

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL 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 DECEMBER 29, 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 approve the Transfer Resolution for the meeting of December 29, 2015, totaling \$5,117.16, as follows:

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 2015 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>	
Garbage		Electricity	
Other Expenses	3,450.00	Other Expenses	3,450.00
01 201 26 305 020		01 201 31 430 020	
Building and Grounds		Street and Roads	
Other Expenses	1,649.88	Other Expenses	1,600.00
01 201 26 310 020		01 201 26 290 020	
		Tax Collection	
		Salaries and Wages	49.77
		01 201 20 145 010	
		Code Enforcement	
		Salaries and Wages	0.11
		01 201 22 200 010	
Assessor		Health and Welfare	
Salaries and Wages	17.28	Salaries and Wages	17.28
01 201 20 150 010		01 201 27 330 010	
Total Transfers:	5,117.16		5,117.16

Mr. Morris seconded the motion. Upon roll call,  
 Ayes: Bassani, Morris, Gaechter    Nays: None    Absent: None    Abstain: None

Mr. Bassani moved to approve the Bill List for the meeting of December 29, 2015, excluding Purchase Order #13056. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. Upon roll call,  
 Ayes: Bassani, Morris, Gaechter    Nays: None    Absent: None    Abstain: None

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize the refund of:  
 \$ 705.82 to Sussex Borough for Block 45 Lot 12 for Water/Sewer Charges  
 \$1,123.27 to Sussex Borough for Block 52 Lot 4 for Water/Sewer Charges  
 \$ 540.55 to Sussex Borough for Block 45 Lot 10 for Water/Sewer Charges  
Mr. Morris seconded the motion. Upon roll call,  
 Ayes: Bassani, Morris, Gaechter    Nays: None    Absent: None    Abstain: None

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize the refund of:  
 \$ 5,252.73 to Lien Times for Block 133.04 Lot 14 for tax sale certificate 15-21  
 \$48,000.00 to Lien Times for Block 133.04 Lot 14 for tax sale premium, certificate 15-21  
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 the refund of:

\$10,719.42 to US Bank for Block 69.02 Lot 41 for tax sale certificate 13-28

\$ 3,200.00 to US Bank for Block 69.02 Lot 41 for tax sale premium, certificate 13-28

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 Shared Services Agreement with Newton Town for Animal Control and Pound services for 2016. 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 Shared Services Agreement with Sandyston Township for Animal Control and Pound services for 2016. 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 Shared Services Agreement with Hamburg Borough for Animal Control and Pound services for 2016. 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 Shared Services Agreement with Branchville Borough for Animal Control and Pound services for 2016. 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 Shared Services Agreement with Ogdensburg Borough for Animal Control and Pound services for 2016. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize Change Order #1 to the Project entitled Line Striping Pidgeon Hill Road – Sections II & III, adjusting the contract amount from \$5,528.70 to \$6,585.00 as per recommendation of Township Engineer Harold Pellow for adjusted material and manpower.

Mr. Morris seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize Change Order #1 to the Project entitled Line Striping Neepaulin Drive & South Shore Drive In Lake Neepaulin, adjusting the contract amount from \$3,815.40 to \$5,614.80 as per recommendation of Township Engineer Harold Pellow for adjusted material and manpower.

Mr. Morris seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize Change Order #1 to the Project entitled Line Striping Lower Unionville Road – Section I, adjusting the contract amount from \$2,032.80 to \$2,100.00 as per recommendation of Township Engineer Harold Pellow for adjusted material and manpower.

Mr. Morris seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize Change Order #1 to the Project entitled Pidgeon Hill Road – Sections II & III Guide Rail, adjusting the contract amount from \$9,485.00 to \$9,475.00 as per recommendation of Township Engineer Harold Pellow for adjusted material.

Mr. Morris seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

**Approval Of Bill**

Mr. Morris moved to approve Purchase Order #13056 in the amount of \$78.62 to Bassani Power & Equipment, for Chain Saw Repairs and parts. Mayor Gaechter seconded the motion.

Mr. Bassani recused himself from consideration or action on this matter.

Upon Roll Call:

Ayes: Morris, Gaechter      Nays: None

**Final Adoption: Ordinance 2015-13**

Mr. Bassani moved to adopt on Final Reading, Ordinance 2015-12, entitled “ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING ACQUIRING A DRAINAGE EASEMENT AT 102 SOUTH SHORE DRIVE (BLOCK 76, LOT 9) AND AT 61 ALDEN TERRACE (BLOCK 76, LOT 24) AND RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SAID EASEMENT,” with the following clarification: In the Title and the Text of the Ordinance as introduced, “Alder Terrace” was mistakenly referenced as “Alden Terrace.” This represents a minor typographical error which does not substantially alter the substance of the ordinance, and as such, the Title and Text of the Ordinance is clarified to reflect “Alder Terrace” rather than “Alden Terrace” with no need for republication of the said ordinance prior to consideration of final adoption. 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

**Application for Person To Person Transfer of Liquor License 1924-33-010**

Mr. Doherty informed the said application has not yet completed its submission requirements and as such, no discussion or action took place with respect to this matter.

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:**

Morton Jaffe, 23 American Way, and Jack Hingle, 21 American Way, expressed concerns regarding a mailbox that was damaged during yesterday’s snow/ice storm. Mayor Gaechter encouraged Mr. Jaffe to discuss this matter with Mr. Doherty after the meeting, as the governing body is limited to the items listed on the special meeting agenda for discussion or consideration.

Kathy Gorman requested clarification of the meeting format, expressing a hope the governing body was going to address her issue of concern regarding signs.

Mayor Gaechter confirmed that, being a special meeting, the governing body was limited to discussing and taking action on the matters listed on the agenda, but invited Ms. Gorman to speak with any member of the governing body she wished to speak with, individually, after the meeting adjourns.

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

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,

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James R. Doherty, Administrator Clerk