

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**SALUTE TO FLAG:**

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

**OPENING PRAYER:**

The Deputy Municipal Clerk provided the opening prayer.

**ROLL CALL:**

Charles Flamini, Committeeman, present  
Marie D. Lawrence, Committeewoman, present  
Evelyn M. Leverett, Committeewoman, present  
George Lowery, Committeeman, present  
Paula Paretta, Committeewoman, present  
Edward Pleczynski, Committeeman, present  
Raymond J. Watkins, Jr., Committeeman, present  
John A. Wilson, Committeeman, present  
Barry M. Wright, Mayor, present

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Joseph Gallagher, Township Administrator; Steve Dringus, CMFO; Lisa L. Dority, Deputy Municipal Clerk; Stuart A. Platt, Township Solicitor; Gary A. White, Township Engineer; George Hann, Municipal Utilities Engineer; Chief Smith, WTPD; Ed McGlinchey, Supt. of Public Works/Zoning Officer; Lou Bowman, Supt. of Municipal Utilities; and Woody Cuffee, Code Enforcement Officer; and Kim Lombardo, 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, the Central Record, 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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Committeeman Flamini announced Winslow Township proclaims mandatory restriction of the use of water for certain purposes. Even numbered addresses can water on even numbered days and odd numbered addresses can water on odd numbered days. Water usage is restricted to 5:00 am to 7:00 am and 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Outside water usage is prohibited on the 31st day of the month.
2. Committeeman Watkins announced Winslow Township is hosting a Green Fair on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> rain or shine from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Winslow Township Municipal Complex. There will be new vendors, kid friendly games and a shredder truck (no businesses please). All are welcome!
3. Committeewoman Paretto announced Camden County recently launched a tool lending library. The library is free to all residents and residents may borrow tools such as rakes, shovels, screwdrivers, drills and much more. The library is located at 508 Lakeland Road in Blackwood and is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon-5pm, and Saturdays from 9am to noon. The library is also looking for a few volunteers and will always accept tools to broaden their inventory (such as ladders, paint sprayers, bolt cutters, cordless power tools, etc.) Any questions residents may have please call 856-225-5576 or email [sustainable@camdencounty.com](mailto:sustainable@camdencounty.com). Information also available on Township website.
4. Committeewoman Leverett announced on February 16, 2016 the Winslow Township Police Department started utilizing the social media site “Nextdoor” to share information on crime prevention, safety, public events, and emergency notifications. Please join us and subscribe to this **free** neighborhood social media site at [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com). The Winslow Township Police Department staff

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WILL NOT be able to see any of the content on your neighborhood website except for direct replies to the police posts. Please do not use Nextdoor for requesting emergency services, reporting criminal activity, filing a police report, etc. Nextdoor is another tool the Township looks forward to utilizing to build a stronger, safer neighborhood throughout Winslow Township. To learn more please visit the Winslow Police Township Facebook page.

5. Committeeman Lowery announced Township residents that served in WWI, WWII and Vietnam can be honored by purchasing a name plate to be placed on a monument at the Winslow Township War Memorial, located at the Municipal Complex. The cost is \$70.00. The deadline to apply is July 31<sup>st</sup>. All new Veterans' plates will be displayed during the 2016 Veterans Day Services. For more information and an application contact the Clerk's Office at 609-567-0700 ext. 8002 or visit us at [www.winslowtownship.com](http://www.winslowtownship.com).
6. Committeeman Pleczynski announced the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Free Winslow Township Business Breakfast will be on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am at Brigalias for Township businesses only. Please go to [www.winslowtownship.com](http://www.winslowtownship.com) or the Township Mobile App "GORequest" to register!

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

Minutes from the March 8, 2016 Workshop/Business Meeting and the March 22, 2016 General Meeting (*As Amended*) of the Winslow Township Governing Body were distributed and are now subject to approval.

**A Motion** was made by Committeeman Lowery and seconded by Committeeman Pleczynski to approve the aforementioned Minutes. The motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Winslow Township Middle School Chorus – Ms. Nwanguma, Principal

The students sang two songs led by Ms. Aiello, Chorus Director.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

1. Mayor Wright read the Public Service Recognition Week Proclamation
2. Mayor Wright read Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship awarded to Cymere Nobles.

Mr. Nobles was not present.

3. Committeeman Lowery read the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Proclamation – April is Alcohol Awareness Month
4. Committeeman Watkins read the National Crime Victims' Rights Week Proclamation

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mayor Wright announced there will be a meeting on Thursday at 6:00 pm in the Municipal Building to address the residents' concerns regarding the group home on Arcadian Drive.

Mr. Platt explained to the residents that the State mandates on group homes and the Township has no jurisdiction over the matter. There will be disabled children placed in the group home, which he added is a protected class of citizens. Similar cases have been challenged under federal and state housing laws to no avail.

Mr. Gallagher stated there will be five children with disabilities placed in the home from ages 8 – 12. The home will be staffed 24 hours a day.

Mayor Wright reiterated the Governing Body has no power in this matter and it has to succumb to the laws dictated by the State.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

1. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR TAX EXEMPTION/ABATEMENT WITH BRYN MAWR DG SICKLERVILLE, LLC BLOCK 2901, LOT 1 (Dollar General Store)

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

A roll call vote indicated the following:

Charles Flamini, Committeeman, yes  
Marie D. Lawrence, Committeewoman, yes  
Evelyn M. Leverett, Committeewoman, yes  
George Lowery, Committeeman, yes  
Paula Paretto, Committeewoman, yes  
Edward J. Pleczynski, Committeeman, yes  
Raymond J. Watkins, Jr., Committeeman, yes  
John A. Wilson, Committeeman, yes  
Barry M. Wright, Mayor, yes

The motion carried.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:**

None.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**A Motion** was made by Committeewoman Lawrence and seconded by Committeeman Flamini to approve Resolutions R-2016-158 through R-2016-169. The motion carried.

**R-2016-158** A Resolution Authorizing the Township of Winslow to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with Cranford Police Department

**R-2016-159** Resolution Authorizing Imposition Of A Lien On Block 11101, Lot 6 6 Lyric Ct., For Site Board-Up

**R-2016-160** Resolution Providing Authorization for Purchasing by Use of Contracts Established Between the New Jersey Division of Purchasing and Certain Providers of Goods and Services (*Police Department Equipment*)

**R-2016-161** Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Winslow Township Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual for Non-Police Department Personnel and the Winslow

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Township Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual for  
Police Department Personnel

- R-2016-162** Resolution Authorizing Imposition of A Lien On Block 10901, Lot 12 77 Eastmont Ln., For Site Board-Up
- R-2016-163** Resolution Providing for the Refund of Monies for Vacant and Abandoned Property Registration (*23 Indian Hill*)
- R-2016-164** Resolution Providing for the Refund of Monies for Vacant and Abandoned Property Registration (*16 Arbor Meadow Drive*)
- R-2016-165** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of four (4) Taxicab Licenses in The Township of Winslow, County of Camden, State of New Jersey
- R-2016-166** Resolution Refunding 2013 Homestead Benefit Credit for Tax Exempt Property Owners
- R-2016-167** Resolution Providing for the Refund of Monies for Vacant and Abandoned Property Registration (*Property Not Located in Winslow Township*)
- R-2016-168** Resolution of Award of Contract – General Plumbing Work 2016
- R-2016-169** Resolution Authorizing Service Agreement for the Year 2016 with the Senior Citizens United Community Services
- R-2016-170** Resolution Authorizing the Administrator to Advertise and Hire Two Full Time Laborers

**A Motion** was made by Committeewoman Leverett and seconded by Committeeman Lowery to approve the aforementioned Resolution.

A roll call vote indicated the following:

Charles Flamini, Committeeman, yes

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Marie D. Lawrence, Committeewoman, yes  
Evelyn M. Leverett, Committeewoman, yes  
George Lowery, Committeeman, yes  
Paula Paretto, Committeewoman, no  
Edward J. Pleczynski, Committeeman, yes  
Raymond J. Watkins, Jr., Committeeman, yes  
John A. Wilson, Committeeman, yes  
Barry M. Wright, Mayor, yes

The motion carried.

**TABLED ITEMS-UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**REPORTS OF DIRECTORS AND LIAISONS:**

**Community Services: (Director Lowery):**

Committeeman Lowery went over the permits and activities of the Construction Office.

**Public Works: (Director Wilson):**

Committeeman Wilson reported on the activities of the Department of Public Works, including pothole repairs and new signs installations.

1. Public Buildings and Grounds Application – M.E.N. Empowering Nations on every Monday in year 2016 except April 25 and May 30 from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm at the Star Building
2. Public Buildings and Grounds Application – M.E.N. Empowering Nations on every Tuesday in year 2016 from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm at the Star Building
3. Public Buildings and Grounds Application – Arbor Meadows Civic Organization – April 25, 2016 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Star Building

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**A Motion** was made by Committeeman Wilson and seconded by Committeewoman Paretto to approve the aforementioned public buildings and grounds application nos. 1-3. The motion carried.

Parks, Recreation and Community Events: **(Director Watkins/Deputy Director Pleczynski)**

Committeeman Watkins reported the improvements at Calabrese Park are complete and the baseball fields are being prepped for the season.

Department of Municipal Utilities: **(Director Flamini)**

Committeeman Flamini reported on the activities of the Municipal Utilities Department. Meter readings have begun for this quarter and the SCADA system is now complete.

Administration: **(Director Lawrence)**

Committeewoman Lawrence deferred to Mr. Gallagher.

Budget

Mr. Gallagher reported the 2016 Municipal Budget is scheduled for adoption on April 26, 2016.

Calabrese Park

Mr. Gallagher reported improvements are complete and Phase II will begin in the Spring.

Green Efforts

Mr. Gallagher reported recycling cans will be placed at the parks.

Tax Assessing: **(Director Leverett)**

Committeewoman Leverett reported:

The Tax appeal filing deadline was April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Assessor's office has received 111 County appeals and 3 new State appeals.

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The County Administrator, conducted a workshop at Braddock Preserve, explaining the reason behind the compliance plan. Additionally, the Assessor has been inspecting many properties and correcting any issues with assessor appeals.

There are only a few farmland assessment appeals. Farmland inspections will begin soon.

Senior Citizens: **(Director Leverett)**

Committeewoman Leverett reported that the seniors will have a “Senior Prom” on April 22, 2016. The cost is \$5.00.

Public Safety: **(Director Mayor Wright)**

Mayor Wright reported on the activities of the Police Department. Crime is down in Winslow Township. On April 19, 2016 the police department will host “Coffee with a Cop” at Panera Bread. There were several Commendations given to officers in the department.

Revenue and Finance: **(Director Pleczynski)**

Committeeman Pleczynski reported that property taxes are due May 1<sup>st</sup> with a grace period until May 10<sup>th</sup>. The homestead rebate credit was applied to the May tax bill.

Library Functions: **(Director Parette)**

Committeewoman Parette went over the programs available to the Library. Volunteers are needed.

Liaison to Division of Health: **(Comm. Lawrence)**

Committeewoman Lawrence reported that the Board of Health is sponsoring a Breast Cancer Party at the Senior Center on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Other activities include the Camden County health van, the Heart Walk T-shirt contest and the food bank at School #3.

Liaison to Municipal Drug Alliance: **(Comm. Watkins)**

Committeeman Watkins went over his report. The members of the Municipal Drug Alliance will be attending an Interactive Seminar on May 25<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-9pm at the Senior Center.

Liaison to Celebrations Committee: **(Comm. Watkins)**

Committeeman Watkins reported that Memorial Day Services will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> at the War Memorial beginning at 10:00 am. War Memorial plaques can be purchased for \$70.00.

Engineers Report:

1. Engineer's Report – Churchill Engineers dated April 2016

Dollar General

Mr. White reported site work will begin this month. Project should be completed in July.

Summer Lea

Mr. White reported site improvements are complete. The project will consist of 105 townhomes.

Taylor Woods

Mr. White reported that the developer continues to construct 1-2 buildings a month.

Sicklerville Sidewalk Project

Mr. White reported the sidewalk project will connect the Post Office to the adjoining properties.

Kali Road

Mr. White reported the Township received a \$241,000 grant from the NJDOT to resurface Kali Road.

2. Engineer's Report – R&V Engineers – No Report

Mr. Hann stated the water Winslow produces is in compliance to regulatory water quality standard based on Lead testing requirements, and the results are compliant and are not a health hazard.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mayor Wright commented that Auto Zone signed a contract to build behind Panera Bread.

**BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS:**

1. Dunkin Donuts  
334 Sicklerville Road  
Sicklerville, NJ 08081

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

**CLOTHING/DONATION BIN APPLICATIONS:**

None.

**PAWNBROKER AND DEALERS IN SECONDHAND GOODS:**

None.

**TAXICAB OWNER/DRIVER'S LICENSE:**

None.

**TAXICAB DRIVERS:**

None.

**MAYORAL APPOINTMENT(S)**

None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**A Motion** was made by Committeewoman Parette and seconded by Committeeman Lowery to open public participation. The motion carried.

ALL CITIZENS WILL BE ALLOWED FIVE MINUTES TO BE HEARD.

Michael Pasquarella, 107 Arcadian Drive – He spoke regarding the group home at 11 Arcadian Drive. He asked for the Township’s support. He is concerned about the type of children in the home.

Jim Osborn, Riggs Avenue – He questioned why the Township holds two meetings a month.

Frank Scordo, Bairdmore Avenue – He questioned why the Township raised his taxes. Mr. Scordo became irate and was asked to leave the courtroom.

Malcolm Palmer, 100 Walden Run – He spoke about the group home. He didn’t receive a meeting notice. He is concerned the Township cannot do anything and the group home’s impact on traffic. He feels that Arcadian Drive is not a proper location.

Ann Featherstone – She supports the group home. She questioned if the Township is helping facilitate the transition.

A resident – He questioned if the children can be placed in Ancora.

Victoria Snitynski – 139 S. Grove Street – She questioned if there is any guarantee the number of children will not increase.

**HEARING NO FURTHER COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – A MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS REQUIRED:**

**A Motion** was made by Committeeman Lowery and seconded by Committeewoman Paretto to close the public participation. The motion carried.

**COMMENTS BY OFFICIALS:**

Mayor Wright addressed the residents regarding the group home. He stated the Township is bound by the law.

Mr. Gallagher stated the Township was not notified by the State prior to the establishment of the residential group home.

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Mayor Wright stated there will be a meeting on Thursday night. The Township cannot dictate where the group home is located. He also added that the Ancora facility is for adults only.

*Mayor Wright asked for prayers for the Cuffee family whose sister passed away this morning.*

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

The Deputy Municipal Clerk provided the closing prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**A Motion** was made by Committeewoman Leverett and seconded by Committeewoman Paretti to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. The motion carried.

**PREPARED BY:**

Lisa L. Dority, RMC  
Deputy Municipal Clerk  
Township of Winslow

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Total Meeting Time 1 Hour