

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Mayor Metzner called the meeting to order at 6:39 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, present  
Anthony J. Tomasello, Committeeman, present  
Karl Wm. Auwarter, III, Committeeman, present  
Nick LoSasso, Committeeman, present  
Marie D. Lawrence, Committeewoman, present  
Anthony R. Mitchell, Committeeman, late arrival  
Charles Flamini, Committeeman, present  
John Wilson, Committeeman, late arrival  
Sue Ann Metzner, Mayor, present

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Joseph Gallagher, Township Administrator; Deborah A. Puchakjian, Municipal Clerk; Kirk Applegate, Township Auditor; Steve Dringus, CMFO; Chief Anthony Bello, WTPD; Debbie Wells, Planning Board Secretary; Herb Leary, Construction Official; Steve Kessler, Tax Assessor; Janice Fitting, Court Administrator; Linda Ziennker, Asst. Tax Collector; Charles Stevenson, Supt. of Municipal Utilities; Capt. Boisvert, Emergency Management Coordinator; Ed McGlinchey, Supt. of Public Works/Zoning Officer; and Nicole Kubat, 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

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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.

**PURPOSE:**

Mayor Metzner stated the purpose of this meeting is to discuss and/or act upon Budget Workshop Matters; Consideration of Introduction of the 2008 Municipal Budget and any items of emergency nature or time sensitive.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP – PRESENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Gallagher presented a power point presentation of the 2008 budget. He commended Mr. Dringus for his work in preparing the budget and the Department Heads for your cooperation. He stated the overall 2008 budget reflects a 4.5% increase over last year's budget. He described the increase in spending. He also stated 68% of the increase is State mandated. The tax rate will be increased .109 cents or a tax assessment average of \$115.85 a year. He further explained the reasons for the tax increase, such as lack of construction and land sales which are down.

The Governing Body members discussed and asked questions with regard to the budget to which Messrs. Dringus, Gallagher and Applegate responded.

Mr. Dringus explained the State's budget requirement.

Mr. Kessler and Mrs. Wells discussed tax maps.

Mr. Leary discussed landlord and tenant issues, and the Construction Department's budget.

***Mr. Gallagher dismissed the Department Heads.***

Mrs. Wells suggested the Township charge for final water meter readings.

Chief Bello expressed the urgency to purchase police vehicles.

**FIVE-MINUTE RECESS:**

**A Motion** was made by Committeeman Auwarter and seconded by Committeeman Flamini to take a five-minute break at 8:59 pm. The motion carried.

**RETURN TO BUDGET WORKSHOP:**

The Governing Body returned to the budget workshop at 9:09 pm to discuss and ask questions pertaining to the budget.

***The Township Committee dismissed Charles Stevenson, Supt. of Municipal Utilities.***

Committeeman LoSasso suggested the Township Committee pick-up their mail rather than it be mailed in order to save postage. The Governing Body agreed.

A discussion took place regarding the Summer Recreation Program and applying for grants.

The consensus of the Township Committee is to purchase vehicles for the police department rather than to lease vehicles.

A discussion took place regarding overtime pay.

Committeeman Flamini suggested cutting some overtime from various budgets. The Governing Body agreed.

A discussion took place regarding Township police cars being parked at municipal building rather than at home.

Mr. Gallagher advised he will meet again with all the Department Heads to further cut the budget in order to buy police cars. He further indicated he would provide the Governing Body with a breakdown of all future cuts.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

1. ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR THE 2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET (N.J.S.A 40A:4-45.1)

Mr. Dringus summarized the Ordinance.

**A Motion** was made by Committeeman Flamini and seconded by Committeeman Tomasello to introduce the aforementioned Ordinance.

A roll call vote indicated the following:

Committeewoman Gibison, yes  
Committeeman Tomasello, yes  
Committeeman Auwarter, yes  
Committeeman LoSasso, yes  
Committeewoman Lawrence, yes  
Committeeman Mitchell, yes  
Committeeman Flamini, yes  
Committeeman Wilson, absent  
Mayor Metzner, yes

The motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None.

**COMMENTS BY OFFICIALS:**

None.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

**A Motion** was made by Committeeman Flamini and seconded by Committeeman Tomasello to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 pm. The motion carried.

**PREPARED BY:**

Deborah A. Puchakjian, RMC  
Municipal Clerk  
Township of Winslow

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Total Meeting Time 3 Hours and 47 Minutes