

**Approved Minutes  
Open Session  
Of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Princeton  
April 5, 2011  
Regular Meeting  
Closed Session 6:30 P.M.  
Open Session 7:30 P.M.**

Present: Council President Kevin Wilkes, Councilwoman Jo Butler,  
Councilwoman Jenny Crumiller, Councilman David Goldfarb,  
Councilman Roger Martindell, Councilwoman Barbara Trelstad, Mayor  
Mildred Trotman

Absent: None

Staff Present: Borough Administrator Robert W. Bruschi, Deputy Borough Clerk  
Delores A. Williams

Mayor Trotman called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and read the open public meetings statement as follows:

*“This meeting is called to order pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of April 5, 2011, was included in a list of meetings sent to and advertised in the Princeton Packet and Trenton Times, posted on the bulletin board in the Borough of Princeton municipal building and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the statute. In addition a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk. Proper notice having been given, the Borough Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.”*

Mayor Trotman read **Agenda Item C, Resolution 2011-R102**, as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2011-R102  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON  
INTO CLOSED SESSION ON APRIL 5, 2011**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public forum from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances may presently exist; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body wishes to discuss the following issues:

1. Negotiations — Affordable housing
2. Personnel — Agreement
3. Negotiations — Princeton University

**WHEREAS**, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then minutes can be made public; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from this meeting.

April 5, 2011

Council President Wilkes moved to approve; Councilwoman Trelstad seconded. Council members Wilkes, Butler, Crumiller, Goldfarb, Martindell, and Trelstad voted in the affirmative. Hearing no nay votes, Mayor Trotman proclaimed the resolution approved.

Borough Council recessed into closed session.

At 7:35 P.M. Council reconvened into open session.

Mayor Trotman asked all present to rise for **Agenda Item D, Salute to the Flag.**

Mayor Trotman read **Agenda Item E, Approval of Minutes.**

Presented for approval were the minutes of the open session of March 1, 2011.

Councilwoman Trelstad moved to approve the minutes of the open session of March 1, 2011, with the necessary corrections which Councilman Goldfarb seconded, and Council approved unanimously.

Mayor Trotman read **Agenda Item F, Public Presentation,** and asked if anyone present wished to address Council with an issue not on the agenda.

Councilman Martindell congratulated Councilman Goldfarb and Councilwoman Trelstad on their endorsements from Princeton Community Democratic Organization. Councilman Martindell reported that the revaluation study was delivered—on time—to Council members' boxes. Mr. Bruschi announced that the report will appear on Borough's Website next week.

Mayor Trotman reached out to the community for volunteers to serve on boards and commissions; especially Housing Authority, which lacks a quorum. Councilman Goldfarb was concerned that the name of the authority (including the word "Borough") is misleading and requested a change in the by-laws

Councilman Martindell thanked Yina Moore for participating in the Mayoral race.

*Councilman Martindell left the meeting at 7:45 P.M.*

Mayor Trotman read **Agenda Item G, Report (1) — Arts Council of Princeton (ACP) Annual Report— Jeff Nathanson, Director.**

Mr. Nathanson introduced his colleagues present in the audience. He stated ACP's mandate: To serve its immediate neighborhood, Borough, Township, and beyond.

Mr. Nathanson said ACP experienced a significant financial turnaround and, with aggressive expense management and fund raising, ended the fiscal year in the black. The biggest obstacle to expansion is a \$1.9 million mortgage, which ACP hopes to retire in 2011 in "Burn the Mortgage" campaign.

Mr. Nathanson summarized programs for teens in partnership with the Library, HiTops, Corner House, the Recreation Department. With a grant from Church and Dwight, ACP initiated programs aimed specifically toward seniors. ACP held an Artist in Residence program with Dahlia Elsayed, celebrated Black History Month, and continued ArtReach for students. Other efforts include:

- Witherspoon Middle School Tours
- Solar Tree Project
- “Kids at Work: Discovery Through Art”
- Community Portrait Project
- Scholarships totaling \$17,292
- Free events
  - Cinco de Mayo
  - Jazams street party
  - Hometown Halloween parade
  - El Dia de los Muertos
  - Martin Luther King Day
- COMMUNIVERSITY
- UnderAGE for students K-12
- Summer concerts

Mr. Nathanson reported that ACP received a citation of excellence from New Jersey State Arts Council and is designated a major arts organization for the state.

Mayor Trotman asked how ACP deals with denying a scholarship request due to lack of funds. Requests for more than four weeks must be jockeyed; most people agree to cut back to four weeks.

Mayor Trotman read **Agenda Item H, New Business (8) — Resolution 2011-R110**, and announced Resolution 2011-R110 would be tabled today.

Mayor Trotman read **Agenda Item H, New Business (1) — Resolution 2011-R103** as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2011-R103  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON  
URGING THE SWIFT PASSAGE OF LEGISLATIVE BILLS  
A-3430, A-3431, and A3432  
STRENGTHENING MUNICIPAL INNUNITY TO TORT CLAIMS**

**WHEREAS**, injuries that occur on sidewalks that abut commercial property are the responsibility of the commercial property owner; and

**WHEREAS**, courts have ruled that injuries that occur on sidewalks that abut residential property are not the responsibility of the homeowner even when the homeowner is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the sidewalk by municipal ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, courts have ruled that the municipality, not the homeowner, is liable for accidents on defective sidewalks notwithstanding the municipal ordinance; and

April 5, 2011

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions of Title 59, public entities are immune from injury "caused solely by weather" on streets and sidewalks; and

**WHEREAS**, despite this language, in many cases municipalities and other public entities still have been forced to pay large amounts of money in damages when courts ruled that because other factors contributed to the accident, the Title 59 immunity didn't apply because the accident was not "solely" caused by weather; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities and other public entities have also been forced to pay large amounts of money in damages for accidents occurring on other public property that were substantially caused by weather; and

**WHEREAS**, also under the provisions of Title 59, public entities are immune from injury "caused by a condition of any unimproved public property, including but not limited to any natural condition of any beach;" and

**WHEREAS**, despite this language, in many cases municipalities still have been forced to pay large amounts of money in damages for claims by swimmers injured in the ocean; and

**WHEREAS**, public entities have also incurred large costs in defending lawsuits by persons injured while walking on municipal boardwalks; and

**WHEREAS**, a public entity should be immune from such a suit if it can demonstrate that it was operating under an ongoing maintenance plan calling for periodically reviewing and repairing the boardwalk; and

**WHEREAS**, Assemblyman Burzichelli has introduced a package of legislation, A-3430, A-3431 and A-3432 to strengthen immunity from tort claims involving weather, sidewalks, beaches, boardwalks and similar public properties;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON** that the Legislature is urged to pass A-3430, A-3431, and A-3432 to strength municipality's immunity from tort claims.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the members of the New Jersey General Assembly, the New Jersey State Senate, the Governor of State of New Jersey and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

Councilwoman Trelstad moved to approve Resolution 2011-R103, Councilman Goldfarb seconded, and Borough Council approved unanimously five to zero.

Mayor Trotman read **Agenda Item H, New Business (2) — Resolution 2011-R104** as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2011-R104  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON  
AUTHORIZING AN AWARD FOR  
LEGAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough desires to enter into a professional services agreement in connection with certain activities as hereafter more particularly stated, and

**WHEREAS**, the services to be performed are professional services which are exempt from public bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Princeton as follows:

The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a contract for professional services with Karen L. Cayci, Esq. (hereinafter referred to as "Provider") to provide professional services for the Planning Board from March 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, hourly rate of \$165.00 per hour as hereafter more particularly stated.

1. The contract so authorized shall require the Provider to provide services and other related duties, as follows:

Provider shall serve as regular legal counsel to the Regional Planning Board of Princeton to review various Borough land development applications as filed with the Board, and specifically authorized by the Board's Planning Director, the Borough Engineer or their designees. The Provider shall complete all its work in a timely fashion and within the statutory review period as provided for the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law, NJSA 40:55D-1 et seq., and Chapter 17A of the "Code of the Borough of Princeton, New Jersey, 1974." The Provider shall also meet with the representatives of the Borough and the applicant as may be necessary in order to discuss with said representatives, as well as with members of the respective Boards or their staff, the various issues associated with the development application forwarded to the Provider for review and comment.

Under this Agreement, Provider shall at all times act as an independent professional contractor and not as an employee of the Borough, and shall have no authority to act as an agent or representative of the Borough or to enter into any financial or other contractual commitment on behalf of the Borough without the prior written approval of same granted in accordance with law. The Borough shall pay the Provider pursuant to the contract with the Provider.

Payment of fees will be made upon the submission to the Provider to the Borough of invoices in duplicate in the form prescribed by the Borough not later than the tenth (10th) day of the month following that covered by the invoice, and shall specify in detail the periods for which fees are claimed for the services performed. The provider shall give written notice to the Borough when the Provider has billed eighty (80%) of the compensation set forth in paragraph I of the Agreement.

2. The form of contract shall include standard provisions common to professional service agreements entered into by the Borough and shall be subject to approval by the Borough Attorney.

3. The contract shall be awarded without competitive bidding as a contract for professional services under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because the subject services will be performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law.

4. A notice of this action shall be published in the Princeton Packet as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Councilwoman Trelstad moved to approve Resolution 2011-R104; Councilman Goldfarb seconded. Mr. Bruschi clarified that Ms. Cayci will participate as *alternate* counsel when there is conflict with Alan Porter; Lou Rago is *special* counsel for matters dealing with Palmer Square. Borough Council approved unanimously.

Mayor Trotman read **Agenda Item H, New Business (3) — Resolution 2011-R105** as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2011-R105  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON  
AUTHORIZING AN AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING CONSULTANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough desires to enter into a professional services agreement in connection with certain activities as hereafter more particularly stated, and

**WHEREAS**, the services to be performed are professional services which are exempt from public bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Princeton as follows:

The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a contract for professional services with Comp Comm/STM Comm LLC (hereinafter referred to as "Provider") to provide consultant services for the Planning Board or Zoning Board from April 5, 2011 through December 31, 2011, as hereafter more particularly stated.

1. The contract so authorized shall require the Provider to provide services and other related duties, as follows:

Provider shall serve as an acoustical consultant to the Regional Planning Board of Princeton and the Princeton Borough Zoning Board to review and evaluate various land development applications with

wireless communication facilities as filed with the Board to the Provider, and specifically authorized by the Board's Planning Director, the Borough Engineer or their designees. The Provider shall complete all its work in a timely fashion and within the statutory review period as provided for the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law, NJSA 40:55D-1 et seq., and Chapter 17A of the "Code of the Borough of Princeton, New Jersey, 1974." The Provider shall also meet with the representatives of the Borough and the applicant as may be necessary in order to discuss with said representatives, as well as with members of the respective Boards or their staff, the various communications issues associated with the development application forwarded to the Provider for review and comment.

Under this Agreement, Provider shall at all times act as an independent professional contractor and not as an employee of the Borough, and shall have no authority to act as an agent or representative of the Borough or to enter into any financial or other contractual commitment on behalf of the Borough without the prior written approval of same granted in accordance with law. The Borough shall pay the Provider pursuant to the proposal of the Provider dated March 21, 2011, with the following compensation with a rate schedule of:

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Administrative                         | \$45.00 per hour;  |
| Field Service Tech                     | \$75.00 per hour;  |
| Senior Tech/Field Manager              | \$90.00 per hour;  |
| Staff Engineer (Level II)              | \$135.00 per hour; |
| Senior Engineer (Level I)/Eng. Manager | \$150.00 per hour; |
| Principal/Executive                    | \$150.00 per hour; |
| Expert Testimony                       | \$180.00 per hour; |

Rendition of Invoices: Payment of fees will be made upon the submission to the Provider to the Borough of invoices in duplicate in the form prescribed by the Borough not later than the tenth (10th) day of the month following that covered by the invoice, and shall specify in detail the periods for which fees are claimed for the services performed. The provider shall give written notice to the Borough when the Provider has billed eighty (80%) of the compensation set forth in paragraph I of the Agreement.

2. The form of contract shall include standard provisions common to professional service agreements entered into by the Borough and shall be subject to approval by the Borough Attorney.

3. The contract shall be awarded without competitive bidding as a contract for professional services under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because the subject services will be performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law.

4. A notice of this action shall be published in the Princeton Packet as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Councilman Goldfarb moved to approve Resolution 2011-R105, Councilwoman Trelstad seconded, and Borough Council approved unanimously.

Mayor Trotman read **Agenda Item H, New Business (4) — Resolution 2011-R106** as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2011-R106  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON  
AUTHORIZING AN AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
LANDSCAPE CONSULTING**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough desires to enter into a professional services agreement in connection with certain activities as hereafter more particularly stated, and

**WHEREAS**, the services to be performed are professional services which are exempt from public bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Princeton as follows:

The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a contract for professional services with **Daniel Dobromilsky & Associates** (hereinafter referred to as "Provider") to provide consult services for the Planning Board and the Zoning Board from April 5, 2011 through December 31, 2011, as hereafter more particularly stated.

1 . The contract so authorized shall require the Provider to provide services and other related duties, as follows:

Provider shall serve as a consultant to the Regional Planning Board of Princeton and the Zoning Board of Princeton Borough to review and evaluate various land development applications filed with the Boards, and specifically authorized by the Board's Planning Director the Borough Engineer or their designees. The Provider shall complete all its work in a timely fashion and within the statutory review period as provided for the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law, NJASA 40:SSD-1 et seq., and Chapter 17A of the "Code of the Borough of Princeton, New Jersey, 1974." The Provider shall also meet with the representatives of the Borough and the applicant as may be necessary in order to discuss with said representatives, as well as with members of the respective Boards or their staff, the various issues associated with the development application forwarded to the Provider for review and comment.

Under this Agreement, Provider shall at all times act as an independent professional contractor and not as an employee of the Borough, and shall have no authority to act as an agent or representative of the Borough or to enter into any financial or other contractual commitment on behalf of the Borough without the prior written approval of same granted in accordance with law. The Borough shall pay the Provider pursuant to the proposal of the Provider dated January 14, 2011 (attached).

Rendition of Invoices: Payment of fees will be made upon the submission to the Provider to the Borough of invoices in duplicate in the form prescribed by the Borough not later than the tenth (10th) day of the month following that covered by the invoice, and shall specify in detail the periods for which fees are claimed for the services performed. The provider shall give written notice to the Borough when the Provider has billed eighty (80%) of the compensation set forth in paragraph I of the Agreement.

2. The form of contract shall include standard provisions common to professional service agreements entered into by the Borough and shall be subject to approval by the Borough Attorney.

3. The contract shall be awarded without competitive bidding as a contract for professional services under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because the subject services will be performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law.

4. A notice of this action shall be published in the Princeton Packet as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Council President Wilkes moved to approve Resolution 2011-R106, Councilwoman Trelstad seconded, and Borough Council approved unanimously.

Mayor Trotman read **Agenda Item H, New Business (5) — Resolution 2011-R107** as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2011-R107  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON  
AUTHORIZING AN AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough desires to enter into a professional services agreement in connection with certain activities as hereafter more particularly stated, and

**WHEREAS**, the services to be performed are professional services which are exempt from public bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Princeton as follows:

The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a contract for professional services with Orth-Rodgers & Associates, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Provider") to provide consultant services for the Planning Board and the Zoning Board from April 5, 2011 through December 31, 2011, as hereafter more particularly stated.

1 . The contract so authorized shall require the Provider to provide services and other related duties, as follows:

Provider shall serve as a traffic consultant to the Regional Planning Board of Princeton and the Zoning Board of Princeton Borough to review and evaluate various land development applications as filed with the Boards, and specifically authorized by the Board's Planning Director, the Borough Engineer or their designees. The Provider shall complete all its work in a timely fashion and within the statutory review period as provided for the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law, NJSA 40:55D-1 et seq., and Chapter 17A of the "Code of the Borough of Princeton, New Jersey, 1974." The Provider shall also meet with the representatives of the Borough and the applicant as may be necessary in order to discuss with said

representatives, as well as with members of the respective Boards or their staff, the various issues associated with the development application forwarded to the Provider for review and comment.

Under this Agreement, Provider shall at all times act as an independent professional contractor and not as an employee of the Borough, and shall have no authority to act as an agent or representative of the Borough or to enter into any financial or other contractual commitment on behalf of the Borough without the prior written approval of same granted in accordance with law. The Borough shall pay the Provider pursuant to the proposal of the Provider dated January 14, 2011 (attached).

Payment of fees will be made upon the submission to the Provider to the Borough of invoices in duplicate in the form prescribed by the Borough not later than the tenth (10th) day of the month following that covered by the invoice, and shall specify in detail the periods for which fees are claimed for the services performed. The provider shall give written notice to the Borough when the Provider has billed eighty (80%) of the compensation set forth in paragraph I of the Agreement.

2. The form of contract shall include standard provisions common to professional service agreements entered into by the Borough and shall be subject to approval by the Borough Attorney.

3. The contract shall be awarded without competitive bidding as a contract for professional services under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because the subject services will be performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law.

4. A notice of this action shall be published in the Princeton Packet as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Councilwoman Trelstad moved to approve Resolution 2011-R107 and Councilman Goldfarb seconded. Councilwoman Trelstad met with Borough Engineer Jack West and Princeton Sewer Operating Committee Manager Bob Hough, both of whom have been satisfied with the performance of Orth-Rodgers on past projects. Borough Council approved unanimously.

Mayor Trotman read **Agenda Item H, New Business (6) — Resolution 2011-R108** as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2011-R108  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON  
AUTHORIZING AN AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING TO BIRDSALL SERVICES GROUP**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Princeton desires to enter into a professional services agreement in connection with certain activities as hereafter more particularly stated, and

**WHEREAS**, the services to be performed are professional services which are exempt from public bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Princeton as follows:

The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a contract for professional services for ongoing operation and maintenance and compliance monitoring of groundwater associated with the Downtown Parking Garage with Birdsall Services Group, Inc. (BSG), 1415 Wyckoff Road, Suite 206, Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727 (hereinafter referred to as "Provider") to provide consultant services for the Borough through January 31, 2012, as hereafter more particularly stated.

1. The contract so authorized shall require the Provider to provide engineering services and other related duties as cited in their proposal letter of January 10, 2011 (attached), for a total contract amount not to exceed \$22,000.00.

Under this Agreement, Provider shall at all times act as an independent professional contractor and not as an employee of the Borough, and shall have no authority to act as an agent or representative of the Borough or to enter into any financial or other contractual commitment on behalf of the Borough without the prior written approval of same granted in accordance with law.

Rendition of Invoices: Payment of fees will be made upon the submission to the Provider to the Borough of invoices in duplicate in the form prescribed by the Borough not later than the tenth (10th) day of the month following that covered by the invoice, and shall specify in detail the periods for which fees are claimed for the services performed. The provider shall give written notice to the Borough when the Provider has billed eighty (80%) of the compensation set forth in paragraph I of the Agreement.

April 5, 2011

2. The form of contract shall include standard provisions common to professional service agreements entered into by the Borough and shall be subject to approval by the Borough Attorney. 3. The contract shall be awarded without competitive bidding as a contract for professional services under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because the subject services will be performed by a person or persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law.

4. A notice of this action shall be published in the Princeton Packet as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Councilwoman Trelstad moved to approve Resolution 2011-R108, Council President Wilkes seconded, and Borough Council approved unanimously.

Mayor Trotman read **Agenda Item H, New Business (7) — Resolution 2011-R109** as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2011-R109  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON  
AWARDING CONTRACT TO ABLE MECHANICAL, INC.  
FOR HVAC PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Princeton has determined the need for construction services in connection with a project known as HVAC Preventive Maintenance - Various Locations within the Borough of Princeton; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has solicited bid proposals for same; and

**WHEREAS**, all bid proposals were opened on Wednesday, March 1, 2011; and seven bids were opened and read, and

**WHEREAS**, the bid results are summarized on the attached spreadsheet, and

**WHEREAS**, the bids were reviewed by the Borough Engineer and Borough Attorney, and the apparent low bid from Limbach Company LLC was rejected for failure to provide proper documentation in the Ownership Disclosure Statement, and

**WHEREAS**, it is therefore the recommendation of the Borough Engineer and Borough Attorney that the contract be awarded to the second bidder, Able Mechanical, Inc., 94 Railroad Avenue, PO Box 69, Belford NJ, 07718, as the lowest responsible bidder; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for the purposes set forth herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Princeton that a twenty-one (21) month contract be awarded to Able Mechanical Inc., 94 Railroad Avenue, PO Box 69, Belford, NJ, 07718, for lump sum contract in the amount of \$13,286.00 for 2011, lump sum contract in the amount of \$17,715.52 for 2012, along with emergency hourly rates of \$94.00 straight time, \$141.00 overtime and \$188.00 Sunday/Holiday time in both 2011 and 2012, as set forth in the bid specifications.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Contract on behalf of the Borough.

Councilwoman Trelstad moved to approve Resolution 2011-R109 and Councilman Goldfarb seconded. Councilman Goldfarb asked Mr. Bruschi to instruct staff to include previous year's cost when presenting an ongoing contract. Borough Council approved unanimously.

Mayor Trotman read **Agenda Item I, Discussion (1) — Borough Operating Budget Update — Robert W. Bruschi, Borough Administrator.**

Mr. Bruschi announced his challenge to present a zero-tax operating budget through lowering expenses. He said Borough's assessment had reduced the tax penny, meaning \$300,000 of reduced expense had to be found. Staff has succeeded in identifying \$300,000 of savings, with some areas (such as gasoline) needing to be re-raised. Mr. Bruschi said one item that needs attention is hazardous school bus routes.

April 5, 2011

Mr. Bruschi reminded that the formal public hearing on the budget is scheduled for next week, with adoption to be April 26, 2011. Before adoption, agreement must be achieved with Township on joint agencies.

Mr. Bruschi commented that New Jersey is pressing local communities to spend their surpluses, whereas during earlier years the state promoted surplus buildup.

Councilman Goldfarb requested a list of *all* surplus funds, including any accounts (e.g., parking utility) where money may be sitting idle.

Councilwoman Crumiller asked about employee compensation—salaries, raises, contributions toward benefits, and so forth. Mr. Bruschi noted that every employee now contributes to benefits at a rate of 1.5% of salary. Budget provides for a 2% salary increase (zero increase last year), except police at 2.4%.

Mr. Bruschi appealed to Council and public alike to contact him before next Tuesday with budget questions.

Mayor Trotman read **Agenda Item I, Discussion (2) — 2011 Princeton Regional Schools (PRS) Budget** — *Judy Wilson, Superintendent of Schools*.

Ms. Wilson announced school elections for *Wednesday, April 27*. Voters are facing a single question this year. Ms. Wilson reported on the cutbacks in spending, programs, and personnel experienced by the schools last year. Schools are down in every spending category. Governor Chris Christie reinstated 20% of last year's loss; for PRS, \$741,000 restored. Some health benefit costs can be offset through a statewide budget tool device.

Ms. Wilson stated that all school, department, supply budgets are flat; changes relate to health benefits, contracts, or charter.

Ms. Wilson provided Council members with printout of revenues and expenses. She stated that health and safety alone are addressed on the 2011 budget; all window, roof, energy conservation projects are deferred.

Ms. Wilson said the one area where PRS lags is *technology*; she is hopeful that private funding will close the gap.

Mayor Trotman asked about enrollment. Ms. Wilson responded that numbers have been even, but will decline when current seniors and juniors graduate. Enrollment depends somewhat on Cranbury higher grades imported to PRS. Special needs students comprise 14% of the student body.

Councilwoman Butler wondered how to account for the extra dollars spent per student at PRS. Ms. Wilson answered that PRS is much more diverse in terms of needs (57 languages spoken in the children's homes), full-day kindergarten, neighborhood elementary schools, science labs and teachers at the elementary level.

*April 5, 2011*

Ms. Wilson provided an update on the Valley Road property: PRS's mission is educating children; taxpayer money will not invest in modernizing the Valley Road building. PRS has invited broad-use proposals for the future of the land and/or building.

Council President Wilkes moved to adjourn; Councilwoman Butler seconded. There being no further business, Mayor Trotman adjourned the open session meeting at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

**Delores A. Williams**  
**Deputy Borough Clerk**