

**TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE – DECEMBER 18, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Koomer called the meeting to order at 7:07 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 12/04/2023; Motion was made by Commissioner Byrne and Seconded by Commissioner Reilly, with all members present voting in the affirmative.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None Presented

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** As Presented- WVFD 11.23

**REQUISITIONS:** As Presented (\$33,478.35) Motion was made by Commissioner Byrne and Seconded by Commissioner Reilly, with all member present voting in the affirmative.

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

REQ #	DEPARTMENT	JUSTIFICATION	AMOUNT
9286	WPD	CMT ADVANTAGE MAINTENANCE 1 YEAR	\$1,413.00
9287	WPD	BODY WORN CAMERA YEAR 1 CONTRACT	\$24,456.00
9288	WPD	MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$190.00
9289	WPD	DEFIBRILLATION PADS AED	\$269.44
9290	WPD	MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	\$458.34
9291	WPD	EMERGENCY READY POUCHES	\$205.95
9292	WPD	FIE EXTINUIDHER MOUNTING BRACKET	\$22.30
9293	WPD	JTC CLAW ASSESORIES	\$518.82
9294	WPD	RADAR EQUIPMENT	\$36.00
9295	OEM	PORTABLE RADIO	\$3,972.50
9296	WFD	PAGING SYSTEM - I AM RESPONDING	\$800.00
9299	WPD	CHARGER	\$1,136.00

TOTAL: 33,478.35

**UNLISTED REQUISITIONS:** None Presented

**BILLS:** As Presented (\$302,898.31) Motion was made by Commissioner Byrne and Seconded by Commissioner Reilly, with all members present voting in the affirmative.

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

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
9445	1013 - ASSOCIATED HUMANE SOCIETIES	PO 15700 NOVEMBER ANIMAL CONTROL 2023	312.50	312.50
9446	95 - COUNTY OF UNION - MOTOR VEHICLES	PO 15698 NOVEMBER FUEL	1,027.19	1,027.19
9447	921 - CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY	PO 15692 2023 LIBRARY SERVICES	120.00	120.00
9448	95 - EDMUNDS GOVTECH, INC	PO 15702 2024 ANNUAL SUPPORT	3,885.00	3,885.00
9449	1100 - ELITE EXTERIORS GC LLC	PO 15699 2023 LANDSCAPING	2,110.00	2,110.00
9450	1050 - ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C.	PO 15691 PROSECUTOR - SERVICES RENDERED FOR NOVEM	300.00	300.00
9451	950 - FIT-RITE UNIFORMS	PO 15396 2023 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE OFFICER GRAY	1,000.00	1,000.00
9452	903 - FF MAILING SOLUTIONS	PO 15639 4TH QTR POSTAGE MACHINE RENTAL	111.00	111.00
9453	871 - KENILWORTH CAR WASH & QUICK LUBE	PO 15695 CAR WASH TICKET# F179608 , F179902 & F17	25.50	25.50

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8454	1110 - MELANIE SLOWIK	PO 15703	REIMBURSEMENT FOR HALLOWEEN AND KABLES C	60.39	60.39
8455	35 - PETTY CASH	PO 15704	REIMBURSEMENT FOR HOLIDAY PARTY	20.00	20.00
8456	993 - PRINCETON HOSTED SOLUTIONS	PO 15693	DECEMBER PHONE SERVICE	840.91	840.91
8457	992 - RENAUD & COLICCHIO LLC	PO 15705	RETAINER FOR NOVEMBER & SERVICES RENDERE	2,039.00	2,089.00
8458	166 - THE HOME NEWS & TRIBUNE	PO 15690	DECEMBER NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTIONS	54.00	54.00
8459	1151 - TIM DOLAN	PO 15696	ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR FOR 4TH QTR	390.00	390.00
8460	841 - UNUM LIFE INS. CO OF AMERICA	PO 15701	NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER LONG TERM DISABILI	985.58	985.58
8461	32 - VERIZON	PO 15694	COURT ROUTER 11/2 - 1/1 FOR ZOOM SESSION	139.65	139.65
8462	994 - WB MASON CO., INC	PO 15629	TOILET PAPER	45.11	45.11
8463	994 - WB MASON CO., INC	PO 15672	PAPER TOWELS C - FOLD AND ROLLS	150.50	150.50

TOTAL

13,666.33

WIRE TRANSFERS

WIRE TRANSFER - PBA DUES FOR DECEMBER	\$500.00
WIRE TRANSFER - GIORDANO RECYCLING NOVEMBER	\$4,583.33
WIRE TRANSFER - SCHOOL TAXES DECEMBER	\$284,147.65

WIRE TRANSFERS = \$289,231.98

TOTAL PAID FORM CURRENT FUND = \$ 13,666.33

**GRAND TOTAL = \$302,898.31**

**UNLISTED BILLS:** As Presented (\$372.00) Motion was made by Commissioner Byrne and Seconded by Commissioner Reilly, with all members present voting in the affirmative.

UNLISTED BILL FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
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CHECK #	DEPARTMENT	JUSTIFICATION	AMOUNT
8465	WPD	GYM REIMBURSEMENT	\$250.00
8466	A&E	COPIER SYSTEM	\$122.00
TOTAL			\$372.00

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None Presented

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None Presented

**NEW BUSINESS:** As Presented

**Resolution # 23-66 IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 4536 AND SENATE BILL NO. 304 STANDARDS AND PRACTICES AT NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE FACILITIES:** Motion was made by Commissioner Byrne and Seconded by Commissioner Reilly, with all members present voting in the affirmative.



**TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD RESOLUTION #23-66  
COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 4536 AND SENATE BILL NO. 304  
TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE STAFFING  
STANDARDS AND PRACTICES AT NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**

**WHEREAS,** Assembly Bill No. 4536 and Senate Bill No. 304 would establish minimum registered professional nurse staffing standards for hospitals and ambulatory surgery facilities and certain DHS facilities.

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**WHEREAS**, because of recent changes in the health care delivery system, patients in general and special hospitals and ambulatory surgery facilities in the State, and in State developmental centers and psychiatric hospitals, generally have higher acuity levels than in the past;

**WHEREAS**, recent studies demonstrate the link between adequate registered professional nurse staffing and improved mortality rates and quality of care among patients in health care facilities.

**WHEREAS**, inadequate nurse staffing can result in dangerous medical errors, patient infections, and increased injuries to patients and caregivers.

**WHEREAS**, inadequate and poorly monitored nurse staffing practices jeopardize the delivery of health care services and adversely impact the health of patients.

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of staffing standards for registered professional nurses in hospitals, ambulatory surgery facilities, and State developmental centers and psychiatric hospitals should not be construed as justifying understaffing with respect to other critical health care workers; safe staffing practices recognize the importance of all health care workers in providing quality patient care because the availability of these other health care workers enables registered professional nurses to focus on the nursing care functions that only these nurses, by law, are permitted to perform; and

**WHEREAS**, understaffing at hospitals, ambulatory surgery facilities, and State developmental centers and psychiatric hospitals has been demonstrated to be an underlying cause of the current nursing shortage, because higher patient assignments create higher levels of job dissatisfaction, burnout, and turnover rates among nurses.

**WHEREAS**, in addition to staffing requirements provided by law or regulation on the effective date of this act, the Commissioner of Health shall adopt regulations that provide minimum direct care registered professional nurse-to-patient staffing ratios for all patient units in general and special hospitals, State psychiatric hospitals, and ambulatory surgical facilities in accordance with the requirements of this act. The regulations shall not decrease any nurse-to-patient staffing ratios in effect on the effective date of this act.

23-66 Nurses

**WHEREAS**, the regulations adopted pursuant to this section shall, at a minimum, provide for the following nurse-to-patient ratios:

- (1) one registered professional nurse for every five patients on a medical/surgical unit;
- (2) one registered professional nurse for every four patients in a step down, telemetry, or intermediate care unit;
- (3) one registered professional nurse for every four patients in an emergency department, one registered professional nurse for every two patients in a critical care service of an emergency department, and one registered professional nurse for every patient in a trauma service of an emergency department;

- (4) one registered professional nurse for every five patients in a behavioral health or psychiatric unit;
- (5) one registered professional nurse for every two patients in a critical care, intensive care, neonatal, or burn unit;
- (6) one registered professional nurse for every patient under anesthesia in an operating room, and one registered professional nurse for every two post-anesthesia patients in a recovery room or post-anesthesia care unit;
- (7) one registered professional nurse for every two patients in a labor and delivery unit; one registered professional nurse for every four patients, including infants, in a postpartum unit in which the mother and infant share the same room; and one registered professional nurse for every six patients in a mothers-only unit; and
- (8) one registered professional nurse for every four patients in a pediatric or intermediate care nursery unit, and one registered professional nurse for every six patients in a well-baby nursery.

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Winfield to urge State lawmakers to adopt Assembly Bill No. 4536/Senate Bill No. S304, which would establish minimum registered professional nurse staffing standards for hospitals and ambulatory surgery facilities and certain DHS facilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Winfield as follows:

- 1. The Township Committee of the Township of Winfield hereby urges its elected representatives in the New Jersey State Legislature to adopt Assembly Bill No. 4536/Senate Bill No. S304.
- 2. A copy of this Resolution upon its adoption shall also be furnished to the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

Dated: December 18, 2023

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
MAYOR ADAM D. KOOMER						
COMM. JOSEPH P. BYRNE						
COMM. 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 December 18, 2023.

Melanie Slowik, Acting Twp. Clerk

**Resolution # 23-67 APPOINTMENT OF AN ELECTRICAL SUBCODE OFFICIAL:** Motion was made by Commissioner Byrne and Seconded by Commissioner Reilly, with all members present voting in the affirmative.



**TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD RESOLUTION #23-67  
COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
APPOINTMENT OF AN ELECTRICAL SUBCODE OFFICIAL**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-126 (b) provides for the appointment of Sub Code officials to enforce the Uniform Construction Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is in need of an Electrical Subcode Official; and

**WHEREAS**, Tim Dolan was previously appointed as the Acting Electrical Subcode Official & Electrical Inspector for the Township of Winfield; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Winfield, County of Union, New Jersey that Tim Dolan is hereby appointed Electrical Subcode Official for a four (4) year term, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D (b) for the period of November 1, 2023 until November 1, 2027, and will be compensated at a rate as state in the salary ordinance

Dated: December 18, 2023					
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Mayor Koomer shared the following information with the residents – we will be receiving a \$100,000.00 grant from the DCA, which was allocated to playground equipment. The DCA allocated how the funds were to be spent.

**CITIZEN’S FORUM:**

Colin Curran (Rahway)- Thanked the Commissioners & Clerk’s office for their help in passing the resolution in support of the nurses.

Fire Chief Dustin- asked about the “I Am Responding” app. Clerk Slowik informed him the requisition was approved at this meeting.

**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: 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Melanie Slowik  
Acting Township Clerk