

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Metzner called the meeting to order at 7:30 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:

Russell H. Bates, Committeeman, present
Charles Flamini, Committeeman, present
Karen D. Gibison, Committeewoman, present
Marie D. Lawrence, Committeewoman, present
Thaddeus Mackey, Committeeman, present
Anthony J. Tomasello, Committeeman, present
John A. Wilson, Committeeman, present
Barry M. Wright, Committeeman, present
Sue Ann Metzner, Mayor, present

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Joseph Gallagher, Township Administrator; Deborah A. Puchakjian, Municipal Clerk; Steve Dringus, CMFO; Jeff Hanson, Municipal Utilities Engineer; Gary White, Township Engineer; Stuart Platt, Township Solicitor; Herb Leary, Construction Official; Ed McGlinchey, Supt. of Public Works; Donna Iuliucci, Parks and Recreation Director; Charles Stevenson, Supt. of Municipal Utilities; Chief Terry Osborne, WTFD; Fire Commissioners Gallo and Pantalone; Deputy Chief Haines, WTFD; Janice Fitting, Court Administrator; Joe Bigwood, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator; Steve Kessler, Tax Assessor; Cheryl Pitts and Eartha Mitchell, School Board Members; Joe Italiano, Former Committeeman; Connie Hegyi, Tax Collector; Capt. Boisvert, Emergency Management Coordinator; and Gail M. Gallo, 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. Committeewoman Lawrence announced the U.S. Census Bureau is now recruiting for Crew Leader, Assistant Crew Leader and Enumerator. Call 1-866-861-2010 to schedule a basic skills test or visit the website at www.2010censusjobs.gov.
2. Committeeman Wilson announced the New Jersey Clean Energy Program has a Refrigerator Recycling Program for residents throughout New Jersey. Recycle your old fridge and receive \$30.00. Residents can make an appointment for a free pick up by calling 1-877-270-3520 or visit NJCleanEnergy.com

PROCLAMATION:

None.

PRESENTATION:

None.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Minutes from the June 23, 2009, July 21, 2009, January 26, 2010, February 9, 2010 and February 23, 2010 Closed Executive Session and the January 26, 2010 General Meeting of Winslow Township Governing Body were distributed and are now subject to approval.

A Motion was made by Committeeman Flamini and seconded by Committeeman Bates to approve the aforementioned Minutes. All present voted in favor of the Minutes, except Committeemen Wright and Mackey who abstained on the June 23 and July 21 minutes. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:

“AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE SALARIES, WAGES, RETAINERS, BENEFITS AND OTHER CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY” (Delete Recreation Director)

A Motion was made by Committeeman Bates and seconded by Committeeman Mackey to introduce the aforementioned Ordinance.

Mayor Metzner questioned the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt in Mrs. Iuliucci's absence.

Mr. Gallagher explained the deletion of the Recreation Director will be after the Easter Egg Hunt. The events following Easter, will be handled by the Clerk's Office and Public Works Department.

Mayor Metzner asked if Mrs. Iuliucci is aware of her position be eliminated.

Committeeman Bates stated it is not his responsibility to advise an employee of their termination but the responsibility of the Administrator.

A discussion took place.

Mayor Metzner discussed Mrs. Iuliucci's contributions to the Township and added it is a mistake to delete her position.

A roll call vote indicated the following:

Committeeman Bates, yes
Committeeman Flamini, yes
Committeewoman Gibison, no
Committeewoman Lawrence, yes
Committeeman Mackey, yes
Committeeman Tomasello, yes
Committeeman Wright, yes
Committeeman Wilson, yes
Mayor Metzner, no

The motion carried.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

O-2010-004 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 46 OF

THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED, "OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES"
(Animal Cruelty Officer)

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 Wright and seconded by Committeeman Wilson to adopt the aforementioned Ordinance.

A roll call vote indicated the following:

Committeeman Bates, yes
Committeeman Flamini, yes
Committeewoman Gibison, yes
Committeewoman Lawrence, yes
Committeeman Mackey, yes
Committeeman Tomasello, yes
Committeeman Wright, yes
Committeeman Wilson, yes
Mayor Metzner, yes

The motion carried.

**DEFEATED WINSLOW TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT 2010 BUDGET-
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

HEARING ON THE BUDGET:

Mr. Dringus summarized the fire election and the budget to increase the tax rate to \$1.45 which was defeated. The Township met with the representatives of the Fire District and it is recommended the tax raise be reduced to .45 cents.

Mayor Metzner opened the hearing to the public.

Gulab Gidwani, 444 Chews Landing Road – He spoke regarding the impact of increased taxes on the residents. He believes the increases should stop.

Clyde Bell, 16 Avella Lane – He wants to know the impact on property taxes and on commercial businesses.

Mr. Dringus responded the increase will be \$4.78 per year for a home assessed at \$105,700.00.

Richard Ostermueller, Cedarbrook – He questioned if the fire budget is fiscally sound and if the reduction will negatively effect the operation of the fire district next year.

Mr. Dringus responded that was difficult to answer at this time.

Mayor Metzner closed the hearing to the public.

R-2010-110A Resolution Authorizing the Reduction of 2010 Fire District Tax Levy in the Amount of \$155,000.00

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

A discussion took place.

A roll call vote indicated the following:

Committeeman Bates, yes
Committeeman Flamini, yes
Committeewoman Gibison, no
Committeewoman Lawrence, yes
Committeeman Mackey, yes
Committeeman Tomasello, yes
Committeeman Wright, yes
Committeeman Wilson, yes
Mayor Metzner, no

The motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

R-2010-111 Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement of Excess Real Estate Taxes and/or Utility Charges Paid

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

R-2010-112 Resolution Providing for Cancellation of Outstanding Checks-Municipal Court Office

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

R-2010-113 Resolution Providing for Refund of Developers Escrow-Minor Site Plan Review, Anna Battaglia, Block 8206, Lots 11 & 12

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

R-2010-114 Resolution authorizing the Sale of the Mauriello Farm to the County for Open Space

A Motion was made by Committeewoman Lawrence and seconded by Committeeman Wright to approve the aforementioned Resolution. All present voted in favor of the motion, except Committeeman Flamini who recused himself. The motion carried.

R-2010-115 Resolution Authorizing 2010 Junkyard License Renewal

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

R-2010-116 Resolution Authorizing a 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

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

R-2010-117 Resolution Approving Release of the Performance Guarantee Posted For Concord Springs, Section 2

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

R-2010-118 Resolution Approving Release of the Performance Guarantee Posted For Concord Springs, Sections 3, 4 and 5

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

R-2010-119 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 – Litigation

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

R-2010-120 Resolution Authorizing Proposal With Tochi Consulting Engineers to Perform Engineering Services for Drug Free School Zones, Drug Free Public Property and DWI Zones

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

A discussion took place regarding the contract appointee.

A roll call vote indicated the following:

Committeeman Bates, yes
Committeeman Flamini, yes
Committeewoman Gibison, no
Committeewoman Lawrence, yes
Committeeman Mackey, yes
Committeeman Tomasello, yes
Committeeman Wright, yes
Committeeman Wilson, yes
Mayor Metzner, no

The motion carried.

R-2010-121 Resolution Approving Plans for Iuliucci Park Concession Stand Ejector Pump Station and Force Main

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

R-2010-122 Resolution Providing for an Alternate Deputy Registrar

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

Committeeman Tomasello recused himself on this matter.

Committeewoman Gibison stated she believed Mrs. Householder would be appointed to this position.

Mr. Gallagher explained why the change to appoint Mrs. Tomasello was made.

A discussion took place.

The motion carried.

R-2010-123 Resolution Deeming Advisable the Sale of Municipally Owned and Operated Water and Sewer Utilities

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

Committeeman Bates and Mr. Platt explained this is the Township's first step to sell the utilities department, but it will be ultimately decided by the voters.

Mr. Platt explained the four steps for the sale of the utility department.

Committeewoman Gibison questioned the legal costs related to selling the utilities department, Messrs. Gallagher and Platt responded. She expressed her opposition to the sale of this department.

Mayor Metzner stated her opposition to this Resolution.

A roll call vote indicated the following:

Committeeman Bates, yes
Committeeman Flamini, yes
Committeewoman Gibison, no
Committeewoman Lawrence, yes
Committeeman Mackey, yes
Committeeman Tomasello, yes
Committeeman Wright, yes
Committeeman Wilson, yes
Mayor Metzner, no

The motion carried.

R-2010-124 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Request for Proposals and Qualifications (RFP) in Connection with the Anticipated Sale of the Municipally Owned Water and Sewer Utilities

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

Mayor Metzner questioned the timeline for receipt of the RFPs, to which Mr. Platt responded within sixty (60) days.

A roll call vote indicated the following:

Committeeman Bates, yes
Committeeman Flamini, yes
Committeewoman Gibison, no
Committeewoman Lawrence, yes
Committeeman Mackey, yes
Committeeman Tomasello, yes
Committeeman Wright, yes
Committeeman Wilson, yes
Mayor Metzner, no

The motion carried.

TABLED ITEMS-UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

REPORTS OF DIRECTORS AND LIAISONS:

Community Services: (Director Mackey)

Committeeman Mackey reported there is a decrease in construction permits in the building department.

Public Works: (Director Wilson)

1. Committeeman Wilson thanked the Public Works Department on the snow removal and he advised that Mr. Gallagher has applied for federal aid to help with the expenses of the snow removal.
2. Public Buildings and Grounds Application – South Jersey Elite Barons Youth Club on March 12, 2010 from 6:30 pm until 9:00 pm at the Senior Citizens Center
3. Public Buildings and Grounds Application – Winslow Township Little League on March 19, 2010 from 6:30 pm until 9:30 pm at the Senior Citizens Center
4. Public Buildings and Grounds Application – 5-Star Service Unit Girl Scouts on March 20, 2010 from 5:30 pm until 10:00 pm at the Senior Citizens Center

5. Public Buildings and Grounds Application - Braddock Preserve Homeowners Association on March 22, June 28, September 20 and November 15, 2010 from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm at the Senior Citizens Center
6. Public Buildings and Grounds Application – Sicklerville United Methodist Church on April 8, 9 from 5:00 pm until 11:00 pm and April 10, 2010 from 2:00 pm until 11:00 pm at the Senior Citizens Center
7. Public Buildings and Grounds Application – Winslow Township Little League on April 22, 2010 from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm at the Senior Citizens Center
8. Public Buildings and Grounds Application – Historical Society of Winslow Township on May 15, 2010 from 7:00 am until 3:00 pm and on November 13, 2010 from 7:00 am until 4:00 pm at the Senior Citizens Center

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

Parks, Recreation and Community Events: (Director Bates)

No report.

Department of Municipal Utilities: (Director Wright)

Committeeman Wright deferred to the Engineer's report.

Administration: - (Director Lawrence)

Mr. Gallagher stated he has been meeting with the department heads to discuss the budget and where we can reduce spending.

Traffic signal - Factory and Tansboro Roads

Mr. Gallagher reported he met with Freeholder Capelli to discuss the traffic signal at Factory and Tansboro Roads, which the County will commit to in their 2010 budget.

2010 Energy Conservation Plan

Mr. Gallagher reported the Township is moving forward with the plan, such as decreasing lighting and awarding the solar project at the senior citizens building. He also reported the Joint Insurance Fund will be bidding for electric and gas.

Star Building

Mr. Gallagher stated Freeholder Capelli's office will visit the building and access any damage to the same.

Mayor Metzner believes there is mold in the building.

Tax Assessing: (Director Wilson)

Committeeman Wilson reported the deadline for filing tax appeals is April 1.

Senior Citizens: (Director Tomasello)

No report.

Public Safety: (Director Wright)

Committeeman Wright distributed a monthly police offense report to the Governing Body.

Revenue and Finance: (Director Flamini)

Committeeman Flamini reported the Township is awaiting the Governor's budget report prior to the Township scheduling a budget meeting.

Library Functions: (Director Gibison)

No report.

Liaison to Division of Health: (Comm. Lawrence)

Committeewoman Lawrence reported the Camden County Board of Health will be conducting health screening in Elmtowne on March 18th.

Liaison to Municipal Drug Alliance: (Comm. Mackey)

Committeeman Mackey reported he attended a meeting, along with two members of the Drug Alliance, in Atlantic City. He stated the Drug Alliance is working hard.

Engineers Report:

1. Engineer's report from Churchill dated March 2010

Mr. White went over his report.

Braddock Preserve

Mr. White reported there are about 50 vacant lots, to which he has written to the developer to request a status of.

2. Engineer's report from ERI dated March 9, 2010

Mr. Hanson went over his report.

Spring Road Project

Mr. Hanson reported violations have been issued by Mr. Leary's for the outstanding electrical and plumbing permits.

Elmtowne Water Storage Tank

Committeewoman Gibison requested a status.

Mr. Hanson reported the site locations are still in negotiations.

Irrigations Wells

Mr. Hanson reported he just received the information and he will forward same to the NJDEP.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

1. Autogeeks
102 S. White Horse Pike
Waterford Works, NJ 08089
Block 4711, Lots 3 and 7

A Motion was made by Committeewoman Gibison and seconded by Committeeman Tomasello to approve the aforementioned business license application. The motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Joe Italiano, Blue Anchor – He questioned if the Governing Body is considering cutting their salaries.

Shannon Butler, Kenwood Condominiums – She spoke regarding cut backs, layoffs and the Township's \$3 million deficit. She made suggestions to save money, such as canceling fireworks and shared services.

Ron Eaton, Police Union Representative – He spoke regarding layoffs and demotions within the police department. He stated the Police Association will conduct a forensic audit.

Graling Primas, President of W.T. Maullers – He expressed disappointment in the elimination of the Parks and Recreation Director, Mrs. Iulucci. He spoke of her contributions to the Township and the sports teams. He asked the Governing Body to reconsider the director's position.

Lynn Wiston, 212 Ehrke Road – He spoke of the negative effects on the youth when cuts are made within the recreation department. He urged the Township to reconsider Mrs. Iulucci's position and pleaded for their support.

Gulab Gidwani, 444 Chews Landing Road – Mr. Gidwani spoke regarding pay cuts and concessions everywhere. He believes the Township should re-negotiate union contracts and that everyone has to share in the sacrifice.

Donna Varns, V.P. of W.T. Maullers/Member of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – She urged the Governing Body to reconsider Mrs. Iulucci's position. She spoke regarding Mrs. Iulucci's contributions to the football organization.

Ken Smith, President of the W.T. Eagles – He spoke on behalf of Mrs. Iulucci and on how she brought the footballs teams together. He believes the sports teams will suffer without Mrs. Iulucci. He supports the police and believes the police need to work with the children.

George Smith, President of the W.T.P.A. – He stated the layoffs and concessions are a huge impact on the police department. He stated he isn't getting any answers to his questions from Mr. Gallagher. He doesn't want to see any layoffs.

Herman Bethea, resident – He spoke regarding the sale of the water department. He would like to be more informed of the details.

Mark Passarella, WTPD patrolmen/Pres. W.T.L.L. – He believes Mrs. Iulucci has done a great job and asked the Governing Body to reconsider her position.

Gene Regan, Whiting Street – He is not in favor of the police department layoffs and putting people in jeopardy. He urged the residents to support the police and the youth of the Township.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Metzner closed public participation.

COMMENTS BY OFFICIALS:

None.

CLOSING PRAYER:

The Municipal Clerk provided the closing prayer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Governing Body held a closed session at 9:46 pm.

BACK IN OPEN SESSION:

The Governing Body returned to open session at 9:58 pm.

R-2010-125 Resolution Ratifying Settlement

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A **Motion** was made by Committeeman Tomasello and seconded by Committeeman Mackey to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 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 28 Minutes