

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 6:00 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:

Charles Flamini, Committeeman, present
Karen D. Gibison, Committeewoman, absent
Marie D. Lawrence, Committeewoman, present
Evelyn M. Leverett, Committeewoman, present
George Lowery, Committeeman, present
Thaddeus Mackey, Committeeman, present
Anthony J. Tomasello, Committeeman, present
John A. Wilson, Committeeman, present
Barry M. Wright, Mayor, present

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Joseph Gallagher, Township Administrator; Deborah A. Iannaco, Municipal Clerk; Steve Dringus, CMFO; Stuart A. Platt, Township Solicitor; Chief Stimelski, WTPD; and Maria Babl, Recorder.

“OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW” ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mayor Wright 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 Wright 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 Wright stated the purpose of this meeting is to conduct a Special Meeting for the purpose of discussing and/or acting upon the Introduction of the 2013 Municipal Budget.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION:

1. ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR THE 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

A Motion was made by Committeeman Flamini and seconded by Committeeman Lowery to introduce the aforementioned Ordinance.

A roll call vote indicated the following:

Committeeman Flamini, yes
Committeewoman Gibison, absent
Committeewoman Lawrence, yes
Committeewoman Leverett, yes
Committeeman Lowery, yes
Committeeman Mackey, yes
Committeeman Tomasello, yes
Committeeman Wilson, yes
Mayor Wright, yes

The motion carried.

2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Dringus gave a verbal overview of the budget.

Mr. Dringus explained that the budget appropriations are down \$1.1 million or 4.29% from 2012 due to the trash collection and disposal agreement. There is significant reduction in State retirement contributions as well as an increase of employee health care contributions. These factors help make the substantial \$1.1 million reduction.

The Township decided to establish a trust fund for snow removal. If these funds are not used, they can be carried on perpetually. Mr. Platt questioned how the funds are dedicated perpetually. He questioned if the left over funds can be used for emergency appropriations for a lower period of time. Mr. Dringus explained that once the funds are in a trust fund, the funds are to be used for those purposes only or it has to be cancelled.

Mr. Dringus further stated that revenues are a challenge. The State refuses to follow statutory contributions for each town. Beginning in 2013, the Township is down \$27 million in State Aid revenue. One time revenues are not as significant and as a result there is a 5.5 cent tax increase or \$91.62 increase for the average assessed home of \$175,500.00. Mr. Dringus added that investment services review tax increases as positive as it means that towns as utilizing the fund balance as little as possible. Mr. Platt questioned if there will be a cut in services to which Mr. Dringus confirmed there will be none.

Mr. Dringus stated the budget difference from 2012-2013 is \$9,000.00. The 2013 Utility budget is \$1,000.00 more than in 2012.

Mr. Dringus stated the Township is doing more with less.

1. 2013 Municipal Budget Introduction Resolution

A Motion was made by Committeeman Lowery and seconded by Committeeman Flamini to introduce the 2013 Municipal Budget.

A roll call vote indicated the following:

Committeeman Flamini, yes
Committeewoman Gibison, absent
Committeewoman Lawrence, yes
Committeewoman Leverett, yes
Committeeman Lowery, yes
Committeeman Mackey, yes
Committeeman Tomasello, yes
Committeeman Wilson, yes
Mayor Wright, yes

The motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A Motion was made by Committeeman Tomasello and seconded by Committeewoman Leverett to open public participation. The motion carried.

ALL CITIZENS WILL BE ALLOWED TO FIVE MINUTES TO BE HEARD.

Mayor Wright opened public participation.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Wright closed public participation.

HEARING NO COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - A MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS REQUIRED:

A Motion was made by Committeeman Tomasello and seconded by Committeewoman Leverett to close public participation. The motion carried.

COMMENTS BY OFFICIALS:

None.

CLOSING PRAYER:

The Municipal Clerk provided the closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made by Committeeman Lowery and seconded by Committeeman Tomasello to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 pm. The motion carried.

PREPARED BY:

Deborah A. Iannaco, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Township of Winslow

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Total Meeting Time 0 Hours and 13 Minutes