

**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  
September 13, 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 Mr. 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 #103-2018, Resolution 105-2018 to Resolution #112-2018, and Monthly Reports for July 2018: Board of Health, Clerk, Construction, Dog, Driveway, Housing, Property Maintenance, Registrar, Tax Collector, and Zoning with removal of PO #15471 for Bassani power Equipment LLC., in the amount of \$561.73.

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

Mr. Bassani had a couple of questions regarding the bill list an apologized for not getting them to Mrs. Millikin prior. The first question was regarding a well pump control for about \$4,900. Mrs. Millikin advised this is for Woodbourne Park in regards to the irrigation. The controller had gone bad. Next question was regarding the gate for about \$290. Mrs. Millikin advised she knows who was mowing and the mower ran over the gate so the Township needed to fix this damage. Mr. Bassani questioned Aquatic Analysis for Lake Neepaulin and how much the Township normally spends. Mrs. Millikin advised normally about \$6,500 a year, however, this year due to all the rain there has been more treatment. There is one more bill coming in for treatment and this will require a transfer in November. Mr. Bassani question crystal mountain spring for water cooler and supply and wanted to know how much the rental cost? Mrs. Millikin stated the Township had already purchased the water cooler so this is just for water. Mr. Bassani questioned the bill from Firefighter One for \$8,900 for washer dryer. Mrs. Millikin advised this was part of the Capital expenditures approved this year. Mr. Bassani stated this is an expensive washer and dryer. Mrs. Millikin indicated this is a commercial grade washer and dryer for the firemen's gear. Mr. Bassani questioned the safe lite glass replacement. Mrs. Millikin stated this is for the OEM vehicle.

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #103-2018

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 2014 – JUNE 2019

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Township Council of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore, has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Sussex;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Sussex/Wantage Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2019 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$12,493.00
Cash Match	\$ 3,123.00
In-Kind	\$ 9,370.00

2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #105-2018

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR PROPOSED DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT NORTH SHORE DRIVE – LAKE NEEPUALIN

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage awarded a contract for proposed drainage improvements at North Shore Drive, Lake Neepaulin to Salmon Brothers on July 12, 2018, in the amount of \$24,830.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer, Harold E. Pellow, of Harold E. Pellow & Associates, recommends approving Change Order No. 1, for proposed drainage improvement at North Shore Drive – Lake Neepaulin an increase in the amount of \$1,247.00 for a new contract amount of \$26,077.00;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has provided a certification of funds based on the attached certification;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex that it hereby concurs with the Town Engineer's recommendation and accept Change Order No. 1 for proposed drainage improvements at North Shore Drive, Lake Neepaulin for total contract amount of \$26,077.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of Change Order No. 1, be attached to and made part of this Resolution.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #106-2018

RESOLUTION APPROVING LICENSE FOR RENEWAL OF SOIL REMOVAL PERMIT TO  
LOIS WRIGHT for 2018

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage requires a Soil Removal Permit to be renewed yearly;  
and

WHEREAS, Lois Wright, 934 Route 23, Wantage, NJ 07461, Block 136, Lot 5 is requesting renewal of the permit for soil removal,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex that it hereby approves the renewal of the Soil Removal Permit for Lois Wright for 2018.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #107-2018

AUTHORIZING REFUND FOR BLOCK 117, LOT 25.05, BLOCK 117, LOT  
27.01 AND BLOCK 44, LOT 13.02

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

\$ 148.32 to M&V Liens, Block 117 Lot 27.05 Q0051 for tax sale certificate 2017-019  
\$1,865.82 to M&V Liens, Block 117 Lot 27.01 Q0051 for tax sale certificate 2017-017  
\$1,259.58 to Michael I. Schneck, Block 44 Lot 13.02 QT01 for tax overpayment

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #108-2018

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF VENDOR FEE

WHEREAS, the Recreation Secretary has recommended the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage reimburse funds for a Wantage Day vendor fee

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

\$20.00 to Nicole Neibuhr for Wantage Day Vendor Fee.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #109-2018

AUTHORIZING REFUND PAVILION SECURITY DEPOSIT

WHEREAS, the Recreation Secretary has recommended the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage reimburse funds for a pavilion security deposit

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 Sherri Kardos for pavilion security deposit.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #110-2018

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF ESCROW ACCOUNT

WHEREAS, the Land Use Secretary has recommended the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage reimburse funds for a completed land use application

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

\$103.23 to Joe Maggio, LLC, Block 15 Lot 8, for Land Use Application L-16-05

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #111-2018

AUTHORIZING REFUND VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION FEE

WHEREAS, the Assistant Zoning Officer has recommended the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage reimburse funds for an overpayment of a vacant property registration fee

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

\$4,166.00 to Blackstone Stewart Abstract, for overpayment of vacant property registration fee.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #112-2018

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 payment of PO# 15471 for Bassani Power Equipment, LLC., in the amount of \$561.73.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

**REPORTS**

Clerk/Administrator – Mrs. Millikin advised there were a total of 13 OPRA requests for the month of August. These were routine tax information building information.

Mrs. Millikin advised on the dais for the Committee's approval is Resolution #114-2018 to authorize a contract with Wantage Excavating for the rehabilitation of Fields 5 & 6 at Woodbourne Park. Harold is recommending this work begin and then have the irrigation installed next May. This approval is based on the quotes Harold obtained for the Township of Wantage. Mr. Bassani questioned who the other quote was from. Mrs. Millikin advised it was from Versma in the amount of \$25,500 and Wantage Excavating in the amount of \$24,810. Mayor Gaechter questioned if this is done before Wantage Day will there be a mud hole on the park. Mrs. Millikin advised it is grading, rehabilitation, and reseeded.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #114-2018

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR REHABILITATION OF FIELDS 5 & 6 AT WOODBOURNE PARK

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage needs to rehabilitate Fields 5 & 6 at Woodbourne Park;

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage requested the Township Engineer to obtain quotes for the rehabilitation of Fields 5 & 6 at Woodbourne Park;

WHEREAS, Wantage Excavating Co., Inc., provided the low quote in the amount of \$24,810.00;

WHEREAS, Harold E. Pellow, the Township Engineer and the Qualified Purchasing Agent recommend award of the contract for rehabilitation of Fields 5 & 6 at Woodbourne Park to Wantage Excavating Co., Inc.;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has provided a certification of funds based on the attached certification;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex that it hereby awards the rehabilitation of Fields 5 & 6 at Woodbourne Park to Wantage Excavating Co., Inc., 137 Holland Road, Wantage, New Jersey in the amount of \$24,810.00.

Mrs. Millikin stated the next item is the Gemmer Road Vacation. I have provided Harold's report regarding the vacation along with a tax map for the Committee's review. Mr. Merrick the owner of the property is here tonight to answer any questions the Committee may have. This is the old Parrot property. Mr. Bassani stated is Mr. Merrick willing to construct the K – Turn and has Harold gone over this with you? Discussion ensued regarding the vacation of Gemmer Road. Mr. Merrick is willing to construct the K – turn. The Committee wants to make sure no properties were would be closed off from the vacation. The Committee advised Mrs. Millikin to coordinate a meeting with the Township Engineer regarding the K-turn location as well as go over the issues.

Mrs. Millikin advised quotes were received on the demolition of 173 Clove Road. I am providing all of you copies for your review. Mr. Bassani stated in reviewing quickly JJ Rich was \$34,000 and Wantage Excavating was \$36,000. Mrs. Millikin advised the Township Committee review the quotes and see the difference.

Mrs. Millikin advised that Superior Court has advised the Township that Branchville will officially be a part of the court effective November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mrs. Millikin advised this Sunday the Township will have a table at Sussex County Day. I wanted to see if any of you plan on attending. Nancy VanHorn and Jeanne McBride will be there at the event for the Township.

Mrs. Millikin stated the next SCLOM event is Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Do any of you plan on attending? Mayor Gaechter indicated he would advise Mrs. Millikin tomorrow.

Attorney – Mr. Kienz advised that there is one item for discussion regarding retail/wholesale of marijuana products. This basically also is saying the Township is opting out. Mr. Kienz indicated that Mrs. Millikin had sent some information out from the League of Municipalities as well as the County Resolution received today. Mr. Kienz indicated

that this legislation will most likely go through in October. As of last count there are about 70 Municipalities that are opting out of marijuana.

Mayor Gaechter stated that Mr. Kienz and he discussed this previously and discussed today. Mayor Gaechter read some paragraphs from the League of Municipalities e-mail received on Wednesday. He discussed the ability for a Township to opt out of the legislation. There would be 4 types: growth and cultivation, manufacturing, transportation and distribution, and retail. Mayor Gaechter feels by opting out now the Township is protected. Mr. Morris agrees with this reason. Mr. Bassani stated that the Freeholders came up with their resolution some reasons for not legalizing marijuana. Mr. Gaechter read some sections of the resolution approved by the County Board of Freeholders.

The Committee discussed the potential to take action. Discussion ensued and it was agreed to introduce the ordinance tonight.

Mayor Gaechter requested a motion to introduce Ordinance #2018-11 An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing the Revised General Ordinance of the Township of Wantage, Chapter XIII "Zoning" 13-13 "General Regulations" by adding 13-13.20 to Prohibit Retail/Wholesale Sale of Marijuana Products.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE  
ORDINANCE # 2018-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCE OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, CHAPTER XIII "ZONING",  
§13-13 "GENERAL REGULATIONS" BY ADDING § 13-13.20 TO PROHIBIT RETAIL/WHOLESALE SALE OF  
MARIJUANA PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage desires to amend and supplement the provisions of Chapter XIII "Zoning" of the Wantage Revised General Ordinances, §13-13 "General Regulations".

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

Section 1.

Chapter XIII "Zoning", §13-13 "General Regulations", Subsection 13-13.20 "General Use Restrictions" is hereby amended and supplemented by the addition of the following:

§13-13.20 General Use Restrictions.

The operation of retail marijuana establishments, which includes retail marijuana stores, retail marijuana growing and cultivation facilities, retail marijuana products manufacturing facilities, and retail marijuana testing facilities; and the operation of retail marijuana social clubs

are prohibited within the Township of Wantage and, therefore, all activities related to the abovementioned uses such as, but not limited to, growing and cultivation, possession, extraction, manufacturing, processing, storing, laboratory testing, labeling, transporting, delivering, dispensing, transferring and distributing are expressly prohibited within the Township of Wantage.

Medical Use of Marijuana. This Ordinance shall not be construed to limit any privileges or rights of a qualifying patient, primary caregiver, registered or otherwise, or registered dispensary pursuant to the New Jersey Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act, N.J.S.A. 24:61-1.

#### Section 2.

All other parts, portions and provisions of Chapter XIII of the Township of Wantage Code, be and the same, are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms thereof. In the event of any such inconsistency, the terms of this Ordinance shall be deemed to govern.

#### Section 3.

If any section, paragraph, sub-section, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof.

#### Section 4.

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

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

Mr. Bassani advised at second reading public will have an opportunity to speak on the ordinance.

Mayor/Committee – Mayor Gaechter stated that yesterday Doug Riker passed away. Mr. Riker was on the Township Committee from 1986 to 1994. He had perfect attendance for the entire 9 years he served as a Committeeman. He was Mayor three times during his tenure. He served on the Planning Board in 1993 and 1994. He was part of the Open Space Committee from 2007 to 2017. Mayor Gaechter stated he served with Mr. Riker on that Committee. He also represented the Township of Wantage on the Sussex County Solid Waste Committee (SWAC) in 1999 and 2000. He was also Vice President and President of the Sussex County League of Municipalities in 1993 and 1994. Mr. Riker was very active in the Sussex County Board of Agriculture, Sussex County Farm and Horse Show and NJ Farm Bureau. He is one of the original old-time farmers. He is survived by his wife Joy of 58 years and has two daughters and two sons. A memorial service will be held at the Unionville Firehouse on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Our sincere condolences to the family.

Mayor Gaechter stated he attended the August 27<sup>th</sup> Open Space Workshop. This was the most informative and well put together event. He learned a lot from the Workshop.



Mayor Gaechter had pleasure of attending the Recreation Committee Meeting. He was asked some questions to bring back to the Committee. He requested that questions come to the Committee after the Recreation meetings. One of the questions is carry in and carry out and since there are no garbage cans they are putting in porta potties. Mosquitos on Lott Road. Mrs. Millikin indicated that this area was sprayed last night. Another member of Little League was there and the issue with Brookside Park. Mayor Gaechter asked for Mrs. Millikin to reach out to Sussex Borough and meet.

Mayor Gaechter only other item is the direct bus drive from Vernon going to New York City beginning at Vernon Valley Plaza starting on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Bassani stated that Mrs. Millikin and I met with the Blue-Collar Union regarding the insurance and will be discussing this in Executive Session tonight.

Mr. Morris stated the next SWAC meeting in October will have the RER Renewal. Mr. Morris did reach out to the County Health Department and indicated that there have been no complaints regarding RER.

Mr. Morris also brought up Lott Road and the fact the gentleman doing the work on the baseball field was here at the last meeting. Did we find out when this will be completed? Mrs. Millikin indicated he was supposed to e-mail some information to the Township. He indicated he would be done soon. Mr. Morris stated he is all for volunteers and but if this is not moving along that the Township needs to get this project completed. Mr. Morris said this is embarrassing and needs to get completed.

**OLD BUSINESS** - none

**NEW BUSINESS**

**INTRODUCTION**

A motion is in order to introduce on first reading Ordinance #2018-10 An Ordinance of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 23 of the Township of Wantage Revised General Ordinance's Entitled "Soil Removal" and Amending Chapter 21 of the Township of Wantage Revised General Ordinance to Include Soil Fill Permit Fees and Escrows.

Mr. Bassani questioned if Mr. Pellow has signed off on this ordinance. Mrs. Millikin stated yes. Mr. Bassani questioned if this incorporated everything from the meeting with Mr. Kienz. Mr. Kienz stated yes.

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

**RESOLUTION**

Mayor Gaechter stated a motion is in order to approve Resolution #102-2018 Allowing Suspension of Section 26-2 a for Wantage Day Fall Festival on October 13, 2018.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #102-2018

RESOLUTION ALLOWING SUSPENSION OF SECTION 26-2a FOR WANTAGE DAY FALL  
FESTIVAL ON OCTOBER 13, 2018

WHEREAS, Wantage Day Fall Festival which is scheduled to occur in Woodbourne Park on October 13, 2018, is a significant event for the Township of Wantage; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Wantage wishes to increase the level of festivities and enjoyment for all participants; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage Fire Department is desirous of selling beer and other alcoholic beverages at Wantage Day Fall Festival in Woodbourne Park; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance Section 26-2a prohibits bringing alcoholic beverages into any park in the Township and consuming any alcoholic beverages in any park in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage believes that a temporary suspension of this regulation is appropriate to enhance the celebration of Wantage Day Fall Festival at Woodbourne Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, Sussex County as follows:

1. The prohibition of bringing alcoholic beverages to any park in the Township and the consuming of any alcoholic beverages in any park in the Township shall be suspended to permit the Wantage Fire Department, and any manufacturer of alcoholic beverages, acting through the Wantage Fire Department, to sell, and to permit purchasers over the age of 21 years of age who were not then intoxicated, to consume alcoholic beverages in Woodbourne Park on October 13, 2018 subject to obtaining all required federal, state and local approvals and licenses; and

2. The Township Administrator may establish such rules and regulations for the sale and possession of alcoholic beverages in Woodbourne Park for Wantage Day Fall Festival on October 13, 2018 as may be appropriate, subject to all statutes, laws, rules and regulations of the State of New Jersey governing the sale of alcoholic beverages; and

3. This Resolution shall not be deemed to authorize the bringing of alcoholic beverages into Woodbourne Park by any individual or entity other than as may be approved by the Township Administrator, and to be sold by or through the Wantage Fire Department; and

4. This shall be a onetime approval, and shall not be deemed to establish a precedent to allow the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in any park in the Township of Wantage.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Gaechter stated a motion is in order to approve Resolution #104-2018 Authorizing Change Order No. 1 Milling and Paving of Various Roads for 2018.

Mayor Gaechter questioned if this is an increase. Mrs. Millikin advised this is a reduction in the total contract amount.

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 #104-2018

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 MILLING & PAVING OF VARIOUS ROADS FOR  
2018

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage awarded a contract for the milling and paving for Dales Crossing, Adrienne Court, Lewisburg Road, Mountain View Driver, Liberty Street, Newman Road, North Shore Road, Sherman Ridge Road, Spreen Road, and Wantage School Road to Tilcon New York, Inc., on June 28, 2018, amount of \$1,068,042.38; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer, Harold E. Pellow, of Harold E. Pellow & Associates, recommends approving Change Order No. 1, the milling and paving for:

Dales Crossing & Andrienne Court	Reduction of \$ 2,609.56
Lewisburg Road	Reduction of \$ 8,486.71
Mountain View Drive & Liberty Street	Reduction of \$ 7,672.54
Newman Road	Increase of \$ 838.25
North Shore Road	Increase of \$ 4,378.63
Sherman Ridge Road	Increase of \$ 2,529.24
Spreen Road	Reduction of \$ 396.74
<u>Wantage School Road</u>	<u>Reduction of \$11,433.99</u>
Total New Contract Amount	\$1,045,188.86

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex that it hereby concurs with the Town Engineer's recommendation and accept Change Order No. 1 for the milling and paving of Dales Crossing, Adrienne Court, Lewisburg Road, Mountain View Driver, Liberty Street, Newman Road, North Shore Road, Sherman Ridge Road, Spreen Road, and Wantage School Road for total contract amount of \$1,045,188.86; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of Change Order No. 1, be attached to and made part of this Resolution.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Gaechter stated a motion is in order to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Committee Regular Meeting and Executive Session from August 9, 2018.

Motion was made by Mr. Bassani and seconded by Mayor Gaechter.

Upon Roll Call:

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

### **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

Mayor Gaechter opened the meeting to the public.

Kevin Vealey – President High Point Board of Education and was asked to come to find out the status of the Cell Tower Application. Mrs. Millikin advised she believed this was pushed by the professional of the Cell Tower for October. It was asked to reach out to Mrs. Millikin tomorrow and she would find out the status.

Mr. Nuss – Beemer Road, he stated that RER stinks and feels the Township is doing nothing about this. He feels no one is doing anything about this matter. Mr. Morris stated the Township has done a great deal including going to NJDEP. Mr. Bassani stated Mr. Nuss you should spread this word out to the hearing next month about those complaining. Mr. Morris stated if you have a complaint you need to call the NJDEP Hotline. Mr. Bassani stated something should be put on the Township website and facebook about the meeting. Mr. Nuss also questioned something procedural regarding the ordinance introduced tonight if this needs to be on the Agenda tonight. Mr. Kienz stated the

Committee can add to the agenda. Mayor Gaechter stated RER is a black eye to the Township and agrees that this is a problem and he brings this up during his committee report when there is a smell.

Mr. DeBoer – Beemer Road, asked how is there a democratic party fundraising event on the Township website. This is totally inappropriate and should not be advertising on the Township website and a violation of the State Election Laws. Mayor Gaechter stated that he became aware of this last night and has since been taken down and a violation of NJ Campaign Finance Law. This was obviously a mistake. Mayor Gaechter stated Mrs. Millikin and he discussed this and that our website is done by a third party. There is a link on the website that this goes to the editor of the website. This was never approved by the Township. Mayor Gaechter stated this is being changed for review by the Township Administrator before something is up on the site.

Mr. Retz – Libertyville Road, he wants to know the status of the Route 23 bridge project. He feels this is extremely hazardous situation. Mr. Morris stated the issue are the utilities still need to go through the project. Mrs. Millikin advised that she spoke with the head engineer for the project and that there is a wait for sewer line relocation along with the intersection of Pond School Road. The group that approved the traffic plan was a division out of Trenton.

Kathy Gorman – Fernwood Road, stated she has reached out to NJDOT regarding the traffic light for ShopRite. She is waiting for a call back from someone at NJDOT. She questioned if the Township Committee has reviewed Mr. Meissner's petition that was filed regarding traffic for the traffic light and Lewisburg Road. Her final item is she would like to request \$98.50 for advertising of the Fall Festival in the NJ Herald. Mrs. Millikin advised that there is approximately \$1,500 left in the budget for Recreation so this can be done. Mrs. Gorman also questioned if the Committee would allow her to reach out to Orange County, Bergen County, and Passaic County. The Committee felt this is a local event and not to do advertising in other areas for this event.

Mr. Boella – Wolfpit Road, he questioned when Ordinance 2018-11 will be available for review. Mrs. Millikin advised he could contact her for the ordinance, but will also be on the Township website. He also stated RER is an issue that needs to be addressed. He indicated the website post for the Weiss event was an honest mistake and apologized about this. Mr. Riker did farming for him and his condolences as well.

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 #113-2018 Authorizing the Township Committee to go into Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Mr. Kienz read the resolution into the record.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #113-2018

EXECUTIVE SESSION September 13, 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 Negotiation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, assembled in public session on September 13, 2018, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on September 13, 2018, at 8:15 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 at 8:51 p.m. 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

Mr. Kienz stated that nothing will be discussed from Executive Session this evening.

Mayor Gaechter stated that there was one other item for discussion. Mr. Bassani stated a bill is being questioned that the Township paid tonight that was held from April for Petro Mechanics without the Committees knowledge. Mrs. Millikin indicated that there was an issue with the gas pumps back in February. Petro came out did fix the problem, however, three weeks later it happened again. At that point there was a potential leak and discussion about a sump pump system being required. Upon completion the Township received the bill the beginning of May and John Card had some issues because the sump pump should not have been an issue. Mrs. Millikin advised she sent a letter to Petro regarding this matter on May 21<sup>st</sup>. She followed up with a phone call and an e-mail on this matter. Never heard from Petro until a question came up after the DPW did some training the end of August being required for underground gas tanks. Once she spoke with the owner Chad she questioned an item on the bill it was resolved and amount of

the bill was reduced based on the question. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that in future the Administrator will provide correspondences of this nature to the Committee.

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 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Millikin, Municipal Clerk