

**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 7:00 P.M. ON
AUGUST 9, 2018**

Mayor Gaechter 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 William Gaechter and Deputy Mayor Ronald Bassani. Committeeman Jonathan Morris was excused. Also, present: Administrator/Clerk Debra Millikin and Mr. Glenn Kienz, Esq.

Mayor Gaechter 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 Gaechter requested a motion to approve Amended Resolution #92-2018, 94-2018 to 98-2018, 100-2018 to 101-2018, and Monthly Reports for July 2018: Board of Health, Clerk, Construction, Dog, Housing, Property Maintenance, Registrar, Tax Collector, and Zoning. Removal of PO #15471 for Bassani Power Equipment LLC., in the amount of \$91.73.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #92-2018 AMENDED

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RETRO FIT OF MACK CHASSIS WITH EXISTING TENCO DUMP BODY &
RETRO FIT TO STERLING WITH HOOKLIFT & WINCH

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage desires retro fitting of a Mack Chassis with existing Tenco Dump Body;

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage is a member of the NJPA and Cliffside Body Corporation was awarded contract #080144-MTE through the NJPA Contract;

WHEREAS, the total cost for retrofit of Mack Chassis with existing Tenco Dump Body is \$29,454.00;

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage desires retro fitting of a 2006 Sterling truck with a Hooklift and Winch;

WHEREAS, Cliffside Body Corporation also has NJ State Contract #17-FLEET-00241 for Hooklift and Winch Options;

WHEREAS, the total cost for retrofit of 2006 Sterling Truck with a Hooklift and Winch Options is \$35,962.00;

WHEREAS, the DPW Mechanic and Qualified Purchasing Agent recommend awarding of the contract for Mack Chassis with existing Tenco Dump Body NJPA Contract #080144-MTE and 2006 Sterling Hooklift and Winch retrofit through NJ State Contract #17-FLEET-00241;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has provided a certification of funds based on the attached certification;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex that it hereby award of the contract for Mack Chassis with existing Tenco Dump Body and the 2006 Sterling retrofit with a Hooklift and Winch to Cliffside Auto Body Corporation, Fairview, New Jersey in the amount of \$65,416.00.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #94-2018

CHAPTER 159 INSERTATION OF \$102,000 FEMA GRANT

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount, and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage has received \$102,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and is now available for the purchase of SCBA Equipment, The Township of Wantage wishes to amend its 2018 Municipal Budget to include this amount as a revenue,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the amount of \$102,000 which is now available as a revenue from:

- Miscellaneous Revenues
- Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated
- with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services
- Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
- FEMA SCBA Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$102,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

- (A) Operations Excluded from "CAPS"
- Public and Private Programs Offset By Revenues
- FEMA SCBA Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk forward two copies of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #95-2018

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 16, 2018;

WHEREAS, due to the late rate being certified the Township needs to extend the payment period to August 17, 2018;

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 17, 2018.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #96-2018

AUTHORIZING REFUND FOR BLOCK 33, LOT 13.06

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

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

\$11,206.05 to US Bank, Block 33 Lot 13.06 for tax sale certificate 2017-009

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #97-2018

AUTHORIZING REFUND FOR ZONING PERMIT BLOCK 44, LOT 1

WHEREAS, the Assistant Zoning Officer has recommended the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage reimburse funds for a zoning permit issued in error.

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

\$35.00 to Peter Schmitt, Block 44, Lot 1 for Zoning Permit issued in error.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #98-2018

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 2017 and 2018 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 #100-2018

RESOLUTION APPROVING LICENSE FOR RENEWAL OF SOIL REMOVAL PERMIT TO
SPACE FARMS REALTY for 2018

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage requires a Soil Removal Permit to be renewed yearly;
and

WHEREAS, Space Farms Realty, #218 Route 519, Wantage, NJ 07461, Block 160, Lot 2 is
requesting renewal of the permit for soil removal,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the Township Committee of the Township of
Wantage, County of Sussex that it hereby approves the renewal of the Soil Removal Permit for
Space Farms Realty for 2018.

RESOLUTION # 101-2018

Resolution Renewing Liquor Licenses for 2018 - 2019 Licensing Term

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 licenses named below
for the licensing term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019:

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES

<u>License#</u>	<u>Licensee & Location:</u>	<u>Trading As:</u>
1924-33-004-005	CT Productions, LLC 47 Blair Road Hamburg, NJ 07419	

Mayor Gaechter questioned how the next motion could occur with the payment for PO
#15471 for Bassani Power Equipment, LLC. Since there is not a majority to vote on this
payment this will have to be held to the September 13th Meeting.

REPORTS

Clerk/Administrator - Mrs. Millikin advised there were a total of 13 OPRA request for the
month of July.

Mrs. Millikin provided an update that the milling and paving has been progressing in the
Township. The milling will be completed today. Paving is still being finished on Wantage
School Road, North Shore Drive, Lewisburg Road, Spreen Road, and Holland Road. The
paving crew should be done by next Wednesday.

Mrs. Millikin advised she has received several e-mails and calls from residents on Dales
Crossing regarding the speeding on their road and request for speed bumps. In reviewing
the Township Ordinance there is no speed listed in the ordinance for Dales Crossing so

she has requested that Mr. Pellow do a traffic/speed study to establish a speed for the road and also advise if speed bumps are warranted. At this time, I have advised the various residents in the Dales Crossing area that speed bumps were not budgeted and base on the traffic survey it will allow the Township to analysis the need.

Mrs. Millikin stated last year regarding COAH the Township agreed to exempt the fee. She indicated a resident who is moving into the Township has constructed a new home and wanted to know if the Committee is interested in waiving the fee. Mayor Gaechter stated that he wishes COAH would not exist and stated that he would refer this to Mr. Kienz. Mr. Kienz stated that at this time the Township should stay the course and not amend this at this point. Mr. Kienz stated that the Township might want to look some one running into the COAH trust and housing.

Mrs. Millikin advised that on the dais is the final draft of the soil ordinance and would like introduce for September 13th. She advised that Mr. Pellow has been sent this for his review.

Mrs. Millikin stated a Narcan training is being held here at the Municipal Building on August 15th. The event is being sponsored by Center of Prevention and Counseling and Morris County Prevent is Key, Inc. You must pre-register for the event at either (973) 625-1998 or Eshortway@mcpik.org. Mr. Bassani advised that if registering by e-mail identify this as the Wantage training.

Mrs. Millikin stated on August 27th at 7:00 p.m. will be a workshop on the 2018 Wantage Township Open Space and Recreation Plan Update. She is encouraging the public to attend.

Mrs. Millikin stated she would like to set up a vehicle meeting. The Committee requested that an e-mail be sent out with dates and meet after 4:00 p.m. Mayor Gaechter stated that with regards to the First Aid Squad that a specific person is responsible for all vehicles is the engineer and to coordinate to have him at these meetings.

Mrs. Millikin brought up the Gemmer Road vacation where it dead ends. The property owner has requested that this be brought up for discussion. There is a need for a turn around on this matter. Mayor Gaechter requested that Mrs. Millikin get them the information including the tax map for the September 13th meeting.

Mrs. Millikin advised that she will be off on August 22nd through the 24th.

Attorney – none

Mayor/Committee – Mayor Gaechter stated he has been fielding a great deal of phone calls regarding the Route 23 project. Mayor Gaechter questioned if the Township has a direct contact. This is a traffic hazard off Pond School Road, and also when will work happen.

Mayor Gaechter stated the stench at RER has been horrendous and wants this on the record.

Mayor Gaechter stated the paving looks good and would like to talk to Mr. Pellow regarding the speed for Dales Crossing. Mrs. Millikin stated she feels this might be a cut through for Snoover.

Mr. Bassani – none.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Gaechter stated that he wants to bring up the beer tent for Wantage Day. Mayor Gaechter stated he gives his approval and Mr. Bassani also in favor. Mrs. Millikin stated that it is recommended by the Risk Manager that a third-party vendor be responsible for a social affairs permit. Mayor Gaechter stated having Skylands. A questioned was raised regarding the alcohol being prohibited in the park. Mrs. Millikin stated a resolution to authorize this would be required.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Gaechter stated a motion is in order to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Committee Regular Meeting on July 12, 2018 and Executive Session Minutes of July 12, 2018.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Mayor Gaechter opened the meeting to the public.

Kathy Gorman – Fernwood Road, Wantage, stated she had advised the Recreation Committee to attend the Open Space meeting on the 27th. Mrs. Gorman stated there was a bit of a dispute at the meeting about the Recreation Committee Meeting with Land Conservancy. She stated that during the meeting Recreation does not want any more fields. Mrs. Gorman stated the question is can the Township utilize the funds for repairs to the fields. Mrs. Gorman feels the Township should purchase more open space. Mayor Gaechter stated that Open Space is unique with purchasing land, but then becomes part of Recreation to look at fields. What fields are the issue? Mrs. Gorman stated Lott Road. Discussion ensued. Mr. Bassani stated Open Space is to acquire properties for both active recreation and passive recreation. Original goal to purchase the perimeter of Wantage. Mr. Bassani stated he does not know if moneys can be used for maintenance of the fields. Mr. Kienz stated he will look into this matter. Mrs. Millikin indicated she did meet the next day with Mrs. Dunn, Ms. Tuper, and Mrs. Davis and it was a great meeting.

Jackie Espinoza from JCP&L she was here to talk about JCP&L Reliability Plus. This is a infrastructure investment by JCP&L. Mrs. Espinoza described some of the upgrades to the

infrastructure. She indicated the cost is about \$.25 for the first six months, and could go up a quarter with a cap of \$1.89. Mrs. Millikin advised this will be discussed at the next Sussex County League of Municipalities Meeting as well. Mayor Gaechter stated that he feels that Wantage is on the back burner when there are outages. Mrs. Espinoza stated it is based on the Newton substation. She is looking for support from the Township on this infrastructure project.

John Gramignano – Coykendall Road, Wantage, stated he has been taking care of the Township fields for the past 8 years. Please ask me what has been done over the past 8 years. He said he has spent over 4,000 hours on fixing and redoing the dug outs. He stated the baseball field at Woodbourne Park needs work. Mr. Bassani stated he needs to understand what is required to be completed and would like some detail on his knowledge. Mr. Gramignano stated the fields need better maintenance.

There being no other public this portion of the meeting was closed.

Executive Session

Mayor Gaechter stated a motion is in order to approve Resolution #99-2018 Authorizing the Township Committee to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Contract Negotiations.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Mr. Kienz read the resolution into the record.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #99-2018

EXECUTIVE SESSION AUGUST 9, 2018

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) Personnel
- (2) Contract Negotiations

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, assembled in public session on August 9, 2018, that an Executive Session closed to the

public shall be held on August 9, 2018, at 7:52 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.

Mr. Kienz stated a motion and second was made during Executive Session to come out at 8:32 p.m. Mr. Bassani had an emergency and had to leave the meeting.

Mr. Kienz stated that nothing will be discussed from Executive Session this evening.

Mayor Gaechter moved to adjourn the meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Millikin, Municipal Clerk