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PRINCETON COUNCIL MEETING
January 1, 2013

The organization meeting of the Mayor and Council was held on this date at 12:00 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room in the municipal complex.

The audience participated in a salute to the Flag as led by Brownie Girl Scout Troop #72908.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Clerk read the following statement.

The following is an accurate statement concerning the providing of notice of this meeting and said statement shall be entered in the minutes of this meeting.

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MAYOR

The Municipal Clerk reported that at the General Election held last November, that Elizabeth Lempert was elected to a four-year term as Mayor of Princeton, beginning today.

Richard C. Woodbridge, Esq. administered the oath of office to Ms. Lempert.

SELECTION OF TERMS OF OFFICE BY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Council elect came forward to draw their terms of office from a hat. The drawing was done in order of length of service to the previous Township Committee and Borough Council.

Mr. Miller drew a two year term. Mr. Liverman drew a three year term. Ms. Crumiller drew a one year term. Ms. Butler drew a two year term. Ms. Howard drew a three year term. Mr. Simon drew a one year term.

OATH OF OFFICE TO ELECTED MEMBERS OF PRINCETON COUNCIL

The Municipal Clerk reported that at the General Election held last November, that Bernard P. Miller was elected to office on Princeton Council, beginning today.

Simon Miller, Esq. administered the oath of office to Mr. Miller.

The Municipal Clerk reported that at the General Election held last November, that Arden "Lance" Liverman was elected to office on Princeton Council, beginning today.

Bonita Leadem, Esq. administered the oath of office to Mr. Liverman.

The Municipal Clerk reported that at the General Election held last November, that Jenny Crumiller was elected to office on Princeton Council, beginning today.

Walter Bliss, Esq. administered the oath of office to Ms. Crumiller.

The Municipal Clerk reported that at the General Election held last November, that Jo Butler was elected to office on Princeton Council, beginning today.

Walter Bliss, Esq. administered the oath of office to Ms. Butler.

The Municipal Clerk reported that at the General Election held last November, that Heather Howard was elected to office on Princeton Council, beginning today.

Hunter Labovitz, Esq. administered the oath of office to Ms. Howard.

The Municipal Clerk reported that at the General Election held last November, that Patrick Simon was elected to office on Princeton Council, beginning today.

Marc Weiner, Esq. administered the oath of office to Mr. Simon.

ROLL CALL

The Municipal Clerk then called the roll.

Present: Mesdames Butler, Crumiller Howard and Messers Liverman, Miller and Simon and Mayor Lempert.

Absent: None.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor Lempert entertained nominations for the Council President of Princeton for 2013.

Ms. Howard nominated Bernard P. Miller as Council President. Mr. Simon seconded Ms. Howard's motion. On a roll call vote, the motion to elect Mr. Miller as Council President of Princeton for 2013 was carried unanimously.

Simon Miller, Esq. administered the oath of office to Mr. Miller.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution Authorizing Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees

Resolution Adopting the Board, Commission and Committee Members' Handbook

Professional Services Agreements

Attorney:	Edwin W. Schmierer, Esq.
Assistant Attorneys:	Mason, Griffin & Pierson, P.C.
Bond Counsel:	McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC
Labor Council:	Robert T. Clarke, Esq. Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C.
Codifier:	Coded Systems
Tax Attorney:	Harry Haushalter, Esq.
Municipal Court Judge:	John F. McCarthy, III, Esq.
Public Defender:	Michael Barrett, Esq. Bergman & Barrett
Municipal Housing Liaison:	Anna Christy Peacock
Municipal Prosecutor:	Reed Gusciora, Esq.
Planning and/or	
Zoning Consultants:	Ostergaard Accoustical Associates Land Concepts Group SWM Consulting, Inc. AECOM Techncal Services, Inc. Snyder Environmental Engineering Associates Gregory Sandusky, P.E., L.S. Princeton Hydro, L.L.C. Daniel Dobromilsky & Associates Weidlinger Associates Dr. Bruce Eisenstein
Consulting Psychiatrist,	
Corner House:	Dhwani B. Shah, M.D.
Website Consultant:	City Connections, LLC

Staff Appointments

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Assessor to File Tax Appeals and Rollback Assessments

Adoption of 2013 Meeting Schedule

Adoption of Resolution Providing for Adequate Notice of Meetings

Adoption of Resolution Designating Official Newspapers

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing an Annual Tax Sale

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Officers to Execute Promissory Notes

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Officers to Sign Checks

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Rate of Interest and Penalties to be Charged on Delinquent Taxes

Adoption of Resolution for Cancellation of Tax Balances Under \$10.00

Adoption of Resolution Designating the Public Agency Compliance Officer

Adoption of Resolution Concerning Municipal Codes

Adoption of Resolution Appointing Tax Collector

Adoption of Resolution Concerning Cash Management Plan

Ms. Crumiller and Ms. Butler requested that the contract for the Municipal Attorney be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion. Ms. Butler also requested that the resolutions for Departmental Assignments and the authorization of officers to sign checks be removed for further discussion.

Mr. Liverman moved approval of the consent agenda without the three above referenced items. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

(Resolutions appended to this set of minutes)

MAYORS REMARKS

Mayor Lempert welcomed dignitaries in the audience then delivered her organization day remarks for 2013.

(Mayor's remarks appended to original set of minutes)

Council President Miller then delivered his organization day remarks for 2013.

Mesdames Butler, Crumiller, Howard and Messrs. Liverman and Simon added their organization day remarks.

(All remarks appended to the original set of minutes)

RETURN TO CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Agreements

Ms. Crumiller suggested that as the council has not seen the contract for the municipal attorney, that it be tabled until the meeting of January 3, 2013 for further review.

Ms. Crumiller offered a motion to table the agreement, which was seconded by Ms. Butler. The motion failed, with members Howard, Liverman, Miller and Simon voting in the negative and members Butler and Crumiller voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Bruschi said that the agreements were all outlined in the proposals that were received and reviewed when he met with the professionals. He said that he was comfortable with them at that time. Ms. Butler said that Council would not be doing its due diligence by not reviewing the proposed contracts and suggested that they be tabled until the Council meeting of January 3, 2013. Mr. Bruschi said that the meeting on January 3, 2013 was not noticed for action. Mr. Liverman suggested that Council move forward today and offered a motion to approve the proposed contracts for 2013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried with members Howard, Liverman, Miller and Simon voting in the affirmative votes and members Butler and Crumiller voting in the negative.

Resolution Authorizing Council Appointments

Resolution Authorizing Appointments of Representatives of Princeton Committees

Resolution Authorizing Appointments to Princeton Task Forces

Ms. Butler proposed the amendment of the resolution authorizing council appointments, removing Parks and Recreation assignments. Ms. Butler also proposed that a legal committee and a committee for "Town and Gown" relations be formed. It was suggested that this be addressed at a later date.

Mr. Simon proposed removing the Mayor's ex-officio designation from the Personnel Committee on the resolution authorizing appointments of representatives of Princeton Committees.

Ms. Butler offered a motion to approve the three proposed resolution as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Crumiller and carried unanimously.

Resolution Authorizing Officers to Sign Checks

Ms. Butler stated that she was concerned that the proposed resolution was a violation of the open public meetings act as it noted the Council President as a signatory before it was formally authorized. It was noted by Mr. Bruschi that this was not an issue and Council could move forward with the resolution. Ms. Butler offered a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Ms. Crumiller and carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Yina Moore, former Borough Mayor said that the “honeymoon” is now over after a long year of planning. She said that there is much more to do and that we should not settle for the status quo.

Barbara Trelstad thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve and wished the new council the best of luck.

Roger Martindell thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve.

Kevin Wilkes urged the new Council to occupy their roles with humility and transparency.

Sue Nemeth offered her congratulations to the new Council.

Kate Warren offered her thanks and congratulations to the new Council.

Hendricks Davis offered his congratulations to the new Council and to the Princeton community.

Minnie Craig offered her congratulations to all.

In closing, Mayor Lempert closed the meeting honoring Mr. Liverman’s mother, Minnie Rhoades, who recently passed away.

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.