

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP SESSION 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 THE DATE
OF JANUARY 21, 2010**

Mayor Clara Nuss called the regular meeting of the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage to order, and requested the Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the governing body were present: Mayor Nuss, Committee members DeBoer and Gaechter. The following member was absent: None

Mayor Nuss 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 to the public, and certified by the Clerk."

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mr. Doherty reviewed professional service line items, public safety, contributions, statutory expenditures, insurance, capital improvement, debt service and grant section of the 2010 proposed budget. The governing body asked Mr. Doherty to look into any savings that may be realized if we used subcontractors for road department functions and the possibility of reducing the hours in the construction department to offset the decline in revenues.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Mayor Nuss opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments.

Mr. Bill Gettler, Gemmer Road, asked for a detail spreadsheet of the group insurance line item. Mr. Doherty informed him that he would provide after the meeting. Mr. Gettler asked if the savings for group insurance mentioned in the consolidation study have been identified. Mr. DeBoer and Mr. Doherty explained that those savings would only have been realized if a new municipality was formed and a new benefits package obtained with lesser coverage. Current union contracts do not allow for reductions in coverage. Mr. Gettler handed out an update on Sussex County aggregate assessed values and his thoughts on the county tax rate increase. Mr. Gettler asked that local taxes be reduced. Mr. Gettler expressed disagreement with tax impact figures presented last week by Mr. Doherty and asked the governing body to terminate the employment of Mr. Doherty.

As there was no one else from the public who wished to address the Committee, Mayor Nuss closed the meeting to the public.

As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. DeBoer moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Gaechter Nuss seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Ayes: DeBoer, Gaechter, Nuss **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

Mayor Nuss declared this meeting to be adjourned.

James R. Doherty, Administrator/Clerk