

**TOWNSHIP OF THE WINFIELD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - AUGUST 18, 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 Sgt. Panzarino, WVFD Chief Dustin & WVFD Deputy Chief Miller

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: RMTc 07/21/2025; Motion was made by Commissioner Koomer and Seconded by Commissioner Byrne, with all members present voting in the affirmative.

COMMUNICATIONS: None Presented

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Finance 7/25, WPD 6/25 & WVFD 6/25

REQUISITIONS: As Presented (\$132,165.98)

LISTED REQUISITIONS FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE, AUGUST 18TH, 2025

REQ #	DEPARTMENT	JUSTIFICATION	AMOUNT
10095	WPD	POLICE VEHICLE UPFITS	\$24,697.25
10096	WPD	ROUTER AND ANTENNA	\$1,395.69
10097	WPD	POLICE VEHICLES	\$88,106.80
10098	WPD	VEHICLE MARKINGS	\$650.00
10099	WPD	NEW POLICE FIREARMS	\$17,036.04
10100	WPD	WATER EXTINGUISHER	\$280.00

TOTAL: \$132,165.98

UNLISTED REQUISITIONS: None Presented

BILLS: As Presented (\$658,537.65); Motion was made by Commissioner Koomer and Seconded by Commissioner Byrne, with all members present voting in the affirmative.

**List of Bills - (100001) CASH - CHECKING
Current Fund**

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
9234	1003 - ASSOCIATED HUMANE SOCIETIES	PO 16504 JULY ANIMAL CONTROL 2025	333.34	333.34
9235	1182 - BLACK ROCK ENTERPRISES	PO 16491 REMAINING BALANCE FOR ROAD WORK PER RESO	5,294.13	5,294.13
9236	99 - COUNTY OF UNION - MOTOR VEHICLES	PO 16501 JULY FUEL	1,419.57	1,419.57
9237	1034 - COVERALL NORTH AMERICA, INC.	PO 16497 AUGUST CLEANING SERVICE	325.00	325.00
9238	921 - CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY	PO 16485 2025 LIBRARY SERVICES	240.00	240.00
9239	1005 - DAVID ALETTRI	PO 16483 2025 VISION REIMBURSEMENT	375.28	375.28
9240	39 - ELIZABETHTOWN GAS CO	PO 15484 WPD 5938860171 NATURAL GAS SVC 6/9 - 7/1	44.92	44.92
9241	1090 - ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C.	PO 16490 PROSECUTOR - SERVICES RENDERED FOR JULY	300.00	300.00
9242	1059 - ESO SOLUTIONS, FH SOFTWARE	PO 16496 FH MODULAR SUPPORT CONTRACT RENEWAL: FIR	143.28	143.28
9243	880 - FIT-RITE UNIFORMS	PO 16238 NEW POLICE OFFICER UNIFORMS (SINHOTT)	1,643.82	1,643.82
9244	880 - FIT-RITE UNIFORMS	PO 16382 NEW POLICE OFFICER UNIFORMS (HURSH)	1,729.79	1,729.79
9245	750 - G.T.B.M., INC	PO 16490 E-TICKET 9/1/25 - 8/31/26	1,134.00	1,134.00
9246	603 - GEORGE VIRCIK	PO 16492 FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES	20,305.00	20,305.00
9247	973 - GIORDANO COMPANY INC.	PO 16505 RECYCLING PICK UP FOR 8/08 & 8/22	4,583.33	4,583.33
9248	1192 - JACK PROSPERO	PO 16492 2025 VISION REIMBURSEMENT	381.00	381.00
9249	871 - KENILWORTH CAR WASH & QUICK LUBE	PO 16489 CAR WASH TICKET # F246018 & F248244	17.00	17.00
9250	1099 - MARCO TECHNOLOGIES	PO 16503 SHARP PAYMENT - SUPPORT DESK	452.97	452.97
9251	1186 - MODERN GROUP POWER SYSTEMS	PO 16513 GENERATOR MAINTENANCE	354.00	354.00
9252	889 - NEW JERSEY FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY	PO 15872 METER CALIBRATION & TESTING	600.00	600.00
9253	889 - NEW JERSEY FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY	PO 16065 BATTERY POWERED SAW	1,700.00	1,700.00
9254	889 - NEW JERSEY FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY	PO 16173 STREAMLIGHT PORTABLE SCENE LIGHT	800.00	800.00
9255	889 - NEW JERSEY FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY	PO 16174 GAS DETECTOR, HELMET LIGHT, SURVIVOR LIG	1,825.00	1,825.00
9256	889 - NEW JERSEY FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY	PO 16175 HELMET	500.00	500.00
9257	889 - NEW JERSEY FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY	PO 16387 REMOVABLE NAME PATCHES FOR FIRE TURN ON	190.00	190.00
9258	889 - NEW JERSEY FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY	PO 16506 STREAMLIGHT SL90 SURVIVOR LED	420.00	420.00
9259	889 - NEW JERSEY FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY	PO 16507 STREAMLIGHT FIRE VULCAN LED LITE ONLY	350.00	350.00
9260	889 - NEW JERSEY FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY	PO 16508 GLOBE SUPERFLEX LEATHER BOOTS	400.00	400.00
9261	889 - NEW JERSEY FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY	PO 16509 CAPT YELLOW FIRE HELMET	500.00	500.00
9262	35 - PRETTY CASH	PO 16510 SR. VAN CAR WASH	9.00	9.00
9263	1136 - POLICE & FIREMEN'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM	PO 16512 INTEREST ON DELINQUENT 4TH QTR	61.62	61.62
9264	983 - PRINCETON HOSTED SOLUTIONS	PO 16493 JULY PHONE SERVICE	892.07	892.07
9265	72 - PSE&G	PO 16498 ELECTRIC 6/7 - 7/9	3,562.14	3,562.14
9266	1056 - RAUL PINYO	PO 16362 SPANISH INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR 4-22-25	150.00	150.00
		PO 16477 SPANISH INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR 7/8/25	150.00	300.00
9267	171 - STATE OF NEW JERSEY	PO 16495 2025 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR ASSESSMENT FEE	39.00	39.00
9268	166 - THE HOME NEWS & TRIBUNE	PO 16488 PUBLIC NOTICE TO AMEND TOWN ORDINANCE	83.70	83.70
9269	641 - UNUM LIFE INS. CO OF AMERICA	PO 16494 AUGUST LONG TERM DISABILITY INS	471.55	471.55
9270	32 - VERIZON	PO 16486 FIOS 7/10 - 8/9	159.99	159.99
9271	32 - VERIZON	PO 16502 COURT ROUTER 8/2 - 9/1 FOR ZOOM SESSION	139.65	139.65
9272	452 - VERIZON WIRELESS	PO 16481 CELL PHONE AND AIR CARDS 7/16 - 8/15	313.34	313.34
9273	994 - WE MASON CO., INC	PO 16488 Marcal PRD 100% Recycled C-Fold Paper To	145.55	145.55
9274	994 - WE MASON CO., INC	PO 16478 Blizzard Natural Spring Water, 5 Gallon	44.70	44.70
9275	994 - WE MASON CO., INC	PO 16479 File Folders, 1/3 Cut Assorted, One-Ply	20.59	20.59
9276	57 - WINFIELD BD. OF EDUCATION	PO 16511 AUGUST SCHOOL TAXES	295,957.50	295,957.50

TOTAL

349,561.83

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT YR	APPROP. YEAR	NON-BUDGETARY	CREDIT
100001	CASH - CHECKING			0.00	349,561.83
100305	DSG TO/FROM CAPITAL FUND			25,595.13	
101310	SCHOOL TAXES PAYABLE			295,957.50	
10A810	ADMINISTRATION & EXEC. - OTHER EXPENSE	1,366.49			
100010	MUNICIPAL COURT - OTHER EXPENSE	439.65			
10DP00	MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR - SALARY & WAGE	300.00			
10B610	BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - OTHER EXPENSE	869.25			
10KX10	GROUP INSURANCE PLANS FOR EMPLOYEES	756.28			
10E210	OTHER INSURANCE PREMIUMS	471.55			
10FR10	FIRE DEPARTMENT - OTHER EXPENSE	2,158.85			
10FR10A	(2024) FIRE DEPARTMENT - OTHER EXPENSE		5,425.00		
10B510	POLICE - OTHER EXPENSE	6,249.91			
10K210	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - OTHER EXPENSE	40.01			
10L510	STREET LIGHTING	1,493.32			
10L810	RECYCLING	4,583.33			
10M210	DOG REGULATION	333.34			
10R210	SEN. CIT. TRANSPORTATION - OTHER EXPENSE	63.86			

Summary By Account

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT YR	APPROP. YEAR	NON-BUDGETARY	CREDIT
108110	LIBRARY SERVICES	240.00			
108810	CONTRIBUTION TO OLD AGE SURVIVORS SYS.	100.52			
100710	UTILITIES	2,113.74			
TOTALS FOR	Current Fund	21,580.20	5,425.00	321,556.63	348,561.83

Total to be paid from Fund 10 Current Fund 348,561.83
348,561.83

Checks Previously Disbursed

9231	WINFIELD BD. OF EDUCATION	PO# 16487	JULY SCHOOL TAXES	295,957.50	7/30/2025
9232	COUNTY OF UNION	PO# 16499	2025 3RD QTR. OPEN SPACE TAXES	621.38	8/11/2025
9233	COUNTY OF UNION	PO# 16500	2025 3RD QTR. COUNTY PURPOSE TAXES	13,396.94	8/11/2025
				<u>309,975.82</u>	

Totals by fund	Previous Checks/Voids	Current Payments	Total
Fund 10 Current Fund	309,975.82	348,561.83	<u>658,537.65</u>
BILLS LIST TOTALS	309,975.82	348,561.83	<u>658,537.65</u>

UNLISTED BILLS: None Presented

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None Presented

NEW BUSINESS: As Presented

Resolution #25-34 ROW Communications - Altice: Motion was made by Commissioner Koomer and Seconded by Commissioner Byrne, with all members present voting in the affirmative.



**TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD RESOLUTION 25-34
COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
GRANTING PERMISSION TO ALTICE USA TO INSTALL, USE AND MAINTAIN
COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES ALONG, UNDER AND OVER THE PUBLIC
RIGHT-OF-WAY TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC**

WHEREAS, Altice USA, Inc. through its operating subsidiaries CSC TKR, LLC and said entity's affiliate's subsidiaries (collectively, "Altice"); is a provider of cable and non-cable services authorized to provide service by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC); and

WHEREAS, Altice, has requested approval to install communications facilities in Winfield Township (the "Township") public right-of-way;

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to ensure that such grant of permission remains subject to compliance with all present and future applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF WINFIELD TOWNSHIP THAT:

1. Non-exclusive permission and authority are hereby granted to Altice to install communications facilities, or lease or obtain for such communications facilities space on existing poles or in existing conduits, in the public right-of-way in Winfield Township to provide communications services to the public, and to operate, maintain and repair said facilities, subject to the following:
 - A. The permission and authority hereby granted shall be for a period of twenty (20) years from the date of adoption of this resolution. Such permission and authority shall be automatically extended for additional periods of five (5) years each. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, Altice may terminate this Agreement and all obligations hereunder at any time during the terms of this agreement for any reason, at its sole discretion, upon one ninety (90) days written notice to the Township. The Township shall have the right to terminate this Resolution upon material breach by Altice, abandonment of facilities, or failure to maintain insurance or permits, upon ninety (90) days' written notice and opportunity to cure.

- B. The permission and authority hereby granted shall be fully transferable and/or assignable and Altice may transfer and/or assign its rights hereunder upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Township of the effective date of the transfer or assignment and the identity of the assignee.
- C. The facilities shall be installed on to existing utility poles and/or in underground conduit in the public right-of-way.
- D. Altice, its successors, and assigns, shall adhere to all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws regarding safety requirements for the use of the public right-of-way. This obligation includes compliance with any future duly adopted ordinances governing right-of-way use.
- E. Altice, its successors, and assigns, shall comply with all Federal, State, and Local laws requiring permits prior to beginning construction.
- F. Such permission shall be and is hereby given upon the condition and provision that Altice, its successors and assigns, not only indemnify and save harmless Winfield Township, its officers, agents, and servants, from any claims whatsoever arising from or in any way connected to the acts or omissions of Altice in use of the public right-of-way, but shall agree on behalf of the Township to defend any action at law or equity which may be brought against the Township upon such claims or from claims arising during the construction period, excluding in all instances claims arising out of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Township.
- G. Altice, its successors, and assigns shall at its own cost and expense procure and keep at all times in full force and effect paid up policies for Commercial General Liability Insurance in the amount of at least \$1,000,000 and a \$2,000,000 aggregate, Automobile Liability with limits of not less than a combined single limit of \$1,000,000, Workers' Compensation with the statutory requirements of the State and shall have an Employers' Liability Insurance limit of not less than \$1,000,000 per accident or for disease and \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and Umbrella/Excess coverage at the minimum of \$4,000,000 combined single limits per occurrence. Proof of said coverage (except Workers' Compensation coverage), naming the Township as an additional insured, shall be filed with the Township Clerk prior to the installation of any plant. Said insurance shall not be subject to cancellation or change until thirty (30) days after the Township Clerk has received written notice thereof.
- H. Altice shall be responsible for the repair of damage to paving, existing utility lines, or any surface or subsurface installations, arising from the construction, installation, or maintenance of said plant. Restoration shall return property to equal or better condition than existed prior to the work, subject to Township inspection and approval.
- I. Notwithstanding any provision contained herein, neither the Township nor Altice shall be liable to the other for consequential, incidental, exemplary, or punitive damages from activities under this Resolution; provided, however, that this limitation shall not apply to breaches of indemnification, insurance, or safety obligations.
- J. Altice shall remove any abandoned facilities from the public right-of-way within ninety (90) days of cessation of use, at its own cost, and restore the affected property.
- K. This instrument shall be adopted on behalf of the Township by the Township Committee and attested to by the Township Clerk who shall affix the Township Seal thereto. Said execution, approval, and filing shall constitute the existence of public notification.

Dated: August 18, 2025

	BELOW	SECONDING	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
MAYOR ROBERT F. REILLY						
COM. ADAM D. KOOMER						
COM. 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 August 18, 2025.

Melanie Stowik, Acting Twp. Clerk

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Erin Kelly- Does Winfield have any plans to participate in the national flood insurance plan? Commissioner Byrne responded he will look into; the town does not actively fall into any flood zones. Commissioner Koomer discussed town being low risk based on FEMA flood maps. Commissioner Byrne discussed how Winfield surrounding area sets the town.

Donna Wojdylo - why does her homeowner's list that she lives in a flood zone. Commissioner Byrne responded.

Nacy Regan 15 Wave- Is there a downside of town participating. Mayor Reilly- no reason we wouldn't, but only flood that happens is – on heavy, heavy rains, it floods. Not all the time. Asked if there is cost, Commissioner Byrne – would have to look further into.

Trish Donahue- 100,000 budgeted for playground, sewers and track, was money received, and where is township status. Who will be in charge of playground? When is last of money received? Why short notice for \$42 increase? Why no longer send out communication to members. Asked further questions on increase. Who looks into grants for recreation of trees? Mayor Reilly responded, received a percentage of playground/sewer only at this time. Township has reached out to start obtaining further cost information on playground. No money for track yet, received. Clerk Slowik responded. Mayor Reilly- responded to all questions at hand. Commissioner Koomer, budget on website and available in lobby. Commissioner Byrne discussed Statewide pension increases, not only Winfield.

Barbara Spigel- do you follow up with board of taxation. Mayor Reilly- he did.

Paige Elster- why was there a pension increase? Because of hiring more officers? How many officers? Hiring anymore, need 10 for what reason? Has township looked into shared services. Mayor Reilly, prosecutor requires 2 officers on duty at all time. Dispatching with County, must have two at all times. Commissioner Byrne, cost would have been more than what we are spending now, adjacent towns are paying more to their officers than we are and we would then be paying them. Discussion further on it would not be shared services, there would want to be a takeover. Surrounding situation has not changed.

Additional discussion of why not doing an updated study to merge police department and/or shared service. Commissioner Byrne discussed further cost of the study could run more than the actual costs of service needed.

Barbar Spiegel- why no community night out? Would be wonderful to do something on community night out. Commissioner Byrne & Mayor Reilly will bring up to Police Chief.

Linda Schnitzer- did research on study for police, LEAD study. Pulled up information on state website, why cannot use other towns, Ton of grants we can apply for. Clark, County police, why can't we use them. Shared Services would be great. Advocate of police. Gave information on dispatching call. Commissioner Byrne asked additional questions on when this event took place. Mayor Reilly discussed further noting said information is coming from a county dispatcher.

Donna Schautz- hometown hero, would be a good idea to start in Winfield. Would town be willing to get information. She is getting more information on them. Commissioner Koomer said he will reach out at convention this year on vendors who work with doing this program.

Donna Wojdylo- talked to police in past, asked for presence. Does not know officers and would not be comfortable letting them into her home. Asked for them to come to senior meetings. Mayor Reilly- we have 4 new officers, 4 left, so you may not know who they are. All others have been here for many years.

Why are we losing officers- Commissioner Byrne & Mayor Reilly, responded, we pay low and other towns offer higher salaries. Commissioner Byrne went into more detail on reasons why the newer officers often times do not stay.

Trisha Donahue- Was there a breakdown of communications with 911? Mayor Reilly, asked for more information. He further explained who county contacts first. Two different frequencies.

Loretta Catino- Have officers gone through academy or do we pay. Mayor Reilly, we do not pay, they have already had training.

Donna Hughes- inquired about stop sign by Buckle's Center, was told it was not a legal stop sign. Kis on electric scooters flying down. Doesn't want anything to happen. Mayor Reilly & Commissioner Byrne will look into it.

Barbara Spigel – Clark put out statue about fine for e-scooter. Mayor Reilly, we can look into it. Mayor Reilly spoke with Chief; they are wearing helmets now. Police have been working to make sure helmets are being worn. Commissioner Byrne will discuss with attorney on what can be done further.

Debra Weiss- kids are on sidewalks with scooters. Concerned they will hit a person on sidewalk. Mayor Reilly- discussed further about wearing helmets.

Nancy Mayen- Will \$50,000 cover cost of track. Mayor Reilly, estimate was done.

Fanstastic job with carnival, keeping everyone safe.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Commissioner Koomer and Seconded by Commissioner Byrne, with all members present voting in the affirmative.

Time: 7:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Melanie Slowik
Acting Township Clerk