

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL
BUILDING, 888 STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 23, WANTAGE, N.J.,
ON JULY 14, 2011**

Mayor DeBoer called the meeting to order, and requested the Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the governing body were present: Mayor DeBoer, Committeeman Gaechter, and Committeeman Bassani. Also present: Township Attorney Michael Garofalo. The following members were absent: None.

Mayor DeBoer 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 DeBoer led the assembly in the salute to the American Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor DeBoer 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 DeBoer requested approval of the Consent Agenda.

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

Construction Department Report for June 2011

Board of Health Report for June 2011

Clerk's Report for June 2011

Tax Collector Report for June 2011

Registrar Report for June 2011

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: Gaechter, Bassani, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Mr. Bassani moved to approve the following Applications:

Raffle License RL 11-17 to Rotary club of Wallkill Valley to conduct an Off Premise 50/50 Raffle on 12/15/2011

Bingo License BL 11-15 to Sussex Elks Lodge BPOE 2288, to conduct bingo games on various dates in 2011

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: Gaechter, Bassani, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Mr. Bassani moved to approve Payment of Bills for the meeting of 7/14/11, excluding Purchase Order Nos. 8416 and 8448

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: Gaechter, Bassani, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Mr. Bassani moved to approve Wantage Township properties to be included in the 2012 County farmland Preservation funding Round as follows:

Be it resolved that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, does hereby express its support for the Farmland Preservation program and gives preliminary approval of the following applications for the 2011 Sussex County funding round.

Be it also resolved that approval is given for these applications to be submitted to the State Agriculture Development Committee by the Sussex County Agriculture Development Board for county reimbursement consideration when state funding for farmland preservation is available.

David Lane, Stone Manor Farm Block 138, Lot 401 ± 125 acres

Judith Havens Keyes, Cedar Haven Farm Block 1.02, Lot 14 ± 43.72 acres

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: Gaechter, Bassani, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize submission of 2012 funding application for the Sussex Wantage Municipal Alliance Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: Gaechter, Bassani, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

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Mr. Bassani moved to approve Various Liquor License Renewals as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, does hereby approve the renewal of the liquor licenses named below for the licensing term of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012:

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES:

<u>License #</u>	<u>Licensee & Location:</u>	<u>Trading As:</u>
1924-31-013-001	Sussex Lodge #2288 BPOE Route 565 Lewisburg Rd	Sussex Lodge #2288

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE:

<u>License #</u>	<u>Licensee & Location:</u>	<u>Trading As:</u>
1924-44-011-003	HPlay Liquors LLC 83 Hamburg Ave, Route 23	Woody's Liquor Shop

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: Gaechter, Bassani, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize the refund of Driveway Bonds to Steve Hagemann in the amount of \$2,000 for D-11-04 associated with Block 133 Lot 17, and Ryan Homes in the amount of \$1,000 for D-11-02 associated with Block 21, Lot 34.23.

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: Gaechter, Bassani, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Mr. Bassani moved to approve refund of \$30 to Diane Maier for bulk pickup permit not utilized. Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: Gaechter, Bassani, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Presentation: Wallkill Valley Rotary Club

Caroline King, President of the Wallkill Valley Rotary Club, offered a presentation regarding the goals and accomplishments of Rotary. Ms. King informed that Rotary would be very pleased to assist the Township with any community projects that might need their resources.

Mr. Doherty suggested that Ms. King may wish to contact the Recreation Secretary, as the Recreation Commission is about to undertake a "First Responder Memorial" project. Ms. King thanked Mr. Doherty for his suggestion.

Administrator's Report

Skateboard Park: Mr. Doherty reported that the Recreation Commission forwarded a recommendation for consideration of a skateboard park to be built at Woodbourne Park, using donated funds. General discussion and consideration of this concept took place among the members of the governing body, Mr. Garofalo, and Ms. Karen Merritt of the Recreation Commission. Issues of concern raised included impact on insurance, potential for injury, potential for vandalism. After general consideration, the members of the governing body expressed a desire for Recreation to conduct additional research into the experiences of other communities who have installed such facilities.

Dog License Fees: Mr. Doherty presented a suggestion from the municipal auditor for consideration of increasing the dog licensing fees. The members of the governing body did not support such an action at this time.

Agreement of Retirement: Mr. Doherty stated that an Agreement of Retirement has been prepared for Kevin Kervatt in accordance with the desires of the governing body.

Mr. Bassani moved to approve the Agreement of Retirement. Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: Gaechter, Bassani, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Attorney's Report

Mr. Garofalo requested an executive session to discuss matters of pending litigation.

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Township Committee Member Reports: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE 2011-07 ACCEPTING EILEEN DRIVE

Mr. Gaechter moved to introduce on first reading, Ordinance 2011-07, entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE ACCEPTING THE STREET KNOWN AS EILEEN DRIVE" with a Final Adoption date scheduled for August 18, 2011.

Mr. Bassani seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: Gaechter, Bassani, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bassani moved to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the meeting of the Wantage governing body held on June 30, 2011. Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: Gaechter, Bassani, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Approval of Bills

Mr. Gaechter moved to approve payment of Purchase Order 8416 in the amount of \$347.00 for purchase of Mower Parts from Bassani Power & Equipment, and Purchase Order 8448 for the purchase of a chain saw by the Public Works Department from Bassani Power & Equipment, in the amount of \$450.00. Mr. Bassani seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: Gaechter, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: Bassani

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

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

Mr. William Gettler, Gemmer Road, inquired regarding the placement of the American Flag in the meeting room. Mayor DeBoer stated that the flag would be relocated to its previous location.

Mr. Gettler expressed unhappiness with the letters from the Township that were sent out to tenants and landlords. General discussion of Mr. Gettler's concerns took place.

Mr. Gettler offered a history of the property maintenance ordinance in Wantage Township.

Ms. Kathy Gorman expressed support for not adjusting dog license fees.

Mr. Carroll Quinn, Fernwood Road, expressed concerns with the use of Woodbourne Park during evening hours, particularly with respect to use of lights and loudspeakers at sports events. General review and consideration of Mr. Quinn's concerns took place. Mayor DeBoer suggested that the Recreation President and the Football Program President could join him in seeking to find a reasonable accommodation for Mr. Quinn's concerns.

Ms. Karen Merritt, Alpine Road, offered input regarding the Recreation Commission's actions concerning Mr. Quinn's concerns.

Mr. Gaechter asked Ms. Merritt for additional input regarding whether a location had been chosen for a potential skateboard park, if one were to be approved.

Ms. Merritt stated she was not sure if a definitive location had been suggested, that it was largely conceptual at this point.

There being no one else wishing to address the governing body at this time, Mayor DeBoer closed the meeting to the public.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Bassani moved 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(s): Pending Litigation – Gorman

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. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

After meeting in closed executive session, the members of the governing body returned.

Mr. Gaechter moved to return to regular open session.

Mr. Bassani seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

and Mayor DeBoer declared the open meeting to be back in session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for the attention of the governing body, Mr. Bassani moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon Roll call,

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

Mayor DeBoer declared this meeting adjourned.

James R. Doherty, Administrator Clerk