

**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 7:00 P.M. ON  
FEBRUARY 22, 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, Deputy Mayor Ronald Bassani, and Committeeman Jonathan Morris. Also, present: Administrator/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 Gaechter requested a motion to approve Resolution 34-2018 through Resolution 36-2018.

A motion was made by Mr. Bassani and seconded by Mr. Morris.

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #34-2018

AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF TAX SALE PREMIUM

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-33 allows for tax sale premiums collected not redeemed within five years from the date of sale to be turned over to the treasurer of the municipality and become part of the funds of the municipality and,

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has recommended that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage cancel tax sale premiums greater than five years old,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, does hereby authorize the cancellation of the following tax sale premium to fund balance

\$16,600.00 for Block 169 Lot 19.01, Tax Sale Certificate 13-49, 12/10/13

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #35-2018

AUTHORIZING REFUND

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has recommended the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage reimburse funds for 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

\$2,607.15 to Javier Rosa, Block 163 Lot 3.05, for tax overpayment.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #36-2018

RESOLUTION APPROVING BILLS AND VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage in the County of Sussex that payment is hereby approved for all vouchers that have been properly authenticated and presented for payment, representing expenditures for which appropriations were duly made in 2017 and 2018 Budgets adopted by this local Governing Body, including any emergency appropriations, and where unexpended balances exist in said appropriation accounts for the payment of such vouchers.

**REPORTS**

Clerk/Administrator – Mrs. Millikin provided invitations to the SCLOM Event. “Municipal Intervention” on March 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 p.m. at the Mohawk House. This meeting is going to focus on the Opioid epidemic and looking to get first responders out to this event. Mrs. Millikin asked for the Committee to advise of their attendance.

Mrs. Millikin asked if the Committee plans to attend the Wantage First Aid Squad Event on March 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Millikin questioned if the Committee would like one more budget meeting set up for March 1<sup>st</sup> at 4 p.m.? The Committee agreed to have the meeting that day.

Mrs. Millikin advised that she will be out of the office on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> with my husband who is having knee surgery. If you need me feel free to contact me on my cell or by e-mail.

Attorney – Mr. Kienz, Esq. advised that the court matter with Mid American Salt and Wantage has been settled. Wantage was dismissed from the case.

Mayor/Committee Report – Mayor Gaechter provided the Land Use Board update. Cingular Cellular Antenna approved off Deckertown Turnpike. Havens Bus subdivision was approved with lot line adjustments. High Point advised the Land Use Board regarding a micro tower being place on the High School. Mayor advised this is due to a capacity issue.

Mr. Bassani stated that Mrs. Gorman was kind enough to send a proposed Senate Bill for Health Insurance, Life Insurance and Burial Fees be offered to volunteer Firemen. Mr. Bassani has sent an e-mail to Senator Oroho on this matter.

Mr. Morris thank you to Mrs. Millikin for placing the High Point Wrestling Team State Champion on the sign in front of the Municipal Building.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING & PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Gaechter stated a motion is in order to adopt on final reading ORDINANCE #2018-03 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Mayor Gaechter opened the meeting to the public on Ordinance #2018-03. No public coming forward Mayor Gaechter closed this portion of the meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Bassani and seconded by Mr. Morris.

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

ORDINANCE 2018-03

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A  
CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018  
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage in the County of Sussex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2018 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$52,299 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2017 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Wantage shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$52,299, and that the CY 2018 municipal budget for the Township of Wantage be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

Mayor Gaechter stated a motion is in order to approve on first reading ORDINANCE #2018-04 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XV ENTITLED "LAND USE PROCEDURES" OF THE "REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, NEW JERSEY" AMENDING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A CHECKLIST.

A motion was made by Mr. Bassani and seconded by Mr. Morris.

Upon Roll Call:

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

#### TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE ORDINANCE # 2018-04

#### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XV ENTITLED "LAND USE PROCEDURES" OF THE "REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, NEW JERSEY" AMENDING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A CHECKLIST

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-10.3, a municipal agency shall adopt and may amend reasonable rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the Municipal Land Use Law or with any applicable ordinance, for the administration of its functions, powers and duties; and

WHEREAS, a municipal agency may adopt requirements for a Checklist in connection with a land use application; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage have adopted Section 15-3.8 Certification of Application for Development, which includes requirements for a Checklist;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage have determined that it is necessary and appropriate to amend the requirements for a Checklist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey as follows:

Chapter XV Land Use Procedures of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Wantage are hereby amended and supplemented to amend the Checklist associated with Section 15-3.8:

Section 1.

Section 1.3 of the Checklist for Land Use applications shall be amended to state "Certifications from the Tax Collector, Building Inspector, Health Department, and Chief Financial Officer, as applicable, that all taxes, fees, fines, utility charges, other charges and penalties due to the municipality are paid to date.";

Section 2.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Gaechter stated a motion is in order to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Committee Regular Meeting on February 8, 2018, and Executive Session Minutes on February 8, 2018.

Motion was made by Mr. Bassani and seconded by Mr. Morris.

Upon Roll Call:

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

### **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

Mayor Gaechter opened the meeting to the public - None

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Gaechter stated a motion is in order to approve Resolution #37-2018 Authorizing the Township Committee to go into Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations – Bicsak, and Litigation – When Pigs Fly.

Motion was made by Mr. Bassani and seconded by Mr. Morris

Upon Roll Call:

Aye: Bassani, Gaechter, Morris      Nay: None    Absent: None      Abstain: None

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE  
RESOLUTION #37-2018

EXECUTIVE SESSION February 22, 2018

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specific purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

- (1) Contract Negotiations – Bicsak
- (2) Litigation – When Pigs Fly

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, assembled in public session on February 22, 2018, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on February 22, 2018, at 7:18 PM in the Township of Wantage Municipal Building, 888 Route 23, Wantage, NJ, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific item designated above.

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Township Committee that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

Mayor Gaechter requested a motion to come out of Executive Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Bassani and seconded by Mr. Morris

Upon Roll Call:

Aye: Bassani, Gaechter, Morris      Nay: None    Absent: None      Abstain: None

Mr. Kienz advised the items discussed in Executive Session tonight will not be disclosed at this time.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Millikin, Acting Municipal Clerk