

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL 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 JULY 19, 2012

Mayor Gaechter 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 Gaechter, Committeeman DeBoer, and Committeeman Bassani. The following members were absent: None.

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."

Housing Rehabilitation Program Policy Statement

Mr. DeBoer moved to adopt the Housing Rehabilitation Program Policy and Program Manual of Wantage Township, dated June 22, 2012. Mr. Bassani seconded the motion.

Upon roll call,

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

Executive Session:

Mr. DeBoer moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P. L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, that the public shall be excluded from discussion of the following matters:

A collective bargaining agreement, including negotiation of the terms and conditions of employment; and matters involving the terms and conditions of employment, and the evaluation of the performance of specific public employees employed by the public body within the Construction Department and the Municipal Court.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minutes will be kept on file in the municipal clerk's office, and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes shall be made public.

Mr. Bassani seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

After meeting in closed executive session, Mr. Bassani moved to reconvene the meeting in regular open session. Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to hire Linda Kelly as a part time clerical employee of the Construction Department at a rate of \$12 per hour for a 16 hour work week. Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

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

Ann Smulewicz, Route 23, offered comments regarding the adoption of the recently updated sewer service maps within Sussex County, and offered her thanks to Mr. William Gettler for assistance with respect to her efforts in researching this topic. Ms. Smulewicz also offered comments of expressed disappointment with Wantage Township regarding the job availability situation, citing impacts on small business, members of the public, and taxpayers. Ms. Smulewicz expressed a desire to see fewer regulations as a means of encouraging job growth. The members of the governing body engaged in general discussion with Ms. Smulewicz regarding her comments and observations. Mayor Gaechter expressed hope that good things were on the horizon for Wantage Township's future.

William Gettler, Gemmer Road, suggested the governing body should review the Open Public Meetings Act regarding acceptable reasons for entering into executive session; offered comments regarding the status of state review of the Compliance Plan issue; and suggested the Township fix a conduit running along the side of the wall in the meeting room.

There being no one else present wishing to address the governing body at this time, Mayor Gaechter closed the meeting to the public and the governing body returned to the regular order of business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for the attention of the governing body, 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 adjourned.

James R. Doherty, Clerk