

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Metzner called the meeting at 6:46 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, present
Charles Flamini, Committeeman, present
John Wilson, Committeeman, present
Sue Ann Metzner, Mayor, present

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Joseph Gallagher, Township Administrator; Deborah A. Puchakjian, Municipal Clerk; Kirk Applegate, Township Auditor; Connie Hegyi, Tax Collector; Steve Dringus, CMFO and Maria Babl, Recorder.

“OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW” ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor Metzner announced the 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

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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 conduct a public hearing on the Winslow Township 2008 Municipal Budget Adoption.

2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

RESOLUTIONS:

R-278-08 Resolution Authorizing The Reading Of The Budget By Title Only

A Motion was made by Committeeman Mitchell and seconded by Mayor Metzner to approve the aforementioned Resolution.

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, yes
Mayor Metzner, yes

The motion carried.

HEARING ON AMENDMENT AND ADVERTISED BUDGET:

Mr. Dringus summarized the budget amendments.

Mayor Metzner opened the hearing to the public.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Metzner closed the hearing to the public.

R-279-08 Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the 2008 Budget

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

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, yes
Mayor Metzner, yes

The motion carried.

R-280-08 Resolution Adopting the Year 2008 Amended Budget

A Motion was made by Committeeman Mitchell and seconded by Committeeman Flamini to approve the 2008 Municipal Budget as amended.

Committeewoman Gibison questioned if the presence of police at Empowerment Day was budgeted.

A discussion took place.

Committeeman Auwarter cautioned the Township with regard to utilizing the police officers for events and the affects of attrition.

Mayor Metzner requested Mr. Gallagher to inform the Governing Body whenever there is a lack of police presence in the Township.

Committeeman Auwarter questioned the budgeted line item of \$12,000.00 for cleaning services.

Mr. Gallagher explained there is a shortage of buildings and grounds personnel.

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Committeeman Wilson discussed safety issues with regard to attrition within the police department.

The Governing Body discussed the cleaning services.

Committeeman LoSasso believes the Township has no other option but to cut the budget.

A discussion took place regarding cutting costs and shared services.

Committeewoman Lawrence discussed what other municipalities are doing to save money.

A roll call vote indicated the following:

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

The motion failed.

Mayor Metzner expressed concerned about being unable to meet the obligation to pay Township employees their retroactive pay. She urged the Governing Body member who voted against the amended budget to contact Mr. Gallagher. She also explained the expenses to be incurred for not adopting the budget tonight. She believes it is the Governing Body's responsibility for knowing the consequences of their budget vote.

Mr. Gallagher stated without an adopted budget there may have to be layoffs.

A discussion took place regarding layoffs.

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A Motion was made by Committeeman LoSasso and seconded by Committeeman Tomasello to adopt the 2008 Municipal Budget as amended.

A roll call vote indicated the following:

Committeewoman Gibison, yes
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.

Committeewoman Gibison explained why she was unhappy with the budget during the budget workshop discussions.

A discussion took place.

R-281-08 Resolution Providing for The Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2008 Budget of the Township of Winslow Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159, PL 1948, Being \$5,064.52 From the Clean Communities Grant Program

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

Committeeman Mitchell requested an explanation, to which Mr. Dringus responded.

The motion carried.

R-282-08 Resolution Providing for The Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2008 Budget of the Township of Winslow Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159, PL 1948, Being \$6,827.06 From the 2007 Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Enforcement Program

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A Motion was made by Committeeman Flamini and seconded by Committeeman Wilson to approve the aforementioned Resolution.

Committeeman Mitchell requested an explanation.

Mayor Metzner and Mr. Dringus responded.

The motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made by Committeeman LoSasso and seconded by Committeeman Auwarter to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. The motion carried.

CLOSING PRAYER:

The Municipal Clerk provided the closing prayer.

PREPARED BY:

Deborah A. Puchakjian, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Township of Winslow

DAP/lld

Total Meeting Time 0 Hour and 59 Minutes