

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Metzner called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

SALUTE TO FLAG:

All present pledged their allegiance to the flag of the United States.

OPENING PRAYER:

The Municipal Clerk provided the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL:

Committeewoman Karen Gibison, present
Committeeman Anthony Tomasello, present
Committeeman Karl Auwarter, III, present
Committeeman Nicholas LoSasso, present
Committeewoman Marie Lawrence, present
Committeeman Anthony Mitchell, present
Committeeman Charles Flamini, present
Committeeman John Wilson, present
Mayor Sue Ann Metzner, present

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Stuart Platt, Twp. Solicitor; Joseph Gallagher, Twp. Administrator, David C. Patterson, Utilities Solicitor; Deborah Puchakjian, Municipal Clerk; Steven Dringus, CMFO; Brett Ingram PE and Joe Pantalone, Township Engineers; Tom Miller and Chris Noll, Traffic Engineers; Anthony Sirolli and George Taylor from the Fire Commissioners; Lt. Hoffman, WTPD; and Captain Robert Boisvert, WTPD/OEM; and Lisa Dority, Recorder.

“OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW” ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor Metzner announced this meeting is being conducted in full compliance of the “Open Public Meetings Law” and notices were sent to the Courier Post, Record Breeze, Philadelphia Inquirer and other news media. In addition, the notice was provided on the Official Bulletin Board. This meeting is being electronically recorded.

EMERGENCY EXITS:

Mayor Metzner announced to please be aware in the event of an Emergency, all persons in the Courtroom should exit the courtroom quickly and orderly, using the two main doors in the courtroom and then

locate the nearest exit to safety. In addition, she asked that all cell phones shall be turned off or placed on vibrate during the Township meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Committeeman Auwarter announced the Camden County Woman's Center is looking for volunteers for their Domestic Violence Response Teams where volunteers will respond to calls to the Winslow Police Department whenever a victim of Domestic Violence is present. The 40-hour training began in January and will be held on Wednesday evenings. For more information or to set up an interview, please call Christine Volm at 856-227-1800 ext. 22 or call Captain Mark Pino at 609-561-3300.
2. Committeewoman Gibison announced AARP is offering free tax help for taxpayers with low- and middle-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older on February 14, 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4 and 11 at the South County Regional Library, Cooper Folly Rd, Atco, NJ from 10am-1pm
3. Mayor Metzner announced the Historical Society of Winslow Township celebrates "History is Alive in Winslow Township" recognizing the Anniversary of Winslow Township's date of incorporation, March 8, 1845 on Saturday, March 10, 2007 at 1pm – 5pm at Bud Duble Senior Center. Hot dogs and soda will be provided. Admission is free!

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Metzner requested Committeeman Mitchell read the Proclamation claiming February as Black History Month in Winslow Township as well as nationally.

PRESENTATION:

1. Hasan Babb, a Timber Creek High School student, read a stirring and emotional poem he wrote called Running, in observance of Black History Month and received a standing ovation.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

None.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE:

None.

RESOLUTIONS:

R-66-07 Resolution Providing For an Alternate Deputy Registrar

A Motion was made by Committeeman Flamini and seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence to adopt the aforementioned Resolution. The motion carried.

R-67-07 Resolution Providing Authorization for Purchasing by Use of Contracts Established Between the New Jersey Division of Purchasing and Certain Providers of Goods and Services

A Motion was made by Committeeman Flamini and seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence to adopt the aforementioned Resolution. The motion carried.

R-68-07 Resolution Authorizing a Contract between the Township of Winslow and International Fireworks Mfg. Co.

A Motion was made by Committeeman Flamini and seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence to adopt the aforementioned Resolution. The motion carried.

R-69-07 Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Six Month Option Cooperative Pricing Agreement Between the Township of Winslow and the county of Camden for Copy and Computer Paper and Envelopes Contract

A Motion was made by Committeeman Flamini and seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence to adopt the aforementioned Resolution. The motion carried.

R-70-07 Resolution Providing Authorization For Leasing By Use Of Contracts Established Between The New Jersey Division Of Purchasing And Certain Providers Of Goods And Services

A Motion was made by Committeeman Flamini and seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence to adopt the aforementioned Resolution. The motion carried.

R-71-07 Resolution Authorizing A Refund In The Amount Of \$70.00 Landlord Registration/Inspection Fee 24 Loretta Boulevard

A Motion was made by Committeeman Flamini and seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence to adopt the aforementioned Resolution. The motion carried.

R-72-07 Resolution Authorizing Winslow Township To Enter Into An Agreement With The Board Of Education of The Township of Winslow Terminating The Lease With Regard To The Old Town Hall Situate On Block 6437, Lot 1, On The Municipal Tax Map of The Township Of Winslow

A Motion was made by Committeeman Flamini and seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence to adopt the aforementioned Resolution. The motion carried.

R-73-07 Resolution providing for a Closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussing and/or gaining consensus on a personnel matter

A Motion was made by Committeeman Flamini and seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence to adopt the aforementioned Resolution. The motion carried.

R-74-07 Resolution Approving a Gypsy Moth Control Program in the Township of Winslow, Camden County

Summarize program required by the State: The Township in conjunction with the NJ Dept. of Agricultural will be spraying BT for a total of 1,167 acres. A map of the area is on file in the Municipal Clerks Office and residents are welcome to review the map.

A Motion was made by Committeeman LoSasso and seconded by Committeewoman Gibison to approve the aforementioned Resolution.

Deborah Puchakjian reported that BT would be aerial sprayed and residents would be notified by mail when the spraying will occur. Committeeman LoSasso questioned why the map does not include the areas between Blue Anchor Rd. to Rt. 73 and Cedar Brook Rd. to Rt. 73. Mayor Metzner responded that the State has a formula for so many egg masses per square mile and although other areas have the problem it is not as great a concentration. Committeeman Flamini asked that the spraying time be advertised on Channel 13.

The motion carried.

MOTION TO UNTABLE RESOLUTIONS:

A Motion was made by Committeeman Flamini and seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence to **UNTABLE** the following two Resolutions.

A roll call vote indicated the following:

Committeewoman Gibison, no
Committeeman Anthony Tomasello, no
Committeeman Karl Auwarter, III, yes
Committeeman Nicholas LoSasso, no
Committeewoman Marie Lawrence, yes
Committeeman Anthony Mitchell, yes
Committeeman Charles Flamini, yes
Committeeman John Wilson, yes
Mayor Sue Ann Metzner, no

The motion carried.

R-75-06 Resolution Correcting the Term of the Judge of the Municipal Court of Winslow Township

Committeeman Flamini clarified this resolution would run concurrently with the rest of the appointments being January 1st to December 31st and will be backdated to January 1st 2007 and will expire December 31st, 2009.

A Motion was made by Committeeman Flamini and seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence to adopt the aforementioned resolution.

A roll call vote indicated the following:

Committeewoman Gibison, yes
Committeeman Anthony Tomasello, yes
Committeeman Karl Auwarter, III, yes
Committeeman Nicholas LoSasso, yes
Committeewoman Marie Lawrence, yes
Committeeman Anthony Mitchell, yes
Committeeman Charles Flamini, yes
Committeeman John Wilson, yes
Mayor Sue Ann Metzner, yes

The motion carried.

R-76-06 Resolution appointing the Judge of the Municipal Court (JMC) – Michael Diamond, Esq.,

A Motion was made by Committeeman Flamini and seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence to adopt the aforementioned resolution.

A roll call vote indicated the following:

Committeewoman Gibison, no
Committeeman Anthony Tomasello, no
Committeeman Karl Auwarter, III, yes
Committeeman Nicholas LoSasso, no
Committeewoman Marie Lawrence, yes
Committeeman Anthony Mitchell, yes
Committeeman Charles Flamini, yes
Committeeman John Wilson, yes
Mayor Sue Ann Metzner, no

The motion carried.

REPORTS OF DIRECTORS AND LIAISONS:

Community Services:

Committeeman Flamini indicated Code Enforcement is now back in the Construction Office and they are working very diligently to keep the Township in Code.

Committeeman Flamini reported that the Construction Office has issued \$114,992.00 in Building Permits in the period of Jan 1st to Feb 12th and the Landlord Registration program is moving along well.

Public Information:

No report.

Public Works:

1. Public Buildings and Grounds Application – The Historical Society of Winslow Township on March 10, 2007 from 11am – 6pm at the Senior Citizens Center

A Motion was made by Committeeman LoSasso and seconded by Committeeman Gibison to approve the aforementioned application. The motion carried.

2. Public Buildings and Grounds Applications – Winslow Township Girl Scouts on March 25, 2007 from 11am-4pm at the Senior Citizens Center

A Motion was made by Committeeman LoSasso and seconded by Committeeman Gibison to approve the aforementioned application. The motion carried.

3. Public Buildings and Grounds Application – Cub Scouts Pack 219 on May 5, 2007 from 5pm-9pm at the Senior Citizens Center

A Motion was made by Committeeman LoSasso and seconded by Committeeman Gibison to approve the aforementioned application. The motion carried.

4. Public Buildings and Grounds Application – South Jersey Radio Association for the 4th Tuesday every month from 6:30pm-10pm at the Senior Citizens Center

A Motion was made by Committeeman LoSasso and seconded by Committeeman Gibison to approve the aforementioned application. The motion carried.

Parks, Recreation and Community Events:

Committeeman Wilson indicated he spoke with Harry Gatto, Recreation Director, who felt it necessary to consider increasing the entry fee for the Summer Recreation Program. Last year the fee was only \$25.00 and nearly \$70,000 was spent on staffing alone. He added that there was a problem finding qualified counselors and perhaps we could cap the number of participants. Joseph Gallagher, Twp. Administrator indicated he would work with other staff to make a good presentation to make the program cost-effective.

Department of Municipal Utilities:

1. Township Policy regarding Sanitary Sewer and Water Allocation Authorization

Brett Ingram, PE, explained this policy modifies the existing one and will allocate sewer in chunks of 25 EDU's (7500 g/p/d) and if a developer uses that capacity they may come back to the Township and request an additional 25 EDU's. David Patterson, Utilities Solicitor, indicated this matter should be reviewed and adopted at the next meeting. He indicated he would prepare a detailed resolution with background information in case something occurs down the line regarding how the Township allocates capacity. Mr. Patterson added questions or comments should first go to Brett Ingram and then to himself.

Mr. Platt added this would be a good time to add the allocation waiting list in conjunction with the policy.

2. Discussion regarding increasing water and sewer connection fees by Ordinance at the February 27th Governing Body meeting

Steve Dringus, CMFO, summarized that every year connection fee costs are required to be reviewed as they relate to the debt service that has been paid over the life of the system, and compare that to the number of users in terms of EDU's for water and sewer. He added this year that review has revealed an increase to the water connection fee going from \$1,590 to \$1,610 and the sewer connection fee going from \$2,390 up to \$2,445. Mr. Dringus' recommendation was to increase the water connection fee by \$20 and the sewer connection fee by \$55 for future connections.

A Motion was made by Committeeman LoSasso and seconded by Committeewoman Gibison authorizing Mr. Patterson to prepare the appropriate Ordinance for Introduction at the next meeting. All present were in favor of the motion.

Administration:

1. Memo from D. Puchakjian and notice from the NJ Dept. of Health and Senior services allowing municipalities to raise dog licensing fees

Deborah Puchakjian advised the State has raised the dog licensing fee limit to \$21.00 and currently Winslow is charging \$8.20 or \$11.20. The matter was referred to the Administrative Subcommittee for consideration of raising the fee and/or charging a late fee.

2. Committeewoman Lawrence reported the Court Security Plan has been implemented but will be done in phases.
3. Committeewoman Lawrence reported there are two new employees in the Clerks Office and it is now fully staffed.

Tax Assessing:

No report.

Senior Citizens:

1. Committeeman Wilson reported he enjoys the seniors and is pleased to be their liaison.

Public Safety:

1. Committeeman Auwarter indicated he has put feelers out regarding a civilian/citizen fire academy to the Administrator, Police Department and Fire District. He is hoping to have information

regarding financial impact and other concerns by mid March and would like to see same implemented by May.

Revenue and Finance:

1. Committeeman Flamini reported the Budget preparation is proceeding. Mayor Metzner questioned Mr. Dringus relative to the School District, there was not a 4% increase on the spending but a 4% increase in the tax rate. Mr. Dringus indicated that was correct, and added that for our budget, we are still limited to a 2.5% CAP increase for appropriation.

Library Functions:

1. Committeewoman Gibison reminded everyone about AARP helping seniors with taxes as mentioned previously in Announcements.

Liaison to Division of Health:

1. Memo dated February 1, 2007 from Patti Ward requesting amendment to burial permit fees

Deborah Puchakjian reported that since this is mandated by the State the fee will be changed back to \$1.00 and should be incorporated with the other fee changes in an Ordinance amendment.

2. Committeeman Lawrence reported that the Drug Alliance and Health Department will be co-sponsoring a second Brown Bag Lunch for the seniors in the future.

Liaison to Municipal Drug Alliance

1. Committeeman Mitchell read a letter that accompanied a DVD recently distributed and sponsored by the Drug Alliance. He urged committee members to review it and share it.

Engineers Report:

1. Report from Municipal Utilities Engineer, ARH dated February 13, 2007

Brett Ingram, PE, of ARH, asked for approval for installment payment #6 to the Elm Town Back-Up Well Project which he indicated is 96% done.

A Motion was made by Committeewoman Gibison and seconded by Committeeman Tomasello authorizing payment #6. The motion carried.

Committeewoman Lawrence indicated an eyesore has been caused at the Avandale Park n' Ride due to the Williamstown Sewer Project and asked when same might be cleaned up. Joe Pantalone of ARH responded that the project is complete but poor weather conditions lately have held back the restoration process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Letter dated January 30, 2007 from Jeffrey Baron, Esquire and Letter dated January 19, 2007 from Shirley Grasso, Esq. regarding Major Subdivision Application of Oak Leaf Estates

Mayor Metzner summarized the matter and reported that same was discussed by the Administrative Subcommittee who decided not to recommend approval of the application to the whole Governing Body.

A Motion was made by Committeeman LoSasso and seconded by Committeeman Auwarter to deny the aforementioned request regarding Oak Leaf Estates. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Mayor Metzner announced that the developer who was considering a rather large project at the Jennings property near Donio Park has withdrawn their contract and will not be proceeding with that project.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Memo dated January 22, 2007 from Camden County regarding CDBG for Year 2007-2008

Mayor Metzner advised this is regarding how to use our allotment this year (\$97,000.00) and asked if anyone had suggestions to make them to Mr. McGlinchey or Mr. Gallagher.

2. Letter dated January 26, 2007 from R.E. Pierson requesting Letter of Support

It was decided that Deborah Puchakjian would correspond with R.E. Pierson and then go over the request with Mr. McGlinchey and report back to the Committee.

3. Memo dated December 29, 2006 from DVRPC regarding transportation and community development initiative (TCDI)
- 3A. Environmental Resolutions, Inc. letter regarding DVRPC Grant – Williamstown Road Improvement Recommendations.

A Motion was made by Committeeman Flamini and seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence to authorize Tom Miller of ERI to apply for the DVRPC grant. The motion carried.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Metzner announced the following Appointments to the Environmental Commission:

Ernie Smith for a 3 year term expiring 12/31/09

Joe Thomas for a 3 year unexpired term expiring 12/31/07

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Regina McChristian, 304 Erial Rd. Apt. 502 - She spoke regarding a School matter that involved Committeeman Mitchell and it was decided that same should be discussed elsewhere.

Monica Valentine, 4 Red Fox Trail - She expressed great concern over a letter written by the Superintendent of Schools.

Lakeisha Smith, read a letter she wrote in response to a letter written by the Superintendent of Schools and expressed great concern.

Clyde Bell Jr., 16 Avilla Lane - He expressed concerns about juveniles destroying property while playing ball. He questioned loitering laws in the Township. Mayor Metzner referred Mr. Bell to speak to Committeeman Auwarter after the meeting. Committeewoman Lawrence advised the Police Department is aware of the situation and is looking into it. Committeeman Mitchell also offered to get involved.

Al Onidouori, 9 Fox Trot - He spoke regarding a tax graph and a \$40 monthly fee he pays to Wilton's Corner. Mayor Metzner explained those fees vary and are used to support a swimming pool, a recreation program and building, maintenance, etc. and are not imposed by the Township. Mr. Onidouori also asked why both the Township and the County get paid for sewer and the Mayor responded that the CCMUA (Camden County Utilities Authority) operates the sewer plant and treats the sewage and the Township collects the sewage by getting it from a home and conveying it to the sewer treatment plant.

COMMENTS BY OFFICIALS:

Committeewoman Lawrence commented on the letter put out by the WTBOE Superintendent and indicated the Governing Body should become involved.

Mayor Metzner indicated she spoke to Dr. Swirsky today and packets of information were provided to all committee members this evening for their review. She advised that this matter should be sent to the Board of Ed Subcommittee and she believed the Governing Body should demand that the School Board Administration have a meeting to directly answer the questions of the residents, Governing Body, etc.

Committeeman Mitchell indicated that the real issue is about sensitivity and people's feelings and not numbers in a packet, and that this is a community issue.

Stuart Platt, Esq., reminded the public that the school board is a separate entity, however the Committee does have the authority to evaluate the letter and they could adopt a resolution condemning or criticizing the letter they could do so in the future.

A discussion took place.

Committeeman Mitchell indicated he would be the advocate for the public and will present his own packet of information that is non-threatening and non-accusatory.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A Motion was made by Committeeman Auwarter and seconded by Committeeman Wilson to move the meeting to Closed Executive Session. The motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

A Motion was made by Committeeman LoSasso and seconded by Committeeman Auwarter to return the meeting to Open Session. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made by Committeewoman Gibison and seconded by Committeeman Tomasello to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm. The motion carried.

PREPARED BY:

Deborah Puchakjian, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Township of Winslow

Total Meeting Time 1 Hour 39 Minutes