

**TOWNSHIP OF THE WINFIELD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE – FEBRUARY 3, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE: In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6 et. Seq.; Mayor Reilly read the public notice and indicated the fire exits.

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Reilly led the Township’s Prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Reilly, Commissioner Koomer, Commissioner Byrne, Clerk Slowik, Attorney Colicchio, WPD Chief Mazzarella & WVFD Chief Dustin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: RMTc 01/21/2025; Motion was made by Commissioner Koomer and Seconded by Commissioner Byrne, with all members present voting in the affirmative.

COMMUNICATIONS: None Presented

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None Presented

REQUISITIONS: As Presented (\$5,046.15); Motion was made by Commissioner Koomer and Seconded by Commissioner Byrne, with all members present voting in the affirmative.

LISTED REQUISITIONS FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE, FEBRUARY 3RD, 2025

REQ #	DEPARTMENT	JUSTIFICATION	AMOUNT
9815	WMC	SPANISH INTERPRETER	\$150.00
9816	WMC	RUSSIAN INTERPRETER	\$150.00
9817	WMC	PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$250.00
9818	WFD	FIREFIGHTER COURSE	\$450.00
9819	WFD	FIREFIGHTER COURSE	\$450.00
9821	WPD	CRIMESTAR ANNUAL SUPPORT	\$400.00
9822	WPD	NJSACOP MEMEBERSHIP DUES	\$275.00
9823	OEM	ONSOLVE REVERSE ALERT RENEWAL	\$1,866.15
9824	WPD	INVESTIGATOR ASSOC DUES	\$175.00
9825	OEM	NJEPa CONFERENCE	\$200.00
9826	OEM	NJEMA MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$75.00
9827	OEM	CONFERENCE STAY	\$605.00
			TOTAL: \$5,046.15

UNLISTED REQUISITIONS: None Presented

BILLS: As Presented (\$37,230.70); Motion was made by Commissioner Koomer and Seconded by Commissioner Byrne, with all members present voting in the affirmative.

**List of Bills - (10001) CASH - CHECKING
Current Fund**

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
8966	1073 - AXON ENTERPRISE, INC	PO 16216 BODY WORN CAMERA 2 YEAR CONTRACT	4,521.60	4,521.60
8967	921 - CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY	PO 16236 2025 LIBRARY SERVICES	120.00	120.00
8968	932 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVI	PO 16226 BOARD OF HEALTH SERVICES JANUARY 1, 2024	8,531.00	8,531.00
8969	1163 - EAST COAST EMERGENCY LIGHTING, INC	PO 16110 INFRASTRUCTURE - VEHICLE UFFIT FOR WPD #	3,846.70	3,846.70
8970	39 - ELIZABETHTOWN GAS CO	PO 16227 NATURAL GAS SVC 12/9 - 1/10	1,413.62	1,413.62
8971	605 - FRANK MAZZARELLA	PO 16223 REIMBURSEMENT FOR 40LB BAG OF ICE MELT	38.36	38.36
8972	973 - GIORDANO COMPANY INC.	PO 16225 RECYCLING PICK UP FOR 1/10/25 & 1/24/25	4,583.33	4,583.33
8973	692 - JASON DYER	PO 16224 2025 VISION REIMBURSEMENT	189.98	189.98
8974	901 - LAWN DOCTOR	PO 16228 2025 LAWN FERTILIZER AND WEED KILLER	294.12	294.12
8975	844 - LIFESAVERS INC.	PO 16217 AED MOBILE RESPONDER VALUE PACKAGE - PAD	1,335.22	1,335.22
8976	1096 - MANAGED BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	PO 16237 CONFERENCE CALLS CONTRACT CHARGES FOR 11	10.66	10.66
8977	71 - MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	PO 16220 MINUTE BOOK FILLER SHEETS LEGAL 250 PAGE	164.00	164.00
8978	72 - PSE&G	PO 16221 ELECTRIC 12/6 - 1/7	2,732.17	2,732.17
8979	468 - SCOTT MITZNER	PO 16231 PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES 1-28-25	250.00	250.00
8980	144 - TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY	PO 16208 MARRIAGE LICENSE FEE 4TH QUARTER 2024	75.00	75.00
8981	167 - U. C. FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION	PO 16218 UNION COUNTY FIRE CHIEF DUES 2025 FOR BR	300.00	300.00
8982	1173 - VERA REIFE	PO 16230 RUSSIAN INTERPRETER 1/28/25 COURT SESSIO	150.00	150.00
8983	452 - VERIZON WIRELESS	PO 16222 CELL PHONE AND AIR CARDS 1/16 - 2/15	325.40	325.40
8984	994 - WB MASON CO., INC	PO 16200 PAPER TOWELS AND LYSOL WIPES	173.54	173.54
8985	57 - WINFIELD BD. OF EDUCATION	PO 16232 JANUARY SCHOOL TAXES	8,176.00	8,176.00
TOTAL				37,230.70

Summary By Account

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT YR	APPROP. YEAR	NON-BUDGETARY	CREDIT
100001	CASH - CHECKING			0.00	37,230.70
100310	DUE To/From Trust			4,265.50	
100325	DUE To State - Marriage Fee			75.00	
101250	INTERFUND FEDERAL & STATE GRANTS			3,846.70	
101310	SCHOOL TAXES PAYABLE			8,176.00	
10AE10	ADMINISTRATION & EXEC. - OTHER EXPENSE	216.00			
10DC10	MUNICIPAL COURT - OTHER EXPENSE	150.00			
10DF10	PUBLIC DEFENDER - OTHER EXPENSES	250.00			
10EG10	BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - OTHER EXPENSE	506.02			
10EX10	GROUP INSURANCE PLANS FOR EMPLOYEES	189.98			
10FR10	FIRE DEPARTMENT - OTHER EXPENSE	300.00			
10HB10	POLICE - OTHER EXPENSE	244.05			
10HB10A	(2024) POLICE - OTHER EXPENSE		5,856.82		
10KE10	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - OTHER EXPENSE	40.01			
10LG10	STREET LIGHTING	1,737.81			
10LR10	RECYCLING	4,583.33			
10MH10A	(2024) BOARD OF HEALTH - OTHER EXPENSE		4,265.50		
10SL10	LIBRARY SERVICES	120.00			
10UT10	UTILITIES	2,407.98			
TOTALS FOR	Current Fund	10,745.18	10,122.32	16,363.20	37,230.70

Total to be paid from Fund 10 Current Fund 37,230.70

37,230.70

Resolution # 25-11 AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD TO ENTER INTO THE NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT:
 Motion was made by Commissioner Koomer and Seconded by Commissioner Byrne, with all members present voting in the affirmative.



**TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD RESOLUTION 25-11
 COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
 AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD TO ENTER
 INTO THE NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE
 COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance # CK04- a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2025 the governing body of the Township of Winfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Winfield.

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Mayor or Township Clerk, is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAVS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Winfield at a meeting held on February 3, 2025.
MAYOR ROBERT F. REILLY							
COMM. ADAM D. KOOMER							
COMM. JOSEPH P. BYRNE							

Melanie Slowik, Acting Twp. Clerk

Resolution # 25-09 AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT: Motion was made by Commissioner Koomer and Seconded by Commissioner Byrne, with all members present voting in the affirmative.



WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on February 3rd 2025 the governing body of the Township of Winfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Winfield

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Mayor and/or Clerk is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAVS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Winfield at a meeting held on February 3, 2025.
MAYOR ROBERT F. REILLY							
COMM. ADAM D. KOOMER							
COMM. JOSEPH P. BYRNE							

Melanie Slowik, Acting Twp. Clerk

Resolution # 25-13 AUTHORIZATION THE TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT: Motion was made by Commissioner Koomer and Seconded by Commissioner Byrne, with all members present voting in the affirmative.



**TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD RESOLUTION 25-13
COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD TO ENTER
INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Township of Winfield desires to become a member of the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System, #2-SOCCP, effective February 3, 2025 and, that such membership shall be for the period ending December 31, 2028 and each renewal, thereafter of the system, unless elects to formally withdraw from the system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and/or Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the attached agreement for such membership.

Dated: February 3, 2025 By: _____
Township Mayor

Attest: _____

	NOTED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	
MAYOR ROBERT F. REILLY							I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Winfield at a meeting held on February 3, 2025. Melanie Slowik, Acting Twp. Clerk
COMM. ADAM D. KOOMER							
COMM. JOSEPH P. BYRNE							

Resolution # 25-14 AUTHORIZATION THE TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD TO ENTER INTO A SETTLEMENT OF GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL COMPLAINT: Motion was made by Commissioner Koomer and Seconded by Commissioner Byrne, with all members present voting in the affirmative.



**TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD RESOLUTION 25-14
COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD TO ENTER INTO
A SETTLEMENT OF GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL COMPLAINT**

WHEREAS, in March 2022, Rotimi Owoh, Esq., on behalf of African American Data & Research Institute), (the "Complainant") submitted an Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") to Winfield Township seeking various police department records; and

WHEREAS, the Township reviewed the OPRA request and attempted to satisfy said request by supplying relevant information; and

WHEREAS, Complainant filed a complaint with the Government Records Council ("GRC"), entitled Owoh (on behalf of AADRI) v. Winfield Township, GRC Complaint No. 2022-98 (the "Complaint"), challenging the Township's response to the OPRA request; and

WHEREAS, the GRC ultimately found that Complainant was partially prevailing with respect to the information and records the Township located and produced; and

WHEREAS, under OPRA, a prevailing party is entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees; and

WHEREAS, the Complainant and Township have negotiated a settlement of \$1,200, representing the reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred for filing the Complaint; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to settle this matter rather than incurring additional costs to litigate a fee application with the GRC or otherwise appeal its decision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Winfield, County of Union, that it hereby approves of Mr. Owoh's counsel fees of \$1,200.00 in complete satisfaction of the decision in the GRC matter entitled Owoh (on Behalf of AADRI) v. Winfield Township, GRC Complaint No. 2022-98; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Attorney and/or the Mayor are hereby authorized to sign any documents necessary to implement and effectuate this settlement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Township's Finance Department is hereby authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,200.00 to the Complainant's counsel.

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
MAYOR ROBERT F. REILLY						
COMM. ADAM D. KOOMER						
COMM. JOSEPH P. BYRNE						

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Winfield at a meeting held on February 3, 2025.

Melanie Slowik, Acting Twp. Clerk

CITIZEN’S FORUM: No residents wished to speak.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Reilly made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Koomer seconded the motion. Roll call vote, unanimous, affirmative.

Time: 7:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Slowik
Acting Township Clerk