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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor & Council  
FROM: William S. Drake, Fire Official  
DATE: August 19, 2013  
RE: Fireworks Display & Authorization Resolution

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I have attached a resolution for your consideration at the next Mayor & Council meeting. The resolution gives permission to Janet's Weddings and Parties of Hightstown, NJ and Serpico Pyrotechnics of Toms River, NJ to have a private fireworks display at TPC Jasna Polana Golf Course between the hours 9:30 pm and 10:00 pm on September 7, 2013, at a private wedding reception. There is no rain date – in the case of inclement weather the display will be cancelled.

The New Jersey Uniform Fire Code (*N.J.A.C. 5:70 et seq.*) requires the governing body provide authorization for such displays by resolution, prior to the Fire Official granting a permit for such display. Based on my review of the permit application, the golf course is of sufficient size to accommodate the number, type, and diameter of the proposed fireworks. There should be no fallout or other detritus from the display leaving the boundaries of the golf course.

The show will last approximately 30 minutes or less and will not be open to the public. Since this is a private display located and contained solely on private property, no traffic control is required and security for this event will be provided by the property owner and private parties concerned, and not the Princeton Police Department. The Princeton Fire Department and Princeton EMS will be onsite during the course of the fireworks, as per Robert Gregory, Emergency Services Director. The property owner and private parties will also be responsible for post display cleanup and the “first light” inspection/check for unexploded fireworks shells.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

RESOLUTION  
MAYOR & COUNCIL OF PRINCETON  
PRIVATE FIREWORKS DISPLAY

- WHEREAS, Janet's Weddings and Parties, of Hightstown, NJ desires to conduct a private fireworks display for the enjoyment of guests only at TPC Jasna Polana Golf Course, 8 Lawrenceville Road, on September 7, 2013; and
- WHEREAS, said fireworks display shall be conducted by Serpico Pyrotechnics, LLC of Toms River, NJ; and
- WHEREAS, Serpico Pyrotechnics, LLC is a U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives licensed Importer of Explosives, License Number 8-NJ-029-51-5A-00311; and
- WHEREAS, the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code requires that the governing body of a municipality approve by resolution, said fireworks display, prior to the issuance of a permit by the Fire Official (*N.J.A.C. 5:70 et seq.*); and
- WHEREAS, the Fire Official has communicated with the Director of Emergency Services of Princeton, who has consented on behalf of the Princeton Fire Department and Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad to provide fire protection and emergency medical services for such fireworks display; and
- WHEREAS, the Fire Official is in receipt of a letter of permission to conduct said private fireworks display from John Buser, General Manager of TPC Jasna Polana, on behalf of the owner of the property; and
- WHEREAS, Serpico Pyrotechnics, LLC has provided proof of general liability insurance in excess of \$1,000,000.00 as required by the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code (*N.J.A.C. 5:70 et seq.*); and
- WHEREAS, the Fire Official of Princeton has reviewed the application for permit, insurance requirements and all other applicable regulations and has found all to be in order; and
- WHEREAS, the Fire Official of Princeton recommends the approval of said resolution;
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the municipality of Princeton that this resolution is adopted and that a permit may be granted by the Fire Official of Princeton, upon his approval, for a private fireworks display on September 7, 2013 at TPC Jasna Polana Golf Course, 8 Lawrenceville Road.