

**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 OCTOBER 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 Representative, Angelo Bolcato

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."

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

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.

Mr. DeBoer moved to approve for filing, Memorandum dated September 30, 2010 from Wantage Township Land Use Board, informing of the Board's determination that the proposed Bicsak project is conforming with the Wantage Township Master Plan.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Gaechter. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. DeBoer moved to approve Raffle License RL10-19, to Friends of Lake Neepaulin, Inc. to conduct Off Premise 50/50 Raffle on November 21, 2010 at Lake Neepaulin Beach.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Gaechter. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. DeBoer moved to approve Raffle License RL10-20, to Sussex Womans Club, for On premise merchandise Raffle (Tricky Tray) to be held November 9, 2010 at High Point High School. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gaechter. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. DeBoer moved to approve Raffle License RL10-21, to Sussex Womans Club, for On premise 50/50 Raffle to be held November 9, 2010 at High Point High School.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Gaechter. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. DeBoer moved to approve Raffle License RL10-22, to St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church, for On premise merchandise Raffle (Tricky Tray) to be held November 19, 2010 at High Point High School. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gaechter. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. DeBoer moved to approve Raffle License RL10-23, to St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church, for Off premise 50/50 Raffle to be held November 19, 2010 at High Point High School. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gaechter. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. DeBoer moved to approve the following for filing:

Clerks Report for the Month of September 2010

Construction Department Report for the Month of September 2010

Board of Health Report for the Month of September 2010

Registrar's Report for the Month of September 2010

Tax Collector's Report for the Month of September 2010

The motion was seconded by Mr. Gaechter. Upon roll call,

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

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CONSENT AGENDA, Continued

Mr. DeBoer moved to approve Payment of Bills for the meeting of October 7, 2010.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Gaechter. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. DeBoer moved to authorize refund for a tax overpayment on Block 2 Lot 18.03 to PNC Mortgage, in the amount of \$1,333.75. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

Upon roll call,

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

Mr. DeBoer moved to approve the filing of the Corrective Action Plan of the Chief Finance Officer for the Report of Audit of Calendar Year 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gaechter. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. DeBoer moved to Acknowledge and consent with the determination of the State Soil Conservation Committee to finalize the transition of all remaining soil removal/sediment control operations to the jurisdiction of the Sussex County Soil Conservation District.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Gaechter. Upon roll call,

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

Mayor Nuss offered a **MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION**, Naming October "Domestic Violence Awareness" Month, as follows:

**PROCLAMATION
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 2010**

Whereas: Domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and

Whereas: Domestic violence is widespread and affects over 4 million Americans each year; and

Whereas: one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and

Whereas: children that grow up in violent homes are believe to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and

Whereas: Domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

Whereas: only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; and

Whereas: Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims;

Now, Therefore, I, Clara Nuss, Mayor of Wantage Township, do hereby proclaim October 2010 to be "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Wantage Township, and I urge the citizens of this community to join me in supporting efforts to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

Clara Nuss, Mayor of Wantage Township

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Doherty requested the governing body give consideration to a request for a Change Order. After review and consideration, Mr. Gaechter moved to approve a Change Order to the contract with Tilcon New York for the Paving of Carly Drive, increasing the approved contract for this project by \$157.95, as per recommendation of Township Engineer Harold Pellow dated October 6, 2010. Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

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ATTORNEY REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Nuss and Mr. DeBoer expressed their congratulations and compliments to the Board of Recreation Commissioners for their handling of the Antique Car Show event at Woodbourne Memorial Park this past weekend.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Final Adoption of Ordinance 2010-11

Mr. DeBoer moved to adopt on final hearing, Ordinance 2010-11, entitled "ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2010". The motion was seconded by Mr. Gaechter. Prior to final roll call vote, Mayor Nuss opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments with respect to this proposed ordinance. There being no one wishing to address the governing body on this proposed ordinance, Mayor Nuss requested a roll call vote. Upon roll call,

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

Final Adoption of Ordinance 2010-12

Mr. Gaechter moved to adopt on final hearing, Ordinance 2010-12, entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER II OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, BEING THE ADMINISTRATION CHAPTER".

The motion was seconded by Mr. DeBoer. Prior to final roll call vote, Mayor Nuss opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments with respect to this proposed ordinance. There being no one wishing to address the governing body on this proposed ordinance, Mayor Nuss requested a roll call vote. Upon roll call,

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

Introduction of Ordinance 2010-13: Fee Amendment

Mr. DeBoer moved to introduce on first reading, Ordinance 2010-13 entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER XXI, SECTION 21 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE ENTITLED "FEES" BY PROVIDING FOR REVISED FEES FOR REQUESTS FOR COPIES OF GOVERNMENT RECORDS UNDER THE OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT". Final Hearing scheduled for October 28, 2010.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Gaechter. Upon roll call,

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

Introduction of Ordinance 2010-14: Planned Commercial Development

Mr. DeBoer moved to introduce on first reading, Ordinance 2010-14 entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XIII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, BEING THE ZONING CHAPTER". Final Hearing scheduled for October 28, 2010. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gaechter. Upon roll call,

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Gaechter moved to approve the Executive session Minutes of the Meeting of September 9, 2010, and the Regular Session minutes of September 23, 2010.

The motion was seconded by Mr. DeBoer. Upon roll call,

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

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

William Gettler, Gemmer Road, expressed concern regarding building renovations undertaken at High Point Regional High School, stating that the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs is investigating same. Mr. Gettler stated that there are interesting things being written on on-line blogs on the internet, although, according to Mr. Gettler, he himself is not connected to the internet. Mr. Gettler then requested Mayor Nuss to fire Michael Garofalo and James Doherty.

Maggie Kolicko reported that the Sussex County Arts & Heritage Council will be holding their annual fund raising event on October 30, and that Wantage Township's Greg Williams has been named as Guest Speaker at that event, in connection with the Township's Woodbourne Veterans Memorial project and the grant received from the Arts & Heritage Council which partially helped to fund that project. Ms. Kolicko urged a member of the governing body to attend this event if at all possible.

There being no one else present wishing to address the governing body,

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