

## PRINCETON COUNCIL MEETING

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

### NOTICE OF MEETING

The Clerk read the following statement.

The following is an accurate statement concerning the providing of notice of this meeting and said statement shall be entered in the minutes of this meeting. Notice of this meeting as required by Sections 4a, 3d, 13 and 14 of the Open Public Meetings Act has been provided to the public in the form of the 2013 Schedule of Regular Meetings. On January 1, 2013 at 2:15 p.m., said schedule was posted on the official bulletin board in the Municipal Building, transmitted to the Princeton Packet, the Trenton Times, the Trentonian, the Town Topics, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

### ROLL CALL

The Municipal Clerk then called the roll.

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

Absent: Ms. Butler.

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance as led by Ms. Counts 6<sup>th</sup> grade class, John Witherspoon Middle School.

### PROCLAMATION: National "Donate Life" Month

Mayor Lempert read a proclamation in regard to National "Donate Life" Month.

### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Kate Warren expressed her concerns regarding the Avalon Bay consent order.

Candace Preston, White Oak Drive expressed her concern about the Transco Pipeline.

Mr. Schmierer reported that Transco has taken position that any of the information that they have filed is confidential.

Barbara Blumenthal said that the town has a role to play and that it is important that people know what is happening. People want to know why Transco wants to do the project in this area.

Stephen Griffiths, 43 Maple Street said that he is opposed to Avalon Bay and is concerned about the lack of transparency. He said that scientists are studying climate change and we have to consider sustainability and the carbon footprint.

Ronald Nielson expressed his frustration with what he described as the town caving in to Avalon Bay.

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Kip Cherry, Sierra Club discussed the impacts of the Transco Pipeline noting that there is much that has to be brought to FERC's attention.

Corinna Wilkinson, Food and Water Watch said that we need to intervene in the Transco pipeline project before the project is filed, so that we have the right to appeal and have standing. She asked that Council pass a resolution stating objections to the project and ask for a full environmental impact study. Ms. Wilkinson said that the maps of the project should be made available to the public.

Joseph Weiss, 70 Leigh Avenue asked that a thorough review of the Avalon Bay development.

Melissa O'Connor said that she was very concerned about the Transco Pipeline project and its environmental impacts. She asked to see the maps and that a full environmental impact study is done.

Victoria Ergood expressed her concurrence with the comments of Kate Warren and Joseph Weiss concerning the proposed Avalon Bay development. She expressed her concerns regarding the terms of the Avalon Bay consent order, and her concerns regarding the proposed density at the site.

Greg Peale, Bouvant Drive asked for a release of the documentation for the Transco Pipeline.

Wendy Ludlum expressed her dissatisfaction with the proposed development by Avalon Bay at the hospital site.

Mayor Lempert said that representatives of Avalon Bay did approach the town and noted that a consent order is not a settlement. She said that we are working hard to get them to agree to a town meeting. She said that we are in litigation and at this point we are as transparent as we can be.

Terry Simfeld of the Sierra Club discussed her concerns regarding the proposed Transco Pipeline. She noted that Princeton Ridge is a very sensitive area, she asked that the municipality pass a resolution demanding public documentation, commit to filing as an intervener with FERC, and demand an EIS (environmental impact study).

Ken Dunbar expressed his dissatisfaction with the decision to settle with Avalon Bay, and noted that Princeton should be able to reduce the density permitted at the hospital site

Bill Bartowski expressed his concerns regarding Avalon Bay's unsightly management of trash at nearby developments, and raised a question regarding how many children will enter the school system as a result of the proposed Avalon Bay development.

Jeff York read a prepared statement regarding his concerns over Avalon Bay's proposed development.

Frank Weiner, 150 Loomis Court commented on the municipal budget. He said that people are being driven out of their own community and suggested that the budget may be out of whack.

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Arreta Polinsky expressed her concerns regarding the proposed Avalon Bay development. She noted that she is an architect by profession, and at a minimum Avalon Bay should have been required to provide 3D physical models.

Peter Marks expressed his concerns regarding the Avalon Bay development and the council's handling of it.

Joseph Small, Hawthorne Avenue said that there is evidence of failing confidence in our elected officials. Chief Dudeck was forced to resign and more questions should have been asked about the Transco Pipeline and Avalon Bay.

## **PRESENTATION**

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**Annual Report, Arts Council of Princeton, Jeff Nathanson**

Jeff Nathanson, Arts Council of Princeton presented to the Mayor and Council a video about the Arts Council and its current activities. Noting the many positive activities that they are involved in, he said that they are here to serve the entire community. Ms. Crumiller, Ms. Howard and Mr. Miller all thanked Mr. Nathanson and the Arts Council.

**WORK SESSION**

**Municipal Budget, Citizens Finance Advisory Committee, Scott Sillars**

Mayor Lempert recognized the members of the Citizens Finance Advisory Committee (CFAC).

Scott Sillars, Chair of the CFAC showed a power point presentation to the Mayor and Council detailing the current budget process. He said that the budget reflects a real savings from Consolidation resulting in lower municipal tax, with the savings in salaries and wages offsetting the expanded trash service. He said that the savings are funding lower tax collections, normal cost pressures and higher storm related costs.

Mr. Sillars noted that while the municipal portion of property taxes is the smallest portion of our property tax bills, property tax bills will nonetheless increase as Mercer County has announced an 11% budget increase and the Princeton Schools has increased by 2%. Other increases in the budget are due to normal "cost creep", transition cost amortization and one- time costs.

Regarding the municipal tax, the combined municipal and open space tax of 48 cents is the same as 2013 Borough rate and 1 cent less for the old Township rate. Mr. Sillars said that the lower municipal tax revenue is from lower total assessments and a lower blended tax rate.

Mr. Sillars said that the current fund surplus could grow by \$1MM in 2013. He said that presently, surpluses in Current and Capital Funds are roughly in balance and that the Total Surplus appears to be very healthy.

**REPORTS**

Ms. Howard reported that the legal committee met to discuss how we are tracking our legal bills.

Ms. Crumiller reported that the Zoning Amendment Review Committee met and is embarking on the task of reconciling zoning ordinances from the former Borough and Township. The committee will meet monthly. The Cable Committee signed a five year lease for the old Borough Hall.

Mr. Simon reported that the Emergency Preparedness Task Force has been looking at preparing for weather related emergencies, including power outages, communications, and routes to the hospital.

Mr. Simon also reported that he attended the meeting of Princeton Future the previous Saturday, and described several reports from that meeting:

- presentation describing form-based codes

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- presentation describing the planning and review process in one municipality, where developers are strongly encouraged to participate in presubmission meetings with staff, and to involve the public as early as possible in development project discussions and decisions
- the need for effective development planning to include public transportation

Mr. Simon reported meeting with members of PCSN to hear their concerns regarding the proposed development at the hospital site.

Mayor Lempert reported that she will hold “meet the mayor” hours from 5-7 PM this Thursday in room A. She also reported that there would be a special schedule of the Free B running this Sunday for Communiversy. She also reported on the ad hoc committee looking at other municipalities with large nonprofit tax exempt institutions and how they compare with Princeton. Mayor Lempert also reported that last Thursday she attended a breakfast to thank library volunteers.

Mr. Kiser reported on the planning for the Park Place, Vandeventer, Moore Street work, including a neighborhood meeting planned for a week from Monday where Mayor Lempert and Councilwoman Crumiller would attend. He also reported that the Ewing St work and Westerly Road work are moving forward on schedule.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **13-121 Appointments, Boards and Commissions**

Ms. Crumiller offered a motion approving the resolution authorizing appointments to Boards and Commissions.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Liverman and carried by five affirmative votes.

### **13-121A Establishment of Economic Development Task Force**

Mr. Miller offered a motion approving the resolution authorizing the Establishment of an Economic Task Force.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Liverman and carried by five affirmative votes.

### **13-122 Michael Barrett, Esq. Municipal Public Defender 2013, Not to Exceed \$55,000.**

Ms. Howard offered a motion approving the resolution authorizing the appointments Michael Barrett, Esq. Municipal Public Defender 2013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liverman and carried by five affirmative votes.

### **13-123 Professional Services Agreement, JT Surveying, For Monument Resetting at 422 Ewing Street, Not To Exceed \$350.00**

Mr. Liverman offered a motion approving the resolution authorizing the Professional Services Agreement, JT Surveying, for Monument Resetting at 422 Ewing Street. The motion was seconded by Ms. Crumiller and carried by five affirmative votes.

### **13-124 Professional Services Agreement, Greater Mercer TMA, Inc. Shuttle Service Administration Services \$450 per month from April 23, 2013 through December 31, 2013**

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Ms. Crumiller offered a motion approving the resolution authorizing the Professional Services Agreement, Greater Mercer TMA, Inc. Shuttle Service Administration Services \$450 per month from April 23, 2013 through December 31, 2013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by five affirmative votes.

**13-125 Developers Agreement, Arts, Education and Transit Project (Princeton University)**

Council and Public Discussion:

Ms. Crumiller asked for clarification of the easements described in the developers agreement. Mr. Goldman from the university explained that these easements are new, in favor of the municipality, for pedestrian access and for vehicular access to the new train station, in fulfillment of the resolution approved by the Planning Board.

Ms. Crumiller also asked about the reconfiguration of parking on University Place and Alexander Road, and whether the governing body has the right to override that. Mr. Schmierer advised that the configuration in the agreement is what was approved by the Planning Board. Mr. Goldman concurred, although he allowed that the municipal governing body does have the right to contradict the parking changes approved by the Planning Board if it so chooses. Mr. Bruschi also advised that the staff would review the parking configuration and make a recommendation to council regarding how to handle the on-street parking, within the parameters sets by the Planning Board approval.

Virginia Kerr expressed her concern that the easement in the developers agreement does not conform to the easement required by the Planning Board, because in the agreement the easement is non-exclusive, and that wording was not used by the Planning Board, and because the language references the easement to be granted to NJ Transit, which is under litigation. Mr. Goldman explained that Wawa employees, McCarter patrons, and Princeton University employees would all be using the same driveway, so the easement must be non-exclusive. He also explained that the pedestrian and vehicular easement was always intended to be consistent with the new easement to NJ Transit. At Mr. Simon's request, Mr. Schmierer explained that the intent was for the easement to be non-exclusive, and to be consistent with the easement to NJ Transit.

Joe Small advised against the developers agreement in its current form, because the language is not consistent with the language approved by the Planning Board. Mr. Goldman spoke to rebut that point.

Ms. Kerr raised a concern that the term "exclusive" is a term of art with respect to railroad law, and again suggested using the precise language in the Planning Board resolution.

At Mr. Simon's request, Mr. Schmierer explained to the council that there is no railroad law term of art applicable to the use of the term "non-exclusive" in this agreement.

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Mr. Liverman offered a motion approving the resolution authorizing the Developers Agreement, Arts, Education and Transit Project (Princeton University)... The motion was seconded by Mr. Simon and carried by three affirmative votes. Ms. Howard and Mayor Lempert recused themselves from any discussion and vote. Ms. Butler was absent.

**13-126 Merwick Stanworth Development Agreement (Princeton University)**

Mr. Simon offered a motion approving the resolution authorizing the Merwick Stanworth Development Agreement (Princeton University). The motion was seconded by Ms. Crumiller and carried by five affirmative votes.

**13-127 Merwick Stanworth Affordable Housing Agreement (Princeton University)**

Ms. Crumiller offered a motion approving the resolution authorizing the Merwick Stanworth Affordable Housing Agreement (Princeton University) as amended. Mr. Simon asked that maximum "obligation" be inserted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liverman and carried by five affirmative votes.

**13-128 Purchase of Turnout Gear for Princeton Fire Department, \$54,642.68**

Mr. Simon offered a motion approving the resolution authorizing the Purchase of Turnout Gear for Princeton Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liverman and carried by five affirmative votes.

**13-129 Authorizing an Installment Tax Payment Agreement for Block 6902 Block 22 in the amount of \$10,665.89.**

Mr. Liverman offered a motion approving the resolution authorizing an Installment Tax Payment Agreement for Block 6902 Block 22 in the amount of \$10,665.89. . The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by five affirmative votes.

**ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Parking Regulations**

Mayor Lempert read by title an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE BY PRINCETON AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968" CONCERNING PARKING REGULATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY POOL PARKING YARD AND POLICE DEPARTMENT PARKING YARD.

Mayor Lempert opened the public hearing.

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

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Mr. Miller offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Ms. Crumiller and carried by four affirmative votes. Mr. Simon voted in the negative and Ms. Butler was absent.

**Fire Prevention**

Mayor Lempert read by title an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE BY PRINCETON CONCERNING FIRE PREVENTION AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1974" AND THE "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968".

Mayor Lempert opened the public hearing.

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

Mr. Miller offered a motion to approve Article II only of the proposed ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liverman and carried by five affirmative votes.

**Vacating Public Right of Way**

Mayor Lempert read by title an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE BY PRINCETON VACATING A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ON BLOCK 31.02, LOT 66, PRINCETON TAX MAP.

Mayor Lempert opened the public hearing.

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

Ms. Howard offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Simon and carried by five affirmative votes.

**Refunding Bond Ordinance**

Mayor Lempert read by title an ordinance entitled REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF PRINCETON, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR THE FUNDING OF AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION RELATED TO EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON AND THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON APPROPRIATING \$2,292,580 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,292,580 REFUNDING BONDS OR NOTES FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF.

Mayor Lempert opened the public hearing.

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

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

#### **Bond Ordinance – North Harrison Street Sidewalks**

Mayor Lempert read by title an ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE BY PRINCETON AUTHORIZING AS A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS ALONG THE WESTERLY SIDE OF NORTH HARRISON STREET ADJACENT TO BLOCK 5410, LOTS 5, 6 AND 7, PRINCETON TAX MAP, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$8,461.00 THEREFOR, PROVIDING FOR THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE MAKING OF A DOWN PAYMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF SAID PRINCETON AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF FIFTY (50%) PERCENT OF THE COST THEREOF ON THE ABOVE-REFERENCED PROPERTY OWNERS.

Mayor Lempert opened the public hearing.

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

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

#### **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS**

##### **Rental Housing Code**

Mayor Lempert read by title on first reading a proposed ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE BY PRINCETON CONCERNING RENTAL HOUSING CODE AND RENT REGISTRATION AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1974" AND THE "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968". (Public Hearing May 13, 2013)

This ordinance was deferred until the Council meeting of May 13, 2013.

##### **Kiosk Lease Agreement**

Mayor Lempert read by title on first reading a proposed ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE BY PRINCETON AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE KIOSK LOCATED AT WITHERSPOON AND NASSAU STREETS.)

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Mr. Miller offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on first reading. Mr. Simon seconded the motion, which was carried by three affirmative votes. The affirmative votes were Mr. Miller, Mr. Liverman and Mr. Simon. Ms. Howard and Ms. Crumiller voted in the negative and Ms. Butler was absent. The public hearing was set for May 13, 2013.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Contains items of a routine nature, which are approved by a single vote.

a. Bills and Claims

b. Resolution: 13-130 Banner Request for Princeton Chamber of Commerce, for Annual Mid-Summer Marketing Showcase, to be hung over Washington Road, July 10 – July 17, 2013

c. Resolution: 13-131 2013 Mileage Rate

d. Resolutions:

- 13-132 Fire Department Associate Membership, Jay Cheng
- 13-133 Fire Department Associate Membership, James G. Buzgo
- 13-134 Fire Department Membership, Katherine Bertha Heinz
- 13-135 Fire Department Membership, Steven Alexander Kolock

e. Resolution: 13-136 Condominium Assistance Loan for Block 802, Lot 11304

f. Street Closing Request:

- Julie Hagan, May 27, 2013, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Olden Lane and Battle Road Circle, for annual Memorial Day Block Party, contingent upon approval of Traffic Safety Officer

g. Resolutions: 13-137 Cancellation of Property Taxes, Block 2401, Lot 15, QL-C03  
13-138 Cancellation of Property Taxes, Block 2401, Lot 15, QL-C06

h. Resolution, 13-139 Accepting 2011 Princeton Borough Audit

i. Resolution, 13-140 Corrective Action Plan

j. Resolution: 13-141 Bid Award: 2013 Spring Planting, Andy/Matt Inc., \$13,234.00

k. Music Amplification Requests:

- Susan G. Solomon, party at 47 Hardy Drive, May 4, 2013, 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- Historical Society of Princeton, wedding at Updike Farm, 354 Quaker Road, May 25, 2013, 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

l. Resolution: 13-142 Bingo Application 005 St. Paul School PTA

m. Resolution: 13-143 Raffle Application 006 St Paul School PTA

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

(Resolutions appended to this set of minutes.)

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**13-144 CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION**

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Princeton:

1. This body will now convene into a closed session that will be limited only to consideration of an item or items with respect to which the public may be excluded pursuant to section 7B of the Open Public Meetings Act.
2. The general nature of the subject or subjects to be discussed in said session is as follows:

**Litigation**

3. Stated as precisely as presently possible, the following are the time when and the circumstances under which the discussion conducted at said session can be disclosed to the public:

Within 90 days or upon settlement of litigation, if applicable

**Litigation:** Avalon Bay

The above referenced issue was discussed by the Princeton Council.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Linda S. McDermott  
Municipal Clerk



ARTS COUNCIL OF  
PRINCETON

## Witherspoon-Jackson Neighborhood Report April 2013



### **INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

We are pleased to present this report on the Arts Council of Princeton's activities related to the Witherspoon-Jackson (W-J) Neighborhood. This report covers the year since the presentation of our last Neighborhood Report in May 2012. Because we are presenting this report for the first time to the new consolidated Princeton, and previously have presented to the Borough but not the Township, here is a brief history.

The Arts Council of Princeton (ACP) was founded as an independent nonprofit organization in 1967 and for many years served as an advisory council to Princeton Borough. In its early years the ACP began to develop cultural programming for the town and in 1971 produced the first Art People's Party, which later became Communiversity. This year's Communiversity Festival of the Arts is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> and we anticipate a crowd of over 40,000 to this major event we produce with participation from the students of Princeton University.

In 1982 the Borough made the building at 102 Witherspoon Street available to the Arts Council and it was turned into an arts center that served the community as an artistic and cultural hub. Ultimately the ACP purchased the building from the Borough (at a substantially reduced price) and developed a wide range of art classes, workshops, community events, concerts, and outreach programs. In 1998 the ACP started to develop plans to renovate and expand the building to accommodate the programs and needs of the growing organization. In June 2008 the Paul Robeson Center for the Arts re-opened to the public with a design by architect Michael Graves. The renovated arts center is twice the size of the original building and includes a gallery, theater, multi-disciplinary art studios and public meeting space.

The Arts Council has annually provided a report to the Princeton Borough Council in order to inform them of the activities that specifically serve the Witherspoon-Jackson Neighborhood, in which the Robeson Center is located. This 2013 program report provides an overview of the programs during the past year that serve the neighborhood and the broader community.

The Arts Council's strategic plan provides a roadmap for program development and increased marketing, based on the ACP's core mission of *building community through the arts*. The results of our efforts since opening our renovated arts center have been excellent. For the fourth consecutive fiscal year we have been able to expand audiences, student enrollment and membership, resulting in a positive projected year-end balance. We are proud that once again the ACP has been awarded a Citation of Excellence by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and we have been designated a Major Arts Organization for the state. Last year the Arts Council received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Arts Education. In addition, for the second consecutive year, the ACP received Discover Jersey Arts' People's Choice Award for the Favorite Art Gallery in the state.

In spite of our recent successes, however, the ACP still faces financial challenges. These include sustaining our free programs given the continued decrease in foundation and government grant funds and the reality that we receive no local government funding. There is also the more immediate burden of a mortgage debt. Our "Burn the Mortgage" Campaign, started in early 2011 to raise \$2 million to retire the mortgage, is not yet complete and this financial challenge must be met in order for the ACP to attain the financial stability necessary to continue programmatic expansion – especially in continuing to provide the free and low cost programming that is so important for the W-J Neighborhood and the growing diversity of the local community. The remaining balance to achieve our \$2 million goal is \$750,000 and this is where we are focusing our current development energy.

The location of the ACP's Paul Robeson Center is ideal to serve to W-J neighborhood and the history of the location is relevant and important to keep present and alive. This is accomplished through the permanent exhibit "Neighborhood Portrait" which includes the W-J Neighborhood Quilt, created by Gail Mitchell with the assistance of a committee of neighborhood residents. A photography display of historic pictures from the archives of the Historical Society of Princeton was curated with the assistance of Shirley Satterfield and Eileen Morales. An additional photograph was added by a contribution from Hank Pannell. Finally, a plaque in the Robeson Center's Barbara Sigmund Lobby provides information about the legacy of Paul Robeson, with a statement by Shirley Satterfield.

The importance of the arts and quality arts education for a community cannot be underestimated. Nationally studies conducted over the past twenty-five years substantiate that the arts provide one of the most effective methods of increasing

academic achievement and literacy in all students. With that important fact in mind we have continued to provide free afterschool and in-school educational opportunities for 120 – 160 students per week through our partnerships with Princeton Nursery School, Princeton Young Achievers, local schools, and HomeFront.

The arts also function as a powerful engine for economic development. National studies by Americans for the Arts indicate that the arts nationally are a \$166.2 billion industry. To determine the exact amount of economic activity generated by local arts in the Princeton economy, the Arts Council led the local arts community in the Arts and Economic Prosperity Study. With additional support provided by Princeton University and the Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce, the study was completed last June and states that the 16 arts organizations based in Princeton collectively generate a remarkable \$51 million and employ close to 2100 full time employees.

As reported previously, the ACP has also worked to establish an endowment fund to ensure the future stability of its programs. The cornerstone contribution for our endowment was a \$250,000 Legacy Grant awarded in late 2007 by the J. Seward Johnson Sr. 1963 Charitable Trust which produces income specifically for W-J Neighborhood programs. In 2011 we received our second major endowment grant of \$150,000 from the Charles Evans Foundation. The income is designated specifically to fund scholarships. In December 2012 we received a major \$700,000 grant from the Galbraith Trust for programs that serve disadvantaged youth.

### **W-J Neighborhood Representation**

During the past year, in spite of economic challenges, the ACP has managed to continue to provide consistently excellent and exciting programs that enhance and benefit the Princeton community. During the year we focused on increasing our capacity to serve local Princeton residents, particularly members of the Witherspoon-Jackson Neighborhood. In order to be responsive and relevant to neighborhood needs, during the past year we have had three neighborhood residents serving on our board of trustees: Gail Everett, Orlando Fuquen, and Jim Floyd, Jr. (who recently ended his term). In addition, we are pleased to count three current and former neighborhood residents as staff members. Maria Evans, a long time ACP employee and neighborhood resident, serves as our Artistic Director, organizing and coordinating community events and outreach programs. Stephanie Nazario, the ACP Financial Manager, grew up in the neighborhood and continues to live just a few blocks away. Our staff member, Kim Webber, who has now worked for the ACP for over two years, grew up in the neighborhood and continues to live on Quarry street. In addition, regular volunteer shifts are worked by several neighborhood residents who volunteer at the ACP's reception desk, help at events, and assist in classrooms.

Although this report is designed to primarily cover our activities as they relate to the W-J Neighborhood, we also deem it relevant to include a number of important achievements that positively impact the entire Princeton Community.

### **SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: May 2012- April 2013**

During this past year the Arts Council produced numerous events, and many of them were well attended by neighborhood residents. We attribute much of the success in event attendance to placing announcements in local church bulletins, actively participating in local groups such as the Youth Concerns Committee, the Black History Month Planning Committee, and by producing some of our flyers in Spanish as well as

English. Funding for our free programs for the W-J Neighborhood was provided largely by income received from the investment of the Johnson Charitable Trust grant. This funding allowed for us to partially cover the expenses of the "free" programs listed below and allowed us to offer free admission to W-J Neighborhood residents for ticketed concerts. Over thirty residents were able to access concerts during fall and winter, including a recent dynamic Paul Robeson Legacy concert by the Grace Little Band. Additional funding for free community programs was provided by Target and Novo Nordisk.

### **ArtReach**

During the past year we continued our ArtReach programs, providing free in-school and after-school arts education programming to up to 140 students at the Princeton Nursery School (funded in part by the PNC Foundation) and partnering with Princeton Young Achievers (funded by Tyco, Horizon Foundation, and Janssen) to provide art programs for students at PYA learning centers and at the Paul Robeson Center. At the Princeton Nursery School artist Libby Ramage worked with 40 – 50 students two days per week. Four artists worked with 75 – 90 PYA students per week in our Creative Fridays program.

We also continued to offer programs for PYA youth beyond traditional visual arts. We provided music workshops through the Robeson Community Music Series, supported by Wachovia Wells Fargo and ET Cone Foundation grants. During the summer we provided a week long intensive poetry and music workshop series for teens.

### **"Kids at Work: Discovery through Art"**

During the school year, over 200 local elementary students came with their teachers for gallery tours and art-making sessions in our program "Kids at Work: Discovery through Art". In these workshops school classes visited our gallery exhibitions, learned about the significance of the artwork, and engaged in hands-on art activities to make work based on what they saw in the gallery. Kids at Work is funded through a grant from the Gartenberg Family Fund. The students mostly came from Community Park and John Witherspoon Schools (some classes also came from Riverside, Littlebrook and Johnson Park).

### **Annual Community Play**

Collaborating with Stone Soup Circus and Princeton Theatre Experiment, the Community Play put on four public performances of an original play and used local sponsors for funding such as small world coffee, Jazams Toy Store, Ace Hardware, Halo Pub and more.

### **PHS Community Service Group**

For the fourth consecutive year a group of 15 – 20 high school students volunteered at many of our events throughout the school year.

### **Witherspoon Middle School Tours**

In September, for the fifth year, in partnership with the Princeton Public Library and John Witherspoon Middle School, we provided tours of the Paul Robeson Center for over two hundred 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from John Witherspoon Middle School. This tour program is now a regular activity designed to introduce students to the facilities and programs offered by both the Arts Council and the Library.

### **El Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)**

In early November we celebrated with our annual art and music party to celebrate Mexico's Day of the Dead. A diverse crowd of over two hundred, including dozens of families with children, enjoyed music, food and art making.

### **Martin Luther King Day,**

Our annual collaboration for MLK Day was offered as a partnership with KidsBridge of Trenton, and The Historical Society of Princeton. We provided activities that taught tolerance, civil rights history, and the lessons of Dr. King for all ages. The afternoon of free art-making attracted over 250 people including dozens of neighborhood children.

### **Black History Month**

Our February programming included a sculpture workshop by artist Mike Gyampo, a family art making workshop and a gallery talk by exhibiting artist Ben Colbert.

### **Cinco de Mayo**

Our annual Cinco de Mayo celebration was offered again as a collaboration with the Princeton Public Library. Hundreds came out to celebrate Mexico's Cinco de Mayo with art making and folk dancing by Princeton University's Ballet Folklorico de Mexico dance troupe.

### **"Continuum" Mural Project – Artist in Residence Illia Barger**

The mural, "Continuum" painted by Illia Barger on the wall of the Terra Momo Bread Company in spring 2012, commemorates three collaborative temporary public art installations located in empty lots on Paul Robeson Place between 2002-2009: Herban Garden, Writers Block and Quark Park. The muralist, Illia Barger, was the ACP's Anne Reeves Artist in Residence.

### **September Open House at the Robeson Center**

Our annual Open House event featured art making, dance performances, circus entertainers, refreshments, and music -- all free to the public. The event showcased our programs and provided residents with ways to get involved, including information on scholarships.

**Hometown Halloween Parade:** In October we held our annual parade through downtown Princeton featuring the Princeton University marching band. We partnered with the Princeton Public Library and the parade marched from Palmer Square to Hinds Plaza where the Library had created a haunted house in their community room. In addition, the YMCA screened a scary movie. We had a huge crowd of over 1500.

### **Artist in Residence – Nancy Shill**

During spring 2013 our Artist in Residence, Nancy Shill is working with a crew of volunteers to collect material from the community to include in a community collage mural project. The mural, entitled "Princeton Mix" will celebrate our consolidated town and will be installed on a wall in Witherspoon Hall.

### **"What's up Princeton" Programs for Teens**

Now in its third year, the Arts Council, along with the Princeton Public Library, HiTops, Corner House, and the Recreation Department, has partnered on "What's Up Princeton," a collective effort to increase programs for teens. Recently the Arts Council hosted a teen open mic night in which numerous high school students shared their talents by performing. Coming up on June 1 What's Up Princeton will present the third annual Battle of the Bands on Albert Hinds Plaza. Collaboratively we plan quarterly teen events hosted by the Arts Council, the Library and the Recreation Department.

### **Creative Aging Programs for Seniors**

The Arts Council received a Church and Dwight Employee Giving Fund grant to continue our Art for Caregivers program, designed to assist family members and professional caregivers with creative projects specifically for seniors. With a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts we also ran a program for seniors in partnership with Brandywine, Elm Court, and Stonebridge Assisted Living residences. For the second consecutive year we are sending artist Eva Mantell weekly to work with seniors in the Acute Care for the Elderly Unit at the Princeton Medical Center. And, last year we were host to a training session for over fifty artists in partnership with the National Center for Creative Aging (a Washington DC agency funded by the National Endowment for the Arts).

**COMMUNIVERSITY Festival of the Arts:** On the last Saturday in April Princeton's annual festival of the arts was held once again in downtown Princeton, organized by the Arts Council with participation from the students of Princeton University. It had an estimated attendance of close to 40,000. The festival featured artists, musicians, performers, crafters, merchants and food vendors, nonprofit and student organizations, and numerous free activities for children. A highlight was a Bollywood style "flash performance" organized by ACP instructor Uma Kapoor. As mentioned earlier, this year's Communiversality will take place on Sunday, April 28.

**Scholarships:**

During the summer we provided scholarships for W-J Neighborhood children so they could attend summer art and drama camp, which we held offsite at the Princeton Junior School. The campers' artwork was featured in an end of the summer exhibition at the Robeson Center. During the summer and through the school year the Arts Council provided scholarships to 74 students with a total value of \$14,862. Eight students from the neighborhood received scholarships valued at \$1,330. Scholarships are funded through our George Dale and Waxwood Scholarship Funds and by a grant from the Evans Foundation. As reported last year, we received a \$100,000 grant from the Charles Evans Foundation to establish a new scholarship endowment fund that provided five high school students with free art classes during the year. We also received another \$50,000 from this foundation so we are able to provide scholarships to more students in the current year.

**Summer Concerts:** We had another successful Courtyard Concert Series at the Princeton Shopping Center. Free concerts were presented every Thursday from mid June through the end of August with audience sizes ranging from about 150 to over 600.

**Street Party:** In September the Arts Council again participated in the annual Jazams street fair. We made crowns with the kids and had a photo booth, which was a huge hit.

**Princeton ArtWalk:** In collaboration with the Princeton University Art Museum, the ACP has helped to organize quarterly "ArtWalks" since fall 2011. These events have included art venues and related businesses and draw hundreds of art lovers to downtown Princeton on a Thursday night. the next scheduled ArtWalk is on May 2nd.

**Additional Community Events at the Paul Robeson Center for the Arts:**

In addition to the activities listed above, the Arts Council was host to a wide range of events from meetings to non-profit benefits. Included were: Princeton Area Arts and Culture Consortium bi-monthly meetings; Monthly Youth Concerns Committee meetings; Christmas Eve Caroling on Palmer Square; Behind the Music event with the Princeton Symphony; annual Valentine's workshop; and a series of concerts, films, and exhibition openings. Additionally, throughout the year community groups and families used our facility for meetings, benefits and events including: HiTops, Habitat for Humanity, Princeton Symphony, bar mtizvah parties, a baby shower and many more.

**Conclusion:** This has been another year of improvement and growth for the Arts Council of Princeton, as well as a time to strategize in the face of economic challenges. The ACP has successfully managed to maintain a high level of service to the community while working to stabilize the organization's operations. We look forward to improving and expanding our programs for the Witherspoon-Jackson Neighborhood and to continuing to serve the greater Princeton community.

Submitted by: Jeff Nathanson, Executive Director  
April 22, 2013

# Citizens Finance Advisory Committee

Preliminary Budget Review

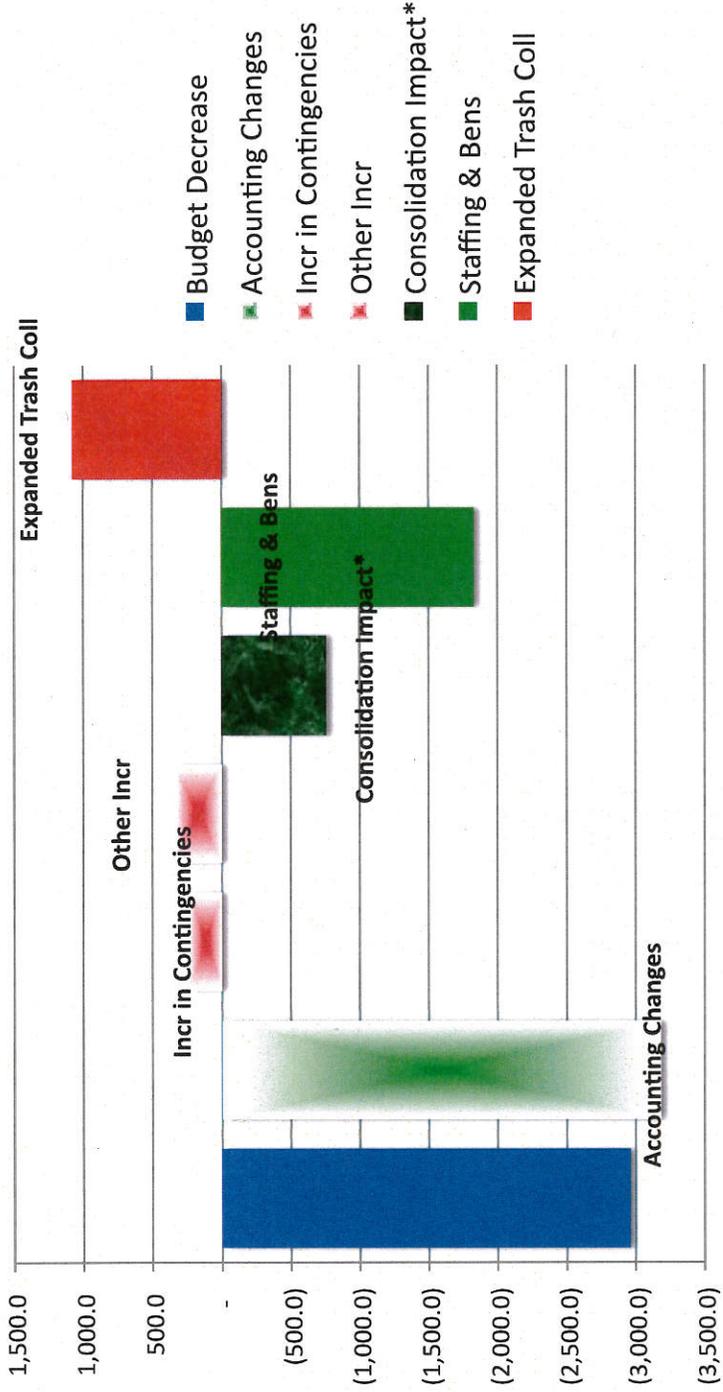
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## Key Points

- Budget reflects real savings from Consolidation
  - Savings in Salaries and Benefits more than offset expanded Trash Service
- Savings are funding:
  1. Lower Tax Collections
  2. Normal cost pressures
  3. Higher storm-related costs
- Surpluses appear in balance (needs further review)
- Property Tax bills will nonetheless increase due to School & County portions

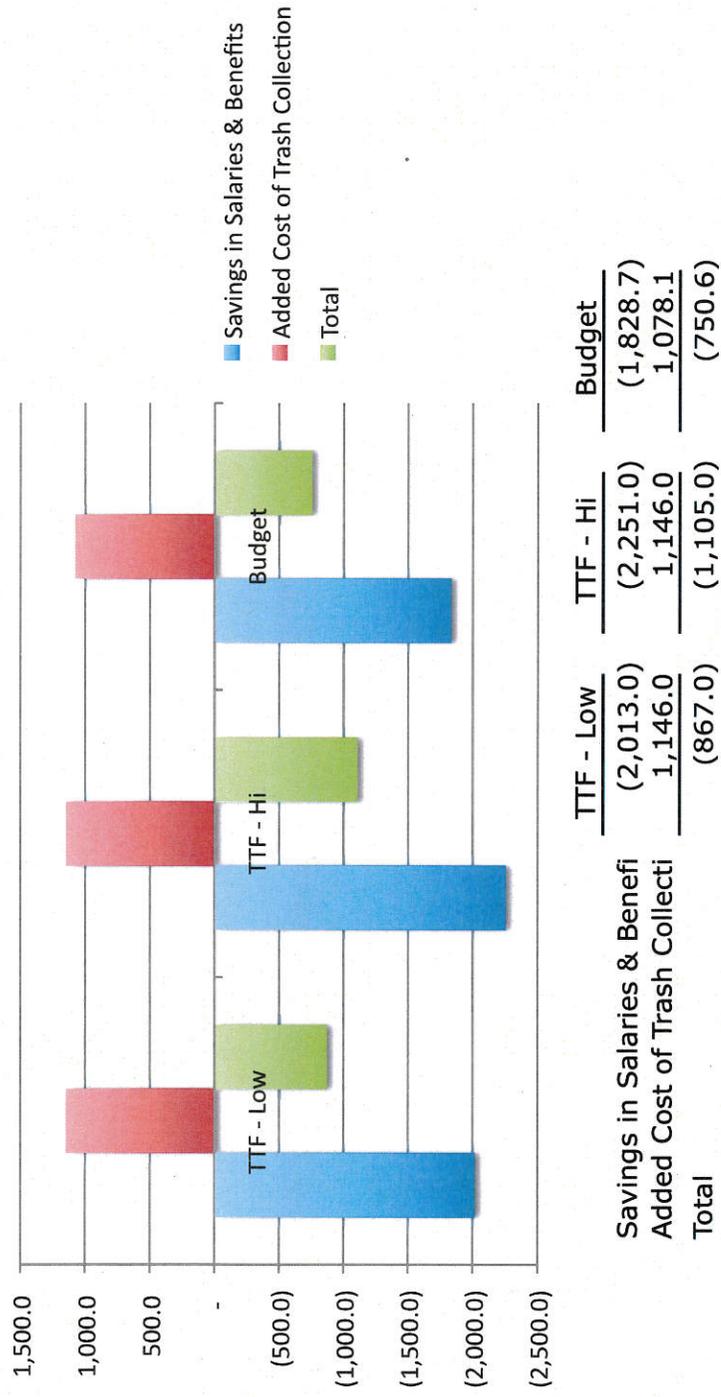
# Budgeted Appropriations 2013 vs 2012

- Real changes are in Savings from Consolidation of ~\$750k (\$1,829k in lower Salaries & Benefits partially offset by \$1,078 of expanded Trash Collection costs)



# Budget Savings from Consolidation (*preliminary*)

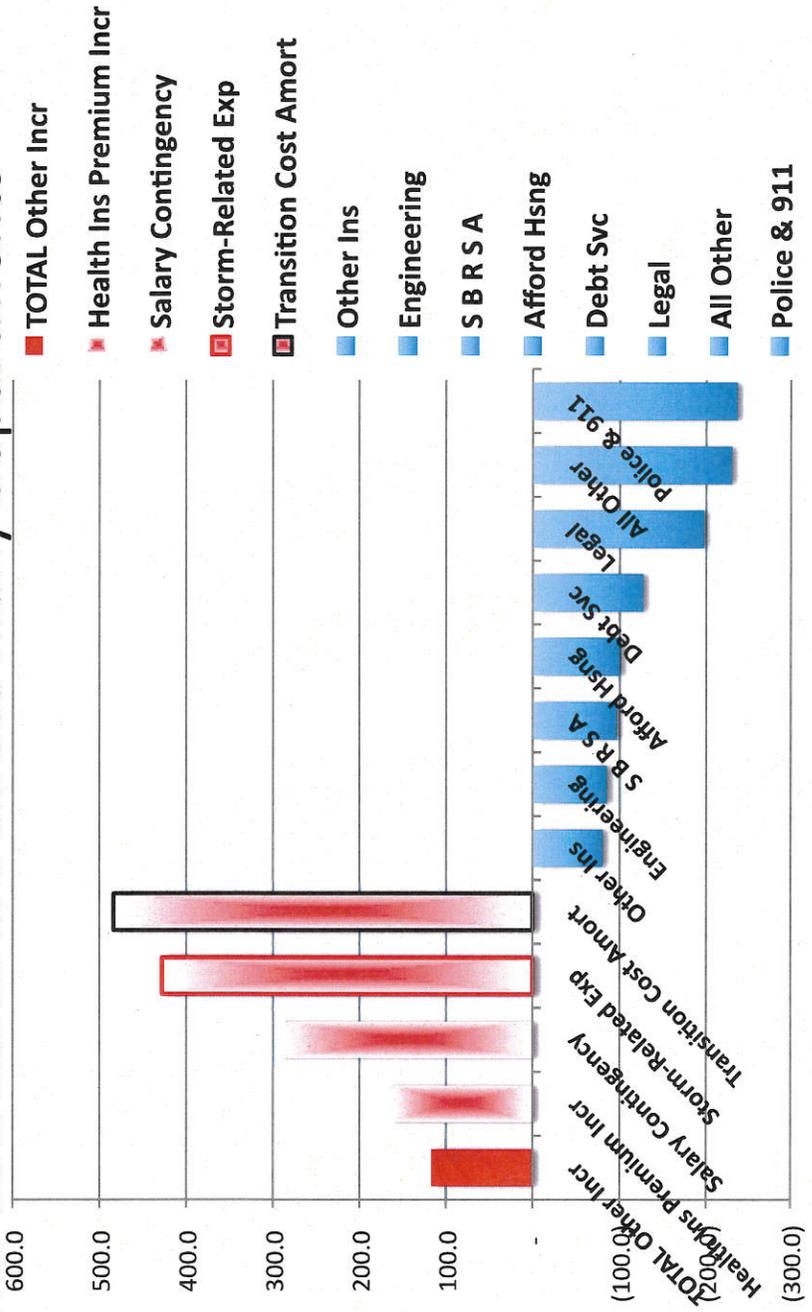
- Savings are not fully reflected in budget
  - Could be in other accounts?
- Only looking at Salaries & Benefits for comparison (additional savings are in Other Expense lines)



# Budgeted Appropriations

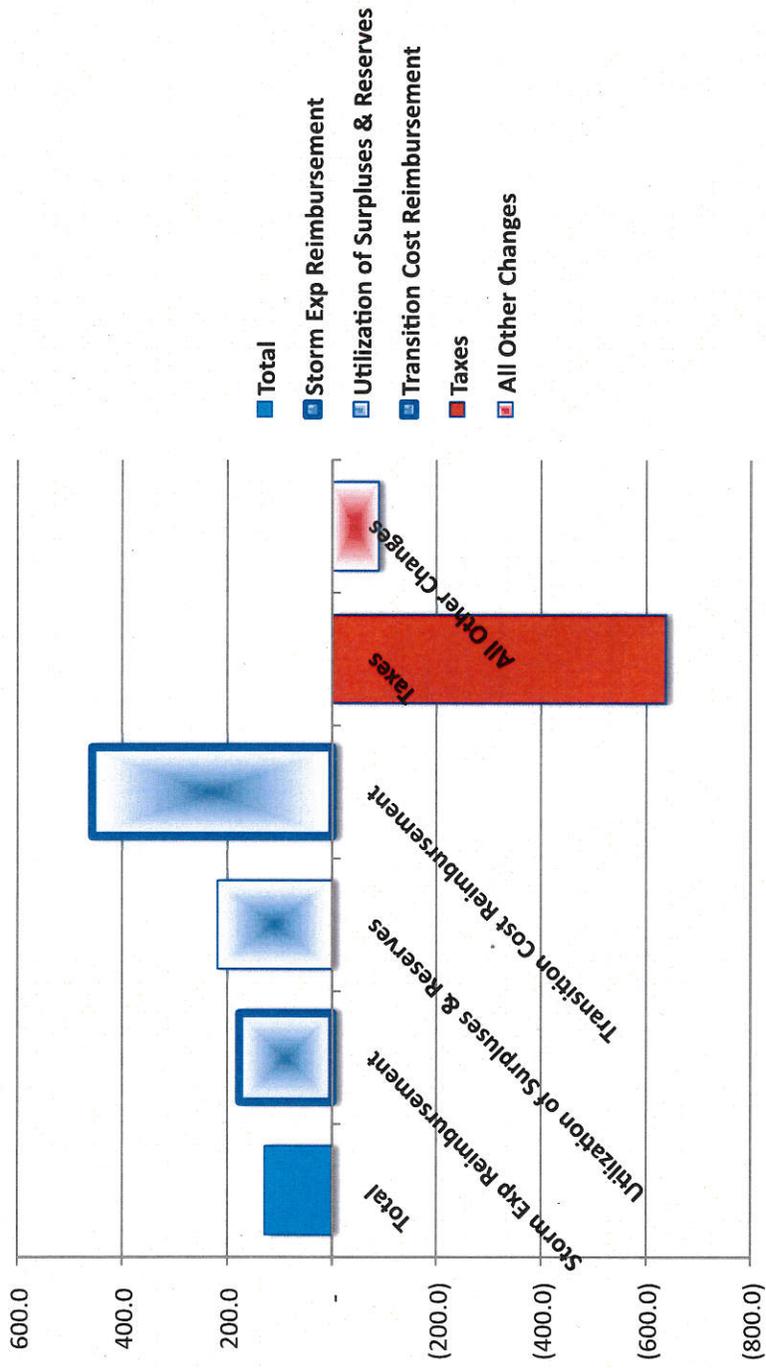
## Other Increases and Decreases--2013 vs 2012

- Other increases include normal cost creep, transition cost amortization and one-time costs
- Other decreases are across many departments



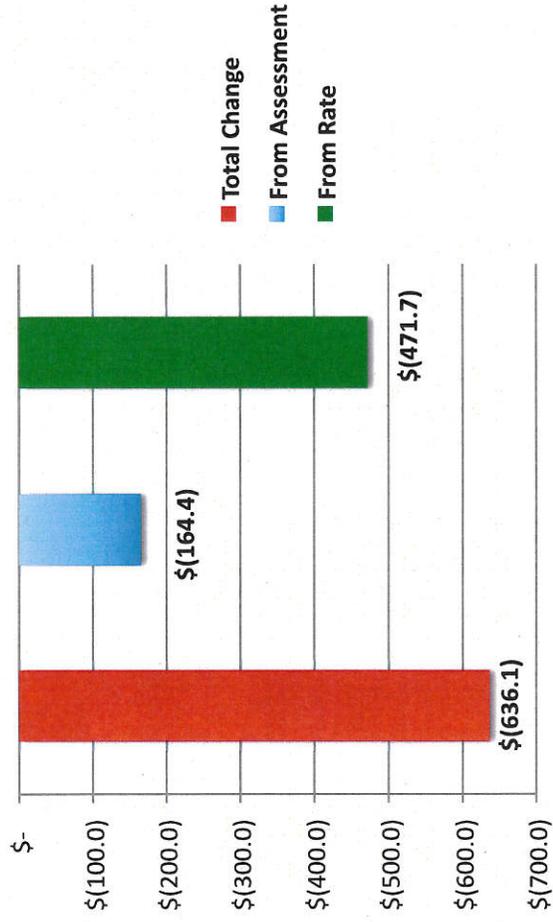
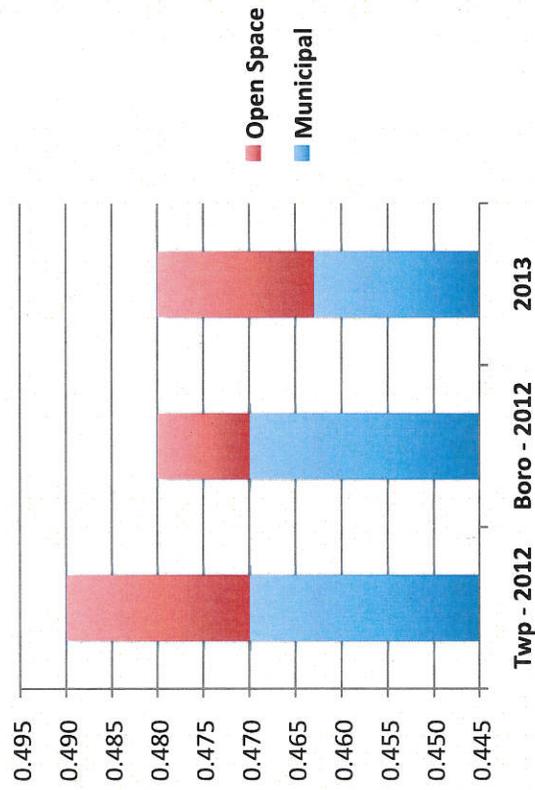
# Budgeted Revenues 2013 vs 2012

- Lower Revenues from Taxes are offset by higher one-time items



# Municipal Tax

- Combined Munic + Open Space Tax of 48¢ is same as 2013 Boro rate, 1¢ less for old Township
- Lower Municipal Tax revenue is from lower Total Assessments & lower blended tax rate

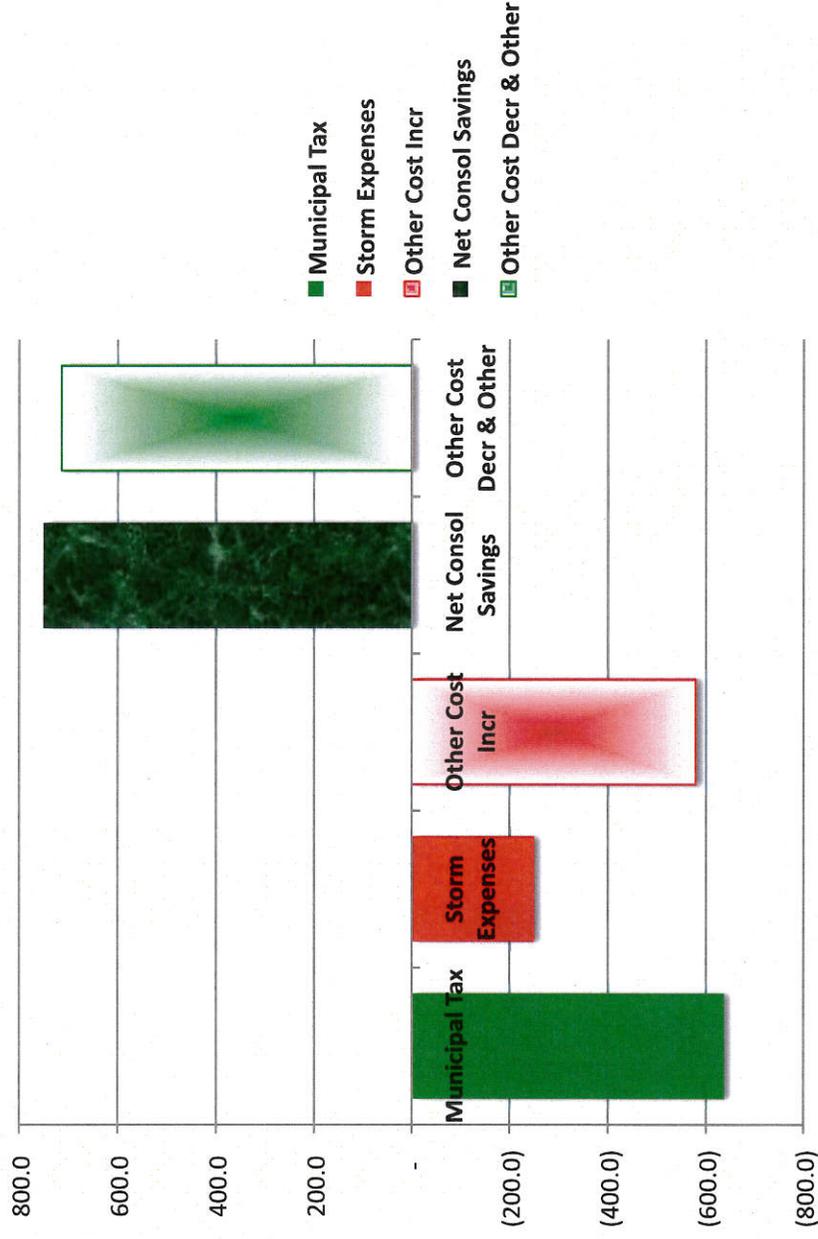


# 2013 Budget—Net Impact of Changes to Revenues and Appropriations on Municipal Tax

- Lower Municipal Tax is funded by savings from Consolidation

Values:

Municipal Tax	(636.8)
Storm Expenses	(250.0)
Other Cost Incr	(578.5)
Net Consol Savings	750.6
Other Cost Decr & Other	714.7



## 2013 Expectations

- Current Fund Surplus could grow by \$1MM in 2013 (same as 2012); funded by utilization of portion of Capital Fund Surplus
- Presently, Surpluses in Current & Capital Funds are roughly in balance
- Total Surplus appears to be very healthy
- More work needs to be done to look at longer term

## Princeton Property Tax Bills

- The Municipal portion of Property Taxes is the smallest part of our Property Tax Bills
- County announced an 11% increase for Princeton
- Schools announced a 2% increase

