

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF WANTAGE, HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP BUILDING, 888 STATE ROUTE 23,
WANTAGE, NJ, HELD AT 7 P.M. ON
July 13, 2017**

Mayor Morris called the meeting to order, and requested that the Clerk call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the governing body were present: Mayor Jonathan Morris, Committeeman Ronald Bassani, and Committeeman William Gaechter. Also, present: Administrator/Acting Clerk Debra Millikin, and Mr. Louis Karp, Esq.

Mayor Morris stated, "This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231. It has been properly noticed and certified by the Clerk."

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Morris requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Resolution 79-2017 through Resolution 87-2017. June monthly reports for: Board of Health, Clerk Report, Driveway, Housing Report, Lane Use Report, Property Maintenance Report, Registrar Report, Tax Collector Report, and Zoning Report.

Motion made by Mr. Bassani, and seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #79-2017

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND PARTICIPATION IN THE FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 allows for acceptance of federal funds and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage has been awarded FY 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG), Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMAA) subaward number FY17-EMPG-EMAA-1924 for July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this grant is \$20,000 with the federal share of \$10,000 and the Township of Wantage cash match of \$10,000, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage does accept the subaward for the purpose of completion of the Wantage Township EMMA Work Plan,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, does hereby authorize acceptance of federal funds and

participation in the federal grant program administered by the State of New Jersey,
Department of Law & Public Safety

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #80-2017

AUTHORIZING REFUND

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has recommended the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage reimburse funds for a tax overpayment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, does hereby authorize the refund of

\$13,566.36 to Oostdyk Realty, LLC, for Block 2 Lot 52.02, tax overpayment.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #81-2017

AUTHORIZING REFUND

WHEREAS, the Land Use Secretary has recommended the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage reimburse funds for completed applications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, does hereby authorize the refund of

\$295.60 to 565 Land Use Development for land use application L-2014-02.

\$2,500.00 to Vincent & Daisy Riccardi for driveway application D-16-02.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #82-2017

RESCIND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 9, 2016 FOR RENEWAL OF
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE FOR
LICENSE # 1924-33-006-006

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage has been instructed by the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control that it must rescind the above reference renewal for plenary retail consumption license for License #1924-33-006-006, license location Penna Vodka, Inc., 1 Libertyville Road, trading as Bella Vita Ristorante due to the fact that the license has been inactive within a two year period; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage has received a Special Ruling from the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control permitting the Township to consider the application for renewal of this inactive license pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 dated June 20, 2017 and having a Docket No. of 6-17-740 after the previous action taken on June 9, 2016 is rescinded;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, does hereby rescind the resolution dated June 9, 2016 for the renewal of License #1924-33-006-006

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #83-2017

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWING LIQUOR LICENSE FOR 2016-2017 LICENSING TERM

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage received a special ruling to permit renewal of inactive license pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39;

WHEREAS, the renewal is being approved for a plenary retail consumption license for License # 1924-33-006-006, Licensee & Location: Penne Vodka Inc., 1 Libertyville Road, Trading as: Bella Vita Ristorante;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, does hereby approve the renewal of the liquor license for License #1924-33-006-006 for the licensing term of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #84-2017

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2016 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Comments and

Recommendations, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #85-2017

RESOLUTION APPROVING BILLS AND VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage in the County of Sussex that payment is hereby approved for all vouchers that have been properly authenticated and presented for payment, representing expenditures for which appropriations were duly made in 2016 and 2017 Budgets adopted by this local Governing Body, including any emergency appropriations, and where unexpended balances exist in said appropriation accounts for the payment of such vouchers.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #86-2017

RESOLUTION APPROVING LICENSE FOR SOIL REMOVAL TO BICSAK/WANTAGE STONE (NOW EASTERN MATERIALS) TILL DECEMBER 31, 2017

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, Harold E. Pellow, of Harold E. Pellow & Associates completed an inspection of Block 11, Lots 5, 5.01 and 5.02 in the Township of Wantage; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer, Harold E. Pellow, of Harold E. Pellow & Associates, in his letter dated April 30, 2017, recommends approval of a soil removal permit till December 31, 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex that it hereby concurs with the Town Engineer's recommendation and approves the license for soil removal to Bicsak/Wantage Stone (now Eastern Materials) for Block 11, Lots 5, 5.01, and 5.02 to December 31, 2017.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #87-2017

RESOLUTION APPROVING OUTDOOR EVENT LICENSE FOR SKYLANDS ANIMAL SANCTUARY AND RESCUE

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage requires an Outdoor Event License; and

WHEREAS, Michael Stura, Skylands Animal Sanctuary and Rescue, 50 Compton Road, Wantage, New Jersey is requesting an Outdoor Event License for "Jimmy Jam" on July 30, 2017,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex that it hereby approves the Outdoor License Event for Skylands Animal Sanctuary and Rescue on July 30, 2017.

REPORTS

Clerk – None

Administrator – Mrs. Millikin stated the Township received the tax rate for 2017 on Wednesday. The tax rate has been certified at 2.615. This is a decrease of 0.059. Melissa Caton is in the process of printing the bills and I have supplied a resolution for approval by the Township Committee tonight extending the time for tax payments to August 18th.

Motion made by Mr. Gaechter, and seconded by Mr. Bassani.

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #89-2017

RESOLUTION APPROVING EXTENDED DATE FOR TAX COLLECTION FOR WANTAGE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Township Tax Collector received the certification of the Township Tax Rate on July 12, 2017;

WHEREAS, due to the late rate being certified the Township needs to extend the payment period to August 18, 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey does hereby authorize an extended time for property owners to pay taxes to August 18, 2017.

Next Mrs. Millikin stated Fire Chief Justin Vander Groef had requested the ability of the fire department to do a coin toss on Route 23, Clark Road, and County Route 565 for 2018. I have asked Chief Vander Groef to research the requirements for the state for a coin toss as well as the County requirements. Does the Committee have any concerns on the Fire Department changing the location of the coin toss for 2018? Mr. Vander Groef gave some history regarding the coin tosses that have been done by the two fire departments. The Fire Department will have to complete DOT paperwork and County paperwork for the coin toss. Mr. Vander Groef stated at the next quarterly chiefs' meeting this will be discussed. Mr. Gaechter questioned where members of the Fire Department would stand for the coin toss. Mr. Vander Groef indicated where ever NJDOT will approve. Mayor Morris questioned if a traffic study will be required. Mr. Vander Groef stated yes. Mr. Bassani questioned has the Fire Department tried to working with Sussex on a coin toss. Mayor Morris stated it should be coordinated with Sussex Fire Department. The Committee requested that the Fire Department work with Sussex Fire Department. Mr. Gaechter stated it is a great idea to put the two departments together for a coin toss.

Mrs. Millikin stated she wanted to congratulate Space Farms on their 90th Anniversary this past Saturday. She was at Space Farms on Saturday morning with her kids and it was great event.

Mrs. Millikin also advised the calendars have been mailed. All residents should be in receipt of them.

Mrs. Millikin stated next week she will be on vacation from Saturday, July 15th to Saturday, July 22nd in New York State.

Attorney Report - none

Mayor's Report - Mayor Morris stated he had a couple of letters first from NJDOT stating the Township received funds in the amount of \$148,000 from the transportation trust fund for the Newman Road Project. A letter was received from Crime Stopper for any neighborhood watch groups that signs are available through the Sheriff's Department.

Mayor Morris also stated that Mrs. Millikin and I have had a couple meetings this past week. This afternoon was with a couple of businessmen regarding Route 23. On Monday I have a meeting with another business who is looking at relocating a business to Wantage.

Committee Member Report – Mr. Gaechter stated he has been at Woodbourne Park to see the progress of the Pavilion and very excited to see this come to fruition. Mayor Morris stated footings are to begin on July 25th.

Committee Member Report – Mr. Bassani asked Mrs. Millikin to give a quick update on the flag poles since the end of the year is approaching. I also wanted to congratulate Space Farms, and would like to recognize them at a meeting with a proclamation from the Township Committee. Mrs. Millikin passed her final class in order to sit for the state

exam in October. Mr. Bassani stated I appreciate Mrs. Millikin's focus on the action items related to her contract. He questioned the status of Knox box ordinance. Mrs. Millikin stated Mr. Kienz was doing some research on this and she will follow up on this matter.

Mr. Bassani then stated he would be remised if not providing an Open Space update. Letter of intent on Sherman Ridge Parcel and Berry Road parcel. There has been numerous articles in the press recently. A rather controversial article written by the paper did not reflect what the intent of the open space purchases would provide to the Township nor did any member of the Open Space Committee have an opportunity to comment. Mr. Bassani continued to advise his concern over the lack of professionalism in the reporting of the NJ Herald. Mr. Bassani stated he is extremely proud of this Committee because we continue to keep the tax dollars down. Mr. Bassani stated the Township will continue to pursue parcels for open space. Mr. Pellow's rendering is just a concept and is not the final determination. The Committee will be seeking input from the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee, as well as obtaining public input for this parcel and the best use for this open space. Mr. Bassani also explained in some detail the way appraisals were obtained for the Berry Road parcel along with the Green Acres requirements towards the purchase of a parcel for Open Space. Mr. Bassani also explained the Open Space Tax expiring and indicated that this will go back out to the Tax Payers in November. Mr. Bassani indicated he is extremely proud of the Open Space Committee and the Township Committee for all they are doing for the taxpayers of Wantage.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2nd Reading & Public Hearing

A motion is in order to adopt on final reading Ordinance #2017-10 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2017.

Motion was made by Mr. Bassani and seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

Mayor Morris opened this portion of the meeting to the public. None coming forward this portion was closed.

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

ORDINANCE #2017-10

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2017

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-165, the Township of Wantage shall pay its municipal officers and employees for services rendered as shown below. Figures shown represent annual salary, unless otherwise indicated.

DEPARTMENT & POSITION

Nancy Van Horn Shared Service Finance Stipend	\$1,500 7/1/17 to 12/31/17
Nicole Dunn Shared Service Tax Stipend	\$ 500 7/1/17 to 12/31/17
Jeanne McBride, Assistant Zoning Officer	\$2,000 Annual

Section 2. All former ordinances or part thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage according to law.

INTRODUCTION

A motion is in order to introduce on first reading Ordinance #2017-11 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$23,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS ROADS.

Motion was made by Mr. Gaechter and seconded by Mr. Bassani

Upon Roll Call:

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

WANTAGE TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE # 2017-11

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$23,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS ROADS

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1: The sum of Twenty-Three Thousand dollars (\$23,000.00) presently located in the General Capital Fund is hereby appropriated for Improvement to Various Roads from the Reserve for Various Roads, General Capital Fund:

Improvement to Various Road:	\$23,000.00
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SECTION 2: In connection with the amount authorized in Section 1 hereof, the Township makes the following determinations:

- 1) The purpose described in Section 1 hereof is not a Current Expense and is a purchase the Township of Wantage may lawfully make as a capital purchase.
- 2) The period of usefulness of the purpose described in Section 1 hereof is not in the limitation of said Local Bond law and according to the aggregate reasonable life thereof is five (5) years or longer.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance be and the same hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

SECTION 4: This ordinance becomes effective immediately upon publication after adoption.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion is in Order to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2017, Mayor and Committee Regular Meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Bassani and seconded by Mr. Gaechter

Upon Roll Call:

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

PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, ETHAN R. BILLINGS has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, which represents an accomplishment of high regard within the Wantage Community, and

WHEREAS, as a member of Boy Scout Troop 84, Ethan has held numerous Leadership positions in the troop, including Patrol Leader and Quarter Master, and

WHEREAS, Ethan has distinguished himself by earning 25 merit badges during his Boy Scout career, as well as through community service, including his Eagle Scout Project for which he dedicated more than 27 hours to planning and constructing the installation of a French drain system behind the Fellowship Hall at the First Presbyterian Church of Branchville, and

WHEREAS, Ethan is very active in his school and community. He has been a member of High Point Regional High School's cross country team, freshman baseball team and holds the position of freshman class treasurer. Ethan has volunteered many hours to his church's missions and other Boy Scout events, and

WHEREAS, such a fine record of accomplishment is worthy of praise and recognition,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jonathan Morris, Mayor of the Township of Wantage, hereby offer my congratulations to Ethan Billings for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the entire Wantage Community is hereby encouraged to join in the recognition of this fine accomplishment.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Mayor Morris opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Daniel Veit 1217 Route 23 he commended the Committee for thinking about doing Open Space. I am here for a concern about Avian Refuge that is on Route 23 in Wantage and concerned about the proposed plans for the site. Would like the Committee to review their website and facebook page which is discussing a possible expansion and a quality of life issue. He indicated that he is aware the Township is looking into some noise issues. Mayor Morris questioned if the building that has been constructed help with the noise. Mr. Veit stated this has helped and made a difference, but if allowed to go outside this will be a concern for the residents of Colesville. Thank you for your time and attention.

Mr. William Gettler, 98 Gemmer Road, he brought up the open space issue. He advised that the Wantage ordinance 2006-20 ceased to exist on December 31, 2016 and I notified the Township on February 10th. We do not want the properties for open space being proposed for purchase. Mr. Gettler provided some statistics he had prepared and questioned why there is a need for fields. Mr. Gettler indicated that Ordinance 2016-20 did not meet the requirements of the referendum. He discussed the section of the ordinance. Based on this information the Open Space Ordinance no longer exists. Mayor Morris requested Mr. Gettler provide his information for review since his 4 minutes were up. Mr. Gettler stated we will see about getting criminal charges filed.

Mr. Bill DeBoer, 14 Beemer Road, he understood the Township had gone to court regarding Mr. Gettler. He wanted to know how much the Township has spent regarding defending itself from Mr. Gettler. He knows back in 1999 spent \$18,000 and costing tax payers' money. Mayor Morris indicated the litigation since 2008 cost the Township \$65,421.20.

Mrs. Charlene Kimble, 126 Sherman Ridge Road, she lives next to the Berry Road parcel for soccer fields. She is extremely concerned about this and does not want this next to her property. Sherman Ridge is an extremely busy road. Mr. Bassani indicated that the proposed map in the paper is strictly a concept only. She stated why did the Committee not reach out to her as a neighboring property owner regarding their plan or concept. She is very concerned and does not want this next to her property. Mayor Morris indicated that the plan was strictly conceptual and that right now the intent is to purchase the property strictly for open space. Mr. Gaechter also indicated that this is something that will not happen immediately and that there is no specific use for this site. Mr. Bassani indicated the Committee would love your input regarding this site for being utilized for open space. Mrs. Kimble stated another issue is the speed on Sherman Ridge. Mr. Bassani stated can the Township look into the Sheriff Department for enforcement of the road.

Mrs. Anne Smulewiz, 128 Route 23, stated she feels that the Township should listen to Mrs. Kimble's concern about purchasing the parcel. She also wanted to commend that two members of the Open Space Committee were in attendance at tonight's meeting and thank you for coming to listen to everyone's comments. She stated she was very happy to hear commerce coming to Wantage.

Mr. Joseph Retz, 145 Libertyville Road, questioned is the Township intention to buy up properties so no one can come to the Township? Mr. Gaechter questioned if Mr. Retz is anti-open space. Mr. Retz stated no the Township should purchase the Sherman Ridge parcel. That is a great site and could handle the fields. Concern about the Berry Road

site and paying \$10,000 an acre. He questioned about any study on the house asbestos, lead etc. are on the site. The cost is too high for this parcel on Berry Road. Mr. Retz stated he would like to know why the Township is paying this amount.

Mrs. Victoria Gill, 42 Courtright Road, stated she has been on the Open Space Committee since 2006. She likes to refer to herself as a matchmaker for properties and owners. She helped find the right purchaser for the 519 parcel. Mrs. Gill stated the intention was to create greenways to connect the entire Township through open space. Mrs. Gill is the liaison between Open Space and the Land Use Board. The group has evolved. Mrs. Gill stated the idea site that has been a focus of the Open Space Committee off of Old Clove Road, but the owner does not want to meet with Open Space. When Open Space went to Green Acres the two parcels were Berry Road and Route 519. 2015 Open Space went to Land Conservancy for 519 and this did not cost a dime to the tax payers for the purchase.

There being no other member of the public wanting to comment public comment was closed.

Executive Session

Motion is in order approve Resolution #88-2017 Authorizing the Township Committee to go into Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations. Motion was made by Mr. Bassani and seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

Ayes: Bassani, Gaechter, Morris Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: none

Mrs. Millikin read the Resolution #88-2017 into the record.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #88-2017

EXECUTIVE SESSION July 13, 2017

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specific purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

- (1) Contract Negotiations

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, assembled in public session on July 13, 2017, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on July 13, 2017, at 8:06 PM in the Township of Wantage Municipal Building,

888 Route 23, Wantage, NJ, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific item designated above.

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Township Committee that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

Motion to come out of Executive Session made by Mr. Bassani and Seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

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

Mr. Karp indicated matters discussed were related to contract negotiations and will not be disclosed at this time.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Bassani and seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Millikin, Acting Municipal Clerk