

**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
SEPTEMBER 14, 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. Glenn Kienz, 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 99-2017 through Resolution 103-2017. August monthly reports for: Board of Health, Clerk Report, Driveway, Housing 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 #99-2017

AUTHORIZING STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND
RESOLUTION TO JOIN (RENEW) THE STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, a number of local units have joined together to form the Statewide Insurance Fund ("FUND"), a joint insurance fund, as permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, The Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, has complied with relevant law with regard to the acquisition of insurance; and

WHEREAS, the statutes and regulations governing the creation and operation of joint insurance funds contain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of such funds; and

WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT has determined that membership in the FUND is in the best interest of the LOCAL UNIT.

WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT agrees to be a member of the FUND for a period of three (3) years, effective from January 1, 2018 terminating on January 1, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. standard time; and

WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT has never defaulted on claims, if self-insured, and has not been canceled for non-payment of insurance premiums for two (2) years prior to the date of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LOCAL UNIT does hereby agree to join the Statewide Insurance Fund: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to the extent required by law, the Local Unit shall provide notice of the Indemnity and Trust Agreement to the Office of the State Comptroller: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LOCAL UNIT will be afforded the following coverage(s):

Workers' Compensation & Employer's Liability
Comprehensive General Liability
Automobile Liability and Physical Damage
Public Officials and Employment Practices Liability
Pollution Liability
Property
Inland Marine Boiler and Machinery
Crime-Faithful Performance and Fidelity
Cyber Liability
Non-Owned Aircraft

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Debra Millikin, Administrator, is hereby appointed as the LOCAL UNIT's Fund Commissioner and is authorized to execute the application for membership and the accompanying certification on behalf of the LOCAL UNIT; and Michelle LaStarza, CFO is hereby appointed as the LOCAL UNIT's Alternate Fund Commissioner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LOCAL UNIT's Fund Commissioner is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying the membership in the FUND as required by the FUND's Bylaws and to deliver same to the Administrator of the FUND with the express reservation that said documents shall become effective only upon the LOCAL UNIT's admissions to the FUND following approval of the FUND by the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #100-2017

AUTHORIZING REFUND

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

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

\$18,620.44 to US Bank for Block 107 Lot 56 for tax sale certificate 19-14
\$ 6,500.00 to US Bank for Block 107 Lot 56 for tax sale premium
\$11,090.17 to US Bank for Block 45 Lot 11 for tax sale certificate 16-11
\$20,618.64 to US Bank for Block 165 Lot 24.07 for tax sale certificate 15-27
\$ 336.69 to Paul & Diane Schuchert for Block 37 Lot 102 for tax overpayment

\$ 1,776.22 to Laura Davis for Block 27 Lot 2.09 for tax overpayment

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #101-2017

AUTHORIZING REFUND

WHEREAS, the Assistant Zoning Officer has recommended the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage reimburse funds for overpayment on a vacant property registration.

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

\$500.00 to Bron Inc, Block 41 Lot 36 for duplicate vacant property registration

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #102-2017

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 #103-2017

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 MILLING & PAVING OF VARIOUS ROADS FOR 2017

WHEREAS, on the Township of Wantage awarded a contract for the milling and paving for Morgan Drive, Marc Drive, Northfield Drive, Southfield Drive, and Eastfield Drive to Tilcon New York, Inc., on August 10, 2017, in the amount of \$529,004.95; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer, Harold E. Pellow, of Harold E. Pellow & Associates, recommends approving Change Order No. 1, the milling and paving for Morgan Drive, Marc Drive, Northfield Drive, Southfield Drive, and Eastfield Drive reducing the total contract by \$37,946.90 for a new contract total of \$491,058.05;

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 accepts Change Order No. 1 for the milling and paving of Morgan Drive, Marc Drive, Northfield Drive, Southfield Drive, and Eastfield Drive; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of Change Order No. 1, be attached to and made part of this Resolution.

A Motion is in Order to approve PO# 14682 for Bassani Power Equipment, LLC for \$166.09.

Motion made by Mr. Gaechter and seconded by Mayor Morris.

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

REPORTS

Clerk – Mrs. Millikin stated she received a catering permit for a wedding on Brown Road. This catering permit is for the liquor license for Zipload, Inc. This is not a license under the Township prevue and catering permits can be issued ,but not more than 25 in a year. I want to make sure no issue from the Committee. All were in favor of the catering permit.

Mrs. Millikin indicated for the month of August is a total of 30 OPRA request were processed.

Mrs. Millikin advised that the Township received notice from the County Health Department regarding Truck Mounted ULV Spraying. Sussex County Department of Health and Human Services Division of Health Office of Mosquito Control will be conducting a truck mounted ULV application for adult mosquitoes Monday, September 18, 2017 between the hours of 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. The product that is being applied is Scourage 4%+12% EPA Reg# 432-716 with the active ingredient being Resmethrin. The application will be made in Wantage Township including road and areas but not limited to: North Field Drive, Southfield Drive, Eastfield Drive, Matthew Drive, Joseph Drive, Portions of Berry Road, Armstrong Road and connecting roads, Morgan Drive, portions of Dyer Road, portions of Holland Road, Coykendall Road, and Sherman Ridge Road. If you have any questions please contact the Office of Mosquito Control at 973-940-5225 from 8 am – 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. This notice will be placed on the Township website and facebook page.

Administrator – stated there is a resolution on the dais for approval by the governing body. Resolution 105-2017 is a refund for a vacant property registration. The fee was paid by a realtor and the next day the bank check was received and processed.

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

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #105-2017

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION BLOCK
32, LOT 4.01

WHEREAS, the Assistant Zoning Officer has recommended the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage reimburse funds for overpayment on a vacant property registration.

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

\$1,500.00 to David Thoenig, Block 32 Lot 4.01 for duplicate vacant property registration

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mrs. Millikin provided an update regarding the transfer switch for the generator. Mrs. Millikin advised that per the Committee's request she went back to SREC Resources regarding the \$16,920 price to inquire what the price would be for prevailing wage. This \$16,920 price includes prevailing wage so the work can be done on a weekend. Mrs. Millikin advised an additional quote was received at a higher price of over \$17,500 a PO will be issued to SREC Resources. Mr. Bassani questioned when will this be completed. Mrs. Millikin stated the equipment has a lead time so hopefully in October the equipment will be installed.

Mrs. Millikin advised that Ecolscience has done the site inspection including the house and barn inspection of 41 Berry Road. She advised that the preliminary assessment will be in our office by the end of next week.

Mrs. Millikin advised that Mayor Wayne Levante from the Town of Newton will be at the Township Committee Meeting on October 12th.

Mrs. Millikin received a request from Mr. Meyernick requesting the vacation of a portion of Gemmer Road. Mr. Meyernick has purchased the Parrot property off of Gemmer Road. Harold Pellow has prepared a memo on this matter and there would be some cost involved in order to allow for this to occur. It would be her recommendation that if this is something the Township is willing to consider that Mr. Meyernick be required to cover all cost associated with this vacation of the roadway and construction of improvements. Mr. Bassani questioned is there more detailed. Mrs. Millikin indicated that the trucks turn around right by the house to go back up Gemmer Road. Mr. Bassani is this Chris Parrot parcel. Mrs. Millikin indicated yes. The Committee would like some time to consider this request.

Mrs. Millikin stated the Recreation Commission was approached by Skylands Ice World to advertise on the Township website and facebook page. Skylands will provide the Township a twenty percent money back donation every quarter when a Wantage resident registers. I have a list of municipalities participating in this program. Mayor Morris questioned that they would advertise. Mr. Gaechter indicated anything with the legal on this request? Mr. Kienz stated not that he is aware of on this matter. Mr. Bassani concerned this is not a business in Wantage and could affect other businesses. Mr. Gaechter questioned the other Municipalities involved with this program. Mrs. Millikin indicated Jefferson, Hopatcong, Sparta, Sandyston, Barry Lakes, Hardyston, West Milford, Bloomingdale, Kinnelon, and Wanaque. The Committee advised it will be taken under advisement.

Mrs. Millikin as a reminder next Thursday, September 21st at 6:00 p.m. the SCLOM General Meeting at the Mohawk House. Finally hope to see everyone at the Woodbourne Park 5k Family/Fun Run. She indicated she will be there with her family.

Attorney Report - none

Mayor's Report – Mayor advised the Pavilion is completed and the top soil and seed have been placed and looks great.

Mayor Morris then read the following proclamation into the record:

Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, September 17, 2017, marks the two hundred thirtieth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention, and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary; and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion, and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jonathan Morris, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Township of Wantage, do hereby proclaim the week of September 16 through 22 as **CONSTITUTION WEEK**, and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the Framers of the constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may be regained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of September of the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.

Mayor Morris advised the Township received a letter from NJDOT notice of intent to renew Aeronautical License for Sussex Airport. This is annual renewal.

Committee Member Report – Mr. Gaechter stated he would like to welcome Shop Rite Liquors as a new business to the community.

Committee Member Report – Mr. Bassani stated he also welcome Shop Rite Liquors as well and ratables are great for the community.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Ordinance

A motion is in order to introduce on first reading Ordinance #2017-12 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, I THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$950,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$950,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

Motion was made by Mr. Gaechter and seconded by Mayor Morris.

Mayor Morris requested that Mrs. Millikin explain the bond ordinance. Mrs. Millikin explained that this ordinance allows for financing to be put in place in order acquire the 41 Berry Road parcel as well as potentially the Sherman Ridge parcel. This bond ordinance is for short term financing and will allow the Township to fund the acquisitions until reimbursement for the state portion is received.

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

ORDINANCE #2017-12

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$950,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$950,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey (the "Township") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$950,000, including a grant expected to be received in the maximum amount of \$622,000 from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program (the "State Grant"). No down payment is required pursuant to

N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c) as the improvement or purpose referred to in Section 3(a) is being partially funded by the State Grant.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose and in anticipation of receipt of the State Grant, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$950,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the acquisition of open space consisting of Block 132, Lot 1.01 and Block 135, Lot 6.01 on the tax maps of the Township also known as 41 Berry Road and LGR Enterprises Tract, Sherman Ridge Road, respectively, including all related costs and expenditures necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers

thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Township may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 40 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the

bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$950,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$95,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

Section 7. The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3(a) hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Mayor Morris stated a motion is in order to introduce on first reading Ordinance #2017-13 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$107,100 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$102,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

Mayor Morris questioned why the difference in the two amounts. Mrs. Millikin indicated because the Township has a \$5,100 match.

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

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

ORDINANCE # 2017-13

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$107,100 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$102,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey

(the "Township") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$107,100, including a \$102,000 grant expected to be received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (the "Grant") and further including the sum of \$5,100 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment and in anticipation of receipt of the Grant, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$102,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the acquisition of self contained breathing apparatus, including all related costs and expenditures necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions

of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Township may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 15 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the

Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$102,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$10,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

Section 7. The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3(a) hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its

undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion is in Order to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2017, Mayor and Committee Regular Meeting.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Mayor Morris opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. William Gettler 98 Gemmer Road, before I start Gemmer Road, Chris Parrot was required to put cul-de-sacs on both ends and never did this. Mr. Bassani stated the Township will look into this matter. Mr. Gettler discussed the litigation cost associated with the defending the Township from him. He questioned Mayor Morris are you now willing to admit that the information that you provided in response to Bill DeBoer's questioning was no correct? Mayor Morris stated no. Are you now willing to apologize to me and the citizens of Wantage Township for the false information that you publicly provided to Bill DeBoer? Mayor Morris stated the information was not incorrect. The Finance Department went back and double checked the numbers for this reason and are correct. Mr. Gettler stated do I need to hire an attorney for slander and defamation of character. Mayor Morris stated there was no slander. Mr. Bassani questioned if Mr. Gettler has a number. He stated he was the defendant and the number provided is complete bogus. Mr. Gettler based on the open space plan update that the Land Conservancy of NJ did for Sussex County Wantage has 13,026 acres, or 30.16% if its land already preserved. Sussex County had 144,261 acres, or 42%, of its land already preserved. Based on the report by the NJ Division of Taxation concerning farmland in 2016. Wantage Township had 23,923 acres, or 55.0511%, of its land farmland assessed. Sussex County had 103,410 acres or 30.7008% of its land farmland assessed. When is

enough, enough? By Township ordinance the Open Space Trust Fund ceased to exist as of 31 December 2016. Give the \$707,611.08 balance back to the taxpayers from whom it was stolen. In November, I would hope that everyone will vote against the referendum to renew the open space tax.

Mr. Daniel Viet 1273 Route 23. Mr. Viet son handed paper's out to the Committee. Mr. Veit stated he would like under the 7/13/2017 minutes during Open Session wants the minutes to reflect the address is not 1217 but 1273 Route 23, Wantage, NJ 07461. The name is not Avian Refuge should be referenced as Under My Wing Avian Block 150, Lot 9.01 @ 1243 Route 23No, Wantage, NJ 07461. Mr. Veit is very concerned regarding the current construction for the building to house the exotic birds. He provided information from their website showing the proposed major expansion to the site of a proposed construction of a giant outdoor aviary and construction of another large building. Any expansion of this magnitude a site plan deviation is in order. The neighboring tax payers have a right to voice their concerns in regards to the quality of life issues and property values regarding the noise factor that is generated by the birds. The license submitted it is a retail license issued by NJ Fish or Game. In bold print, it indicates this does not supersede local ordinances. Mr. Kienz questioned if Patrick Stefanelli is involved. Mrs. Millikin advised that Mr. Stefanelli is aware of this matter.

Mr. Wayne Dunn 19 Annemarie Lane, for full disclosure I am a member of the High Point Regional School Board so I am not here representing the school board this evening these are strictly his views as a resident/taxpayer. Mr. Dunn stated there has been a great deal of media hype of consolidating all school districts into one district. As a taxpayer, I am thrilled that the elected body will consider all avenues to reduce the tax dollars to the community. A couple of points to consider before the presentation. First recognize the efforts by local school's boards with consolidation and shared services. High Point Regional over the past three years has reduced the tax levy by 9.2%. The budget has not been increased in over five years. Shared services have contributed to that reduction both with Montague as well as the agreement with Wantage Township. Any chance of a consolidation process to be consider you need to consider all voices from all parties. Mr. Dunn advised he was appointed to be a part of the consolidation of Wantage and Sussex. The first item learned with consolidation there is in variably winners and losers. Wantage Township voted overwhelming not to consolidate with Sussex Borough. Mainly because Wantage was on the shorter end of the stick but also the mindset. Mr. Dunn's last point is the study was funded through the state of New Jersey in the tune of several \$100,000. Please consider the very expensive nature of a consolidation study. Mr. Gaechter stated this committee does not make rash decisions. He indicated one of your colleagues stated it is important to have open communication. Mr. Gaechter is concerned that one of the colleague's charges to come into the Committee to have a conversation and feels this is a slap in the face. Mr. Bassani questioned if Mr. Levante has come in front of the Board of Education. Mr. Dunn stated based on what he has read in the media he is strictly going to the municipalities not to the Boards of Education. Mr. Bassani stated Mr. Levante was supposed to come on September 28th but due to a conflict on my part he will be at the meeting on October 12th. Mr. Bassani stated he has a lot of questions. Mr. Gaechter stated he prefers home rule.

Ms. Bernice Bajda 25 Gemmer Road, read in the paper the Township is buying the property on Berry Road and questioned why paying a lot for the parcel. Mr. Gaechter stated the comps he provided from the last meeting. He stated there was a 58.75 acre parcel sold in Wantage Township for \$5,957 per acre. In Frankford there was a parcel that went to open space NJDEP paid \$6,960 an acre. There is a 73.1-acre parcel purchased by Lafayette for Open Space paid \$6,395. Another 48.649 parcel in Stillwater was sold at \$6,916 per acre. Mr. Gaechter stated the Berry Road land is assessed at \$356,066. The property after the revaluation with the house, barn and 1 acre was assessed at \$398,880. There was no appeal on the house. However, the ratio went down on the parcel to \$288,202 which makes the total assessed value of \$644,268.00. Mr. Gaechter stated this is why the Township is comfortable with purchasing this parcel for \$600,000.

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

Mayor Morris stated a motion is in order to approve Resolution #104-2017 Authorizing the Township Committee to go into Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations.

A motion was made by Mr. Bassani and seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

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

Mr. Kienz read Resolution # 104-2017 into the record.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #104-2017

EXECUTIVE SESSION SEPTEMBER 14, 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 several items for discussion:
 - 1) Contract negotiations for redevelopment site between Sussex/Wantage
 - 2) Contract negotiations related to a potential shared service
 - 3) Contract negotiations on a potential parcel on Sherman Ridge in which Mr. Bassani will not be in executive session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, assembled in public session on September 14, 2017, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on September 14, 2017, at 7:42 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.

A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Mr. Gaechter and seconded by Mayor Morris.

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

Mr. Kienz stated at this time none of the information will be disclosed tonight. There will be a joint meeting of Sussex Borough and Wantage Township sometime next month but this will be in Executive Session. The shared services are not ready for open discussion. The Sherman Ridge Parcel will move forward and hope to bring this forward soon to the public.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Gaechter and seconded by Mayor Morris

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Millikin, Acting Municipal Clerk