

**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 JANUARY 7,
2010**

Mayor Clara Nuss called the regular meeting of the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage to order, and requested the Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the governing body were present: Mayor Nuss, Committee members DeBoer and Gaechter. The following member was absent: None

Also present Township Attorney, Michael Garofalo

Mayor Nuss 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."

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nuss 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 Nuss requested approval of the Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. DeBoer made a motion to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Diane Mylecraine from the Land Use Board, effective immediately.

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Nuss, Gaechter **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. DeBoer made a motion to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Dan Pelt from Board of Health, effective January 31, 2010.

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Nuss, Gaechter **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. DeBoer made a motion to accept, with regrets, the resignation of John Wyckoff from the position of Plumbing Inspector, effective January 8, 2010.

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Nuss, Gaechter **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. DeBoer made a motion to confirm the action taken by Qualified Purchasing Agent Jim Doherty to award Asphalt Core Testing contract, to Key-Tech of Keyport, NJ, in the amount of \$1,900 for Holland Road and \$1,600 for Berry Road, as per recommendation of Township Engineer Harold Pellow.

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Nuss, Gaechter **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. DeBoer made a motion to accept the recommendation of Administrator Doherty and Township Attorney Garofalo for the release of 2009 Executive Session Minutes, as follows:

January 29, 2009: Release

February 11, 2009: Release of first 4 paragraphs; retain remainder as closed executive

February 26, 2009: Do not release; retain as closed executive

March 12, 2009: Release

March 26, April 9, May 7 & August 13, 2009: Do not release; retain as closed executive

September 10, 2009: Release

October 15, 2009: Retain paragraphs 3 and 4 as closed executive; release remainder

December 10, 2009: Do not release; retain as closed executive

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Nuss, Gaechter **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. DeBoer made a motion to approve Animal Control Services Contract with Andover Township for services during the months of January and February 2010.

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Nuss, Gaechter **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

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Mr. DeBoer made a motion to approve Animal Control Services and Pound Contract with Newton for services during calendar year 2010

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Nuss, Gaechter **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. DeBoer made a motion to approve Dog Pound Services Contract with Lafayette Township for services during the calendar year 2010.

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Nuss, Gaechter **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. DeBoer made a motion to approve Animal Control Services and Pound Contract with Hardyston for services during calendar year 2010.

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Nuss, Gaechter **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. DeBoer made a motion to approve Animal Control Services and Pound Contract with Hamburg for services during calendar year 2010.

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Nuss, Gaechter **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mr. DeBoer made a motion to approve Animal Control Services and Pound Contract with Franklin for services during calendar year 2010.

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Nuss, Gaechter **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nuss requested Mr. Doherty present the Administrator's report.

Negotiations: Mr. Doherty reported that the office Staff Union representative has taken the position that the issue of a paid lunch hour versus unpaid half hour lunch represents a threshold issue for further negotiations,. The Committee agreed to give this matter further consideration at the January 28 meeting.

Proposed 3-Way Stop Intersection at Crigger & Neilson Road: Mr. Doherty asked the governing body to see the proposed ordinance and will place on the agenda for consideration of introduction at the January 28 meeting.

Proposed Amendment to Soil Removal Ordinance: Mr. Doherty asked the governing body to see the proposed ordinance and will place on the agenda for consideration of introduction at the January 28 meeting.

Proposed Ordinance Regulating Outdoor Furnaces & Boilers: Mr. Doherty reported that the Land Use Board has prepared a proposed ordinance; similar ordinance was previously suggested, but no action taken at that time. The governing body will take an opportunity to review this ordinance.

Request of DPW Supervisor: Mr. Doherty reported that Bob Wagner points out that it is difficult for him to run the department and handle various requests from the State Police, Town Hall, general public, etc., during a snow storm while he is expected to be one of the front-line snow plow route operators of the DPW. Bob requests permission to assign his snow plowing route to another employee, with Bob remaining available to handle calls for service requests, as well as remaining available for back up snow plow operator duty in case one of the other snow plow drivers is sick or otherwise unable to report for duty. The Committee agreed by consensus to grant this request.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mayor Nuss requested Mr. Garofalo present the Attorney's report. Mr. Garofalo had nothing new to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

Mr. DeBoer made motion to approve the Regular and executive session minutes of the meeting of the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage held on December 10, 2009 and the minutes of the special meeting held on December 30, 2009.

Mayor Nuss seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Nuss **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** Gaechter

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Mayor Nuss opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments.

Mr. Bill Gettler, Gemmer Road, thanked the road department for their hard work plowing this past New Years Eve storm. Mr. Gettler attended a meeting at High Point Regional High School regarding the proposed \$13 million renovation referendum and offered details of his personal analysis of the presentation by the High School, stating that the school representatives were forthcoming with his request for information and were not trying to hide anything.

As there was no one else from the public who wished to address the Committee, Mayor Nuss closed the meeting to the public.

As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. DeBoer moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Nuss, Gaechter **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mayor Nuss declared this meeting to be adjourned.

James R. Doherty, Administrator/Clerk