

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET 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 FEBRUARY  
7, 2012**

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Mayor Gaechter called the 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 Gaechter, Committeemen Bassani and DeBoer. The following member was absent: None.

Also present: CFO Michelle La Starza

Mayor Gaechter led those present in the Salute to the Flag.

Mayor Gaechter 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**

Mr. Doherty reviewed spreadsheets showing projected departmental spending levels for 2012, as well as projected salaries, surplus and revenues. General review and discussion of the material presented took place.

The members of the governing body reviewed each line item of the proposed spending plan and made adjustments with the goal of reaching a zero percent increase in the local tax burden for 2012. That said goal was accomplished, based on the currently projected scenario of receiving the same amount of state aid in 2012 as was received in 2011.

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

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

William Gettler, Gemmer Road, offered his views on Mr. Doherty's extent of contribution to the budget discussion, attorney fees, and the Tax Assessment Compliance Plan. Mr. Gettler also offered input of projections regarding tax impact at the county and school levels.

General discussion took place among the members of the governing body and Mr. Gettler regarding his input. The members of the governing body urged Mr. Gettler to make known his views and concerns at the county level and school board level.

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

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mayor Gaechter declared this meeting to be adjourned.

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James R. Doherty, Administrator/Clerk