

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Metzner called the meeting to order at 7:43 pm.

SALUTE TO FLAG:

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

OPENING PRAYER:

The Acting Deputy Clerk provided the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL:

John A. Wilson, Committeeman, present
Charles Flamini, Committeeman, present
Anthony R. Mitchell, Committeeman, present
Marie D. Lawrence, Committeewoman, present
Russell H. Bates, Committeeman, present
Karl Wm. Auwarter, Committeeman, late arrival
Anthony J. Tomasello, Committeeman, present
Karen D. Gibison, Committeewoman, present
Sue Ann Metzner, Mayor, present

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Joseph Gallagher, Township Administrator; Stuart A. Platt, Township Solicitor; Gail M. Gallo, Acting Deputy Clerk; Steve Dringus, CMFO; Gary White, Township Engineer; Jeff Hanson, Municipal Utilities Engineer; Charlie Stevenson, Supt. of Municipal Utilities; Michael Minniti, Municipal Utilities Department; Donna Iulucci, Director of Parks and Recreation; Patti Ward, Board of Health Secretary/Registrar of Vital Statistics; Debbie Wells, Planning Board Secretary; Herb Leary, Construction Official; Chief Bello, WTPD; Tess Pino, Sr. Personnel Technician; Lisa Grosskreutz, Labor Attorney; Cheryl Pitts and Gordon Sunkett, School Board Members; 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 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 the Mayor and Township Committee will conduct a Budget Workshop Meeting on Tuesday, March 17 at 6:30 pm in the Municipal Building for the purpose of discussing and/or acting upon budget workshop matters and/or any items of emergent nature or time sensitive.
2. Committeeman Wilson announced Winslow Township will hold their 5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt for children up to age 10 on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at the Daniel Calabrese Memorial Park, First and North Central Avenues at 11:00 am. Come see the Easter Bunny and join the Easter Egg Hunt. The Festival is free to all residents! A rain date is scheduled for Saturday, April 4th.
3. Committeewoman Lawrence announced Winslow Township Board of Health is sponsoring a Women's Health Party on Friday, May 1st from 7pm-9pm at the Bud Duble Center.
4. Committeeman Bates announced March is Red Cross Month.

PROCLAMATION:

1. Mayor Metzner and Committeeman Flamini presented Special Recognitions to Joshua Rutkowski, Tyler DeMuro, Jason DeMuro and Cade Gertsen and to Mariah Stephens for the South Jersey Band and Chorus
2. Committeewoman Gibison read the Proclamation Designating the Month of March as "Women's History Month"
3. Committeewoman Lawrence requested a Proclamation be presented at the next Township meeting to the Winslow Township Historical Society who recently celebrated their 100th anniversary.

PRESENTATION:

None.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Minutes from the October 14, 2008 General Meeting, October 28, 2008 General Meeting; and the Closed Executive Session Minutes from the October 28, 2008, November 18, 2008, December 1, 2008, December 16, 2008, January 27, 2009, February 10, 2009 and February 24, 2009 of Winslow Township Governing Body were distributed and are now subject to approval.

A Motion was made by Committeeman Tomasello and seconded by Committeeman Wilson to approve the aforementioned Minutes. Committeeman Bates did not vote on the 2008 minutes. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Committeewoman Lawrence stated the Atlantic City Electric has a new website which indicates outages in the area.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

None.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

None.

RESOLUTIONS:

R-2009-101 Resolution Providing For A Meeting Not Open To The Public In Accordance With The Provisions Of The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 –Personnel Matter/ Potential Litigation

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

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Governing Body held a closed session at 8:01 pm.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION:

The Governing Body returned to public session at 8:48 pm.

ROLL CALL:

John A. Wilson, Committeeman, present
Charles Flamini, Committeeman, present
Anthony R. Mitchell, Committeeman, present
Marie D. Lawrence, Committeewoman, present
Russell H. Bates, Committeeman, present
Karl Wm. Auwarter, Committeeman, present
Anthony J. Tomasello, Committeeman, present
Karen D. Gibison, Committeewoman, present
Sue Ann Metzner, Mayor, present

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A Motion was made by Committeeman Bates and seconded by Committeeman Tomasello to move the Agenda to Public Participation. The motion carried.

Shannon Butler, 165 Kenwood Drive – She read a prepared statement on behalf of Council 10 regarding concerns over budget cuts. She stated Council 10 would like the decisions made by the Township affect all employees equally.

Ron Eaton, 138 Steelton Road – He spoke on behalf of the Winslow Township Police Association concerning furloughs. He discussed the importance of the Police Department.

Gordon Pete Sunkett, 10 Ford Court – He stated a 6th grade student passed away and wished the family his condolences. He talked about the cancellations of Township events and the professionals helping fund the same. He urged the community to support the School District and our students. He also spoke regarding an election poll workers persuading votes.

Ken Comuso, 16 Cooper Terrace – He believes we live in a great community. He spoke briefly regarding budget cuts.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Metzner closed public participation.

COMMENTS BY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Metzner thanked the employee representatives for speaking. She also stated the Governing Body appreciates the employees, they are considering all options and no decisions have been made.

The Governing Body held a two-minute recess.

CONTINUATION TO RESOLUTIONS:

R-2009-102 Resolution to Refund Veteran's Deduction

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

R-2009-103 Resolution of Appointment to the Winslow Township Economic Development Council

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

The motion carried.

R-2009-104 Resolution Approving Participation with the State of New Jersey in a Safe and Secure Communities Program Administered by the Division of Criminal Justice, Department of Law and Public Safety

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

R-2009-105 Resolution Providing for a Refund of Developers Escrow, Review Escrow - Wawa, Inc., Block 2204, Lot 5, 6 and 7

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

R-2009-106 Resolution Providing for a Refund of Developers Escrow, Inspection Escrow - Wawa, Inc., Block 2204, Lots 5, 6 and 7

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

R-2009-107 Resolution Authorizing Six Month Extension of a Cooperative Pricing Agreement Between the Township of Winslow and the County of Camden, With Office Basics, Paper Mart and W.B. Mason to Provide Copy Paper, Computer Paper and Envelopes

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

R-2009-108 Resolution Providing for a Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License #0436-33-010-003 in the Township of Winslow, County of Camden, State of New Jersey (Marku, LLC)

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

R-2009-109 Resolution Denying Application of LDM Services, Inc. for Tax Abatement

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

R-2009-110 Resolution Authorizing Community Development Block Grant Funding – Year 31

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

Committeeman Mitchell requested an explanation of the allocation of these monies.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Gallagher confirmed to Committeewoman Lawrence that all work is complete in the West Atco Park.

R-2009-111 Resolution Providing for Refund of Developers Escrow – Major Subdivision Review - Taylor Woods, LLC

Mr. Platt explained the refund request.

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

Committeeman Auwarter questioned if all debt has been paid by the developer.

Mr. White stated their bills have been submitted and have been taken care of. The motion carried.

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R-2009-112 Resolution Providing for the Defense and Indemnification of Tess Pino, Mark Pino and Joel Scharf, Esquire Pursuant to Chapter 22 of the Code of the Township of Winslow

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

Committeewoman Lawrence requested an explanation of “indemnification”, to which Mr. Platt responded. He also explained why Mr. Scharf is included in the Resolution.

The motion carried.

TABLED RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution Providing for a Professional Appointment – Fund for an Open Society to Provide Neighborhood Stabilization Consulting Services

The Governing Body will leave this Resolution **tabled** until further information is provided.

2. Resolution of Award of Contract – HVAC Improvements #2

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

A roll call vote indicated the following:

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

The motion carried.

REPORTS OF DIRECTORS AND LIAISONS:

Community Services:

No report.

Public Works:

1. Public Buildings and Grounds Application – Ebony Island Shelter Company on March 22, 2009 from 4:00pm until 8:00pm at the Senior Citizens Center

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

Committeeman Wilson thanked Mr. McGlinchey and his staff for their snow removal efforts.

Parks, Recreation and Community Events:

1. Committeeman Mitchell acknowledged students who are doing well in college.
2. Committeeman Mitchell stated the formation of PAL is in the works, with seven volunteers from the police department.
3. Committeeman Mitchell stated the Township will work towards having a Winslow Summer Program this year.

Mayor Metzner added the program will be self-sustaining.

Mrs. Iulucci stated the Municipal Drug Alliance will be helping by providing grants.

Department of Municipal Utilities:

Committeewoman Lawrence deferred to the engineer's report.

Administration:

No report.

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Tax Assessing:

No report.

Senior Citizens:

No report.

Public Safety:

Committeeman Bates discussed the report of all police activities in year 2008, which he provided copies of to the Governing Body. He also spoke regarding a grant for officers and he provided an updated police chart.

Revenue and Finance:

Committeeman Flamini reported the Governing Body will hold a budget meeting on Tuesday, March 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Dringus stated the figures should be available from the State in about two weeks.

Library Functions:

No report.

Liaison to Division of Health:

Committeewoman Lawrence reiterated the Women's Health Party on May 1st from 7pm-9pm at the Senior Citizens Center.

Liaison to Municipal Drug Alliance:

No report. He thanked the members for their work.

Engineers Report:

1. Engineer's report from Churchill dated March 2009

Westbury Hunt

Mr. White reported the developers are requesting a bifurcation of their Phase 1 bond. He described the construction on the site. He recommends the developer modify the Section 2 performance bond to include final paving.

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A discussion took place.

A Motion was made by Committeewoman Lawrence and seconded by Committeewoman Gibison to amend the performance bond as described above. The motion carried.

Value Properties

Mr. White reported the developer requested a Performance Bond release and to post a two year Maintenance Bond. The developer then requested a waiver from posting a Maintenance Bond. Mr. White does not recommend the later.

Economic Stimulus Program

Mr. White stated the plans, specs and engineer's report were sent to the State.

Heart of Elm

Committeeman Auwarter questioned the status of this project, to which Mr. White reported improvements have not been completed.

Mr. Leary stated there may be a stop work order issued following zoning board approval.

2. Engineer's report from ERI dated March 10, 2009

Eden Hollow

Mr. Hanson reported payroll items have been submitted to the Township. The sewer replacement is complete and the subcontractor will be conducting minor repairs.

2008 Road Program

Mr. Hanson reported final payment has been submitted.

Economic Stimulus Program

Mr. Hanson reported planning documents have been submitted.

Pinelands P&I Committee

Mr. Hanson reported the Pinelands Commission is pleased with Dr. Ferrara's methodology.

Well #3 Radium Testing

Mr. Hanson reported the results were favorable.

Weiss Greenhouses

Mr. Hanson reported the developer requested a bond release, to which inspections have been conducted.

Mayor Metzner discussed the developer's appearance or lack thereof before the Planning Board.

A discussion took place.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Committeewoman Lawrence explained why she made a motion to **table** the Resolution to award a contract for HVAC Improvements #2. She is concerned that the bid amounts largely differ. She requested Mr. Gallagher to contact South Jersey Gas for a quote.

A discussion took place.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion regarding Official Township Color – Russell Bates

Committeeman Bates discussed the idea of having the Township represented by the same color as the schools - kelly green, white, gray and black. He would like the police cars, letterhead and a Township flag be changed to the same color.

A discussion took place.

2. Mayor Metzner acknowledged that Mr. Platt purchased a bicycle for the bike patrol in the police department.

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BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made by Committeeman Bates and seconded by Committeeman Tomasello to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 pm. The motion carried.

CLOSING PRAYER:

The Acting Deputy Clerk provided the closing prayer.

PREPARED BY:

Gail M. Gallo
Acting Deputy 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 39 Minutes