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Mullica Twp. discusses registration of rental units ordinance

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MULLICA TWP., N.J.—Mullica Twp. Committee members continued to make changes to the short-term rental ordinance during the April 16 Committee meeting.

Ordinances on second reading include the following: 2024-4 creating a new chapter of the municipal code of the Township of Mullica entitled “Registration of Rental Units,” 2024-5 amending and supplementing Chapter 177 of the Township Code entitled “Property Maintenance” regarding requirements for inspection of lead-based paint in certain residential dwellings, and 2024-6 creating a police department promotional process.

Solicitor David Patterson said there needs a motion to amend the 2024-4 ordinance on rental units. Section 16, paragraph C the short-term rental registration fee went from \$100 to \$200, and section 16, paragraph E the renewal registration fee went from \$75 to \$100.

When it was time to vote on amending the ordinance, committee member Glen Forman voted no while everyone else voted yes.

The Committee voted to have the short-term rental ordinance to go into effect June 30, which would give them more time to make any amendments if necessary. Everyone voted yes except for Forman.

During the public hearing for the short-term rental ordinance, former Mullica Twp. mayor Janet Forman

asked why there was a rush to pass the ordinance.

Committee member Charles Muller responded and said the ordinance will help control short-term rentals and give the Planning Board some direction to help regulate them.

Later in the meeting, Mayor Edward Hagaman made a motion to direct the business administrator to prepare a report to the Township on the impact of allowing short-term rentals.

He said the report is to be done six months after the effective date of the ordinance.

“The Committee can consider any changes that may be needed including fees, the capping allowed in zoning districts and where they should be located. By gathering this information, the Committee will be in a better position to make those decisions,” Hagaman said.

Everyone except for Forman voted yes.

During the meeting, the Committee approved a resolution affirming Mullica Twp.’s objection to New Jersey’s Department of Environmental Protection’s proposed plan to implement a new vehicle usage map and road closures at Wharton State Forest.

Earlier in the meeting during committee reports, committee member DeAnna DeMarco gave the following Mullica Twp. police report: 702 total calls for service, 169 were motor vehicle stops, 136 were summonses, six were motor vehicle accidents, seven arrests, eight domestic violence calls and two DWIs.

The police will be participating in a distracted driver campaign, DeMarco said.

She also gave an EMS report from Oct. 1, 2023: 158 calls, 104 patients transported, three calls for 28, no standbys, 18 refused transport, six public assistance, one pronouncement and one unfounded.

Committee member Kristi Hanselmann said the Superintendent of Public Works Albert Gras wants residents to know many potholes have been filled.

“He knows there are still quite a few, but the plan is shut down and we have not been able to get the material. As soon as we do, then we will be back filling them as soon as we can,” Hanselmann said.

She said they received a second grant from working with Atlantic City Electric in the amount of \$7,000. The money was used to replace light bulbs to LEDs to bring them up to standard on field one behind the concession stand.

During Hanselmann’s report, she said the Mullica Twp. Municipal Alliance will have Narcan training on May 14 at 6 p.m. at the Mullica Twp. School cafeteria. Free Narcan kits will be provided. There will be crafts for kids in the library during the training, so parents can attend.

When the mayor gave his report, he thanked building inspector John Holroyd for his many years of service in Mullica Twp.

The next Mullica Twp. Committee meeting will be on May 21 at 7 p.m. at 500 Elwood Rd.

Winslow Twp. BOE changes electronic device policy

BY GENEVA GERWITZ
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WINSLOW TWP., N.J.—The Winslow Township Board of Education met on April 24 at the Winslow Township Middle School.

The board reviewed policies and provided updates to the rest of the board.

The Policy/HR Committee provided an update to the rest of the board on the policies that were recently reviewed, including Policy #5516 Use of Electronic Devices. This has been an ongoing concern with members of the community that had been brought up to the board during previous meetings.

During the March 13 meeting, the board voted on the passing of an updated Policy #5516, but the vote was tied. Due to the tie, the policy was not passed and was moved to a later time. Since there were changes made to the policy since March 13, it was presented as a First Reading.

A modified version of the policy will include three offenses for students who use their cell phone during school hours.

“A recommendation is being made to change the disciplinary action as follows: the first and second offense, the electronic device must be given to the principal, or the assistant principal and the parent will be notified to pick up the device. Refusal to give up the device to the administrator for parent pick-up will result in automatic one day, out of school suspension,” Board President Cheryl Pitts said.

The third offense will be similar to the first two offense, but with loss of privileges for the student.

“A third offense, the electronic device must be given to the principal or the assistant principal, and the parent will be notified to pick up the device. Refusal to give up the device to the administrator for parent pick-up will result in an automatic one day, out of school suspension. A third offense will also result in a loss of privilege, privilege to use their cell phone on school premises for the remainder of the school year. The student will lose their privilege of participation in extra-curricular activities such as prom, athletic events

and graduation,” Pitts continued.

The board voted to approve the First Reading of Policy #5516 and it will move forward. It will be brought up at a later meeting date.

The Marketing Committee also provided updates to the board and made several recommendations including creating a district wide calendar and potentially shifting the focus of the Marketing Committee.

“There was discussion on the role of the Marketing Committee now that the PR tasks are being handled. A possible agreement to change to Community Liaison Committee...I had the opportunity to speak to another board member from another district during my training and they have a community liaison committee as opposed to a marketing committee. I think that would align more with District Goal 3 now that we do have a PR person that does website, social media, in that regard,” Board member Rebecca Nieves said.

Nieves felt that a Community Liaison


Committee would beneficial as it would be a more direct line to the members of the community.

In a five to four vote, the board of education voted in favor of holding their second meeting of the month at the Winslow Township Middle School instead of the Winslow Township High School. They held two meetings over the last several weeks in the auditorium of the Winslow Township High School as a potential new location for the meetings as a way to fix issues such as audio difficulties and potential accessibility issues for community

members.

The meeting adjourned. The Winslow Township Board of Education will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, May 1 at 6 p.m. in the Administration Building. This meeting will focus on the financial budget for the 2024 – 2025 school year. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8 in the Administration building at 7 p.m.

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Bravery, dedication, tenacity: EHCPD presents 2023 Officers' awards

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EGG HARBOR CITY, N.J.—The stories had all the intensity found in a Hollywood script. Action, burning buildings, lifesaving responses, but one thing set this apart from the big screen... it was real. As EHC Police Chief Marcella Aylwin addressed the city council on April 25, she related incidents of heroism, dedication, and uncompromising tenacity in service. Those stories were about the real officers on the EHCPD.

Tasked each year to identify officers who go above and beyond the job, Aylwin presented the 2023 annual officer recognition awards. Fellow officers and family lined the council chambers as each award was announced.

Aylwin was quick to acknowledge the exceptionally hard work by everyone in the department daily. While expressing her appreciation for the overall effort, she did highlight a few officers standing out in distinct areas.

The first award presented was the Traffic Safety Officer of the Year going to Officer Evan Smith. Smith led the department in traffic citations issued totaling 113 last year, including 4 DUIs and 1 DUI refusal.

The Crime Stopper Officer of the Year was presented to Officer Thomas White for his overall performance in 2023 with 72 total arrests, including multiple narcotics arrests and even capturing a man placing swatting calls. Officer DeFeo, with 51 arrests and Officer Rosenberger, with 50 arrests were also mentioned during the presentation for their commendable efforts in 2023.

Sergeant Nick Mangold, Officer Mathew Rex and Officer Jose Rodriguez's story of a lifesaving attempt in the face of a fire and weapon wielding individual causing a threat to their own



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Above, left: Traffic Safety Officer of the Year Evan Smith, Chief Marcella Aylwin, Mayor Dr. Lisa Jampetti and Senator Latham Tiver. Above, right: Crime Stopper Officer of the Year Thomas White, Chief Marcella Aylwin, Mayor Dr. Lisa Jampetti and Senator Latham Tiver. Below, left: Life Saving Award Officer Mathew Rex, Sergeant Nick Mangold, Chief Marcella Aylwin, Officer Jose Rodriguez, Mayor Dr. Lisa Jampetti and Senator Latham Tiver. Below, right: Chief Marcella Aylwin, Life Saving Award Sergeant Matthew Landicini, Mayor Dr. Lisa Jampetti and Senator Latham Tiver.



life, highlighted their story as recipients of the Life Saving Award. The trio were honored last week at the Atlantic County firefighter's association with a valor award. Last March 7, 2023, most of them were getting ready to go to the range. A call came in for a structured fire with somebody carrying a knife. Upon arrival, the house was engulfed in flames with smoke. Racing upstairs, they find a mentally disabled woman

who has set her bed on fire, wielding a knife. Refusing to let the knife go, she ignores the officers' commands, as the house continues to burn down around her. The officers continually attempt de-escalation tactics, but time is running out. For safety, firefighters were kept out until the officers finally got the woman out of the building despite facing growing flames, smoke, and a weapon with minimal use of force and minimal injury to her from the actual extraction. Due to the efforts of the officers the woman was rescued from the building with only burns she sustained from the blaze. A story that could have ended in serious injury or death to the woman or any of the officers was averted due to their actions.

On a separate lifesaving incident Sergeant Matthew Landicini responded to a call on January 31, 2024, at around 11:17 p.m. Arriving to the area of

Havana Avenue and Arago Street for shooting, Landicini found a gentleman laying on the ground, bleeding profusely. At first, he couldn't tell where the blood was coming from. Grabbing his medical bag, he started cutting the clothing off and realized that the man had serious injuries to both his legs and multiple gun shop wounds in other areas of his body. He recognized that if he did not apply tourniquets that this man would bleed out. Langston applied tourniquets to each of his legs and the emergency room physicians later said that without Landicini's actions the man would have died.

In EHC crime is not a television drama, it's real. And for the officers of the EHCPD, the awards are a way to show the department that the leadership, residents, and Chief appreciate, recognize and publicly support their efforts.



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Winslow Twp. tables ordinance

BY GENEVA GERWITZ
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WINSLOW TWP., N.J.—The Winslow Township Committee met on April 23 at the Winslow Township Municipal Building. The committee tabled an ordinance regarding licensing in the Township and introduced a new ordinance.

There was a second reading of the ordinance regarding chapter 77, article 1 titled “Licensing”. The proposed ordinance would change the current distance between liquor stores and bars from 2,000 feet to 500 feet. This ordinance was introduced at the April 9 meeting.

Several members of the community who have a liquor license spoke in opposition of the ordinance.

Reasons included not wanting the ordinance to impede on other local businesses, the potential for disorderly conduct among the community and the potential unwanted attention from non-community members.

Some members of the community felt that they may need to move their business out of the township if this ordinance passed.

“Myself, being a member of Ward 3, this is something that we actually had on the agenda tonight and this is something that we will go back and talk about as a governing body because at the last minute certain things developed. Now for me, yes we tabled it but what we didn’t address and living in Ward 3. Not on my watch, not on my watch,” Committeeman Raymond Watkins said.

The committee voted to table the ordinance to review. Committeeman Brandon Glikas felt that there was adequate information for the ordinance to be presented to the committee and that extra time is not needed for discussion, rather this ordinance could have been rejected. The ordinance will be present-

ed at a later committee meeting.

In addition, there was an introduction of an ordinance to establish Chapter 212 titled “Rent Control”. This ordinance will not allow a landlord to increase the rent on a mobile home property by more than two-and-a-half percent in a 12-month period.

Residents from Norway Mobile Home Park and Strawberry Village had appeared before the Committee at its March 26 meeting to address the rent increase that was being made by Gemstone Properties. Due to financial restrictions of the residents, they looked to the board to step in to help.

“As for the rent control ordinance, I do have a copy here that is during a 12-month period for mobile home communities. What that does is it limits the lot lease, they cannot increase more than 2.5% per every 12 months. I have a copy

up here, this is the introduction and then we will read the adoption at the second meeting in May,” Town Administrator Joseph Gallagher said.

During the adoption of an ordinance, the committee will open the floor to a public hearing to hear opinions from community members before voting to adopt the ordinance. It is expected to be presented at the May 28 meeting.

Two business license applications were approved by the committee. These licenses include the Professional Center Pharmacy located in Berlin and Broni Enterprises, LLC. in Hammonton.

There are several upcoming events including a Green Fair and Shredder event on Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Municipal Complex. The

annual Memorial Day Service will be held on Monday, May 27 at 10 a.m. at the War Memorial.

The Motor Vehicle Commission will hold an event at the Winslow Township Municipal Complex on Thursday, May 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Residents will be able to obtain Real IDs, registration and driver’s license. Appointments can be made through the Winslow Township website.

The next meeting will take place on , May 14 at 7 p.m. in the Courtroom in the Winslow Township Municipal Building.

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