,876.47</b>	<b>12,518,028.30</b>		
<b>RES. FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES</b>	<b>2,914,906.48</b>	<b>2,914,906.48</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>Expenditure charged at budget adoption</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>62,055,890.95</b>	<b>32,884,879.85</b>		

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	2016 Budgeted	06/30/16 Realized	Percentage Realized	Explanation
Surplus Anticipated				
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>	6,100,000.00	6,100,000.00	100.00%	Amount realized upon budget adoption
Licenses:				
Alcoholic Beverages	62,000.00	29,252.00	47.18%	
Other	84,000.00	49,554.00	58.99%	
Fees and Permits	390,000.00	165,322.09	42.39%	
Municipal Court	1,219,000.00	640,045.11	52.51%	
Interest and Costs on Taxes	349,000.00	130,046.36	37.26%	Funds collected in 4th quarter of year
Interest on Investments and Deposits	185,187.29	88,530.05	47.81%	
Anticipated Utility Operating Surplus (Parking Utility)	1,400,000.00	1,400,000.00	100.00%	Funds moved after budget adoption
Sewer Service Charges	6,690,000.00	3,275,592.37	48.96%	
Princeton University Fair Share	2,970,000.00	1,485,000.00	50.00%	
Life Hazard Use Fees	89,000.00	21,933.83	24.64%	Funds were collected in the third quarter
Fire & Housing Inspection Fees	242,000.00	110,918.00	45.83%	
State Aid				
Energy Receipts Tax	2,452,421.00	0.00	0.00%	Funds will be collected prior to year end
Garden State Trust Fund	4,855.00	0.00	0.00%	Funds will be collected prior to year end
PILOT - Institute for Advanced Study	250,000.00	0.00	0.00%	Funds will be collected prior to year end
PILOT - Princeton Community Village	340,000.00	174,976.25	51.46%	
PILOT - Tenacre Foundation	500,000.00	500,000.00	100.00%	Funds collected in January
PILOT - Elm Court Pilot	77,000.00	40,446.50	52.53%	
Chamber Street Land Lease	141,600.00	110,222.50	77.84%	3rd quarter payment collected in June
Uniform Construction Code Fees	202,324.00	202,324.00	100.00%	Funds moved after budget adoption
Princeton University Prospect Avenue Street Lighting	7,654.00	7,654.00	100.00%	Grant funds realized upon budget adoption
Princeton University - Fire Equipment	20,000.00	20,000.00	100.00%	Grant funds realized upon budget adoption
Bonner Foundation	23,834.12	23,834.12	100.00%	Grant funds realized upon budget adoption
Corner House Foundation - Drug Treatment Program	200,000.00	50,000.00	25.00%	Funds collected each quarter-June not received yet
Cops in Shops	2,800.00	2,800.00	100.00%	Grant funds realized upon budget adoption
Safer Grant	35,632.00	35,632.00	100.00%	Grant funds realized upon budget adoption
Municipal Alliance on Drugs & Alcohol	28,056.00	28,056.00	100.00%	Grant funds realized upon budget adoption
Clean Communities	70,945.49	70,945.49	100.00%	Grant funds realized upon budget adoption

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Adolescent Mercer County	28,497.00	28,497.00	100.00%	Grant funds realized upon budget adoption
County of Mercer - PYP	27,304.00	27,304.00	100.00%	Grant funds realized upon budget adoption
NJS Division of Addiction Services	200,000.00	200,000.00	100.00%	Grant funds realized upon budget adoption
County of Mercer - Regional Drug Treatment	30,000.00	30,000.00	100.00%	Grant funds realized upon budget adoption
Princeton Regional - NJMSPLI	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00%	Grant funds realized upon budget adoption
Princeton Regional - Drug Program - STAR	8,500.00	8,500.00	100.00%	Grant funds realized upon budget adoption
Princeton Regional - Academic Success	10,000.00	10,000.00	100.00%	Grant funds realized upon budget adoption
Cranbury Drug Intervention Program	10,080.00	10,080.00	100.00%	Grant funds realized upon budget adoption
Recycling Tonnage	55,146.63	55,146.63	100.00%	Grant funds realized upon budget adoption
State of NJ - Vicinage Program	50,000.00	50,000.00	100.00%	Grant funds realized upon budget adoption
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	61,118.09	61,118.09	100.00%	Grant funds realized upon budget adoption
Food Waste Recycling	20,000.00	20,000.00	100.00%	Grant funds realized upon budget adoption
Client Fees	50,000.00	50,000.00	100.00%	Grant funds realized upon budget adoption
CDC Preventative Health	10,000.00	10,000.00	100.00%	Grant funds realized upon budget adoption
Association of NJ Environmental Commissions	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00%	Grant funds realized upon budget adoption
Princeton Theological Seminary	211,326.00	211,326.00	100.00%	Funds moved after budget adoption
Capital Fund Balance	600,000.00	600,000.00	100.00%	Funds moved after budget adoption
Reserve for Debt Service - Institute Woods	246,793.00	4,663.80	1.89%	Funds will be collected prior to year end
Reserve for Debt Service - Other	1,400,000.00	1,400,000.00	100.00%	Funds moved after budget adoption
Cable TV	100,000.00	100,000.00	100.00%	Funds moved after budget adoption
Shared Service Agreement - Library / School District	70,000.00	36,587.65	52.27%	
Hotel / Motel Tax	308,000.00	140,830.13	45.72%	
Stony Brook Sewer Industrial User Fees	20,000.00	10,868.55	54.34%	Funds moved after budget adoption
Assessment Trust Fund Balance	300,000.00	300,000.00	100.00%	Funds moved after budget adoption
Reserve for Premium on Bonds	100,000.00	100,000.00	100.00%	Funds moved after budget adoption
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	1,067,074.26	598,480.93	56.09%	
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	32,932,743.07	16,480,103.95	50.04%	
<b>Total General Revenues</b>	<b>62,055,890.95</b>	<b>35,308,591.40</b>		
Total Budget	61,938,313.46			
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## August Status Report - Council Priorities

The following report provides the status of projects as of August 1<sup>st</sup>

CODE	PROGRESSING	DELAYED	MODIFIED	UNFAVORABLE
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↑	PROJECT	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Review and Possible Reset Long-Term Capital Plan</b>  <i>Develop a ten-year capital plan that incorporates "Big Ticket" capital needs - June</i>  <i>Council approves ten-year capital plan – July</i></p>
	STATUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was determined that an "in town" public works' facility was not feasible in the short-term. Therefore the project has been moved to the later years of the capital plan.</li> <li>Proposed capital expenditures in the capital plan exceed the debt policy. As a result, the capital plan time horizon needs to expand.</li> </ul>
	Next Step	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New capital plan being prepared. The plan will be presented to the Council Finance Committee – <b>September</b></li> <li>Long term capital plan presented to Council – <b>September 26<sup>th</sup></b></li> </ul>
→	PROJECT	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Develop a Multi-Year Financial Forecast</b>  <i>Develop a five-year forecast model &amp; assumptions – June</i>  <i>Create five- year financial forecast model -July</i></p>
	STATUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collected revenue and expenditure data for the last five years.</li> </ul>
	Next Step	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop forecast model and assumptions – <b>August</b></li> <li>Review draft model with Citizen Finance Advisory Committee – <b>September</b></li> <li>Present financial forecast to Mayor and Council- <b>September 26<sup>th</sup></b></li> </ul>
↑	PROJECT	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Resolve Valley Road Building Status</b>  <i>Prepare a report to Council/review findings – June</i>  <i>Determine the course of action - August</i></p>
	STATUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report prepared and sent to Council</li> </ul>
	Next Step	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report reviewed with Council – <b>August 8<sup>th</sup></b></li> </ul>

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	PROJECT	<b>Continue to Seek Ways to Constrain Legal Cost</b>  <i>Implement strategies for cost reduction</i>
	STATUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ New OPRA procedures developed to reduce the time required to review OPRA requests.</li> <li>▪ OPRA training completed for the Municipal Clerk Staff.</li> <li>▪ Council legal committee developed attorney fee guidelines for Boards and Commissions.</li> </ul>
	Next Step	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to manage OPRA cost by reducing the need to use legal services to review OPRA request.</li> <li>▪ Conduct OPRA training for Mayor and Council.</li> <li>▪ In accordance with State Auditor Best Practices- periodically solicit legal services – RFP completed – <b>August</b></li> <li>▪ RFP for legal services issued – <b>September 6<sup>th</sup></b></li> <li>▪ RFP reviewed - <b>October</b></li> <li>▪ Interview prospective firms – <b>October/November</b></li> <li>▪ Authorize legal contract for 2017 – <b>November</b></li> </ul>

	PROJECT	<b>Develop a Civil Rights Commission/Board</b>  <i>Develop draft ordinance and operational procedures for a commission/board - Review draft ordinance</i>
	STATUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Amended ordinance being prepared</li> <li>▪ Amended operational procedures being prepared</li> </ul>
	Next Step	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Amended ordinance and procedures reviewed - <b>August</b></li> <li>▪ Ordinance introduced - <b>September</b></li> </ul>

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	PROJECT	<b>Evaluate Software Licenses</b> <i>Conduct periodic review of software licenses –On-going</i>
	STATUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Inventory of existing software prepared</li> </ul>
	Next Step	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ IT Steering Committee develop a software review schedule.</li> <li>▪ IT Steering Committee reviews software.</li> <li>▪ IT Steering Committee makes recommendations on software.</li> </ul>

	PROJECT	<b>Complete Fair Share Housing Plan – Affordable Housing Litigation</b>  <i>Trial on methodology for calculating our municipal obligation - <b>September</b></i> <i>Judge’s decision on municipal obligation - <b>September</b></i> <i>Housing element &amp; fair share plan adopted by Planning Board- <b>October-November</b></i> <i>Housing Element &amp; Fair Share Plan Endorsed by the Governing Body – <b>October- November</b></i>
	STATUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Court ordered mediation in process</li> </ul>
	Next Step	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continued court ordered mediation – <b>August</b></li> <li>▪ Trial on methodology for calculating municipal obligations - <b>September</b></li> </ul>

<b>COMPLETED</b>	PROJECT	<b>Re-organize Transportation – Related Boards and Commissions</b>
	STATUS	<b>Completed</b>
	Next Step	<b>None</b>

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	PROJECT	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Develop Bicycle Path Plan as an Element of the Master Plan</b> <i>Review Bicycle Master Plan - June</i></p>
	STATUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Draft Bicycle Master Plan recommendation completed.</li> <li>▪ Planning Board Master Plan Subcommittee review draft plan.</li> </ul>
	Next Step	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Draft plan to be circulated to various boards and interest groups for comments –<b>August</b></li> <li>▪ Planning Board Master Plan Subcommittee to approve plan for presentation to the full Planning Board – <b>September</b></li> <li>▪ Evaluate potential interim measures –bike parking requirements &amp; new design standards – <b>September/November</b></li> <li>▪ Planning Board approve Bicycle Master Plan - <b>October</b></li> </ul>

	PROJECT	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Enact Earned Sick Leave Protections for All Workers in Princeton</b> <i>Create a working group to review earned sick leave policy - Mar</i> <i>Prepare a draft ordinance - May</i> <i>Approve earned sick leave ordinance - Jun</i></p>
	STATUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Working group established to review ordinance.</li> <li>▪ Working group report issued recommending additional investigation.</li> </ul>
	Next Step	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Working group gathering additional information concerning the nature of the workforce.</li> <li>▪ Working group gathering data on the newly enacted New Brunswick earned sick leave ordinance.</li> </ul>

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	PROJECT	<b>Develop a Strategic Plan for Public Works</b> <i>Complete plan/present to Council -May</i>
	STATUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Consultant's draft report to the Director completed</li> <li>▪ Operational goals being established</li> </ul>
	Next Step	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Operational goals and action plan completed – <b>August/September</b></li> <li>▪ Operational action plan presented to the Public Works Committee – <b>September</b></li> <li>▪ Operational action plan presented to Council – <b>September 26<sup>th</sup></b></li> </ul>

	PROJECT	<b>Improve Customer Service Skills</b> <i>Identify customer service training needs -June</i>
	STATUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continuing to provide regular customer service training</li> <li>▪ Incorporating customer service training in our Lunch and Learn series</li> </ul>
	Next Step	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Schedule lunch and learn session for the fall</li> <li>▪ Human Resources developing additional training opportunities</li> <li>▪ Mandating customer service training as part of employee orientation</li> </ul>

	PROJECT	<b>Complete Parking Ordinance Harmonization</b> <i>Review alternatives -March</i> <i>Introduce and adopt parking ordinance -June</i>
	STATUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recommendations for overnight parking developed.</li> <li>▪ Project modified to include overnight parking ordinance only for this year.</li> </ul>
	Next Step	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Draft overnight parking ordinance – <b>September</b></li> </ul>

	PROJECT	<b>Fine Tune the Process for Circulating the Agenda</b> <i>Evaluate the current agenda software – July</i> <i>Make recommendation to Council concerning agenda software-Sept</i>
	STATUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evaluating current software</li> <li>▪ Identifying alternative software products</li> </ul>
	Next Step	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evaluating alternative software products -<b>September</b></li> <li>▪ Making recommendation on software products – <b>November/December</b></li> <li>▪ Implement recommendation - <b>2017</b></li> </ul>

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	PROJECT	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Integrate Boards and Commissions into the Goals/Priority Planning Process</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Create a formal mechanism to integrate Boards and Commission into the goals setting process. - August</i></p>
	STATUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Formal mechanism developed. Creation of annual Boards and Commission breakfast to facilitate goal-setting</li> </ul>
	Next Step	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chair breakfasts being planned - <b>October</b></li> <li>▪ Breakfast meeting being organized into two broad groupings Youth, Health and Social Services &amp; Planning and Transportation</li> </ul>

	PROJECT	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Improve the Appearance of Central Business District – Streetscape Initiative</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Prepare draft streetscape design standards - July</i>  <i>Prepare final streetscape design standards -August</i>  <i>Approve final streetscape design standards – October 10<sup>th</sup></i></p>
	STATUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Interactive open house Nassau streetscape improvements conducted.</li> <li>▪ Draft Streetscape designs standard completed</li> <li>▪ Draft Streetscape designs reviewed by subcommittee</li> </ul>
	Next Step	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Preparation of final draft plan</li> <li>▪ Public presentation of the preliminary draft plan</li> <li>▪ Council approval of the streetscape designs</li> </ul>

	PROJECT	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Review Fees for Parking, Tree Removal, etc. and Establish a Policy for Regular Review</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Establish a Policy for the Regular Review of Fees and Charges -April</i></p>
	STATUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ordinance introduced amending fees as part of the Shade Tree ordinance</li> <li>▪ Data collected necessary to develop new parking rate ordinance that will generate revenue to cover expected cost.</li> <li>▪ Draft fees review policy</li> </ul>
	Next Step	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve a fee review policy - <b>September</b></li> <li>• Recommend tree removal fees- <b>August</b></li> <li>• Review long range parking revenue trends – <b>September 26<sup>th</sup></b></li> </ul>

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COMPLETED	PROJECT	<b>Review Recommendation to Designate Witherspoon-Jackson as a Historic District</b>
	STATUS	<b>Completed</b>
	Next Step	

↑	PROJECT	<b>Develop and Implement Economic Development Strategy</b> <i>Determine the Economic Development Objectives -Apr</i>
	STATUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Subcommittee conducted extensive research on economic development strategies</li> <li>▪ Subcommittee meet with various groups including state agencies to develop a strategic approach to economic development</li> </ul>
	Next Step	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Report to Council on the subcommittee initial findings</li> <li>▪ Develop program based on subcommittee findings</li> </ul>

↑	PROJECT	<b>Develop Climate Action Plan</b> <i>Prepare baseline greenhouse gas emissions</i>
	STATUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Complete Sustainable Jersey Municipal Carbon Footprint Worksheet- <b>November</b></li> <li>▪ Complete Sustainable Jersey Electric , Gas and Heating Worksheet – <b>November</b></li> <li>▪ Complete Sustainable Jersey Vehicle CH4 &amp; N20 - <b>November</b></li> </ul>

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	PROJECT	<b>Zoning Ordinance Review to Address a Number of Development Concerns</b> Neighborhood Character & Zoning Project Butler tract zoning review
	STATUS	Neighborhood character project (NCP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NPC Engage Residents/stakeholders                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FAQ prepared</li> <li>○ Information website developed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Understanding the issue &amp; develop strategic approach                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Research being conducted on the national, economic, environmental, and regulatory dimension of our issues.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> Reviewed Butler Tract Zoning
	Next Step	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement strategies &amp; recommendations                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Develop short-term strategic approaches/recommendation</li> <li>○ Develop long-term strategic approaches/recommendations</li> </ul> </li> </ul> Review of Butler Tract Zoning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct community meeting with neighborhood</li> <li>• Develop alternatives</li> <li>• Select and implement alternative</li> </ul>

The actions on the project below are not schedule until September, consequently they are not included in this report as an update.

- Review of Organic Recycling Program with the proposed start of the Trenton Bio-Gas facility.
- Investigate the possibility of a Municipal wide Wi-Fi System.
- Increase efforts to combat wage theft.



08/08/16

Presentation – for Shade Tree Commission – Trees and Shrubs Ordinance amendments:

**I. “Urban Forest” and what are its benefits:**

Trees are a natural resource that provide aesthetic, economic, ecological, environmental, and health benefits to the Princeton community. The removal of trees can have significant impacts not only on the properties where they are located, but also on neighboring properties, the streetscape, the tree canopy and the entire municipality. Trees shade pavement and by transpiring keep the town cooler in summer, they catch rain and thus reduce runoff, they absorb pollutants from air and water, they sequester carbon, and beautify urban spaces. They create the environment within which we live.

The purpose of Princeton’s Trees and Shrubs Ordinance is to serve the interests of Princeton’s residents by establishing a system for stewardship of Princeton’s urban forest. Therefore, the Ordinance’s regulations address trees on public and private property. The goals of the Ordinance are the care and protection of trees and shrubs, preservation of the maximum number of trees depending upon site conditions, safeguarding of specimen and significant trees, and replacement of removed, diseased or otherwise failing trees.

Over the last decade there has been a substantial net loss of trees in Princeton, especially due to environmental impacts such as Hurricanes Irene, Leigh and Sandy. Princeton, through its public works department and arborist, in conjunction with the Shade Tree Commission, are endeavoring to reverse this net loss. Recently, in conjunction with the State Department of Transportation, Good Neighbor Program, 27 trees have been replanted along Nassau Street and Princeton alone has replanted 150 trees on side streets this past Spring.

But, of course, these plantings do not address the continuing and escalating loss of trees on private property. To give an idea of the loss of trees on private property in Princeton, in 2015 alone, up through mid-November of that year, there were 420 tree removal permits issued, each for the removal of one or more trees on private property. Some of these permits reflect the removal of one or two trees on smaller, developed lots, but some permits allow for removal of dozens of trees for development of vacant land. Taking even a conservative average of 3 trees removed per permit, the 420 removal permits represent the loss of 1260 trees of greater than 8” DBH in Princeton just during the first 10 and a half months of 2015.

Reversing the cumulative net loss of trees in Princeton will take many years. To give some examples of how long it takes to replace a large, canopy tree: an average London Plane tree is 16 years old by the time it gets to 10" DSH; 25 years to get to 15" and 33 years to reach 20"DSH; a White Oak can take 36 years to reach a 15" DSH; while a Pin Oak can be 38 years old at 15" DSH and 46 years old at a 20"DSH.

## **II. Concerns to be addressed:**

Currently, four factors exacerbate the rate of loss of Princeton's tree canopy: 1) the increase in single lot redevelopments and development of vacant land, which sometimes involve clear-cutting of trees; 2) the advent of Emerald Ash Borer and other, long-standing diseases, such as bacterial leaf scorch that impacts oak trees; 3) the aging beyond natural life span of many mature trees that make up a major element of Princeton's tree canopy; and, 4) the destructive impact of increasingly high-powered storms and preventive maintenance tree trimming by utility companies to avoid power-outages

## **III. Purpose and commendation of the Amendments:**

The currently proposed Amendments to Princeton's Trees and Shrubs Ordinance aim to strengthen and clarify the current Ordinance's regulation of tree-cutting on private property. We need to preserve Princeton's endangered urban forest. Accordingly, the Commission's aim is motivated by the recently increasing pressure to remove trees brought about by development of vacant tracts, redevelopment of single lots, tree diseases that threaten tree survival, the normal but accelerating aging-out of the existing urban forest, and storm damage. The Commission's responsibility and goal is to make the much needed regulation of trees on private land as balanced as practicable, while at the same time achieving a result that benefits the entire community. We believe the proposed amendments fulfill the Commission's responsibility and goal. We commend the Amendments to the Council for passage.