

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF WANTAGE, HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP BUILDING, 888 STATE ROUTE 23,
WANTAGE, NJ, HELD AT 7 P.M. ON
January 8, 2018**

Mayor Gaechter called the meeting to order, and requested that the Clerk call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the governing body were present: Mayor William Gaechter, Committeeman Jonathan Morris. Committeeman Ron Bassani called ahead to be excused. Also, present: Administrator/Acting Clerk Debra Millikin and Glenn Kienz, Esq.

Mayor Gaechter stated, "This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231. It has been properly noticed and certified by the Clerk."

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Morris requested a motion to approve Resolution 16-2018 and Resolution 17-2018. Executive Session Minutes from: February 23, 2017, April 27, 2017, Mayr 25, 2017, June 8, 2017, July 13, 2017, October 16, 2017, November 9, 2017, and December 14, 2017. Motion made by Mr. Morris, and seconded by Mayor Gaechter.

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #16-2018

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL AND POUND
SERVICES WITH TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE FOR 2018

WHEREAS, the Township of Lafayette desires to enter into a shared service agreement with the Township of Wantage for animal control and pound services for 2018; and

WHEREAS, the annual fee for the calendar year 2018 is \$8,786.00; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Town of Wantage, Sussex County, New Jersey that the Mayor and Acting Municipal Clerk are authorized to execute an agreement for animal control and pound services with Township of Lafayette for the calendar year 2018.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #17-2018

RESOLUTION APPROVING KENNEL LICNSE FOR ROGER & ELLEN TITUS

WHEREAS, under section 5-3 of the revised general ordinance book of Wantage Township allows for kennels to be licensed; and

WHEREAS, Roger & Ellen Titus own Block 139, Lot 19 and are reapplying for a kennel license for 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex that it hereby approves the kennel license for 2018 to Roger & Ellen Titus for Block 139, Lot 19.

REPORTS

Clerk/Administrator – Mrs. Millikin stated the Clerk’s Office has processed 17 OPRAS for the month of December.

She advised that she needs approval of Resolution #18-2018 for a tax refund for overpayment of taxes.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #18-2018 by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mayor Gaechter.

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #18-2018

AUTHORIZING REFUND

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has recommended the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage reimburse funds a tax overpayment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, does hereby authorize the refund of

\$250.00 to Daniel Brady, Block 53.02 lot 2 for Tax Overpayment

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mrs. Millikin stated the DPW has been busy again with the snow clippers that have been hitting the area. As a reminder parking on Township roads is not permitted during November 15th through April 15th from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Mrs. Millikin stated she wants to Thank Mayor Morris for the past year. She advised Mayor Gaechter she looks forward to working with him in 2018.

Attorney Report – Mr. Kienz congratulations to the Mayor and Mr. Morris. There are sign agreements both as Shared Service Agreement and Financial Agreement with Sussex Borough. Congratulations to all of you.

Another item there was a complaint filed with court appealing the decision on When Pigs Fly and the actions in front of the Land Use Board. Mr. Kienz advised he has been in

contact with the JIF on this matter. He advised that he has talked to counsel on the airport and working on some items related to this matter. This is all I will say because this is a matter in litigation at this time.

Mayor Committee Member Report

Mayor Gaechter had no report.

Mr. Morris stated thank you to Mrs. Millikin, Mr. Kienz, Mr. Gaechter and Mr. Bassani for all your support and guidance throughout 2017. You are all great!

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Ordinance

A motion is in order to introduce on first reading ORDINANCE #2018-01 AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 2011-20 OF THE TONWWHIP OF WANTAGE, ABOLISHING THE MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, THE BOROUGH OF SUSSEX AND THE TOWNSHIP OF STILLWATER AND ESTALBISHING A MUNICIPAL COURT FOT HE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, THE BOROUGH OF SUSSEX, THE TOWSHIP OF STILLWATER AND BOROUGH OF BRANCHVILLE.

Mayor Gaechter stated for the public this is just being amended because the Borough of Branchville will be joining the joint court. A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mayor Gaechter.

Upon Roll Call:

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion is in order to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Committee December 28, 2017 Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mayor Gaechter.

Upon Roll Call:

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Mayor Gaechter opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Alan Antaki managing member of the Sussex Airport spoke regarding his concerns related to Mr. William Gennaro and lack of enforcement by the Township of Wantage. The lack of enforcement on Mr. Gennaro and the continued leasing of the hangers for general storage purpose has a tremendous impact on obtaining grants through FAA. Mr. Antaki provided a full copy of his statement and is on file with the Municipal Clerk. Mayor Gaechter stated the entire Committee is very familiar with this situation and he has been

on the Land Use Board several times and very familiar with the resolutions. A lot has happened in the past month or two but unfortunately due to the active litigation I cannot say much more. Mayor Gaechter stated he can assure Mr. Antaki the Township value Sussex Airport. Mayor Gaechter questioned Mr. Kienz if he had any more to add regarding this matter. Mr. Kienz stated he has spoken to Mr. Dolan and will be working on this matter and understand the concerns from the airport on this matter. Mr. Kienz stated the Township wants the airport to succeed.

Mrs. Kathy Gorman – Fernwood Road stated she is happy that Mr. Kienz was reappointed again. Also thank you for her appointment to the Open Space Advisory Committee. Mrs. Gorman questioned the tax plan and municipalities have to be involved as a charitable donation. Discussion ensued on this matter and Mayor Gaechter stated he is doing some research on this matter. Her final request is that the Township look at the potential of doing the garbage collection into the tax bill.

There being no other comments from the public the Mayor closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor Gaechter requested a Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mayor Gaechter.

Upon Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Millikin, Acting Municipal Clerk