

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Metzner called the meeting to order at 6:41 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:

John A. Wilson, Committeeman, present
Charles Flamini, Committeeman, present
Anthony R. Mitchell, Committeeman, late arrival
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; Deborah A. Puchakjian, Municipal Clerk; Steve Dringus, CMFO; Ed McGlinchey, Supt. of Public Works; Janice Fitting, Court Administrator; Capt. Robert Boisvert, Emergency Management Coordinator; Joseph Bigwood, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator; Charles Stevenson, Supt. of Municipal Utilities; Lt. Frank Perrone, WTPD; Kirk Applegate, Auditor; 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.

PURPOSE:

Mayor Metzner stated the purpose of the meeting is to conduct a Budget Workshop Meeting for the purpose of discussing and/or acting upon Budget Matters and/or any items of emergent nature or time sensitive.

RESOLUTION:

R-2009-113 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 - Collective Bargaining Agreement and Potential Litigation and Personnel Matter

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 6:44 pm.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION:

The Governing Body returned to public session at 7:37 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
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BUDGET WORKSHOP – PRESENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Dringus explained the budget as presented. A discussion took place regarding options to balance the municipal budget. Options included a one year pension deferral, possible layoffs, or using the municipal utilities surplus. Mr. Dringus stated there will be a 4.8 cents increase in local property tax.

Mr. Applegate indicated the State still does not have everything implemented.

Committeeman Wilson left the meeting.

The Governing Body continued to discuss ways to increase revenue and save money.

Mayor Metzner indicated with budget cuts, the Township should not consider acquiring the Star Center from the County.

Committeewoman Lawrence concurred the Star Center should not be acquired at this time.

Mayor Metzner requested a letter be sent to the County regarding their lack of response to various issues addressed by the Township. She requested a Resolution be placed on the next Township agenda to waive payment of to the County on taxes until we receive a response to our questions.

Committeeman Mitchell left the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mayor Metzner opened the meeting to the public.

James Valencia, 443 Old Erial Road – He questioned why the employees are not being cut and he believes the Township should do layoffs.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made by Committeeman Bates and seconded by Committeeman Flamini to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 pm. The motion carried.

PREPARED BY:

Deborah A. Puchakjian, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Township of Winslow

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Total Meeting Time 2 Hours and 13 Minutes