

**Proposed Minutes
Of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Princeton
June 14, 2011**

**Closed Session 6:30 P.M.
And Joint Session with
Princeton Township Committee
Open Session 7:00 P.M.**

Present: **Borough** Council President Kevin Wilkes, Councilwoman Jo Butler, Councilwoman Jenny Crumiller, Councilman David Goldfarb, Councilman Roger Martindell, Councilwoman Barbara Trelstad (*arrived 7:00 P.M.*), Mayor Mildred Trotman

Township Committeeman Chad Goerner, Committeewoman Liz Lempert, Committeeman Lance Liverman, Mayor Bernard Miller, Committeewoman Sue Nemeth

Absent: None

Staff Present: **Borough** Administrator Robert W. Bruschi, Borough Attorney Maeve Cannon, Borough Engineer John M. West, Borough Chief Finance Officer Sandra L. Webb, Borough Clerk Andrea Lea Quinty

Township Administrator James Pascale, Township Finance Officer Kathy Monzo, and Township Clerk Linda S. McDermott

Joint Director of Emergency Services Mark E. Freda, Fire Chief Daniel L. Tomalin

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 June 14, 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-R155**, as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2011-R155
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON
INTO CLOSED SESSION ON JUNE 14, 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

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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 — Princeton University (PU) Arts and Transit (AET) Neighborhood
2. Valley Road School (VRS) reuse proposal — Corner House

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.

Council President Wilkes moved to approve; Councilwoman Crumiller seconded.

Councilman Goldfarb recused himself from discussion of AET.

Council members Wilkes, Butler, Crumiller, Martindell, and Trelstad voted in the affirmative. Hearing no nay votes, Mayor Trotman proclaimed the resolution approved.

Borough Council recessed into closed session.

At 7:00 P.M. Council reconvened into open session. Mayor Trotman called the role for both governing bodies.

Councilman Goldfarb returned to the meeting.

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

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

Councilman Martindell asked the status of Borough's tickler file. Borough Administrator Robert Bruschi reported that the tickler is in the organization phase.

Seeing no one further, Mayor Trotman closed the public portion.

Mayor Trotman announced addition to the agenda of joint capital budgets for Corner House, Fire Department, and Princeton Sewer Operating Committee (SOC).

Noting that some open items remain from joint talks on April 20, 2011, Mayor Trotman asked Mr. Bruschi to update the group.

Mr. Bruschi reported that both Borough and Township finance committees had been delegated to examine four major capital projects:

1. Senior Resource Center
2. Library
3. Fire Department
4. SOC

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Joint finance committees agreed on recommendations that will appear in both bodies' capital ordinances for adoption prior to proceeding with any projects.

Councilman Goldfarb pointed out that a great deal of sewer funding presented for approval is covered through the infrastructure trust.

Councilwoman Trelstad asked how many SOC vehicles are covered. Mr. Bruschi replied, "Two (one used)."

Councilwoman Trelstad moved to accept the SOC recommendations, Councilman Goldfarb seconded, and Borough Council approved unanimously six to zero.

Committeeman Liverman moved to accept the recommendations, Committeewoman Nemeth seconded, and Township Committee approved unanimously five to zero.

Township Administrator James Pascale stated that Board of Education (BOE) ordered Corner House to vacate Valley Road School by November 1, 2011. To date, no temporary space has been found. Superintendent Judy Wilson agreed to approach BOE with a one-year extension if Township and Borough assume liability and responsibility for heating the building. Mr. Pascale announced that heating options are presently under study.

Councilman Martindell was concerned about environmental issues already existing in the old building.

Mr. Pascale acknowledged that next steps are a report from Township Engineer Robert Kiser (regarding reactivation versus replacement boiler) to be followed by joint finance committee assessment.

Councilman Martindell left the meeting at 7:20 P.M.

Councilwoman Butler asked about other Valley Road School users, such as TV 30. Councilwoman Crumiller sought support from her colleagues for such a request to Board Of Education on behalf of TV 30, among others.

Councilman Goldfarb observed that TV 30 is not a municipal agency under the normal purview of government protection.

Councilman Martindell returned.

Mayor Trotman read **Agenda Item I, New Business (3) — Resolution 2011-R158** as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2011-R158
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON
APPOINTING TAX COLLECTOR
FOR THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON**

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WHEREAS, as required by New Jersey State Statute the Borough is to provide for the appointment of a Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, the current Borough Tax Collector retired from service effective December 1, 2009;

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

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:9-142, Saharra Inman is hereby appointed to serve as Tax Collector in the Borough of Princeton to fill an unexpired term of office which commenced January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2012

Councilman Martindell moved to approve Resolution 2011-R158, Councilman Goldfarb seconded, and Borough Council approved unanimously.

Mayor Trotman swore in Saharra Inman as Borough Tax Collector while her daughter, husband, and friend looked on. Mr. Bruschi commended Ms. Inman's knowledge, ability, and diplomacy since stepping into the open post.

Mayor Trotman read **Agenda Item G, Discussion (1) — VRS Reuse — status report only — James Pascale.**

Mr. Pascale described facility needs for Corner House, Fire Department, and Rescue Squad. A tri-partite proposal to house all three groups at the old portion of VRS was written and presented to BOE.

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

Presented for approval were the minutes of the open session of May 10, 2011.

Councilwoman Trelstad moved to approve the minutes of the open session of May 10, 2011, and Councilman Goldfarb seconded. Councilman Goldfarb added another incident of recusal and Council President Wilkes modified three comments attributed to him. Council approved unanimously.

Mayor Trotman read **Agenda Item I, New Business (1) — Resolution 2011-R156** as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2011-156
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON
APPROVING THE EMERGENCY ACQUISITION
OF AN EMERGENCY GENERATOR
FOR THE PRINCETON SEWER OPERATING COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Princeton Sewer Operating Committee (PSOC) has an emergency generator (1989 Kohler Generator) to operate the North Ridge Pump Station during power failures; and

WHEREAS, the above stated emergency generator is not working properly and parts are no longer available for use in repairing this unit; and

WHEREAS, Robert A. Hough, P.E., Manager / Engineer of the PSOC, has advised that in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

(NJDEP) and for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Princeton Borough and Township it is essential that the PSOC have a working emergency generator at the North Ridge Pump Station; and

WHEREAS, any attempt to proceed with the full competitive procurement process to contract for a replacement generator will consume several months; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 allows for an emergency purchasing procedure where the need for certain equipment could not have been reasonably foreseen and the immediate acquisition of such equipment was necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the PSOC has obtained proposals for the replacement of the emergency generator at the North Ridge Pump Station; and

WHEREAS, Performance Plus, Southampton, New Jersey submitted a responsive proposal to replace the emergency generator at the North Ridge Pump Station in the amount of \$63,995.00; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant Borough Administrator / Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available to purchase such a replacement emergency generator on an emergency basis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Princeton Borough Mayor and Council that an emergency purchase of the replacement emergency generator for the North Ridge Pump Station from Performance Plus for \$63,995.00 is hereby authorized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute the necessary Agreement with Performance Plus

Councilman Goldfarb moved to approve Resolution 2011-R156, Councilwoman Trelstad seconded, and Borough Council approved unanimously.

Mayor Trotman read **Agenda Item I, New Business (2) — Resolution 2011-R157** as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2011-R157
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON
AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT
OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
TO KUPPER LLC
FOR ENGINEERING SERVICE RELATED TO THE
PARK PLACE AND MOORE STREET SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to amend a certain professional services agreement with Kupper LLC, to provide additional engineering and land surveying services in connection with certain activities being conducted by the Borough, as hereafter more particularly stated.

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 an addendum to a contract for professional services with Kupper LLC (hereinafter referred to as "Provider") said contract being dated July 24, 2007.

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

With respect to the Park Place and Moore Street Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project, Provider will provide modifications to the design drawings and contract specifications and easement documents for Willow Street, as described in their letter dated June 9, 2011, as directed by the Princeton Sewer Operating Committee.

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2. The Borough shall pay the Provider the following additional compensation: An amount not to exceed \$11,295.00.

3. This 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-R157 and Councilwoman Trelstad seconded. Councilwoman Trelstad stated that the water issue on small streets was discussed at Public Works. Both Director of Public Works Wayne Carr and Borough Engineer Jack West will investigate and report to Council. Borough Council approved unanimously.

Mayor Trotman read **Agenda Item I, New Business (4) — Resolution 2011-R159** as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2011-R159
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON
AUTHORIZING UNIFORM SHARED SERVICES
AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH FIRE PREVENTION SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Princeton desires to enter into a uniform shared services agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. in connection with fire prevention services.

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a contract for uniformed shared services with the **Township of Princeton, 400 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, New Jersey 08540** for the Borough of Princeton to create the Princeton Bureau of Fire Prevention (the "Bureau") which shall be administered by the Borough.

2. The contract so authorized shall establish a Princeton Borough of Fire Prevention administered by the Borough for enforcement and inspections required in both the Township and Borough pursuant to the New Jersey Uniform Fire Safety Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-192, et seq. and the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code, N.J.A.C. 5:60-1, et seq. cited in the uniform shared services agreement, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as fully set forth, in consideration of \$1.00 and other good and valuable consideration and mutual promises.

3. Pursuant to the uniform shared services agreement, the Borough will hire the Township's current Fire Official/Fire Inspector, who will assume his position with the Bureau as a Fire Inspector at the salary and with all of the benefits including seniority for vacation, longevity and sick time which said Fire Inspector has as of the date of the uniform shared services agreement.

4. Pursuant to the uniform shared services agreement, the Township will transfer to the Borough all personal property and equipment currently being utilized by the Township Fire Official, including vehicles, computers, inspection tools, office furniture, filing cabinets, records and funding remaining in trust.

5. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:26(b)(6), the local option under the provisions of the New Jersey Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, the parties agree that for registration and inspection fee purposes, the Bureau will charge the applicable rates as established by each community and as may be amended and revised from time to time by either community.

6. The contract shall be entered into pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.

7. 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-R159 and Councilwoman Butler seconded. Councilman Goldfarb explained that Resolution 2011-R159 and Resolution 2011-R160 enact shared service agreements for fire inspection and tax assessment between Township and Borough. Borough Council approved unanimously.

Mayor Trotman read **Agenda Item I, New Business (5) — Resolution 2011-R160** as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2011-R160
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON
APPROVING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING
OFFICE OF PRINCETON JOINT MUNICIPAL TAX ASSESSOR**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., the New Jersey Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, encourages municipal shared services as a technique to reduce local expenses funded by real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Princeton and the Borough of Princeton have separately appointed the same Tax Assessor who now serves both Princeton communities in assessing real property for taxation purposes; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48B-14 allows the governing bodies of the Municipalities by adopting similar resolutions to establish and maintain the Office of Joint Princeton Municipal Tax Assessor and enter into an Agreement creating said office; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Princeton and the Borough of Princeton wish to establish a Shared Services Agreement creating the Office of Joint Princeton Municipal Tax Assessor.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Princeton that the Mayor and Clerk of the Borough of Princeton are hereby authorized and to enter into an Agreement with the Township of Princeton creating the Office of Princeton Joint Municipal Tax Assessor. The Agreement authorized by this resolution is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and may be inspected during regular office hours;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Agreement authorized by this Resolution shall take effect on July 1, 2011 upon the adoption of a Reciprocal Resolution authorizing said Agreement by the Township of Princeton as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:65-SC

A certified true copy of this Resolution authorizing the above referenced Agreement and every future amendment thereto shall be filed by the Borough Clerk with the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Director of Division of Taxation, 50 Barracks Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08695-0269; a copy with New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, 101 South Broad Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625 and with the Township Clerk, 400 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.

Council President Wilkes moved to approve Resolution 2011-R160 and Councilwoman Trelstad seconded. Mayor Trotman interpreted the consolidation as stabilizing the assessment function in a single office. Council President Wilkes called both steps “more rational administration of public affairs. . . .”

Borough Council approved unanimously.

Mayor Trotman read **Agenda Item I, New Business (6) — Resolution 2011-R161** as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2011-R161
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON
APPROVING LEAD POISONING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Princeton desires to enter into a memorandum of understanding 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 memorandum of understanding with **the City of Trenton, 319 E. State Street, Trenton NJ 08608** (hereinafter referred to as "Provider") to provide consultant services for the Borough from **July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012**, as hereafter more particularly stated.

1. The contract so authorized shall require the Provider to provide Public Health Nurse Case Management Services for Childhood Lead Poisoning services and other related duties as cited in the proposed memorandum of understanding (attached), for a total contract amount not to exceed **\$0**.

Under this Agreement, Provider shall at all times act as an independent professional contractor 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.

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 memorandum of understanding shall be entered into without competitive bidding as a MOU 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-R161; Councilwoman Crumiller seconded. Borough Council approved unanimously.

Mayor Trotman read **Agenda Item I, New Business (7, 8, 9) — Resolutions 2011-R162, 2011-R163, 2011-R164** as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2011-R162
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON
APPROVING FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION FOR
Alicia M. Masi**

WHEREAS, Alicia M. Masi has met all requirements of Borough of Princeton Code of Laws, Chapter 14, Section 25(a) through 25(f) as a member of the Mercer Engine Company #3

WHEREAS, the membership application has been reviewed by the municipal officers; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Princeton hereby approve the application for membership to the Office of the Borough Administrator, the Fire Chief and Fire Company.

**RESOLUTION 2011-R163
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON
APPROVING FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION FOR
Jason M. Johns**

WHEREAS, Jason M. Johns has met all requirements of Borough of Princeton Code of Laws, Chapter 14, Section 25(a) through 25(f) as a member of the Princeton Engine Company #1

WHEREAS, the membership application has been reviewed by the municipal officers; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Princeton hereby approve the application for membership to the Office of the Borough Administrator, the Fire Chief and Fire Company.

**RESOLUTION 2011-R164
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON
APPROVING FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION FOR
Madeline Lu**

WHEREAS, Madeline Lu has met all requirements of Borough of Princeton Code of Laws, Chapter 14, Section 25(a) through 25(f) as a member of the Princeton Hook and Ladder

WHEREAS, the membership application has been reviewed by the municipal officers; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Princeton hereby approve the application for membership to the Office of the Borough Administrator, the Fire Chief and Fire Company.

Councilman Goldfarb moved to approve Resolutions 2011-R162, 2011-R163, 2011-R164; Councilman Martindell seconded; Borough Council approved unanimously.

Mr. Bruschi mentioned shared transportation between the Princetons, as tested during December 2010 shopping times. A subcommittee has recommended a three-day-per-week (Monday, Wednesday, Saturday) six-month trial—funded by donations—to begin July 2011.

Committeeman Goerner described the route as connecting Township and Borough population density centers. He said PU (in particular, Kim Jackson of Tiger Transit) has helped with the planning for the shuttle. Committeeman Goerner said the route is intended to provide a quick circuit for riders: Redding Circle, with its lower density and farther distance, was not included for the initial test.

Councilwoman Butler recommended establishing a “success” formula before beginning the service.

Mayor Trotman read by title **new Agenda Item — Introduction and Order to Publish: Ordinance 2011-14, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 34, ARTICLE IV OF THE “CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1974” REGARDING SEWER SERVICE CHARGES.**

Mr. Bruschi pointed out that, with the hospital leaving Borough, an adjustment to sewer rates must be found to replenish that income.

Councilman Goldfarb suggested the new sewer rates should be included on tax bills. He proposed some language modifications within the ordinance in order to aggregate tax lots owned by common owners. Councilman Goldfarb moved to introduce Ordinance 2009-14; Councilman Wilkes seconded.

Councilman Martindell agreed with Councilman Goldfarb, and noted that Borough attorney should review the new concept.

Councilwoman Trelstad questioned variations in rate increases.

Borough Chief Finance Officer Sandra Webb said Borough's intent is to recover half of the hospital loss in 2011 and half in 2012.

Mayor Trotman opened the public discussion and asked if anyone wished to address Council on this issue.

Joshua Zinder, 142 Moore Street, asked why hospital—or new owner of the property—will not be responsible for sewer fees. Councilman Goldfarb explained that the fees are for water *usage*—that site will not be generating any sewer fees at all.

Seeing no one else, Mayor Trotman closed the public discussion and returned to Council.

Jim Firestone of the Township stated that many people in the audience are interested in VRS and analysis of Fire Department operations. Mayor Trotman stated that VRS status report has already been given and a fire report is upcoming.

Mayor Trotman proclaimed the public commentary closed.

Hearing no comment from Council, Mayor Trotman called for a roll call vote on Ordinance 2011-14. Borough Clerk called the roll. Council members Wilkes, Butler, Crumiller, Goldfarb, Martindell, and Trelstad voted in the affirmative. Mayor Trotman proclaimed the ordinance introduced with a public hearing to be held June 28, 2011.

Mayor Trotman read **Agenda Item F, Report (1) —Analysis of Fire Department Operations - William M. Kramer, Kramer and Associates; Mark E. Freda, Director of Emergency Services.**

Mr. Freda reminded that the annual Fire Department inspection parade will be held Friday, June 17, 2011, 7:00 P.M. from Chestnut and Nassau to Borough Hall, with festivities to follow.

Mr. Freda introduced Mr. Kramer, who had reviewed feedback with fire workers and clients. All recommendations will be gone over with individual members of the fire houses.

Mr. Kramer said most fire departments, nationwide, do more than put out fires; in particular, pre-hospital emergency medical care—in Princeton, handled by Rescue Squad. If Princeton should need more timely response, Mr. Kramer suggests a per diem structure. Reallocation of police resources might supply per diem funds if necessary. Mr. Kramer emphasized the balance between community safety and fiscal responsibility.

Mr. Kramer said that an 8% non response indicates that it is time to have someone on duty, so Princeton will be responding to Princeton. 95% of targets (all of Borough, 70% of Township territory, and 90% of Township structures) are within five minutes of Mercer Engine Company #3.

Mr. Kramer thought used equipment with more people on duty was the better mix.

Mr. Kramer listed areas needing attention: Master planning, dropped calls, response times, standard operating guidelines, and implementation of the improvements. He stressed shared contingency planning through the volunteer system, with an eye toward that first paid firefighter.

Mr. Kramer offered to be available to everyone in Princeton with an interest in fire safety. He would be happy to offer his expertise and familiarity with Princeton fire departments toward forming a master plan. Review every three years keeps ideas fresh.

Mayor Trotman asked Mr. Freda to comment. He said the Fire Department will return to Council with detailed responses to the consultant's recommendations and a reasonable timetable for execution.

Mr. Bruschi brought up the Safer Grant from FEMA, which helps recruitment of paid fire fighters or support of volunteers. Mr. Freda stated that the grant is payable over four years; it will cover much of his salary, as well as advertising and incentives for new volunteers. Mr. Freda described the associate fire fighter program of PU employees (presently about 30 members).

Committeewoman Lempert thought many residents might not realize the fire force is totally volunteer, and an advertising campaign will rectify that. She wondered about combining all safety and emergency equipment and personnel in one location. Mr. Kramer thought the cultural differences—Rescue Squad private and self-funding, Fire Department public and taxpayer paid—would delay consolidation. Mr. Freda, a member of both organizations for more than 30 years, announced no interest from either group in merging: (1) no immediate benefit, (2) town not involved in rescue efforts, (3) minimize taxpayer burden while providing quality fire service.

Councilwoman Trelstad stated that a pre-med requirement for undergraduates is ride-along time in ambulances with professional emergency workers. She requested cost comparisons—not covered in the present RFP—for future options including facilities (buildings, equipment) and paid personnel. There was debate about efficacy of one firehouse versus two or three. Preservation of a volunteer fire department will be facilitated by containing all functions (apparatus plus sleeping, training, and so forth) in one building.

Councilman Goldfarb stated the community's reluctance to build a new firehouse as opposed to expanding on Witherspoon Street. He thought acquiring VRS would satisfy all needs into the intermediate future. Councilman Goldfarb asked his colleagues to support Borough's application to BOE.

Committeewoman Nemeth suggested a small housing stipend or other creative housing for volunteer firefighters. Committeewoman Nemeth seconded Councilman Goldfarb's plan presented to BOE.

Councilwoman Crumiller asked about fleet size and bays available. Mr. Kramer clarified that the proposed expansion is to cover living space. Recommended fleet size is five vehicles—the sixth is in reserve.

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Mr. Kramer wanted Council to invite representatives of Rescue Squad to detail their anticipated needs for space.

Chief Tomalin announced that Fire will meet within a few weeks to address the Kramer report and then follow up with governing bodies before the end of July 2011.

Mayor Trotman encouraged representatives to expedite decisions for the three separate entities covering the next 100 years.

Councilwoman Butler requested a map of population density.

Councilman Martindell left the meeting at 9:34 P.M.

Councilman Goldfarb stressed the importance of regular meetings among the membership of the department for social cohesion—somewhat undermined by existence of three separate fire companies.

Mr. Freda said three fire companies under one roof will survive or wither; a natural evolution will occur.

Council President Wilkes asked what benefits accrue to the community with an improved insurance rating. Mr. Kramer replied there can be savings on commercial fire premiums.

Mayor Trotman opened the public discussion and asked if anyone wished to address Council on this issue.

Mr. Zinder asked if firemen might meet the truck at the site. Chief Tomalin said it is impractical in a town this size. Mr. Zinder doubted that VRS was the *only* appropriate location for an expanded fire building.

George McCullough of Princeton TV invited Mr. Freda to pursue recruitment through his organization. Mr. McCullough requested a copy of the formal proposal to BOE.

Kip Cherry, 24 Dempsey Avenue in the Township, emphasized schools and traffic as elements in choosing fire house spots. She voiced her concerns about access to the new hospital. Ms. Cherry strongly favored VRS as anchor to Witherspoon Street and home to community nonprofits.

Dan Preston, Moore Street in the Township, advocated preserving VRS and converting it into a full-fledged community center.

Kristin Appleget, PU, clarified that PU has zero interest in being any kind of fire fighting unit. They *would* discuss holding an extra piece of equipment on campus.

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Seeing no one further, Mayor Trotman closed the public discussion. Mayor Trotman described traffic amenities that will accommodate emergency vehicles en route to the hospital's Plainsboro location.

Mayor Trotman returned to Council. She announced that controversial issues are not discussed in August (and avoided in July), so timely follow up on the Valley Road School situation is indicated.

Council President Wilkes moved to adjourn; Councilwoman Trelstad seconded. There being no further business, Mayor Trotman adjourned the open session meeting of Princeton Borough at 10:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Lea Quinty
Borough Clerk