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PRINCETON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
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A meeting of Township Committee was held on this date at 7:00 p.m. in the main meeting room of the Princeton Township Municipal Complex, 400 Witherspoon Street.

**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 2011 Schedule of Regular Meetings. On January 2, 2011 at 1:15 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 Township Clerk.

**ROLL CALL**

The Township Clerk then called the roll.

Present: Mayor Goerner and Mesdames Lempert and Nemeth and Messrs. Liverman and Miller.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mrs. Monzo, and Messrs Kiser, Pascale, Schmierer and Lt. Morgan.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Contains items of a routine nature, which are approved by a single vote.

- a. Bills & Claims
- b. Music Amplification Request:  
-Natalie Reed, Graduation Party, Mountain Lakes, June 3, 2011, 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
- c. Affordable Housing:  
- Down Payment Assistance Loan #48, Not to Exceed \$5,000.  
- Down Payment Assistance Loan #49, Not to Exceed \$5,000.
- d. Appointment: Jesse Lerman, Cable TV Committee
- e. Resolution: Supporting Voter Approval for New Charter Schools
- f. Resolution: Supporting A New Jersey Statewide Ban on Natural Gas Development Involving Hydraulic Fracturing
- g. Resolution: In Memory of William H. (Bill) Karch.

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Ms. Nemeth offered a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ms. Lempert seconded the motion which was approved unanimously by those present.

(Bills & Claims and Resolutions appended to this set of minutes.)

## **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS**

### **Bond Ordinance, Westerly Road Curbing**

Mayor Goerner read by title on first reading a proposed ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AS A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT THE INSTALLATION OF BELGIUM BLOCK CURBING ON BOTH SIDES OF WESTERLY ROAD BETWEEN ELM ROAD AND PARDOE ROAD WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$50,000.00 THEREFOR, PROVIDING FOR THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE MAKING OF A DOWN PAYMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND/OR NOTES OF SAID TOWNSHIP, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF 100% OF THE COST THEREOF.

Mr. Kiser said that as a part of the reconstruction of Westerly Road, it is recommended that Belgium block curbing be installed along the length of the road between Elm Road and Pardoe Road. Eighteen property owners have requested the curbing and two property owners have elected not to have the curbing. The installation of the curbing is assessed 100% to all of the benefitted property owners.

Mr. Miller offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on first reading. Mr. Liverman seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The public hearing was set for June 27, 2011.

### **Bond Ordinance, Westerly Road Sewers**

Mayor Goerner read by title on first reading a proposed ordinance entitled BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AS A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SEWER LATERAL REPAIRS BY THE PRINCETON SEWER OPERATING COMMITTEE OF DEFECTIVE SEWER LATERALS AND THE INSTALLATION OF NEW SEWER LATERALS INVOLVING PROPERTIES LOCATED ALONG WESTERLY ROAD WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$88,500.00 THEREFOR, PROVIDING FOR THE FINANCING OF SAID APPROPRIATION BY THE MAKING OF A DOWN PAYMENT AND THE

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ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF SAID TOWNSHIP AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF 100% OF THE COST THEREOF UPON THE BENEFITED PROPERTY OWNERS.

Mr. Kiser said that the culvert has recently been replaced on westerly road and now the roadwork including the sanitary sewer repair work and the installation of curbing can proceed.

It is recommended that the proposed ordinance be introduced and adopted as it will allow all thirteen properties along Westerly Road to be checked and repaired before the new road and curbing is installed. The estimated cost of the work is \$88,500.00 with 100% of the cost to be paid by the benefitted property owners.

Mr. Liverman offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on first reading. Ms. Nemeth seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The public hearing was set for June 27, 2011.

## **ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Storm Drain Inlet Retrofitting**

Mayor Goerner read by title an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THE PRIVATE STORM DRAIN INLET RETROFITTING AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968".

Mr. Kiser said that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) as part of the Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program is now requiring that municipalities adopt ordinance regulations for private storm drain inlet retrofitting. He said that these newer type of inlets which are incorporated into all of the Township road projects have a narrower profile and grading system in order to block plastic bottles, cans and other litter from getting into the storm drainage system. The NJDEP requested ordinance would require private developers when retrofitting existing storm drain inlets as a part of a repaving or reconstruction project to use the new type of storm drain inlets in their work.

Mayor Goerner opened the public hearing

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

Ms. Lempert offered a motion to approve the proposed ordinance on second reading. The motion was seconded by Mayor Goerner and carried unanimously.

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## **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Henry Frank, 126 Valley Road discussed with Township Committee the issue of signs in the right of way.

## **REPORTS**

Ms. Nemeth reported that the recreation department is about to go out to bid for the Community Park Pool.

Ms. Lempert thanked all who came out and helped with the recent Bicycle Rodeo. She also noted that the Citizens Finance and Review Committee will be working on an analysis of the Open Space Fund.

Mr. Miller reminded everyone of the upcoming Memorial Day Parade this coming Saturday.

Mr. Kiser reported about a leak at the Community Park Pool.

## **WORK SESSION**

### **Arts & Transit Memorandum of Understanding**

Mr. Schmierer reviewed with Township Committee the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Arts, Education and Transit Zone. He said that he concurred with the findings of the MOU saying that it was a very valid and good instrument, but cautioned the use of condemnation or eminent domain and addressed the issue of downsizing. The proposed agreement would be a fully binding one that would survive future changes in governing bodies, including potential consolidation in 2013.

Mr. Liverman said that while the draft is a working document, it made sense.

Robert Durkee, Vice President clarified that the University never moved the Dinky noting that it was New Jersey Transit who originally moved it.

It was the consensus of Township Committee to have Mayor Goerner and Mr. Miller continue working with Princeton Borough and Princeton University on the Memorandum of Understanding.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **RESOLUTION**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Princeton:

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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:

**Negotiations**

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

- Valley Road Building Site Re-use Proposal
- Corner House

The above referenced issues were discussed by Township Committee.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Linda S. McDermott  
Township Clerk