

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, HELD AT THE
WANTAGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 888 STATE HIGHWAY 23,
WANTAGE, N.J. ON THE DATE OF AUGUST 10, 2006**

Mayor Jeffrey Parrott called the regular meeting to order at 8:00 p.m., and requested the Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the governing body were present: Mayor Parrott, Committee members DeBoer, Space.

The following members were absent: None.

Also present: Township Attorney Michael Garofalo

Mayor Parrott stated, "This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, Public Laws 1975, Chapter 231. It has been properly noticed and posted to the public, and certified by the Clerk."

Mayor Parrott led the assembly in the Salute to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Parrott requested that the members of the Committee Review the Consent Agenda. There being no Committee member present wishing to comment on the proposed Consent Agenda, Mayor Parrott requested approval of the Consent Agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Space moved to approve the following correspondence for filing:

- Letter dated August 7, 2006 from Robert P. Kohle, Jr., expressing concern regarding Development of Lower Unionville Road and the manner in which an aquifer pump test process has proceeded.
- Letter dated July 25, 2006 from Richard Vander Ploeg of the Sussex Fire Department, informing of plans to hold the Sussex County Fireman's Association Annual Inspection Day Parade in Sussex Borough on Saturday, October 6, 2007; requesting endorsement of proposed parade route and detour plan from Wantage Township as a requirement of the NJDOT for consideration of road closures associated with this event.
- Letter dated August 1, 2006 from James and Patricia Valentine of 13 Birch Drive, offering thanks for the drainage improvement project completed by the Wantage Township DPW on their street.

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

REPORTS

Mr. Space moved to approve the following reports for filing:

- Tax Collector Report for July 2006
- Municipal Clerk Report for July 2006
- Board of Health Report for July 2006
- Registrar's Report for July 2006
- Construction Department Report for July 2006

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

APPLICATIONS

Mr. Space moved to approve Raffle License RL06-19, for the American Legion Post 213, to conduct an Off Premise 50/50 Raffle on December 22, 2006.

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. Space moved to approve Raffle License RL06-21, for the Friends of Lake Neepaulin, to conduct an On Premise 50/50 Raffle on September 23, 2006.

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

APPLICATIONS (continued)

Mr. Space moved to approve Raffle License RL06-22, for the Friends of Lake Neepaulin, to conduct an Off Premise 50/50 Raffle on November 19, 2006 Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Space moved to approve payment of bills for the meeting of August 10, 2006.

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. Space moved to approve a contract with Wantage Excavating to deliver 200 tons of sand at a cost of \$1,800 for the project Improvements to Woodbourne Park Phase IV. Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. Space moved to authorize submission of Chapter 159 Resolution to amend the 2006 Wantage Township Municipal Budget, to recognize and receive grant from the NJ Department of Transportation in the amount of \$140,000 for Blair Road Improvements Project.

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. Space moved to authorize the renewal of Liquor License 1924-33-007-002 (formerly Heater's), via special ruling to permit renewal of inactive license issued by the NJ Division of Alcoholic Beverage control

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. Space moved to award a contract to International Fireworks Mfg. Co., in the amount of \$5,000, for Fireworks Display on Wantage Day 2006, as an extraordinary unspecifiable service.

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

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Mr. Space moved to award a contract to Any Excuse For A Party, for a Comprehensive Entertainment Package for Wantage Day 2006 Celebration, in the amount of \$8,500, representing the most responsible, responsive competitive quotation submitted.

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. Space moved to approve Reclamation of Kingston, LLC to proceed with the project entitled Reclamation of Wantage School Road – Section II in the amount of 36,773.54, representing the bid price awarded under the Sussex County Cooperative Pricing Council for this work.

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. Space moved to approve Owl contracting to proceed with the project entitled Resurfacing of Wantage School Road – Section II in the amount of 138,852, representing the bid price awarded under the Sussex County Cooperative Pricing Council for this work.

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

RESOLUTIONS (continued)

Mr. Space moved to approve Owl contracting to proceed with the project entitled "Dense Grade Aggregate in Berms, Line Striping, Epoxy Resin, and Stop Bar for Wantage School Road – Section II in the amount of 15,590.10, representing work required on the project to Improve Wantage School Road which was not covered under the bid specifications of the Sussex County Cooperative Pricing Council for this work. Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. Space moved to approve the Tax Collector to provide refunds to various taxpayers based on tax overpayments, as per the resolution dated August 10, 2006, totaling \$38,475.20.

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. Space moved to approve the refund of \$2500 to Beazer Homes, representing release of Seeding and Haying Bond for Block 125 Lot 4.13

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. Space moved to approve the refund of \$2500 to Bruning Construction, representing release of Seeding and Haying Bond for Block 121 Lot 15.02.

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. Space moved to approve the refund of \$1000 to Art Peereboom, representing release of Seeding and Haying Bond for Block 103 Lot 3 and 5.

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. Space moved to approve the refund of \$2000 to Art Peereboom, representing release of Driveway Bond for Block 103 Lot 3 and 5.

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. Space moved to approve the refund of \$4000 to Salvatore DiFulco, representing release of Seeding and Haying Bond for Block 149 Lot 19.

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. Space moved to approve the refund of \$2500 to Jahn Tiger, representing release of Seeding and Haying Bond, and refund of \$2,000 for release of Driveway Bond, for Block 133 Lot 19

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. Space moved to approve renewal of the agreement with the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council for Wantage Township participation beginning October 1, 2006 and continuing through September 30, 2011.

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. Space moved to authorize a bond reduction for Fieldstone Ridge (Beazer Homes) with an adjusted bond amount of \$327,686.40, as per recommendation of Township Engineer dated August 4, 2006.

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

RESOLUTIONS (continued)

Mr. Space moved to clarify the Wantage Township Employee Handbook to specify that an employee's use of accumulated sick days shall be deducted from the employee's accrued balance calculated from the earliest date of accrual (i.e., value of the first day earned will be the first day used, when used).

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. Space moved to authorize the Mayor to sign interlocal services agreement with Sandyston Township for Animal Control Services for the remainder of calendar year 2006. Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. Space moved to authorize the Mayor to sign interlocal services agreement with Sandyston Township for Dog Pound Services for the remainder of calendar year 2006. Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. Space moved to endorse the proposed parade route and detour plan of the Sussex Fire Department, for the Sussex County Fireman's Association Annual Inspection Day Parade in Sussex Borough on Saturday, October 6, 2007, to the extent that said plan affects the Township of Wantage. Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion.

Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

NEW BUSINESS

The Committee invited members of REBEL to come forward to present their request for smoke-free public parks in Wantage Township. Nicole Schanic, Vernon Township, a representative from REBEL, discussed the dangers of smoking and asked the Committee to adopt an ordinance or resolution to make Woodbourne Park smoke-free. Another member from Pope John High School presented literature to the Governing Body. The Mayor, Committee, Administrator and members of the public thanked the group for their presentation and for their dedication to a very worthy cause. Mr. Doherty informed the group that Wantage Township does not have a police department, and that it would be difficult to enforce this ordinance if adopted. Mr. Garofalo informed the group that if the Committee did choose to adopt this ordinance, the process could take up to two months.

Mayor Parrott read a letter he received from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks informing that Jim Doherty has been certified into the Second Level of the Master Municipal Clerk Academy and explained the stringent qualifications for membership. The Committee and the Public agreed with Mayor Parrott that Wantage Township is fortunate to have such a dedicated and accomplished Administrator working for Wantage Township by giving Jim a warm round of applause.

The Committee invited Harold Pellow to give the quarterly engineer's report. Mr. Pellow informed the Committee that Sherman Ridge and Blair Road should be completed by Labor Day; the status of Owl Contracting's findings regarding Old Clove Road; reclamation of Wantage School Road Section II will start the first week in September; Beaver Run draining is currently under way; Woodbourne Park well will be installed next week, with the electric to be done by Wantage Township Road Department; Pavilion bids will be received on the 25th. Mr. Pellow reported that the Mudtown Road speed survey is complete.

Mr. Space congratulated Bill Sytsema, Fred Hough and Bob Wright who were inducted into the Agricultural Hall of Fame.

NEW BUSINESS, Continued

Ordinance 2006-13: Building Permit Fee Waiver

Prior to a motion to adopt on final reading ORDINANCE 2006-13, entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER VIII OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, TO PROVIDE FOR WAIVER OF BUILDING AND HOUSING FEES FOR ELIGIBLE CHARITABLE AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND DISABLED PERSONS."

Mayor Parrott opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments with respect to the proposed Ordinance. As there was no one from the public who wished to come forward, Mayor Parrott closed the meeting to the public.

Mr. Space made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-13, entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER VIII OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, TO PROVIDE FOR WAIVER OF BUILDING AND HOUSING FEES FOR ELIGIBLE CHARITABLE AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND DISABLED PERSONS."

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Bond Ordinance 2006-14: Woodbourne Park Improvements

Prior to a motion to adopt on final reading Ordinance 2006-14, entitled "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PHASE IV IMPROVEMENTS TO WOODBOURNE PARK IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$262,500 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$250,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF."

Mayor Parrott opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments with respect to the proposed Ordinance. As there was no one from the public who wished to come forward, Mayor Parrott closed the meeting to the public.

Mr. DeBoer made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-14, entitled "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PHASE IV IMPROVEMENTS TO WOODBOURNE PARK IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$262,500 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$250,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF."

Mr. Space seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Ordinance 2006-15: Hamlets Ordinance Amendment

Prior to a motion to adopt on final reading Ordinance 2006-15, entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XIII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, BEING THE ZONING CHAPTER."

Mayor Parrott opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments with respect to the proposed Ordinance. As there was no one from the public who wished to come forward, Mayor Parrott closed the meeting to the public.

Mr. Space made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2006-15, entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XIII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, BEING THE ZONING CHAPTER."

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

NEW BUSINESS, Continued

Ordinance 2006-16: Planned Commercial Development Zone

Prior to a motion to adopt on final reading Ordinance 2006-16, entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XIII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, BEING THE ZONING CHAPTER."

Mr. Doherty advised the Committee that Land Use Chairman Jim Smith requests the governing body to defeat the proposed Commercial Development Ordinance this evening based on the fact that, upon review and consideration, the current proposed wording would limit the types of commercial development beyond the intent of the Land Use Board.

Mayor Parrott opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments with respect to the proposed Ordinance. As there was no one from the public who wished to come forward, Mayor Parrott closed the meeting to the public.

Mr. Space made a motion to defeat Ordinance 2006-16, entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XIII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, BEING THE ZONING CHAPTER."

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mayor Parrott declared this Ordinance **DEFEATED**.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Doherty informed the Committee that the proposed drainage improvement to Alder Terrace, as requested by Mayor Parrott and discussed in the Administrator's report of July 20, 2006, would cost \$6,096.40 in materials to accomplish.

Mr. Space moved to authorize the purchase of materials necessary to complete the Drainage Improvement Project for Alder Terrace in the amount of \$6,096.40.

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. Doherty informed the Committee that there is an existing interlocal services agreement with Sussex, in which Wantage Township is identified as lead agent for handling the administration of the LOSAP program for both Wantage and Sussex. Now that the LOSAP programs are in place in both towns, it is evident that there is no increase in efficiency or cost savings by maintaining this interlocal service agreement.

Mr. DeBoer moved to declare the interlocal service arrangement for LOSAP administration be terminated, effective immediately.

Mr. Space seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. Doherty informed the Committee that Sussex County has awarded a contract for deer removal service on county highways. It is possible to have this contract price extended to local towns. Mr. Garofalo informed the Committee that there is no conflict of interest since the County awarded the Contract to Space Farms and Wantage Township is merely taking advantage of the Sussex County Co-op.

Mr. Doherty informed the Committee that the Baldwin Drive Drainage Improvement project that had been planned for 2006 will be completed in 2007 instead.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT, Continued

Mr. Doherty asked the Committee to see the proposed Resolution accepting donation of labor and materials from the Wantage Township Dog Park Committee.

Mr. DeBoer moved to approve the resolution to accept the labor and materials from the Wantage Dog Park Committee. Mr. Space seconded the motion. Upon roll call, **Ayes:** DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. Doherty asked for a motion to enter into closed executive session to discuss the terms and conditions of employment of the Wantage Chief Finance Officer.

Mr. Doherty informed the Committee that no response has been received from Mr. Dunn regarding the roads on Dunn Place. The Committee agreed to turn this matter over to the Township Attorney.

Mr. Doherty informed the Committee that Owl Contracting will work with the Township regarding any determination we make on the Old Clove Road project, including, if necessary, abandoning the project bid that was already awarded to them. This takes off the time pressure of needing to worry about the Owl Contracting bid versus the time frame of the county for moving forward vs. abandoning the intersection improvement project.

Mr. Doherty informed the Committee of resident complaints about dust being received at the Sherman Ridge Road Project. Per Mr. Pellow's report, the dust issue was eliminated as of today.

Discussion ensued regarding complaints from neighbors regarding excessive stone on the roads recently oiled and stoned within the Township. Mr. Pellow and Mr. Parrott reported that they made trips to these roads and the stone has moved to the outermost portion of the roads. Mr. Doherty explained that the contractor followed THE County Co-op specifications for these projects, but the extremely hot weather led to a longer settling time than usual.

Mr. Doherty informed the Committee of a noise complaint on Crigger Road. Zoning Officer Kevin Kervatt will attempt to resolve neighbor complaints regarding noise from ATVs and Dirt Bikes at a specific location on Crigger Road. If necessary, Mr. Kervatt will pursue the complaint in court with neighbors as witnesses. The Township is hopeful that neighbor- to-neighbor efforts at resolution will avoid that scenario. Mr. Garofalo will review the ordinance Mr. Kervatt will reference should it be necessary to bring the case to municipal court.

Mr. Doherty informed the Committee that he and Mayor Parrott shall be meeting with the DPW to commence negotiations on Friday, August 11, 2006.

Mr. Doherty gave the Committee an update on Shared Service/Interlocal Service/Consolidation overtures.

Mr. Space moved to enter into an Interlocal Service Agreement allowing Sussex Borough to utilize the Wantage Township salt shed for a fee of \$1,000 per year.

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call, **Ayes:** DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. DeBoer moved to enter into and Interlocal Service Agreement allowing the Sussex Wantage Board of Education to utilize the Wantage Township fuel pumps for a fee of \$200.00 per year. Mr. Space seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT, Continued

Mr. Space moved to amend the Interlocal Service Agreement with Sussex Borough to utilize the Wantage Township fuel pumps, increasing the administrative fee from \$100.00 to \$200.00 per year. Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call, **Ayes:** DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. Doherty highlighted discussions of potential shared services he is presently reviewing with Sussex Borough and the Boards of Education which include: fire departments, recreation, public works, courts, mechanic, grounds maintenance at schools, snow plowing at schools, an Open Gym, School Summer Care, printing services, information technology, the use of Sussex Boro Town Hall by the Board of education, regional water/sewer authority and consolidation of Sussex and Wantage.

Mayor Parrott asked that Mr. Space be the liaison regarding any shared services regarding the fire department. Mr. DeBoer informed Mr. Doherty that he does not feel our garage has the facilities required to utilize our mechanic to repair school buses in terms of room to adequately service the buses.

Mayor Parrott expressed concern that Wantage Township is willing to respond to emergent needs of the Borough of Sussex by making a motion this evening to save Sussex Boro the expense of funding their own salt shed, yet we have received no formal response from them regarding consolidation. Mr. Doherty will speak with Mr. Gadaleta in this regard.

The Committee thanked Mr. Doherty for his efforts and asked to be kept informed on the pending items.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Garofalo stated progress on existing matters is on-going, with nothing new to report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Parrott reported that revaluation numbers indicated approximately 1/3 of assessed values increased, 1/3 decreased and 1/3 stayed the same. Mayor Parrott also informed the Committee that St. Clare's Hospital is looking to sell the Sussex facility. Mayor Parrott expressed his disappointment with a recent article in the NJ Herald that reported tax appeals and valuation figures involving property owned by local elected officials after the Wantage Township Revaluation, stating that the article attempted to create an issue where one did not exist.

OLD BUSINESS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Space made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage held on July 20, 2006. Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Mayor Parrott opened the meeting to the public at this time, for any questions or comments involving the good and welfare of the community.

Daisy Devine, 56 Berry Road, informed the Committee that she feels her new assessment does not reflect that her property is in a flood zone. Mr. Garofalo informed Ms. Devine that Ms. Rockwell is correct in her statements that she cannot adjust her land value without proper documentation specifying the wetlands designation. Mayor Parrott informed Ms. Devine that he will give Mr. Doherty names of persons who may be able to perform the necessary surveys she will need should she be unable to locate any documentation.

Open Session, Continued

Mrs. DeGroat, Route 519, asked if any other pets would be allowed into the dog park or was the part just for dogs.

Ed Caporuscio, Lake Neepaulin, raised a concern regarding whether the land the Township is allowing the Dog Park to use will be returned to it's former state should the park not work out. Mr. Caporuscio was informed that any improvements will become Township property and that most dog parks which appear to be mostly mud result from the fact that there is not enough open area for the dogs to run. This should not be the case according to the current plans for the Dog Park.

Anne Smulewicz, Route 23, thanked the Committee for all the help and cooperation the Township is giving the Sussex Wantage School Board. Ms. Smulewicz commented on the fact that the article in the N.J. Herald seemed to single out Township Officials and School Boards Members regarding their revaluation numbers for no apparent reason beyond the fact that they were elected officials.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. DeBoer made a motion to enter into executive session, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P. L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, that the public shall be excluded from discussion of the following matter involving personnel matters, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minutes will be kept on file in the municipal clerk's office, and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes shall be made public.

Mr. Space seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

After meeting in closed executive session, Mayor Parrott declared the meeting reconvened into regular session at 10:14 p.m.

Mr. Space moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Employment Agreement Covering Calendar Year 2006 and 2007 and the Terms of an Interlocal Agreement with the Borough of Odgensburg between Wantage Township and Michelle LaStarza, C.F.O. Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. Space moved to approve Amendment #3 of the Resolution Regarding Salaries and Wages of Employees of the Township of Wantage for Calendar Year 2006.

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

There being no other items for the consideration of the governing body at this time, Mr. DeBoer moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Space seconded the motion.

Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Parrott, Space **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mayor Parrott declared this meeting to be adjourned at 10:16 p.m.