

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL  
BUILDING, 888 STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 23, WANTAGE, N.J.,  
ON AUGUST 18, 2011**

Mayor DeBoer called the meeting to order, and requested the Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the governing body were present: Mayor DeBoer, Committeeman Gaechter. The following members were absent: Committeeman Bassani.

Mayor DeBoer 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 DeBoer led the assembly in the salute to the American Flag.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor DeBoer requested that the members of the Committee review the Consent Agenda.

There being no Committee member present wishing to comment on the proposed Consent Agenda, Mayor DeBoer requested approval of the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Gaechter moved to approve the following reports for filing:

Construction Department Report for July 2011  
Board of Health Report for July 2011  
Clerk's Report for July 2011  
Tax Collector Report for July 2011  
Registrar Report for July 2011

Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Gaechter moved to approve the following Applications:

Raffle License RL 11-19 to Beemerville Presbyterian Church for an On Premise  
Merchandise Raffle on 11/04/11  
Raffle License RL 11-20 to Beemerville Presbyterian Church for an On Premise  
50/50 Raffle on 11/04/2011  
Outdoor Event License to the Wantage United Methodist Church, for 150<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Celebration on 9/24/2011

Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Gaechter moved to approve Payment of Bills for the meeting of 8/18/11

Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Gaechter moved to approve the Resolution of compliance with the Provisions of the Local Finance Board relative to the Report of Audit for calendar year 2010.

Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Gaechter moved to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Melissa Rockwell from the position of Tax Assessor effective August 1, 2011. Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Gaechter moved to confirm endorsement of project by the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Proposed Improvements for Route 23 over a Branch of the Walkkill River Bridge Replacement Project, to enhance the safety of the travelling public.

Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Gaechter moved to authorize Extension of Grace Period for payment of taxes without late penalty to August 26, 2011. Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

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**CONSENT AGENDA, Continued**

Mr. Gaechter moved to confirm endorsement for Wantage Township First Aid Squad to hold a Coin Toss at McCoy’s Corner. Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,  
Ayes: Gaechter, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: Bassani Abstain: None

Mr. Gaechter moved to award the Bid to Bob Viersma & Sons in the amount of \$241,181.75 for the project entitled Improvements to Newton Avenue, Newman Road and County Route 639 Intersection. Certificate of Availability of funds is on file. Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,  
Ayes: Gaechter, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: Bassani Abstain: None

Mr. Gaechter moved to approve refunds of Land Use applications fees to James Wynn in the amount of \$417.08 for application L-10-11, and to Ferguson Funeral Home in the amount of \$444.20 for application L-05-38. Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,  
Ayes: Gaechter, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: Bassani Abstain: None

Mr. Gaechter moved to approve refunds of tax overpayments to G. Chris and Sung Anderson, in the amount of \$1,865.90 for Block 162 Lot 4.03 Q0076, and to Paulette and Richard Touw in the amount of \$40.47 for Block 130 Lot 6.08. Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,  
Ayes: Gaechter, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: Bassani Abstain: None

**PROCLAMATION:** Mayor DeBoer offered a **Proclamation** honoring the Wantage United Methodist Church on their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:

PROCLAMATION HONORING THE WANTAGE UNITED  
Methodist church ON THEIR 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Wantage United Methodist Church is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Wantage Township; and  
WHEREAS, through the years the church has faithfully served its congregants through the services of worship, baptisms, confirmations, affirmations, marriages, and memorials; and  
WHEREAS, the Wantage United Methodist Church has built a strong congregation, proud of its heritage and commitment to the community;  
NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM DEBOER, MAYOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, New Jersey, do hereby congratulate the Wantage United Methodist Church on their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and acknowledge the Church and its leadership for its dedicated service to the community.



**Administrator’s Report**

Mr. Doherty reported that Mr. Bassani has expressed a desire to seek competitive quotations for the service of alarm monitoring at the Municipal Building and Dog Pound.

Upon review and consideration, the governing body expressed support for this action, as well as seeking competitive quotations for the Heating, Ventilation and Air conditioning monitoring and service contracts. By consensus, it was agreed that Mr. Doherty would present a scope of services for the consideration of the governing body at the September 8 meeting.

Mr. Doherty explained that due to time sensitive deadlines involving actions of the Tax Assessment office, it would be prudent for the governing body to consider appointing a consultant to fulfill the duties of a Certified Tax Assessor until the search for a permanent Tax Assessor is completed.

Mr. Gaechter moved to appoint Thomas DeKorte as a consultant fulfilling the duties of a Certified Tax Assessor on behalf of the Township of Wantage for the remainder of calendar year 2011, providing 2.5 hours of service per week at a rate of \$75 per hour. Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,  
Ayes: Gaechter, DeBoer Nays: None Absent: Bassani Abstain: None

**Township Committee Member Reports:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE 2011-07 ACCEPTING EILEEN DRIVE**

Mayor DeBoer opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments with respect to proposed Ordinance 2011-07, entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE ACCEPTING THE STREET KNOWN AS EILEEN DRIVE". No members of the public expressed a desire to present any questions or comments at this time.

Mr. Gaechter moved to postpone consideration of final adoption of this proposed ordinance until the meeting of September 8, 2011. Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. On the question, Mr. Doherty explained that this postponement was at the recommendation of Township Attorney Michael Garofalo, as there were still some outstanding paperwork items pending receipt from the Developer. Upon roll call,

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

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 2011-08: FLOOD DAMAGE CONTROL**

Mr. Gaechter moved to introduce on first reading, Ordinance 2011-08 entitled "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER XVIII FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE", with a final hearing date scheduled for September 8, 2011. Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Gaechter moved to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the meeting of the Wantage governing body held on July 14, 2011 and the Special meeting held on August 2, 2011. Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

Mayor DeBoer opened the meeting to the public at this time, for any questions or comments involving the good and welfare of the community.

Mr. William Gettler, Gemmer Road, offered comments and views regarding the issue of commuter rail service expansion.

There being no one else wishing to address the governing body at this time, Mayor DeBoer closed the meeting to the public.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items for the attention of the governing body, Mr. Gaechter moved to adjourn the meeting. Mayor DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mayor DeBoer declared this meeting adjourned.