

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 SEPTEMBER 10, 2015.

Mayor Gaechter called the meeting to order, and requested the Clerk call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the governing body were present: Mayor William Gaechter, Committeeman Ronald Bassani, and Committeeman Jon Morris. Absent: None.

Mayor Gaechter 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 and certified by the Clerk."

Mayor Gaechter invited all those present to join in the Salute to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Gaechter requested that the governing body review and approve the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize Approval For Filing the Following Reports:

- Tax Collector Report for August 2015
- Municipal Clerk Report for August 2015
- Board of Health Report for August 2015
- Registrar Report for August 2015
- Zoning/Code Enforcement Report for August 2015

Mr. Morris seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize the Township Engineer and Administrator to apply for a FY 2016 Municipal Aid Grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the project entitled Improvements to Pidgeon Hill Road- Section IV.

Mr. Morris seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize Renewal of Liquor License 1924-33-004-004, CT Productions LLC (Inactive License – formerly Glenbrook Inn). Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize Renewal of Liquor License 1924-31-010-001, Sussex Lodge #2288 BPOE (Elks Club). Mr. Morris seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize Transfer of Liquor License 1924-31-010-001 from Sussex Lodge #2288 BPOE to 2288 Corporation, as follows:

APPROVAL RESOLUTION FOR PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECTIFYING THE NAME ON THE LICENSE

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2015, an application was filed by Sussex Lodge #2288 BPOE for a person to person transfer of Club Liquor License #1924-31-010-001, for the purpose of rectifying the name shown on the said liquor license; and

WHEREAS, the Alcoholic Beverage Retail Licensee Clearance Certificate allowing for the Transfer of this license was issued by the New Jersey Division of Taxation, and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, and the transfer fees have been paid; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee of the Township Of Wantage in Sussex County, New Jersey, does hereby approve, effective September 11, 2015, the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License to 2288 Corporation, trading as 2288 Corporation, for the purpose of rectifying the name shown on the said license, and does hereby direct the Township Administrator Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: "This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to 2288 Corporation, trading as 2288 Corporation, effective September 11, 2015."

Mr. Morris seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

CONSENT AGENDA, Continued

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize Award of Contract for Installation of Guide Rail on the project entitled Improvements to Pidgeon Hill Road – Sections II and III, to Ficor LLC of Ogdensburg, NJ in the amount of \$9,485.00, in accordance with recommendation from Township Engineer dated 8/20/15. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Policy regarding Docks on Lake Neepaulin: Mr. Doherty requested this discussion topic be held to a future meeting. The governing body agreed by consensus with this request.

Lake Windsor Road Improvement Feasibility Study: Mr. Doherty reported that sufficient property owners in Lake Windsor have expressed non-support for the costs associated with a potential special assessment for road improvements that two thirds majority could not be obtained to support such a proposal. Mr. Doherty recommended the Township terminate the study at this time and proceed with the plan to renew the contract with Erik Enterprises for handling plowing and salting services in that community again this winter. The governing body agreed by consensus with this recommendation.

Negotiations: Mr. Doherty requested an executive session.

Introduction of Ordinance 2015-10 (Approval of Redevelopment Plan)

Mr. Doherty offered background information on the proposed introduction of Ordinance 2015-10.

Mr. Morris moved to introduce Ordinance 2015-10, entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PHASE 1 OF THE ROUTE 23 REDEVELOPMENT AREA” with a proposed final hearing date set for September 24, 2015. Mr. Bassani seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

ATTORNEY REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Bassani offered an update on the activities of the Open Space Advisory Committee.

Mr. Morris offered an update on the efforts of the Fire Department to prepare revised bid specifications for the purchase of a fire vehicle.

OLD BUSINESS:

Purchase of Command Vehicles

Mr. Doherty offered background on the efforts to secure the purchase of Command Vehicles – one for the Fire Department and one for the First Aid Squad – in accordance with the decision to proceed on these purchases during the Budget Work Sessions earlier this year.

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize the purchase of two Ford Expeditions under the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council contract, totaling \$64,390; purchase of radios from Atlantic Communications under the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council contract totaling \$16,690.60; and emergency lighting from Atlantic Communications under the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council contract totaling \$14,009.16. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

OLD BUSINESS, Continued

Outdoor Event Application: Boxing Match at Celine's Bistro

Mr. Doherty offered explanatory details regarding the Outdoor Event License Application of Celine's Bistro for a proposed Outdoor Boxing Match event scheduled for September 26, 2015.

Mr. Bassani moved to approve the Outdoor Event License Application of Celine's Bistro for a proposed Outdoor Boxing Match event scheduled for September 26, 2015. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Repair/Upgrade of Fuel Pumps: Mr. Doherty requested the consent of the governing body for DPW Mechanic John Card to proceed with the plan agreed upon during budget work sessions earlier this year, to replace and upgrade the vehicle fuel pump station of the Wantage Municipal Complex. Mr. Doherty estimated the cost not to exceed \$10,000, and observed that sufficient funds exist from previously authorized improvements that Mr. Card has completed below budget.

Mr. Morris moved to authorize said project.

Mr. Bassani seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Final Adoption: Ordinance 2015-09 (Master Plan Special 5 Year Emergency)

Mr. Morris moved to adopt on Final Reading, Ordinance 2015-09, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION AS AUTHORIZED BY N.J.S. 40A:4-53 et. seq., FOR THE PREPARATION OF A REVISED MASTER PLAN."

Mr. Bassani seconded the motion.

Prior to final roll call, Mayor Gaechter opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments regarding said Ordinance. No one wished to speak at this time. Mayor Gaechter closed the meeting to the public and requested a roll call vote. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani offered a motion to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, it has been found necessary to make an Emergency Appropriation to meet certain extraordinary expenses to be incurred for the preparation of a revision to the master plan within the Township of Wantage and,

WHEREAS, NJS40A:4-53 provides that it shall be lawful to make such appropriation, which appropriation and the same shall be provided for in succeeding annual budgets by the inclusion of an appropriation of at least one-fifth of the amount authorized pursuant to this act.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Township of Wantage, Sussex County, New Jersey that in accordance with the provisions of NJS 40A:4-55:

1. An emergency appropriation is hereby made for the preparation and execution of a complete reassessment program within the Township of Wantage in the total amount of \$25,000.
2. That the emergency appropriation shall be provided for in the budgets of the next five (5) succeeding years by the inclusion of not less than \$5,000.
3. That two (2) certified copies of this resolution will be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; however, no approval is required from the Division.

Mr. Morris seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

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Approval of Minutes

Mr. Morris moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of the Wantage Township governing body held on July 9, 2015.

Mr. Bassani seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Morris moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of the Wantage Township governing body held on August 13, 2015.

Mr. Bassani seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Mayor Gaechter opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments at this time.

Kathy Gorman, Fernwood Road, expressed a desire for the Township to re-post the Turnover Agreement regarding Lake Neepaulin on the Township website, citing instances in which potential property buyers were apparently under the impression that property in the Lake Neepaulin area involved a private lake association situation. Mrs. Gorman also expressed a desire to have "Welcome To Lake Neepaulin" signs removed from two public roads.

General discussion involving Mrs. Gorman's comments took place.

Wantage Fire Chief Larry Bono offered his on going thanks for the support of the governing body, and introduced Minisink Fire Company Chief Jason Dunn, who offered a courtesy update report on the activities to date of the Minisink Hose Company #1.

Mrs. Gorman offered further commentary in support of her request for the removal of signs.

Sussex Fire Chief Mike Clark offered thanks to the Wantage governing body for their support, and spoke in support of continued lines of communication being kept open.

There being no further proposed action before the governing body for consideration, Mayor Gaechter closed the meeting to the public and the governing body continued with the regular order of business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Bassani moved to enter into closed 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 matters involving negotiations.

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. Morris seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

The governing body entered into closed session at this time. After meeting in closed session, the members of the governing body returned to open session and continued with the regular order of business.

Mr. Morris moved to authorize Mr. Doherty to present an offer for a Shared Services Contract with Andover Borough for Finance Department services, per the terms identified by Mr. Doherty in executive session. Mr. Bassani seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

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Mr. Morris moved to authorize settlement of contractual negotiations with the union representing the Blue Collar and White Collar Employee Bargaining Units of Wantage Township in accordance with the terms discussed in executive session.

Mr. Bassani seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

There being no further items for consideration, Mayor Gaechter requested a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Bassani moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mayor Gaechter declared the meeting to be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

James R. Doherty, Administrator Clerk