

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 NOVEMBER 12, 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 (present as of 7:04 p.m.), 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. Morris moved to authorize the Transfer Resolution for the meeting of November 12, 2015.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 permits appropriation transfers to be made during the last two months of the fiscal year, and WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer appropriations between line items presently located in the 2008 Current Fund Budget; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that the following transfers be made.

<u>FROM:</u>		<u>TO:</u>	
Clerk		Health Benefit Waiver	
Salaries and Wages	3,102.00	Other Expenses	3,834.00
01 201 21 120 010		01 201 23 221 020	
Assessment of Taxes		Liability Insurance	
Salaries and Wages	21,822.00	Other Expenses	2,801.00
01 201 20 150 010		01 201 23 210 020	
Land Use		Administration	
Salaries and Wages	13,327.00	Salaries and Wages	4,000.00
01 201 21 180 010		01 201 20 100 010	
Engineering	22,427.00	Finance	
Other Expenses		Salaries and Wages	272.00
01 201 20 165 010		01 201 20 130 010	
		Tax Collection	
		Salaries and Wages	331.00
		01 201 20 145 010	
		Legal	6,000.00
		OE (COAH Litigation)	
		01 201 20 155 020	
		Recreation	
		Salaries and Wages	69.00
		01 201 28 370 010	
		Code Enforcement	
		Salaries and Wages	6,800.00
		01 201 22 220 010	
		Code Enforcement	
		Other Expenses	200.00
		01 201 22 220 020	
		Streets and Roads	
		Salaries and Wages	21,323.00
		01 201 26 290 010	
		Fire Hydrants	1,251.00
		Other Expenses	
		01 201 26 300 020	
		Board of Health	
		Salaries and Wages	6,870.00
		01 201 27 330 010	
		Municipal Court	7.00
		Salaries and Wages	
		01 201 43 490 010	
		Municipal Court	6,920.00
		Other Expenses	
		01 201 43 490 020	
Total Transfers:	60,678.00		60,678.00

Mayor Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

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Mr. Morris moved to authorize Payment of Bills for the meeting of November 12, 2015.

Mayor Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Morris moved to Accept, with regrets, the resignation of Chantz DeGroat from employment with the Township of Wantage, effective 10/30/15.

Mayor Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mayor Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Morris moved to approve Resolution and Cover Letter of Endorsement and Approval for the proposed parade route and activities associated with the 2016 Firemen's Parade, to be hosted by the Sussex Fire Department.

Mayor Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Morris moved to authorize the Township of Wantage to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Sussex for an Employee Assistance Program.

Mayor Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Morris moved to endorse the New Jersey Department of Transportation's proposed Traffic Regulation Order involving Bicycle Lanes on Route 23 within Wantage Township.

Mayor Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Morris moved to authorize the refund of

\$26,351.51 to US Bank for Block 133 Lot 14.04 for tax sale certificate 12-30

\$ 1,600.00 to US Bank for Block 133 Lot 14.04 for tax sale premium, certificate 12-30

\$ 2,252.65 to Florentino & Gilda Santos for Block 42.05 Lot 15.01 for tax overpayment

Mayor Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Morris moved to authorize the refund of \$6,382.95 to Scott Lewis, Block16 Lot 5.01-04 and Block 17 Lots 01-03 for L-11-05 for a completed escrow application

Mayor Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani joined the meeting as of 7:04 p.m.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Doherty reported on the results of the Bond Anticipation Note sale conducted by the Chief Finance Officer.

Mr. Morris moved to confirm the award of the \$4,753,513 Bond Anticipation Note to TD Bank at a rate of 0.77%. Mr. Bassani seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Doherty initiated a discussion regarding whether to fix the old First Aid Squad command vehicle and allow the Fire Department to utilize it as a temporary command vehicle until delivery of the new command vehicle. After general review and consideration Mr. Morris moved to authorize this course of action. 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 initiated a general discussion of the RER Odor concern issue. General review and discussion took place regarding the Township's actions to date.

Mr. Morris initiated a question-and-answer with Fire Chief Larry Bono and the governing body, to ensure understanding of the details of the proposed course of action for purchase of a fire vehicle.

Mr. Morris moved to authorize an award to Pierce Manufacturing Inc., for purchase of a Fire Engine Pumper under the HGAC Contract for "Enforcer 189" PUC from Arrow XT Pumper", plus those published Options included in the proposal from Pierce Manufacturing dated November 4, 2015, for a total cost of \$524,825.

Mr. Bassani seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Morris moved to approve Change Order #1 to the above contract by increasing the cost of the contract an additional \$10,541.99, representing the "Unpublished Options" identified in the proposal from Pierce Manufacturing dated November 4, 2015, bringing the total cost to \$535,366.99. Mr. Bassani seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Morris moved to approve Change Order #2 to the above contract by decreasing the cost of the contract by \$10,990.00, representing a Pre-paid Chassis option identified in the proposal from Pierce Manufacturing dated November 4, 2015, bringing the total cost to \$524,376.99.

Mr. Bassani seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Morris thanked the Fire Department Truck Committee for their efforts in bringing a vehicle purchase that saved the taxpayers money compared to the previously proposed vehicle purchase from last year.

Mayor Gaechter offered the following Proclamation:

Whereas, Susan Dely is celebrating her tenth anniversary as Parish Administrator of the Church of the Good Shepherd, and;

Whereas, in this position she provides a positive role in the community through contact with the general public, and;

Whereas, Susan has efficiently and effectively directed Wantage Township's only food pantry for the past decade serving hundreds of citizens in need, and;

Whereas, Susan has supported and is a leader in the Scouting programs in this community for fourteen years;

NOW, THEREFOR, I, WILLIAM GAECHTER, MAYOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, DO HEREBY CALL UPON THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY TO JOIN THE WANTAGE GOVERNING BODY IN RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SUSAN DELY TO OUR Township, AND OFFERING OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO SUSAN DELY.

Mayor Gaechter reported that representatives of High Point Regional High School would be present at the next meeting of the governing body to offer a status update report on the School's activities of the School Board and School programs.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Final Adoption: Ordinance 2015-12

Mr. Bassani moved to adopt on Final Reading, Ordinance 2015-12, entitled “AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 2015-10, ENTITLED ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PHASE 1 OF THE ROUTE 23 REDEVELOPMENT AREA’” Mr. Morris 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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bassani moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of the Wantage Township governing body held on October 29, 2015.

Mr. Morris seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Kathy Gorman asked if Mayor Gaechter had addressed a matter of concern she had expressed to him regarding the parking of vehicles by a car dealership at various locations throughout the municipality. Mayor Gaechter said he would speak with the Zoning Officer.

Ann Smulewicz, Route 23, offered her views regarding various topics and issues including employee salaries, the actions of the municipal clerk to collect photocopy fees, RER odor concerns, and the manner in which the Sussex County League of Municipalities was handled. Mrs. Smulewicz expressed a desire for the governing body to make sure the League was run properly.

There being no one else present wishing to speak, Mayor Gaechter closed the meeting to the public.

At this time, Mayor Gaechter offered the floor to Bill DeBoer, Joe Martin, Kayla Oulette, and Mike Puskas of the Wantage First Aid Squad, who offered a detailed presentation of an automatic CPR device the Squad utilizes.

The members of the governing body wished the members of the First Aid Squad well with the use of their new device.

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