

**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
March 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 Louis Karp, 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."

Mayor Gaechter stated before the meeting he found out a life long resident of Wantage Township Paul Grau passed away. He was a life long resident, volunteer Fireman in Sussex Borough, Committeeman, Land Use Member. Mayor Gaechter requested the Wantage Township flag be placed at half-mast. Mr. Morris requested the memorial bunting be placed on the building. Mr. Bassani stated that Mr. Grau holds the record for the most people married.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Gaechter requested a motion to approve Resolution 43-2018 through Resolution 44-2018.

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 #43-2018

AUTHORIZING REFUND FOR BLOCK 121, LOT 20.05 and
BLOCK 136, LOT 4.04

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

\$6,594.58 to US Bank, Block 121 Lot 20.05 for Tax Sale Certificate 2017-20
\$1,594.83 to Paul & Hope Malone, Block 136 Lot 4.04 for tax overpayment

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #44-2018

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.

Mayor Gaechter stated a motion is in order to approve PO# 15199 for Bassani Power Equipment, LLC for \$138.03.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

REPORTS

Clerk/Administrator – Mrs. Millikin stated ShopRite has filed their Land Use Application with Wantage and Sussex as well.

Mrs. Millikin stated during the review of the budget a question was raised regarding the Unionville amount to be provided. In reviewing the existing agreement, and also the minutes from 2016 it did not specify if Unionville would be the additional \$2,000 a year. Currently, Unionville Fire Department is provided \$12,000. Per Larry Bono who presented this to the Committee in 2016 the additional \$2,000 was being provided so fundraising did not occur. I am looking for direction from the Committee if the Township is going to do \$12,000 or \$14,000. Mr. Morris stated this was a budget request but was never approved. Mayor Gaechter stated there are several budget requests and that time has gone by. It was agreed to discuss during next year's budget process.

Mrs. Millikin stated the Easter Egg Hunt is this Sunday at 11:00 a.m. The Pavilion dedication is being moved to May 19th to Wantage Day. Mr. Bassani questioned if a rain date has been established for Wantage Day. Mrs. Millikin indicated they never do a rain date because of the vendors that come to Wantage Day.

Attorney – None.

Mayor/Committee Report – Mr. Bassani stated we had Union negotiations yesterday and will be updating the Committee during executive session on this matter.

Mr. Morris stated he attended on Tuesday evening the Security Forum held at High Point Regional High School. It was a panel of law enforcement officers, school officials, teachers, and counselors. The event was not well attended but was a good forum. The school is being very proactive. The school is actually looking at setting in the vestibule as a jail cell that would keep the assailant contained until help arrives. This of course is

expensive. Great meeting but was also vague on the information they provided to the public. The School will be looking to do a lock down drill with the public over the summer.

Mayor Gaechter stated he wanted to discuss the past storm. Mayor Gaechter stated that he spoke with Mrs. Millikin the night before and then in the morning and made the decision to close. Wantage got just a dusting. Mayor Gaechter stated he does not go by what the Governor declares but accessing both accu weather and the Township's weather works. Weather works stated at 6:11 a.m. the forecast said 6 to 10 inches at 50%. At 12:46 p.m. another report was provided from Weather Works stating 10 to 14 inches at 60%. Mayor Gaechter questioned if this is specific to Wantage Township. Mrs. Millikin gave him the 7:03 p.m. report 4 to 8 inches at 50% confidence, but Northern part of Sussex County is 1 to 3 inches. Mayor Gaechter stated he would like Mrs. Millikin to question the company. Mrs. Millikin stated the Township pays a \$1,900 fee. Weather Works does contact either Mr. Wagner or Mr. Little providing them an hour prior to an event. Based off of yesterday Mrs. Millikin questioned Mr. Wagner and he stated that Weather Works stated there was a dry area hanging over Wantage and the snow did not come till 11:00 p.m. The DPW feels these are accurate. Mayor Gaechter was concerned this is not specific to Wantage.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

2nd Reading & Public Hearing

Mayor Gaechter stated a motion is in order to adopt on final 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 REQUIREMENTS FOR A CHECKLIST.

Mayor Gaechter opened the meeting to the public none coming forward the public portion was closed.

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

Mrs. Millikin stated that the Land Use Board did recommend this amendment to the checklist.

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.

Mayor Gaechter stated a motion is in order to adopt on final reading ORDINANCE #2018-05 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XXI OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, AMENDING RECREATION DEPARTMENT FEES FOR WANTAGE TOWNSHIP.

Mayor Gaechter opened the meeting to the public none coming forward the public portion was closed.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

ORDINANCE 2018-05

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XXI OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, AMENDING RECREATION DEPARTMENT FEES FOR WANTAGE TOWNSHIP

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, as follows:

Section 1. Section 21-18 of Chapter XXI of the Wantage Township General Ordinances is amended in part, adjusting the fees for Recreation Department to include the following:

A.21-18 RECREATION DEPARTMENT FEES

The following fees are payable to the Township of Wantage.

Pavilion Use Application Fee	\$ 50.00
Pavilion Use Deposit	\$ 250.00 refundable if no damage

Section 2. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such provision(s) shall be deemed severable and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage according to law.

Resolution

Mayor Gaechter stated a motion is in order to approve RESOLUTION #42-2018 SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF 2017 TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #42-2018

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUBMISSION OF 2017 TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund form which a tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2017 Recycling Tonnage Grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Township of Wantage Committee to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates the Sussex County Municipal Utility Authority for the services of Certified Recycling Professional, to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of the recycling.

Motion was made by Mr. Bassani and seconded by Mayor Gaechter. Mr. Morris recused himself from this resolution.

Upon Roll Call:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Mr. George Maraglino 3 Spreen Road – He stated that he was the last person to be sued by Mr. Maggio and the suit was dropped. He indicated that members of Lake Windsor Association came and met with the Administrator and Mr. Haggerty the Prosecutor. Mr. Maraglino stated that he took pictures of trucks going up and down Mr. Maggio's driveway. He also wondered if a weight limit could be established on Roy Road of GVW of 30,000 pounds. Mayor Gaechter stated that Mr. Maggio is renting space at County

Concrete on Route 23 for his equipment. Mr. Maraglino stated he was made aware of this but the trucks are still going down the driveway at 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. He provided the pictures to the Municipal Clerk.

There being no other public this portion of the meeting was closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Gaechter stated a motion is in order to approve Resolution #45-2018 Authorizing the Township Committee to go into Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations – Blue Collar, Bicsak, Sherman Ridge, and Potential Litigation for 47 Sherman Ridge Road.

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 #45-2018

EXECUTIVE SESSION MARCH 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 – Blue Collar, Bicsak, Sherman Ridge
- (2) Potential Litigation - 47 Sherman Ridge Road

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, assembled in public session on March 22, 2018, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on March 22, 2018, at 7:31 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. Morris and seconded by Mr. Gaechter

Upon Roll Call:

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

Mr. Karp advised the items discussed in Executive Session tonight will not be disclosed at this time because ongoing negotiations. Mrs. Millikin advised Mr. Bassani recused himself of the Executive Session related to Sherman Ridge.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Millikin, Acting Municipal Clerk