

Transition Task Force Update

Transition Task Force for the Consolidation of Princeton Borough and Princeton Township

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Today's Agenda

- **Welcome** | *Sheldon Sturges*
- Overview of TTF and Finance | Scott Sillars
- Boards, Commissions and Committees | Hendricks Davis
 - Questions/Answers
- Facilities and Other Assets | Bernie Miller
 - Questions/Answers
- Information Technology | Gary Patteson
 - Questions/Answers



Today's Agenda

(continued)

- **Personnel** | *Jim Levine*
 - Questions/Answers
- Infrastructure and Operations / DPW | Jo Butler
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- **Public Safety** | *Bernie Miller*
 - Questions/Answers
- **Community Outreach** | Anton Lahnston





- The Transition Task Force (TTF) was established by joint action of the Borough and Township to facilitate the consolidation process
- Representatives appointed by Governing Bodies
- TTF only makes *recommendations*; it is up to the Governing Bodies to act (or not) on the recommendations
- TTF is following NJ OPMA—all meetings are public; schedules, agendas and minutes are posted
- Website: <u>www.cgr.org/princeton</u>



Task Force Members

Mark Freda (Chair)

Dorothea Berkhout

Hendricks Davis

- Jim Levine

Brad Middlekauff

Mayor Yina Moore

-- Scott Sillars (Vice Chair)

-- Councilwoman Jo Butler

-- Mayor Chad Goerner

-- Linda Mather

-- Committeeman Bernie Miller

-- Gary Patteson

Eugene McCarthy (NJ DCA, non-voting)

Bob Bruschi (Borough Administrator, non-voting)

Kathy Monzo (Acting TWP Administrator, non-voting)

Support

- William Kearns (Kearns, Reale & Kearns)
- Joseph Stefko (CGR)
- Borough & Township Staff



- To focus its work items, the TTF has established the following subcommittees:
 - (1) Finance

(5) Infrastructure / Operations

(2) Personnel

(6) Facilities / Assets

(3) Information Tech

- (7) Public Safety
- (4) Boards / Cmtes / Commissions (8) Community Outreach
- Challenges, Issues & Concerns
 - -Learning curves
 - -Identifying and acting on critical path items
 - -Coordinating two Governing Bodies
 - -Staff morale and workload



Finance Overview Scott Sillars



Finance *Scott Sillars*

Scope of Work

- Monitor implementation plans against cost savings estimates
- Track transition costs
- Liaison with state
- Develop combination of 2012 budgets
- Monitor other impacts of consolidation
 - Open Space Tax
 - Sewer rates
 - Debt consolidation



Finance *Scott Sillars*

- Membership
 - Task Force
 - Scott Sillars
 - Citizen
 - Pat Simon, Adrienne Kreipke
 - Staff
 - Kathy Monzo, Sandy Webb
 - Governing Bodies
 - Jenny Crumiller, Lance Liverman
 - Liaison
 - Chad Goerner, Liz Lempert, Jenny Crumiller, Heather Howard, Roger Martindell



Finance *Scott Sillars*

Work Accomplished

Debt consolidation – no action required

Going Forward

- By June, draft combination budget
- By August, recommendation on Open Space Tax
- By mid-Fall, summary of planned savings and transition costs

Challenges, Issues & Concerns

- Transition costs
- Reconciling different accounting approaches



Boards, Commissions and Committees Overview

Hendricks Davis



Boards, Commissions and Cmtes Hendricks Davis

• Scope of Work

- Inventory status of existing entities
- Recommend integration process
- Recommend process and schedule for new members



Boards, Commissions and Cmtes Hendricks Davis

- Membership
 - Task Force
 - Hendricks Davis, Bernie Miller, Gary Patteson
 - Citizen
 - Bill Enslin
 - Staff (DCA)
 - Eugene McCarthy
 - Liaison
 - Wanda Gunning



Boards, Commissions and Cmtes Hendricks Davis

Challenges and Opportunities

- Maximizing citizen engagement and participation
- Finding economies in time, expense
- Conceptualizing and implementing Advisory Planning Districts







Facilities and Other Assets Overview

Bernie Miller



Facilities and Other Assets *Bernie Miller*

Scope of Work

- Accommodate staff of the new Princeton in existing facilities in a manner that provides for:
 - Effective operation of municipal departments
 - User-friendly access and interface
- Facilities
 - Borough Hall
 - Township Hall
 - Recreation Department Building
 - Borough and Township Public Works "Offices" (not facilities)
- Vehicle and other capital equipment to be handled administratively



Facilities and Other Assets

Bernie Miller

- Membership
 - Borough Council Appointees
 - Alexi Assmus, Hendricks Davis, Yina Moore, Marvin Reed
 - Township Committee Appointees
 - Bernie Miller, Marc Schiebner, Scott Sillars
 - Princeton University
 - Anne St. Mauro
 - Staff Support
 - Contractor Support (KSS Architects)



Facilities and Other Assets *Bernie Miller*

Work Accomplished

- Inventory of existing space and used space
- Meetings with municipal departments and TTF subcommittees

Going Forward

- Opportunities for public input being explored
- Alternatives recommended to subcommittee (week of May 21)
- Subcommittee recommendation to TTF (week of June 8)







Information Technology Overview *Gary Patteson*



Gary Patteson

Scope

- Take inventory of existing hardware, software, vendor support and costs
- Develop timeline for delivery of recommendations to Task Force and Governing Bodies; identify "lead time" required for implementation
- Work closely with IT staff and department heads to develop and execute consolidation strategies for IT items (*e.g.* in-house, outsource item, outsource bundle, retire, etc.)



Gary Patteson

• Scope (continued)

- Ensure close coordination with facilities planning
- Recommend organizational structure for IT in new municipality
- Quantify cost savings from IT consolidation

Note: Police IT implementation led by Public Safety Subcommittee



Gary Patteson

- Membership
 - Task Force
 - Gary Patteson, Thea Berkhout, Jo Butler
 - Citizen
 - Wendy Rayner, Henry Singer
 - Staff
 - Bob McQueen (Township), Bob Hough (Borough), Matt DeCurtis (Borough IT consultant)
 - Governing Bodies
 - Jenny Crumiller, Lance Liverman
 - Liaison
 - Pat Simon (Consolidation Commission), Irina Rivkin (University)



Gary Patteson

Work Accomplished

- Existing inventory completed
 (approximately 75 items being addressed, ranging from dog licensing software to infrastructure support, general ledger and tax collection software)
- Department heads have evaluated existing IT hardware and software and rec'd preliminary pricing for consolidated services
- Projects being prioritized, with immediate focus on those requiring in-place solutions by end-2012



Gary Patteson

Work Accomplished (continued)

- Phone conversion contract to be presented for Governing Body approval by May 7
- Other IT recommendations endorsed by Task Force will be presented to Governing Bodies for approval
- IT consultancy contract and general ledger / tax collection contract are next major items



Gary Patteson

Going Forward

- By May 15, recommend organizational structure for IT
- By July 1, plan for integrating general IT, incl. vendor options (e.g. servers, software suites, printers, switches)
- By July 15, plan for integrating police IT, incl. vendor options (e.g. dispatch, 911, CAD, records management)
- By August 1, plan for IT deployment and hardware location







Personnel Overview

Jim Levine



Personnel *Jim Levine*

Scope

- Overall workforce sizing process
- Reconciliation of employee policies / procedures
- Promotion of "cross pollination"
- Review of organizational structure for administration / finance



Personnel

Jim Levine

Membership

- Task Force
 - Thea Berkhout, Jo Butler, Jim Levine, Gary Patteson
- Citizen
 - Jill Jachera, Shirley Meeker, Sue Nemeth, Bruce Topolosky
- Staff
 - Bob Bruschi, Kathy Monzo, Sandy Webb



Personnel

Jim Levine

Work Accomplished

- Recommendation of involuntary layoff / severance package
- Recommendation of selection process for redundant positions

• By mid-May

- Recommendation of framework for reconciling employee benefits (must be in place by December 31, 2012)
- Recommendation regarding org structure for administration

Additional areas of focus

- Merger of the courts (request for expedited merger)
- Promotion of cross-pollination (now a shared service agreement in place for cross-training)



Personnel *Jim Levine*

Challenges, Issues, Concerns

- Balancing the need to move quickly to establish organizations and provide stability while conducting thorough reviews
- Consolidating disparate benefit policies in a way that makes financial and organizational sense, while being cognizant of the impact this will have on individual circumstances
- Developing a process that is equitable and effective in shaping the organization of the new government's workforce







Infrastructure and Operations / DPW Overview

Jo Butler



Scope

- Recommend organizational chart for integration of:
 - Public Works
 - PSOC (Sewer Operating Committee)
 - Recreation Maintenance
 - Engineering
 - Land Use
 - Planning
 - Construction
 - Zoning
 - Fire and Housing Safety



Scope (continued)

- Recommend service levels for brush, leaf collection
- Recommend bid process / service levels for garbage, composting
- Recommendation re: facilities, capital equipment (in conjunction with Facilities Subcommittee)
- Recommend reconciliation of policies / procedures
- Assist with communication to public re: new service levels



- Membership
 - Task Force
 - Brad Middlekauff, Jo Butler, Mark Freda
 - Citizen
 - John Clearwater, John Heilner
 - Staff
 - Bob Kiser, Don Hansen, Ben Stentz, Jack West, Bob Hough, Wayne
 Carr
 - Liaison
 - Valerie Haynes (Consolidation Commission), Barbara Trelsted (Consolidation Commission), Liz Lempert (Township)



Work Accomplished

- Primary focus on organizational charts

Going Forward

- By May, recommend organizational structure and facilities
- By May, recommend bid process / service levels for garbage
- By May, recommend bid process / service levels for composting
- By May, recommend draft facilities and capital equipment plan
- By July, recommend service levels for brush / leaf collection
- By end-Sept, communicate changes to the public







Public Safety Overview Bernie Miller



Public Safety *Bernie Miller*

Public Safety Departments and Agencies

- Police Departments
 To be merged, including dispatch
- Emergency Services Coordination
 Now Borough function, will be one coordinator for new municipality
- First Aid and Rescue
 Remains independent, but coordinated agency
- Fire Department
 Serves both municipalities; no action needed



Public Safety *Bernie Miller*

- Scope
 - Focus on Police Department
 - Structure of force
 - Location of department
 - Size of force
 - Options for operation of police dispatch function
 - Establishment of common technology for merged dept
- Goal: To achieve a fully functional and merged department by January 1, 2013



Public Safety

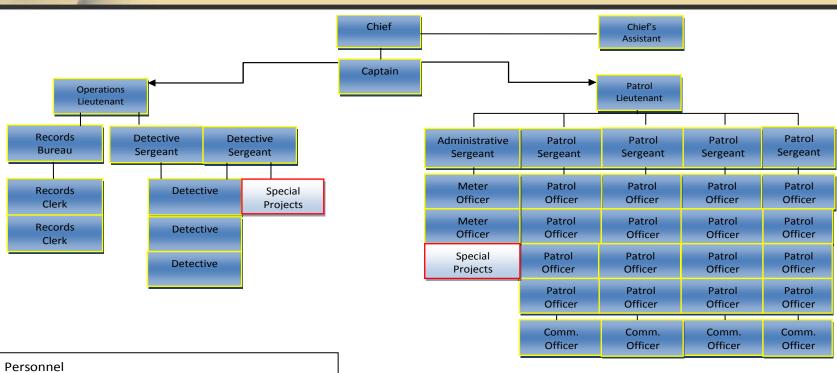
Bernie Miller

Membership

- Mark Freda (chair)
- Jo Butler
- Kevin Wilkes
- Bob Altman
- Dick Woodbridge
- Treby Williams (Princeton Univ liaison)
- Paul Ominsky (Princeton Univ liaison)
- Chief David Dudeck (Princeton Borough PD Liaison)
- Lt. Christopher Morgan (Princeton Township PD Liaison)
- Frank Setnicky (PFARS)
- Dan Tomalin (Chief, Princeton Fire Dept)
- Bob Bruschi
- Kathy Monzo



PBPD Structure



1 – Chief 16 – Patrol Officers

1 - Captain 9 – Civilian Employees

2- Lieutenants

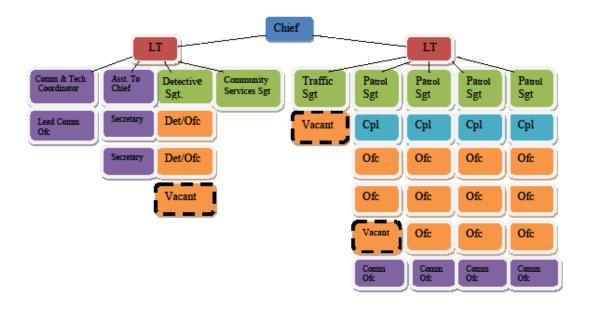
7- Sergeants

3 Detectives



PTPD Structure

Princeton Township Police Department March 2012 Flowchart



1 Chief, 2 Lieutenants, 7 Sergeants, 4 Corporals, 13 Officers, 9 Civilians, 3 Vacant

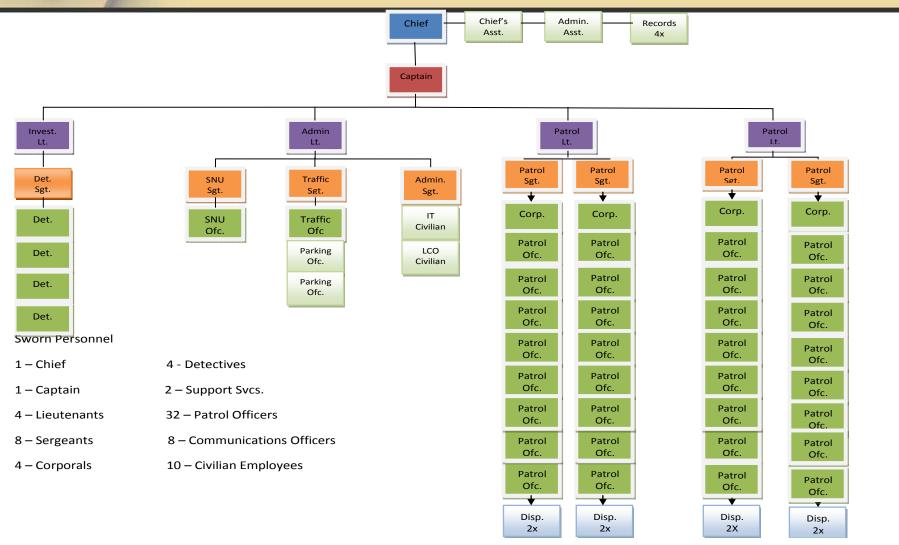


Mercer County Statistics

City or Town	Population	Total # Of Officers	Officers Per 1,000	Crime Index Total
East Windsor	26,965	47	1.7	293
Ewing Twsp.	36,098	81	2.2	974
Hamilton	90,491	189	2.0	2,076
Hightstown	5,303	14	2.6	82
Hopewell Tws.	17,941	30	1.7	113
Lawrence	31,913	69	2.1	865
Pennington	2,651	6	5.2	21
Princeton	30,890	56	1.8	580
Robbinsville	12,314	26	2.1	123
Trenton	82,609	372	2.1	3,851
West Windsor	27,061	47	1.7	413



56 Officer Model









Community Outreach Overview

Anton Lahnston



Anton Lahnston

Scope

 To engage the community in as many ways as possible in the work of the Transition Task Force as the Borough and Township consolidate



Anton Lahnston

- Membership
 - Task Force
 - Linda Mather, Yina Moore
 - Citizen
 - Roger Shatzkin, Bill Zeruld
 - Liaison
 - Carol Golden (Consolidation Commission), Anton Lahnston (Consolidation Commission)



Anton Lahnston

Work Accomplished

- Helped Task Force to have accessible meetings, including minutes and agendas
- Initiated outreach to 20+ community organizations to conduct update meetings; conducted 2 to-date, with 2 scheduled for Fall
- Planning additional outreach in the Fall
- Working with CGR to publish Task Force and subcommittee agendas and meeting summaries on the website and publicize the site's interactive nature



Anton Lahnston

Going Forward

- Monitor communications process (ongoing)
- Meet and greet with interested community groups (ongoing)
- Develop a plan to "celebrate" the merger's inception