

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 JANUARY 2, 2014

After a brief recess following the Organization Meeting, Mayor DeBoer called the regular 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 Bassani, and Committeeman Gaechter. The following members were absent: None. Also Present: Township Attorney Michael Garofalo

Mayor DeBoer confirmed the Open Public Meetings Act Compliance statement offered during the Organization Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor DeBoer requested that the governing body Review the Regular Consent Agenda.

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize the renewal of Soil Removal License for 284 Aggregates LLC for the year 2014. Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon Roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize annual renewal of Junkyard License to Beemerville Auto Wrecking for Block 125, Lot 6.02. Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon Roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize annual renewal of Junkyard License to Charles and Annette Meissner for Block 117, Lot 33. Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon Roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize annual renewal of Kennel License for Roger & Ellen Titus of 1167 Route 23, Block 139 Lot 19, subject to confirmation of acceptable Health Regulation Compliance Report from the Sussex County Health Department.

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon Roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to award a Contract to EM Electrical Contractors of Newton, NJ as the lowest responsible, responsive Bidder for the project "Beemerville Firehouse Generator", in the amount of \$42,800. Certificate of Availability of Funds is on file from the Chief Finance Officer. Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon Roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize the Administrator to sign the Renewal Agreement with County of Sussex Office of Public Health Nursing for the Annual Hepatitis B Service Agreement for Emergency Responders. Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon Roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize renewal of Shared Services Agreement with the Town of Newton for animal control and pound services for the year 2014.

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon Roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize renewal of Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Montague for animal control and pound services for the year 2014.

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon Roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Sandyston for animal control services for the year 2014. Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon Roll call,

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

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Mr. Bassani moved to authorize renewal of Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Stillwater for Court Services for the years 2014 through 2016.

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon Roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to award a Contract to Petro Mechanics for Conversion of Municipal Building Fuel Oil tank (no longer needed with conversion to Natural Gas) to Gasoline Storage tank (for DPW vehicles), in the amount of \$13,380.00, representing governing body award of contract below the bid threshold under the Local Vendor First policy. Certificate of Availability of Funds is on file from the Chief Finance Officer.

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon Roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to confirm the Chief Finance Officer's award of \$3,625,908 Bond Anticipation Note to TD Securities (USA) LLC at 1.50%, issue 1/9/2014, maturity 1/9/2015 (The net interest rate with premium paid by TD Securities is 1.067%. The interest rates ranged from 1.25 to 2.17% and four bids were received). Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon Roll call,

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

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Doherty presented the results of the competitive quotation process for services to perform a comprehensive appraisal report of the value of the three Soil Quarry Operations currently active in Wantage Township, from December 23, 2013:

Swift Realty of Newton: \$24,000.

Michael Holstein of Sparta: \$14,970

Certified Valuations of Randolph: \$14,500.

Mr. Doherty recommended an award of contract to Certified Valuations for this contract. This was so moved by Mr. Gaechter, seconded by Mr. Bassani. Upon Roll call,

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

Mr. Doherty recommended hiring Wayne Devantoy of Wantage, NJ as a full time DPW Laborer at a rate of \$14.25 per hour, replacing retired DPW employee Walt Yetter. This was so moved by Mr. Bassani, seconded by Mr. Gaechter. Upon Roll call,

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

Mr. Doherty requested a response of the governing body to an invitation made by the Sussex County Board of Taxation for a meeting to review the status of the Reassessment program. The governing body instructed Mr. Doherty to coordinate availability of parties' schedules to find an acceptable meeting date and time.

Attorney's Report: None

Township Committee Member Reports: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of Ordinance 2014-01

Mr. Bassani moved to introduce on first reading, Ordinance 2014-01, entitled "AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF STREETS WITHIN THE CLOVE HILL MANOR SUBDIVISION," with a proposed Final Hearing date set for January 30, 2014. Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon Roll call,

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

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Introduction of Ordinance 2014-02

Mr. Bassani moved to introduce on first reading, Ordinance 2014-01, entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XXI, FEES, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE,” with a proposed Final Hearing date set for January 30, 2014. Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon Roll call,

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bassani moved to adopt the Regular and Executive session minutes of December 12, 2013, and the minutes of the Special Meeting held on December 30, 2013.

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon Roll call,

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

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

There being no one present 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. Bassani moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon Roll call,

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

Mayor Bassani declared this meeting adjourned.

James R. Doherty, Administrator Clerk