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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Docimo. The meeting was advertised in the following manner:

- A. Posting written notice on the Official Bulletin Board in the Township Municipal Building on January 6, 2009
- B. Mailing written notice to The Gloucester County Times and the Courier Post on January 6, 2009.
- C. Filing written notice with the Clerk of West Deptford Township on January 6, 2009

Roll Call:

Mr. Garrison, Ms Szyborski, Mr. Daws, Mr. Cobb and Mayor Docimo were in attendance for this meeting.

Township Clerk

The minutes for December 4th, December 11th, January 6th, and January 15th were approved in a motion given by Mr. Cobb and seconded by Ms. Szyborski. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimous.

The following Special Permits, Applications and Licenses were approved in a motion given by Mr. Cobb and seconded by Mr. Garrison. All permits and licenses were approved by the entire committee.

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| Special ABC Permit | West Deptford High School Basketball |
| Raffle | St Rose of Lima |
| Bingo | West Deptford Middle School |
| Raffle | West Deptford Home Run Club |
| Fireman's Relief Assoc. | Charles Lenard |
| Fireman's Relief Assoc. | Joseph Gill |
| Fireman's Relief Assoc. | Chris Williams |

Open Meeting to the Public

The meeting was opened to a standing room only crowd. Mr. Holmstrom addressed the committee regarding the impending police contract and police hires. Mayor Docimo stated that the committee will review the need to fill the four vacancies in conjunction with the 2009 budget.

Michael Krawitz and David Strout addressed the committee in reference to the concerns with the 2009 budget. He recommended that the committee cut their salaries and reject the health benefits. Mayor Docimo stated that all issues are on the table to review to reduce the tax increase.

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Several residents from various communities asked the committee about the need for a reassessment and the effects that this would have on the tax rate. Ms. Melson, Tax Assessor and Mayor Docimo responded accordingly.

Several residents also commented on the need to fill the police vacancies and requested that the police budget not be cut in this year's budget. The owners of Westwood Golf Course addressed the committee and voiced their objection to township support of the Riverwinds Golf Course. The Mayor responded by saying that the golf course would be managed by a private contractor and that the township would not be involved in the management of improvements for the course.

In addition to the reassessment issue, tax rate increase, and budget, the topics of the Citgo Tax Appeal, deputy clerk hiring, township internet information and Riverwinds were brought to the attention of the committee. Each question was explained to the public in detail. After two and half hours of questioning and comments the open meeting to the public was closed in a motion given by Mr. Cobb and seconded by Mr. Garrison. Motion carried by all.

Department of Mayor – Anna Docimo

The Mayor introduced a proclamation honoring the service of a West Deptford military airman. 1st Class Airman David F. McIntyre was presented with a framed proclamation of his military service.

**PROCLAMATION HONORING AIRMAN 1ST CLASS
DAVID F. MCINTYRE**

Mr. Daws moved to approve this Ordinance on first reading, advertise, and conduct a public hearing on March 5, 2009. His motion was seconded by Mr. Cobb and approved by all.

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD
AMENDING CHAPTER 118 "PARKS AND RECREATION"
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD**

Department of Administration – Len E. Daws

Mr. Daws introduced and motioned to approve the following Ordinance for a second reading. The meeting was opened to the public for comment and when no one addressed the committee a motion to close was given by Mr. Daws with a second from Mr. Cobb. Mr. Cobb also seconded the motion to approve and both motions were unanimously approved by the committee.

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD
AMENDED DEVELOPMENT FEE**

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A second ordinance was presented by Mr. Daws and opened to the public. When no one addressed the committee, a motion to close the public portion was made by Mr. Cobb with a second from Mr. Garrison. Motion carried by all. Mr. Daws moved to approve the Ordinance and his motion was seconded by Mr. Cobb and approved by all.

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD
FIXING SALARY GRADES, POSITIONS AND RANGES
OF OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD**

Mr. Daws moved to approve this resolution and his motion was seconded by Mr. Cobb and unanimously approved by the committee.

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE THOROFARE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 1,
THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS,
AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD THIRD PARTY PARTICIPANT**

The appointment of Michelle Shirey as Deputy Clerk was approved in motion given by Mr. Daws with a second from Mr. Cobb. Motion carried by all.

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD
APPOINTING A DEPUTY TOWNSHIP CLERK**

Mr. Daws introduced and made a motion to approve this resolution. His motion was seconded by Mr. Garrison and approved by the entire committee.

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD
COMMITTING TO PARTICIPATION IN PARIS
(PUBLIC ARCHIVES AND RECORDS INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT) GRANT
PROGRAM AND SHARED SERVICES WITH THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER**

The following resolution was approved in motion given by Mr. Daws with a second from Mr. Cobb. Katrina Homala, homeowner. Motion carried by all.

**RESOLUTION OR THE CANCELLATION, APPLICATION AND/OR REFUND OF
TAXES**

The next resolution was moved upon by Mr. Daws with a second from Mr. Cobb. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST AND YEAR – END PENALTY

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The Committee was presented with a resolution to reduce a Performance Bond. Mr. Daws moved to approve this resolution with a second from Ms. Szymborski. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD
AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BOND
(LETTER OF CREDIT #6778201-1001) FOR APPLICANT, MENDOLIA CAR WASH**

Mr. Daws moved on the following resolution. His motion was seconded by Mr. Cobb and approved by the entire committee.

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD
AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND
POSTED BY ART GUILD AKA MZR REAL ESTATE**

The final agenda item under the Department of Administration was presented and moved upon by Committeeman Daws. His motion was seconded by Ms. Szymborski and approved by all.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 2356
COUNTY PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT REFORM ACT**

Department of Public Safety

Mr. Cobb moved on the following resolution with a second from Mr. Garrison. Motion carried by all. Sean Michael Kampmeier, Zachary Knapp, and Jason Williams were appointed.

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLASS I SPECIAL OFFICERS
FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD**

Department of Public Works – Donna Szymborski

No Comment

Department of Utilities – Hugh Garrison

Mr. Garrison moved on the second reading of this Ordinance. His motion to approve was seconded by Mr. Cobb. The Mayor opened the meeting to the public and when no one addressed the committee, a motion to close was given by Mr. Garrison with a second from Mr. Cobb. Both motions carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD
AMENDING CHAPTER 163
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD**

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Riverwinds Redevelopment Project

No business to discuss

Engineer – Ed Steck

No Comment

Solicitor – Michael Angelini

No Comment

Administrator – Eric Campo

No Comment

In a motion given by Mr. Daws to adjourn, a second was given by Mr. Cobb and approved by the entire company.

Respectfully Submitted

Raymond L. Sherman
Township Clerk