

**TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE – OCTOBER 2, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Koomer 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 Koomer read the public notice and indicated the fire exits.

**PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Prayer led by Clerk Slowik & Pledge led by Mayor Koomer & Commissioners

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** TC Meeting 09/18/2023; Motion was made by Commissioner Byrne and Seconded by Commissioner Reilly, with all members present voting in the affirmative.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** As Presented

**SAVE THE DATES**

Winfield Township's  
Flu Clinic, **Wednesday**  
**October 4, 2023**  
**4pm – 7pm**

The flu shot is recommended for anyone 6 months and older. High-risk groups include women who are pregnant, those who have chronic medical conditions (asthma, diabetes, etc.) and people who live or work in nursing homes. A physician will be present at the Flu Clinic.



Free Rabies Clinic  
at the Winfield Firehouse  
**Thursday, November 2, 2023**  
**5pm - 7pm**

**For the safety of your pet, they MUST be on a leash or in a pet carrier!**

Shots will be administered by a State licensed veterinarian. Winfield pet registrations begin in January 2024. Your pet's rabies shot must be valid through Nov. 1, 2024 for a license to be issued.

If your pet has not proven to be sensitive to the rabies vaccine, overlapping rabies vaccinations will not harm your pets. However, if your **veterinarian does not recommend a rabies shot, you must provide a letter from your vet** stating that, for a license to be issued. Failure to license your pet will result in the issuance of a summons, per violation (\$74).



**THE GIVING TREE**

The Township of Winfield will again be sponsoring a "Giving Tree". As in the past, the recipients of the gifts will be the homeless and less fortunate citizens of Union County. Gifts will be forwarded to St. Joseph's Social Services Center in Elizabeth for distribution.

Suggested items are: combs, toothbrushes & toothpaste, socks (children's and adult's one size fits all), mittens, gloves, thermal underwear, scarves, hats, slipper socks, disposable diapers (all sizes) and small toys (crayons, coloring books, trucks, cars, small dolls, puzzles and Golden books). **Gifts for older children are especially needed and appreciated.**

The items listed are only suggestions. We will accept any and all small, new gift items that you might wish to donate for adults and children.

**All gifts must be dropped off by Friday, December 8, 2023 to the Township Office.**

St. Joseph's requested that the gifts be unwrapped so that it will be easier to match the most suitable gift with each recipient. We wish to thank all those who participated in past years.

Your generosity brought true Holiday Joy to all the recipients!



**ALTERNATE SIDE OF THE STREET PARKING**  
**Oct. 1st through Dec. 31st**

DO NOT return vehicles to the prohibited areas until posted hours have expired. Failure to comply shall result in the issuance of a summons and a fine.



**TRASH PICKUP NOTICE**

All garbage must be placed at the curb in a trash can with a lid labeled with your address.

Failure to comply shall result in the issuance of a summons and a fine.



**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** None Presented

**REQUISITIONS:** As Presented (\$18,025.30)

LISTED REQUISITIONS FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2023

REQ #	DEPARTMENT	JUSTIFICATION	AMOUNT
9178	WFD	PORTABLE RADIOS	\$14,702.00
9179	WFD	DEFIBRILLATOR	\$3,323.30

TOTAL: \$18,025.30

**UNLISTED REQUISITIONS:** None Presented

**BILLS:** As Presented (\$8,443.92) Motion was made by Commissioner Byrne and Seconded by Commissioner Reilly, with all members present voting in the affirmative.

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

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
8352	596 - CITY OF LINDEN	PO 15601 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE # 603	1,016.88	1,016.88
8353	1034 - COVERALL NORTH AMERICA, INC.	PO 15604 OCTOBER CLEANING SERVICES	325.00	325.00
8354	921 - CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY	PO 15594 2023 LIBRARY SERVICES	60.00	60.00
8355	48 - DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF NJ	PO 15598 OCTOBER DENTAL COVERAGE	2,031.87	2,031.87
8356	39 - ELIZABETHTOWN GAS CO	PO 15596 NATURAL GAS SVC 8/12 - 9/10	118.42	118.42
8357	1085 - LEAF	PO 15597 SHARP MX-M3571 COPIER SYSTEM OCTOBER	122.00	122.00
8358	991 - NMS GLOBAL TUBERCULOSIS INSTITUTE	PO 15600 WINFIELD 10/1/23 -12/31/23 TB SERVICES	125.00	125.00
8359	72 - PSEGG	PO 15599 ELECTRIC 8/8 - 9/6	2,888.72	2,888.72
8360	468 - SCOTT MITZNER	PO 15590 PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 1	250.00	250.00
8361	841 - UNUM LIFE INS. CO OF AMERICA	PO 15602 SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER LONG TERM DISABILITY	1,014.16	1,014.16
8362	452 - VERIZON WIRELESS	PO 15595 CELL PHONE AND AIR CARDS 9/16 - 10/15	162.74	162.74
8363	994 - WB MASON CO., INC	PO 15563 OFFICE SUPPLIES	120.05	120.05
8364	994 - WB MASON CO., INC	PO 15564 Blizzard™ Natural Spring Water Jug,	44.70	44.70
8365	994 - WB MASON CO., INC	PO 15571 OFFICE SUPPLIES	64.38	64.38
TOTAL				8,343.92



**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount;

**SECTION 1**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township of Winfield hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget for the year 2023 in the sum of \$20,220.00 which item is now available as a revenue from:

Public & Private Revenues off-set with Appropriations;  
Union County Infrastructure

**SECTION 2**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a like sum of \$20,220.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues Excluded from "CAPS"  
Union County Infrastructure

Dated: October 2, 2023

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	
MAYOR ADAM D. KOOMER							I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Winfield at a meeting held on October 2, 2023.  Melanie Slowik, Acting Twp. Clerk
COMM. JOSEPH P. BYRNE							
COMM. ROBERT F. REILLY							

**Resolution # 23-53 AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING – UC COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM:** Motion was made by Commissioner Byrne and Seconded by Commissioner Reilly, with all members present voting in the affirmative.



**TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD RESOLUTION #23-53  
COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD TO ENTER INTO  
COOPERATIVE PRICING – UC COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(6) Authorizes contracting units to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Union, hereinafter referred to as the “Lead Agency” has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of work, materials and supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Winfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, desires to participate in the County of Union Cooperative Pricing System.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2023, by the Township Committee of the Township of Winfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**TITLE**

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

**AUTHORITY**

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(6), the Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Township of Winfield is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

**CONTRACTING UNIT**

The Lead Agency entering into contracts on behalf of the Township of Winfield 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.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be and hereby are empowered and directed to execute an amendatory agreement consistent with the above.

Dated: October 2, 2023

	BLISS	BOGGS	CHAPMAN	DAVIS	EVANS	INTORSA	I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Winfield at a meeting held on October 2, 2023.  Melanie Slowik, Acting Twp. Clerk
MAYOR ADAM D. KOOMER							
COM. JOSEPH P. BYRNE							
COM. ROBERT F. REILLY							

**CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

Trish Donahue (Housing Manager) – Do we have any idea when the money for the sewer the \$40,000 that I received from M. McManus and somebody else in regards to \$40,000 towards sewer and \$25,000 towards the playground? (Mayor Koomer) We haven't received any paperwork yet. However, what the Township is going to need is the correspondence that you sent to Senator Scutari's. Before we do anything with the funds. Now it brings up question whether or not we can use those funds. If you can please send over the correspondence so we can provide to our attorney to look over. (Ms. Donahue) the only thing I sent over to Mr. Scutari is the copy that you sent to us in regards to the contract with the roads. That was all that was sent (Mayor Koomer) you didn't send a cover letter; you didn't send any other letter that says; you just sent; the letter that I sent to you and nothing else; the letter that I signed about when I responded to the agreement. (Ms. Donahue) to my personal (Mayor Koomer) I'm sorry (Ms. Donahue) I don't know what letter you are referring to. All we sent to Mr. Scutari was a copy of the roads and the municipality with an email to look into who's responsible for the roads (Mayor Koomer) okay so you did add to whatever we sent to you. So, whatever you sent to Senator Scutari, we need to look at it, okay because again we're not sure what was said to the Senator now that we need to look at the whole situation, we don't know what you said and now there's a question whether or not we can (Ms. Donahue) get sewer or playground money (Mayor Koomer) yes well right now (Ms. Donahue) okay (Mayor Koomer) now it's (Commissioner Byrne) they might pull it (Mayor Koomer) they may pull it based on the correspondence or we may not accept it based on the correspondence and based on the situation (Ms. Donahue) so we should know that after the closed session tomorrow, whether or not anybody is going to pull anything because something was questioned who owns the streets. (Commissioner Byrne) No we have to hear back from the Senator's office (Mayor Koomer) or we may not even hear back from the Senator's office, they may decide that it's not important enough to respond, I have no idea and I'm not going to guess (Clerk Slowik) It's not a closed session tomorrow. (Mayor Koomer) thank you very much, it's not a closed session tomorrow, we cannot have a closed session tomorrow. By the way we are having another meeting tomorrow evening, it's an open, public special meeting, okay to discuss shared services current and potential (Ms. Donahue) that's all we are discussing (Mayor Koomer) that's all we are discussing (Ms. Donahue) No Adam, my question to you is that all we're discussing is shared services, from the email that I got from Melanie today (Mayor Koomer) yes exactly (Ms. Donahue) that was an OPRA request, so if I may state for the record that your attorney said at the last meeting that some of these things in regards to the street were going to have to be in an executive session. So our attorney are coming tomorrow and board members (Mayor Koomer) it makes no sense for us to have the conversation with the board members because we are just going to go back and forth saying that you're responsible based on the

agreement and you're going to say you're not based on the documentation. It makes more sense to have your attorney speak to our attorney one on one, we made our (Ms. Donahue) that is not Adam what we were supposedly doing, the Board Members and myself were under the understanding that we wanted to know once and for all who is responsible for the roads, is it the municipality under your budget or is it Winfield Mutual Housing, I thought your attorney at the last meeting stated we shouldn't talk about this any further, we should have an executive session, so if tomorrow isn't going to be, the executive session, because we have an agenda for tomorrow, so obviously we are not going to be talking about all the important issues that the Board and myself have open, I just don't want to pay an attorney to come tomorrow if we're not going to discuss this (Attorney Colicchio) I was trying to set up a discussion with (Housing's) attorney to try to discuss, because the problem being executive or not – we think we're right, you think you're right and we'll be at a block. I'm trying to have just a conversation with your attorney just to go through legal questions to see if there are any kind of resolutions that can be addressed on that end. As far as an executive session we were originally thinking that, but when you look at the different categories of what can be discussed during an executive session, this one wouldn't fall under any of the applicable categories. So it's not a question of not wanting an executive session, there's just nowhere to place it. It's not a question of want, we can't. (Mayor Koomer) We can't. (Ms. Donahue) So I guess it's a waste of everybody's time. Because I did, based on the attorney's opinion at the last meeting and the couple of things that I spoke about, wanted to know about the cost savings on shared services, a couple of them. Melanie just sent that email to me today which I haven't read. So for tomorrow to take place on the roads and who's responsible for the potholes, the repairs, snowplowing is not going to happen- is that what you're saying? (Mayor Koomer) that doesn't make any sense for the Board to speak with Twp, because it's not going to be hammered out like that, it's going to be dealt with between the attorneys. I think it'll be most helpful and beneficial if they talk, just with each other without us, you or anybody else in the gallery to add onto it.

John Diorio (resident)- on behalf of the Board of Trustees, so let me ask you think, we have other things that we would like to discuss, which I don't know because there was some back and forth with different board members. There are some things that we would like to discuss that involve the town, we would still like to sit down. We don't have to agree, we probably won't agree but we are there, it's about time that we get some things together. Maybe agree to disagree.

(Mayor Koomer) one of the reasons why we really don't have that meeting between the commissioners all three and the Board of Trustees is that it has to be a special meeting. Open to the public. We did have a tri committee meeting a few months ago that was very helpful and unfortunately, we were supposed to have another tri committee meeting and it was canceled that morning. Melanie did we receive any agenda from Mutual Housing. (Clerk Slowik) I don't recall (Mayor Koomer) Okay so could you please send us, why not (Ms. Donahue) why don't you send us your agenda, because I think Adam, I am not going to argue with the municipality anymore; we are trying to find out who is responsible for the roads, the streets, the snowplowing under the dedication and the, there is a municipal act, I think your lawyer may want to read what the municipal act details. (Mayor Koomer) he did (Commissioner Byrne) we sent you our opinion (Mayor Koomer) Commissioner Byrne could you explain what the dedication (Commissioner Byrne) first our attorney read everything and we sent a letter to you explaining our views on it. We have not heard back from your attorney on it. We've heard your views. Are you qualified to read and interpret legal documents. Can you say with certainty what they mean (Ms. Donahue) that's why I sent to senator Scutari to better answer how the municipality falls and who's responsibility lies where. (Mayor Koomer) the original agreement that covers the (Ms. Donahue) are null and void Adam (Mayor Koomer) Excuse me, (Ms. Donahue) I heard there null and void (Mayor Koomer) Excuse me, excuse me, please (Ms. Donahue) that's all I'm saying (Mayor Koomer) okay the agreement that we sent back, we feel it is not null and void – based on the document you sent us. Now if you want to have a meeting about the back and forth, and we disagree with you and you disagree with us. Where is that going to get anybody anything. That's going to go nowhere. So that is why we felt that it would be best for our attorney to speak to your attorney because they are best to handle the situation. Okay, now I just asked, you said you have a list of items you would like to talk about, you have agenda you would like to talk about. We don't have that list. When I just asked you if we could have that list, you said no. And I don't understand that part. You want to talk to us about items and we can't (Ms. Donahue) because of the municipality ace (Mayor Koomer) Wait, wait, let me finish, we sent you an email a couple of weeks ago, correct Melanie (Clerk Slowik) yes (Mayor Koomer) and we said we will have a special meeting on shared services – Current and Potential. That was the discussion. And at no time did it come back to us that we don't want to talk about this, we have other things to talk about. Okay so the day before we have a special meeting and we couldn't do an executive meeting as Adam mentioned, a meeting that we had to

publish, we have it on our website, we had it in the newspaper, now you say we have other things we want to talk to you. But we are not going to tell you what it is. Because I asked you for the agenda. Could you send us the agenda. so, we can look at it? I mean it's (Ms. Donahue) Adam let me ask you this, so the last meeting we were talking about the potholes and people got up and said Well how are we going to fix it.? I thought that was what this meeting, other than me requesting the feedback I got from your attorney was to do an OPRA. (Mayor Koomer) First of all the final decision is the 3 of us up here. Sorry Adam. Second, I'm and when we spoke about this sink hole at the last meeting, we said based on the agreement that's been signed between the township and Mutual Housing okay, the responsibility of repairing the streets and specifically the sinkhole is Mutual Housing. That's what we said. You came back and said nope, that's not the case. Okay, so between the conversation us saying it's your responsibility and you saying the agreement is null and void – how are we in what way is that going to be further? How is it going to be closer to a decision. It's not. That's why it's the lawyers. The lawyers need to talk about it. Now Adam has reached out to your attorney several times. (Attorney Colicchio) Yes (Mayor Koomer) And have you got any response back from him? (Attorney) Yes, I was trying to set up a call with him so we can discuss – I think what I'm trying to say is if you're in disagreement, which stems from I believe your attorney is saying legally you are in the right, you shouldn't budge and we're telling the town legally you're in the right, so you shouldn't budge. So that's why I was trying to speak with your attorney directly to see if there is some sort of consensus or maybe there's something one of us is missing. But until that changes, I'm not sure what else can happen. That's why I am trying to meet with him directly. (Ms. Donahue) and that hasn't been? (Attorney Colicchio) That hasn't happened. (Mayor Koomer) and as we, when we left the meeting, when the meeting ended, it was, Mutual Housing is responsible for the streets and that's how we ended it. Okay, even though you disagree. (Ms. Donahue) I just want you to reiterate you're saying right now, tonight and I hope this is going to be on the record (Mayor Koomer) it is in the record (Ms. Donahue) Winfield Mutual Housing is responsible for all the repairs, potholes, sinkholes, everything – according to what your attorney has read in the documents (Mayor Koomer) It's according to the agreement and when he read the agreement, it hasn't changed. It hasn't been voided. It hasn't been, okay, we've read what you sent us, we've read that document, okay, it hasn't changed anyone's opinion. (Ms. Donahue) So one other thing, if you're saying they are not your streets, then you don't need the street sweeper, um the salting. Because on your budget you have street sweeper, so if you're not (Commissioner Reilly) we don't have a street sweeper. (Mayor Koomer) we don't have any. Okay, we are not going to keep going back and forth. Because again we are going back and it's going nowhere, and the only way it is going to go forward, the only way a decision is going to be reached, again is if the attorneys talk. Okay. So, again I'd like to see what the agenda is. I'd like to see we are meeting. In every meeting there is always an agenda prepared in advance. When we even have a tri committee meeting. (Ms. Donahue) we were waiting for one from you guys, the agenda (Mayor Koomer) The agenda was clear (Ms. Donahue) the agenda was Shared Services (Mayor Koomer) exactly (Ms., Donahue) I just found out from Melanie sometime today. I didn't even have a chance to read it. I just got it. (Clerk Slowik) It just state that we are going to discuss shared services (Mayor Koomer) That's it. That was the agenda (Ms. Donahue) But there are contracts behind there. I haven't read the contracts behind there. (Clerk Slowik) that was to the OPRA request, yes. (Ms. Donahue) Right that's all I asked for. (Mayor Koomer) That's what you got. I don't understand, at the last meeting you brought up several issues. (Ms. Donahue) So there's no sense in going on with the meeting tomorrow with the Board at 7:00 and with our attorney. Because we are not going to be able to talk about anything because you don't have an agenda. Is that what you're saying? (Mayor Koomer) No, absolutely not. I would never set up a meeting if there was no agenda. The agenda which has been clear, which we sent you an email, the agenda is Shared Services, current and potential, shared services. (Ms. Donahue) That's it. (Mayor Koomer) that's what the meeting is. That was how the meeting was titled. Okay, if you have other things you want to talk to us about, then send us. Tell us what you want to talk about. Tell us what you think. Again, based on the prior meeting, based on the questions you asked, that I believe you had three issues. 1. Was about the court. 1 was about shared services and 1 was about the maintenance of the streets. (Ms. Donahue) and the garbage. (Mayor Koomer) I'm sorry (Ms. Donahue) the garbage (Mayor Koomer) and the garbage, yes. And that's being delt with. (Ms. Donahue) I didn't realize that tomorrow's meeting was (Mayor Koomer) Yes. But the thing is we didn't hide it. But of the issues that you brough up, that was the issue we were left to discuss. We did an OPRA and we got (Ms. Donahue) got it today. (Mayor Koomer) So if you feel that you don't want to talk about Shared Services tomorrow, then (Clerk Slowik) we still have to have it (Mayor Koomer) Yes, we still have to have it, we would have to show up and we could, unless, well talk about whatever Shared Services are here. Because that's how we listed it. We published it. So, we have to go forward with it. And if there are no other questions and there's no other comment from the public; On those issues. Then we'll adjourn at that point. However, if you have other issues, you'd like to talk to us about, we'd like to see it. Because like I said we don't know what you want to talk about.

We need to discuss that. And set up another meeting. We are here to talk. You know we have all transparency here. Okay, and John you brought up we don't have meetings; we don't meet with the Board, well one of the reasons is we have to have a special meeting. (Mr. Diorio) I understand that (Mayor Koomer) Can't be an executive meeting has to be an open meeting. Which we'd be willing to do. We have no problem, okay. But Trish to talk about the maintenance of the streets, snow plowing, all of that, it's you know, it's not going to budge between the two. (Ms. Donahue) this is what the Board wants. They want answers. We are trying to get them. (Mayor Koomer) so let's, (Ms. Donahue) Okay that's fine. (Mayor Koomer) and we have had Adam reach out and we're waiting. Okay, but based on the documentation, based on the agreements that we have that's the decision that we have. That we haven't changed. So, it makes no sense and it probably would have a negative effect if all of us are here and the attorneys are sitting in front of us, it makes no sense if Adam is here and hearing things from us. And your attorney is hearing things from us and you're talking to your attorneys. It makes no sense to have that. (Ms. Donahue) It's not just the attorneys, it's what the full Board wants answers to. Okay we will try another day. (Mayor Koomer) Well, based on the last meeting, the shared services and the 2 other items are what the Board is interested. I thought we took care of the other three, well other two. (Ms. Donahue) per you (Mayor Koomer) and the other is in Adam's hands for now. So, we'll come back 7pm tomorrow. (Clerk Slowik) 7:00 pm. (Mayor Koomer) It's, if you have papers you want to sign. It's a meeting. I think Trish, it's a meeting they can have their papers signed again by us. Correct? (Ms. Donahue) that's up to you (Mayor Koomer) No, no, we'll sign (Ms. Donahue) we wouldn't even be able to go to the community, we don't have a blast that we could send out to alert of the special meeting. Whether it's advertised. (Mayor Koomer) we have to advertise and we did advertise, um (Clerk Slowik) next public comment (Mayor Koomer) that was over five minutes, I apologize. You can come on, come on.

Brian Dustin (resident) you can take your five-minute rule and throw it out the window. Absolutely. Some people get to talk and others get. Very well. (Mayor Koomer) I'm sorry was anybody cut off (Ms. Donahue) not tonight, but last meeting we were. Multiple times. (Mayor Koomer) like I said we have to be able to control everything, it's five minutes. (Mr. Dustin) you lost control (Ms. Donahue) your meetings don't last that long. Thank you for your time and effort (Mayor Koomer) well (Commissioner Reilly) the five-minute rule is so that we don't have someone here doing a filibuster. (Mr. Dustin) I hear ya (Commissioner Reilly) like they do in Washington, like they do in Trenton. I'm done. (Mayor Koomer) John, since Trish left, um I'll ask you as a Board Member, I really want to see and I'll say it like this, I want to see what was sent to Senator Scutari. I'm not going (Mr. Diorio) I have no idea (Mayor Koomer) have you seen what was sent (Mr. Diorio) No I did not. (Mayor Koomer) can I ask you a question, why haven't you. (Mr. Diorio) you know what I don't know what was said between the last Board meeting and this one. I have, and tonight, I have no idea. (Mayor Koomer) I mean I would think as a Board member you would see something that could possibly go bad. And backfire., I would expect you to see it. I expect the conversation that whoever sent it, had a talk with their attorney (Mr. Diorio) yes, we'll have that discussion (Mayor Koomer) and I'll say it like this, right now \$100,000 that's to be, I think to be split between sewer costs and playgrounds, okay, is either going to be pulled or I may not accept it. Because I don't know what was sent to Senator Scutari. Okay. You're putting me in a bad situation and I am not signing off on something I may not keep. I may not be allowed to accept. Okay, I'm saying this strongly, I want to see what was sent. And to say the only thing that was sent was the response I sent to Trish and the Board. Because the Board saw everything I sent. You should have got it in the mail. (Clerk Slowik) they were individual letters (Mayor Koomer) Individual, I emailed Trish, I mailed it to each individual (Mr. Diorio) the disagreement with the, about the (Mayor Koomer) okay we are not going, we are passed talking about the sink hole. Now we are talking about, now we're talking about the grant. And this correspondence. (Mr. Diorio) well I don't know. I didn't see anything that was sent in the mail. I didn't get anything. I can't speak for the other Board members (Mayor Koomer) I'm telling you (Mr. Diorio) wait let me stop you there. Okay, whatever the Board decides, whatever she sent or whatever was sent on behalf of the Board, Winfield Mutual Housing, I did not see it, I cannot speak to it. I don't know about any other Board members. When I do see it and I get a chance to review it, along with the other Board members then we can have a discussion about it. Okay. But I did not see a letter from you. I don't want to continue to go on. The only letter I saw from you was about the shared services and how we agree to disagree. That's all that's been talked about. I'm just telling you (Mayor Koomer) I'm not telling you; you received it. You had it. I'm telling you we mailed it to you. Whether or not you got it from the manager or it got. I don't know. But I'm telling you. (Mr. Diorio) I haven't (Mayor Koomer) okay, but I'm telling you, we emailed it and we mailed it. However, I need what was sent. Okay. Um okay, I'm a little upset you haven't seen it. (Mr. Diorio) I will relay that message to other Board Members. I'm one of seven. (Mayor Koomer) I understand that (Mr. Diorio) Message received Mayor. (Mayor Koomer) I understand that (Mr. Diorio) Message received. (Mayor Koomer) I understand that. Left and I'm sorry I had to lay it and ask you



(Mr. Diorio) I understand. Message received, gotcha (Mayor Koomer) SO again, and you brought up the question, nothing can be done. The \$100,000 we are supposed to received from NJ, that's on hold. It may not even get here. They may pull it. And like I said, we need more information. On what was sent to them. So. Okay. I think I talked enough for the five minutes. Is there anybody else. Is there any other questions please. Questions, comments, please. Okay. Alright. With that, we will close citizen's forum.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being nothing further to come before the Township Committee, Mayor Koomer called for a motion to adjourn; Roll call vote, unanimous, affirmative.

TIME: 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Melanie Slowik  
Acting Township Clerk