

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING 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 DECEMBER 30, 2010**

Mayor Clara Nuss called the special 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
Also present Township Attorney Michael Garofalo

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."

Mayor Nuss led the assembly in the Salute to the Flag. .

ORDINANCE 2010-17: PURCHASE OF BRINE SPREADERS

Mayor Nuss opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments with respect to Ordinance 2010-17 entitled "ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$7,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF BRINE SPREADERS".

No one from the public expressed a desire to address the governing body on this proposed ordinance.

Mr. Doherty advised the governing body that an error in the legal advertisement for this proposed ordinance printed the wrong time of day for the public hearing. As such, Mr. Doherty advised the governing body to take no action with respect to this proposed Ordinance, thereby defeating it through lack of approval. Mr. Doherty stated that the ordinance would be re-introduced and scheduled for adoption in the month of January, once the proper legal advertisement was published.

The governing body agreed to take no action.

Accordingly, proposed Ordinance 2010-17 was defeated.

ORDINANCE 2010-18: FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. DeBoer moved to adopt on final reading, Ordinance 2010-18 entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-8 OF CHAPTER II OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, ENTITLED "FIRE DEPARTMENT". The motion was seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

PRIOR TO FINAL ROLL CALL VOTE, Mayor Nuss opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments regarding this proposed ordinance.

There being no one present wishing to address the governing body at this time, Mayor Nuss closed the meeting to the public and requested a roll call vote on the motion.

Upon roll call,

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

Financial Resolutions

Mr. DeBoer moved to adopt the following resolutions:

1. Transfer Resolution dated 12/30/2011
2. Resolution authorizing the refund of \$2,500.00 to US Bank for a tax sale premium on Block 98, Lot 2
3. Resolution authorizing the refund of tax overpayments as follows:
 - \$2,486.63 to William & Leia Yanvary, Block 12.01 Lot 3.06
 - \$2,684.62 to Theodore & Theresa Bergen, Block 33, Lot 8.06
 - \$1,326.04 to Clinton Gunther, Block 130, Lot 9.04
 - \$1,505.50 to Richard & Patricia Green, Block 132 Lot 14.05
 - \$1,258.64 to Frederick Everett, Block 136 Lot 11.08
 - \$2,733.23 to Mary Gebhard, Block 153 Lot 10.03
 - \$1,189.59 to James Bures & Danelle Wagner, Block 64 Lot 16
 - \$ 320.67 to Roy Road Farms, Block 17 Lot 38

The motion was seconded by Mr. Gaechter. Upon roll call,

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

Staffing of 2011 Municipal Court

Mr. Doherty explained that, as of this date, the NJ Division of Civil Service has not presented Wantage Township with a list of 3 individuals who may be given consideration for appointment as the next Court Administrator. Lacking this list, the existing Court Administrator of Wantage Township has graciously agreed to defer her official retirement date until January 31, 2011. This will ensure that the position is staffed for January with an experienced individual, and will provide additional time for Wantage Township to receive the list of 3 candidates for the position. Mr. Doherty reported that he and the Judge have conducted interviews of candidates for the position of part time clerk typist, and after due consideration, recommend hiring Lauren McIntosh of Wantage, New Jersey for a part time position of 25 hours per week in the first week of January 2011, and 30 hours per week thereafter, at \$10 per hour. Mr. Doherty stated that in the second week of January, the other part time clerk typist of the municipal court, Susan Floyd, would be voluntarily reducing her work hours to Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week.

Mr. DeBoer moved to hire Lauren McIntosh as part time clerk typist of the Municipal Court, as per the recommendation of the Judge and Township Administrator. Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

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

William Gettler, Gemmer Road offered an opinion and analysis regarding Tuition for Sussex Technical School. Mr. Gettler also offered an opinion and analysis regarding his perception of tax impact for the coming year, and offered Mayor Nuss a letter of farewell.

Ms. Kathy Gorman, Fernwood Road, asked if the public notice of a Request for Proposals for Land Use Attorney meant that Mr. Kienz would no longer be Land Use Attorney in Wantage Township.

Mr. Doherty explained that there are two options for consideration of professional appointment in New Jersey local government. One option involves a professional services exclusion from the Local Public Contracts law; the other involves an RFP process which is part of the Pay to Play protection process of New Jersey statutes. Mr. Doherty reported that Mr. Kienz has submitted the proposal with the least cost based on hourly rate with the greatest level of experience and credentials, and is therefore once again being recommended to the Land Use Board for consideration of appointment in 2011.

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There being no one else present wishing to address the governing body, 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 seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mayor Nuss declared this meeting to be adjourned.

James R. Doherty, Administrator/Clerk