

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Metzner called the meeting to order at 7:51 pm.

SALUTE TO FLAG:

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

OPENING PRAYER:

The Acting Deputy Municipal Clerk provided the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL:

Karen D. Gibison, Committeewoman, present
Anthony J. Tomasello, Committeeman, present
Karl Wm. Auwarter, III, Committeeman, absent
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; David C. Patterson, Township Solicitor; Brett Ingram, Municipal Utilities Engineer; Tom Miller, Township Engineer; Ed McGlinchey, Supt. of Public Works/Zoning Officer; Chief Bello, WTPD; Herb Leary, Construction Official; Gail M. Gallo, Acting Deputy Clerk; Louis Bowman and Mike Minniti, Municipal Utilities Department; Jennifer Morganti, Member of Winslow Township School Board; Donna Iulucci, Parks and Recreation Director; and Maria Babl, 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 stated 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Mayor Metzner announced on Saturday, October 11, 2008, the Winslow Township Fire Department will have their 9th Annual Fire Prevention Program at the Winslow Township High School from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm. A rain date is scheduled for Sunday, October 12, 2008. Mayor Metzner encouraged all residents to attend.
2. Committeewoman Lawrence announced on Saturday, October 25, 2008, Winslow Township will host their 20th Annual Health Fair at Winslow Township School #5 from 9:00 am until 12 noon. Flu and pneumonia shots will be available for Camden County residents.
3. Mayor Metzner announced on Saturday, October 25, 2008, Winslow Township will host their 13th Annual Halloween Festival at Winslow Township School #6 from 12 noon until 3:00 pm. Committeeman Wilson added there will be face painting and a DJ.
4. Committeewoman Lawrence announced the Mayor and Township Committee in accordance with Chapter 284-47 Through 52 of the Code of the Township of Winslow, Proclaims Mandatory Restriction of the Use of Water for Certain Purposes, Effective Immediately. The odd numbered addresses should water on odd numbered days and even numbered addresses should water on even numbered days. Mayor Metzner added the time restrictions for watering are from 5am-7am and from 7pm -9pm.
5. Committeewoman Lawrence announced the Susan G. Coleman Race for the Cure will be held on Sunday, October 5th at Six Flags Great Adventure.
6. Committeewoman Lawrence announced on Saturday, October 18th, the American Heart Walk will be held at Campbell's Field. Registration begins at 8:00 am and the walk will begin at 10:00 am.
7. Committeewoman Lawrence announced September is Prostate Awareness Month. The Camden County Cancer Screening Project will be offering free screening for persons 45 years or older and do not have insurance. Please call 856-968-7324 for an appointment.

PROCLAMATION:

None.

PRESENTATION:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

PROPOSED GRANT APPLICATION FOR NJDEP, GREEN ACRES PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000.00 TO OBTAIN LAND KNOWN AS FOREST MEADOWS, BLOCK 4901, LOT 20 (Un-usable wet properties, Block 1801, Lots 1, 4, 6 and 7; Block 1901, Lots 4, 12, 14, 28, 29, 30, 41, 49 and 51; Block 1902, Lot 10; Block 2801, Lots 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 25 and 29; Block 2904, Lot 5; Block 2704, Lots 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8; Block 3601, Lot 3)

Mr. Gallagher explained the grant application process.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Metzner opened the hearing to the public.

Joyce Mitchell – She questioned if the residents will have to pay taxes on this grant.

Mr. Gallagher stated the funds are provided for by the State and will not be paid for by tax dollars.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

None.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

O-30-08 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 40 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW ENTITLED LAND USE PROCEDURES-SCHEDULE OF FEES AND ESCROWS (Subdivision Review Fee)

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a) Memo dated August 27, 2008 from the Planning Board

Mr. Patterson summarized the changes in the Ordinance.

HEARING:

Mayor Metzner opened the hearing to the public.

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

ADOPTION:

A Motion was made by Committeeman LoSasso and seconded by Committeewoman Gibison to adopt the aforementioned Ordinance.

A roll call vote indicated the following:

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

The motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

R-321-08 Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement of Excess Real Estate Taxes And/Or Utility Payments

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

R-322-08 Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Tax Levy

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

R-323-08 Resolution Providing for the Refund of Monies for a Continued Certificate of Occupancy Inspection on Block 2901.02, Lot 49

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

R-324-08 Resolution Providing For The Application Of Refundable Monies To A Construction Permit On Block 304.01, Lot 22

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

R-325-08 Resolution Providing For The Application Of Refundable Monies To A Construction Permit On Block 604, Lot 5

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

R-326-08 Resolution Releasing Lien Placed on Block 2401.06, Lot 104

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

R-327-08 Resolution Placing Lien for Grass Cutting Services by the Township of Winslow (Block 2401.06, Lot 100)

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

R-328-08 Resolution Placing Lien for Grass Cutting Services by the Township of Winslow (Block 11807, Lot 20)

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

R-329-08 Resolution Placing Lien for Grass Cutting Services by the Township of Winslow (Block 1604, Lot 29)

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

R-330-08 Resolution Extending a Contract for Supply and Delivery of Neptune T-10 Water Meters, Registers and Parts to Rio Supply, Inc. d/b/a/ SLC Meter East

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

R-331-08 Resolution Authorizing a Refund in the Amount of \$70.00 for Landlord Registration/Inspection Fee – 31 Milstone Court

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

R-332-08 Resolution Reducing Performance Guarantee for Wilton's Corner TC-1, Phase 1A

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

R-333-08 Resolution Reducing Performance Guarantee for Heart of Elm Shopping Plaza

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

R-334-08 Resolution Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12 -Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) Litigation, Taylor Woods Litigation and a Personnel Matter

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

R-335-08 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of A.B.C. License #0436-33-010-003, Marku, LLC

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

Committeewoman Lawrence requested the location of this liquor license.

Mrs. Gallo explained this is a pocket license, which has no physical location.

Committeeman Flamini questioned the duration for holding a pocket license, to which Mrs. Gallo, Chief Bello and Mr. Patterson responded.

A discussion took place.

Committeewoman Lawrence would like to see more back-up information attached to the Resolution.

The motion carried.

R-336-08 Resolution Providing for the Professional Appointment of Fund for an Open Society to Provide Neighborhood Stabilization Consulting Services

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

Committeeman Flamini requested an explanation.

Reverend Eric Dobson introduced himself as a representative for Fund for an Open Society and described the program which involves the community.

Committeewoman Lawrence encouraged the entire Governing Body to support this program.

Committeeman Mitchell believes the proposal that Rev. Dobson is presenting should have been done within the Township prior to contracting for the same. He does not believe an agency outside of the Township should “tell us” what to do.

Mayor Metzner supports this program and would like the Governing Body to do the same. She disagrees with Committeeman Mitchell’s later comment.

Committeewoman Gibison believes the Township could benefit from this company and it would bring the Township together. She asked Mr. Gallagher for his prospective on this program.

Mr. Gallagher described what he believes the program would bring to the Township.

A discussion took place regarding the costs associated with the program.

A discussion took place regarding Rev. Dobson meeting with the members of the Governing Body to answer questions and discuss the program.

Committeewoman Gibison questioned when will the Township decide how and when to implement this program, to which Mr. Gallagher responded, at budget time.

A roll call vote indicated the following:

Committeewoman Gibison, yes
Committeeman Tomasello, yes

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

The motion carried.

REPORTS OF DIRECTORS AND LIAISONS:**Community Services:**

Committeeman Tomasello reported the Construction Office started a new project to which they found 60 abandoned homes.

Mr. Leary described the work being done by his office, to which Mr. Gallagher requested a report.

A discussion took place.

Committeewoman Lawrence questioned the status of the property at 10 Eastmont Lane, to which Mr. McGlinchey responded.

Public Works:

1. Public Buildings and Grounds Application – Winslow Township Municipal Drug and Alcohol Alliance on November 8, 2008 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm in the Senior Citizens Building

A Motion was made by Committeeman LoSasso and seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence to approve the aforementioned public buildings and grounds application. The motion carried.

2. Public Buildings and Grounds Application - Winslow Township Lions Club on December 14, 2008 from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm at Senior Citizens Center

A Motion was made by Committeeman LoSasso and seconded by Committeeman Flamini to approve the aforementioned public buildings and grounds application. The motion carried.

3. Committeeman Flamini questioned the agreement the Township entered into regarding air quality.

Mr. McGlinchey responded he is expecting a report in 2-3 weeks.

Parks, Recreation and Community Events:

1. 2008 Summer Recreation Report submitted by Donna Iuliucci

Committeeman Wilson deferred any questions to Mrs. Iuliucci.

Summer Recreation Program

Committeewoman Lawrence would like the Township to research grants to cover costs for summer camp.

Mrs. Iuliucci described a grant program she is pursuing for next year's summer program.

The Governing Body commended Mrs. Iuliucci on her work.

Star Center

Committeewoman Lawrence questioned the status of the Star Center.

Mr. Gallagher responded that the County wants to hold a hearing regarding same.

Department of Municipal Utilities:

No report.

Administration:

No report.

Mr. Gallagher stated the Department Heads are working on their 2009 Budgets.

Tax Assessing:

Committeewoman Lawrence stated professional property appraisers are working throughout the Township. She added the newly assessed amounts will remain in the Township and only a portion will go to the County.

Senior Citizens:

No report.

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Public Safety:

1. Committeewoman Lawrence questioned if there was a hiring freeze and spoke regarding a person recently being hired. She would like to be informed whenever a person is hired.

Mr. Gallagher explained there was a shortage of staff in the Police Records Department and a former employee was re-hired. He will inform all Governing Body members of new hires.

A discussion took place.

2. Committeeman Mitchell requested literature from the meeting between the Police Department and the School Board.

Captain Boisvert responded there was no paperwork generated out of the meeting.

Revenue and Finance:

No report.

Library Functions:

No report.

Liaison to Division of Health:

Committeewoman Lawrence reiterated the Winslow Township Health Fair will be held on October 25th from 9:00 am until 12 noon at School #5. Flu and pneumonia shots will be given.

Liaison to Municipal Drug Alliance:

Committeeman Mitchell deferred his comments to Unfinished Business.

Engineers Report:

1. Engineer's report from ERI dated September 9, 2008

Hansen Aggregates

Mr. Miller reported the renewal permit for Hansen Aggregates will be re-visited at an upcoming meeting. He is awaiting additional information from the applicant.

Hearthstone at Wedgewood

Mr. Miller reported the developer has to do final paving.

Mayor Metzner requested a copy of the punch list.

High Pointe Estates Stormwater Basin

Mr. Miller reported he is working on this project and will be meeting with Mr. Noll.

Committeeman Flamini questioned if there were any flooding in the area after the last rainfall, to which Messrs. McGlinchey and Miller responded there was none.

Mayor Metzner requested Mr. Miller to inspect the property near High Pointe Estates.

Presswell Records site

Mayor Metzner requested the status.

Mr. Miller responded a request for public records has been sent to the NJDEP.

Mayor Metzner would like a copy of the request be sent to Mr. Gallagher. She then directed Mr. Gallagher to send the request along with a cover letter to the NJDEP and to the State legislatures.

A discussion took place.

Weiss Greenhouse

Mayor Metzner requested an update, to which Mr. Miller responded.

Mr. McGlinchey added the developer has to re-apply to the Planning Board, an amendment to the plans.

A discussion took place regarding the Performance Bond and the ongoing problems with this project.

Mr. Leary spoke regarding construction on the site without construction permits.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A **Motion** was made by Committeeman Flamini and seconded by Committeewoman Lawrence to move the Agenda to Public Participation. The motion carried.

Nicole Thomas, 3 Pershing Lane – She spoke regarding issues in the area such as drug activities and drinking in the park, abandoned vehicles and high grass. She believes the problems in her development are not being addressed. She added that cars are speeding and homes not being kept up in the development. She questioned the process after tax liens are placed on residential properties.

Herman Bethea, 7 Ashton Lane – He stated there has been ruptured pipes on Arborwood Drive. He spoke of the problems caused by the control valve which was relocated by the Township. He provided pictures to the Governing Body of same. He would like the Township's cooperation in resolving this ongoing problem.

COMMENTS BY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Metzner stated the Township has cleaned and cut grass in Primrose Gate to which liens have been placed.

Mr. Patterson explained the steps taken by the Township after a lien is placed.

Mayor Metzner directed Ms. Thomas to speak to Captain Boisvert regarding her complaints.

Committeewoman Lawrence also spoke of the complaints she has received from the residents of Ward 3.

Mr. Gallagher added he has personally visited the problem areas with Mr. Leary.

Mr. Leary added the Township looks better since the adoption of the Property Maintenance Code. His staff has been working diligently on enforcing the Code and he discussed their efforts.

Committeewoman Gibson questioned the process after grass has been cut by the Township, to which Messrs. Leary and McGlinchey explained.

Mr. McGlinchey also explained the problems with vacant homes and the lack of property maintenance.

A discussion took place regarding home improvement programs.

Mayor Metzner requested Mr. Gallagher to reach out to the County regarding any additional monies they may have available to homeowners dealing with financial woes.

A discussion took place regarding properties vacated by banks and available grant monies from the County to municipalities.

Committeeman LoSasso believes the Township has to assist the residents with the ongoing broken valve issue.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Leary added there is no permit required for the homeowner to fix broken valves on their property.

RETURN TO REPORTS OF DIRECTORS AND LIAISONS:

2. Engineer's report from ARH dated September 9, 2008

Heathermere Basin

Mr. Ingram reported he is waiting for the maintenance bond and therefore, deferred this item to the next Township meeting.

Pinelands P&I Committee

Mr. Ingram reported he met on September 5, 2008 with USGS regarding some concerns and are getting closer to finalizing the Memorandum of Understanding.

Mayor Metzner questioned the status of the meeting with USGS, to which Mr. Gallagher stated the Township will be responsible for \$66,000.00. There is a one year time line for project completion.

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Committeeman Flamini questioned if the water and sewer department will be required to monitor the project after its completion, to which Mr. Ingram responded yes.

A discussion took place.

Pinelands Growth Monitoring Report

Mayor Metzner questioned if the Township has received an annual report waiver.

Mr. Ingram reported he spoke with the Pinelands and was granted the waiver verbally, but nothing in writing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Memo from Joseph Gallagher regarding grant application.

Mr. Gallagher explained his concerns with the municipal drug alliance grant and made recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Block Party Request on September 27th for Heathermere Development, rain date scheduled is for September 28th. **(Block party was previously approved for September 20th at the August 19th meeting)**

There was no action required by the Governing Body. The Police Department will be notified.

BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

1. ASL Consultants
39 Dunham Loop
Berlin, NJ 08009
Block 704, Lot 8
2. Designer Tours
110 Columbia Drive
Atco, NJ 08004
Block 1504, Lot 14
3. Giovanni's Pizzeria
250C Sicklerville Road
Sicklerville, NJ 08081
Block 2902, Lot 1
4. Alston's Roofers Service Center, Inc.
230 N. Grove Street
Cedarbrook, NJ 08018
Block 3302, Lot 1.01
5. Midure's Lawn Care, Inc.
53 Hayes Mill Road
Atco, NJ 08004
Block 1504, Lot 38

A Motion was made by Committeeman Wilson and seconded by Committeeman LoSasso to approve the aforementioned business license application nos. 1-5.

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Committeewoman Gibison questioned business license no.1, to which Mrs. Gallo responded.

The motion carried.

CLOSING PRAYER:

The Acting Deputy Clerk provided the closing prayer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Governing Body held a closed session at 10:03 p.m.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION:

The Governing Body returned to Public Session at 10:31 p.m.

R-337-08 Resolution Authorizing a Settlement Agreement and a Release and Indemnity Agreement with Total Petrochemical USA, Inc.

Mr. Patterson summarized.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made by Committeeman Tomasello and seconded by Committeeman Flamini to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 pm. The motion carried.

PREPARED BY:

Gail M. Gallo
Acting Deputy Municipal Clerk
Township of Winslow

CONCURRENCE BY:

Deborah A. Puchakjian, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Township of Winslow

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Total Meeting Time 2 Hours and 41 Minutes