

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Metzner called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

SALUTE TO FLAG:

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

OPENING PRAYER:

The Municipal Clerk provided the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL:

Karen D. Gibison, Committeewoman, absent
Anthony J. Tomasello, Committeeman, present
Karl Wm. Auwarter, III, Committeeman, present
Nick LoSasso, Committeeman, present
Marie D. Lawrence, Committeewoman, present
Anthony R. Mitchell, Committeeman, present
Charles Flamini, Committeeman, present
John Wilson, Committeeman, present
Sue Ann Metzner, Mayor, present

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Alan Feit, Township Administrator; David C. Patterson, Municipal Utilities Solicitor; Deborah A. Puchakjian, Municipal Clerk; Steve Dringus, CMFO; Brett Ingram, Municipal Utilities Engineer; and Gail Gallo, 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, all cell phones shall be turned off or placed on vibrate during the Township meeting.

PURPOSE:

Mayor Metzner announced the purpose of the meeting is to discuss and/or act upon re-introduction of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 221, Section 6 of the Township of Winslow Revising the Annual Sewer Service Charges Rates

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 221, SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW REVISING THE ANNUAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGE RATES

A Motion was made by Committeeman LoSasso and seconded by Committeeman Mitchell to introduce the aforementioned Ordinance.

Committeeman Mitchell stated he has been troubled by the increase and he expressed confidence in Messrs. Dringus and Feit. He believes the increase should have been distributed over the last 10 years, avoiding the large increase now.

Mayor Metzner explained the legal reason why the aforementioned Ordinance had to be re-introduced. She added the new hearing date for adoption is scheduled for June 26th.

Committeeman LoSasso concurs with Committeeman Mitchell's comments. He also stated the Township must move forward and support the Motion.

Committeewoman Lawrence spoke regarding the lack of funds and information not provided to the Governing Body.

Mayor Metzner added the increase has been arising over nine (9) years. She discussed the affects of depleting the surplus and the decisions of the previous Governing Body.

A roll call vote indicated the following:

Committeewoman Gibison, absent
Committeeman Tomasello, yes

Committeeman Auwarter, yes
Committeeman LoSasso, yes
Committeewoman Lawrence, no
Committeeman Mitchell, yes
Committeeman Flamini, yes
Committeeman Wilson, yes
Mayor Metzner, yes

The motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Gloria London, 25 Eden Hollow – She received a flyer regarding tonight’s meeting and requested clarification of the procedure to adopt the sewer Ordinance.

Mr. Patterson explained the purpose of tonight’s meeting which is to re-introduce the Ordinance to increase sewer rates. The budget will not be approved at tonight’s meeting. He added the public hearing will take place on June 26th. He quoted the increases as introduced in the Ordinance at request of Mayor Metzner.

Dwayne Gibson, 185 Villanova Court – He asked if other options were considered since the last meeting. He quoted rates of other townships which are lower than Winslow. He would like an explanation of the rate increases.

Mayor Metzner said other options are been investigated. She added the budget has to be passed by the end of June.

Sherlene Robinson, 4 Lehigh Court – She questioned how the monies from the increase will be utilized.

Mr. Patterson responded the testimony on June 26th will explain the use of the monies.

Joyce Clark, 108 Eastmont Lane – She would like to see a written explanation of the increase.

Mary Faust, 18 Edgeview Lane – She spoke regarding the lack of communication between the Township and the residents.

Gulab Gidwani, 444 Chews Landing Road – He stated everyone keeps passing the blame and he believes the Township is not prepared to handle this situation.

Herman Bethea, 7 Ashton Lane – He spoke regarding the lack of communication from the Township and the problems with the summer recreation program.

Patt Parker, 144 Arbor Meadow Drive – She spoke regarding the Governing Body's response to the School Board budget. She believes the Governing body should find ways to cut the budget.

Hearing all comments, Mayor Metzner closed the hearing to the public.

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made by Committeeman Flamini and seconded by Committeeman Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm. The motion carried.

CLOSING PRAYER:

The Municipal Clerk provided the closing prayer.

PREPARED BY:

Deborah A. Puchakjian, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Township of Winslow

Meeting Time 0 Hours and 38 Minutes

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