

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL 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 9:00 A.M. ON OCTOBER 23, 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, Deputy Mayor Ronald Bassani and Committeeman Jonathan Morris. Also, present: Administrator/Clerk Debra Millikin.

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 Resolution #122-2018 to Resolution #124-2018 on the consent agenda.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #122-2018

AUTHORIZING INCREASE IN ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO THE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP) WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage ("Township") created a Length of Service Program (LOSAP) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-183 et. seq. (the "Statute") which was codified as Section 2.32 of the Wantage ordinances, to reward members of the volunteer firefighting and first aid organizations for their loyal, diligent, and devoted services to the residents of the Township of Wantage; and

WHEREAS, the maximum contribution for each participant is currently \$527.00 per year; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-185f permits the local government unit to increase the contribution from time to time, without public hearing or public question provided such increase contribution does not exceed an amount as calculated pursuant to the formula set forth in the Statute; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to increase the maximum contribution as permitted by the Statute to reward the firefighter and first aid volunteers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, Sussex County and State of New Jersey that:

The maximum length of service contribution for each qualifying member of the volunteer firefighting and first aid organizations be increased to a maximum contribution of \$647 per year for each qualifying member of the volunteer firefighting and first aid organizations;

That the maximum contribution for each qualifying member of the volunteer firefighting and first aid organizations for each subsequent calendar year be increased by the maximum amount permitted by Statute until a further resolution of the Governing Body.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #123-2018

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PERSON-TO-PERSON AND PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a person to person and place to place transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License #1924-44-011-004, heretofore issued HPLAY LIQUORS, LLC., for premise located at 83 Hamburg Avenue aka 461 Route 23, in the Township of Wantage, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, proof of publication of the said pending application for transfer has been submitted, and no objection from the public has been filed against this proposed transfer; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid,

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT REOSLVED, that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage in Sussex County, New Jersey, does hereby approve, effective October 25, 2018, the person-to-person and place to place transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Distribution License, to PRAMUKHRAAJ, LLC., 83 Hamburg Avenue aka 461 Route 23, in the Township of Wantage, New Jersey.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #124-2018

AUTHORIZING REFUND TAX SALE CERTIFICATE FOR BLOCK 19, LOT 10.02

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has recommended the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage reimburse funds for redemption of 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

\$18,589.10 to US Bank, Block 19 Lot 10.02 for tax sale certificate 2017-008

REPORTS

Clerk/Administrator – Best Practices CY 2017/SFY2018. As part of each year required by the State of New Jersey the Township must review the Best Practice Worksheet. It is the goal of the municipality to keep it's score between 21 – 25. The Township this year is 22 so this means state aid will remain the same. Mrs. Millikin advised there are three questions the Township answered no too. These were questions 19, 21 and 22. Mayor Gaechter stated the Township gets faulted for having a waiver for employees to not get health care. This is a question every year and feels that it is a benefit when an employee takes a waiver since this cost is a lot less then the Health Plan. Mrs. Millikin indicated that on 21 and 22 that this related to doing an ordinance stating if retired from the Township there would be a cap on sick payout. She suggested this be specific to only people retired. Mayor Gaechter requested a motion to approve the Best Practices CY 2017/SFY2018. Motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Bassani.

Upon Roll Call:

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

Mrs. Millikin advised that Wantage Excavating has completed their portion of the field work. Just waiting for the compost material to be placed on the field.

Mrs. Millikin advised on October 31st she will be taking a ½ day to go to her kids Halloween Parade and Party.

Attorney – None.

Mayor/Committee – Mayor Gaechter stated this is just a special meeting, but wanted to say Thank you to Justin and the Fire Department for the Beer Tent and your time in this effort. Wantage Day was a great success.

Mr. Bassani – Agreed with Mayor Gaechter comments regarding Wantage Day.

Mr. Morris – Unfortunately, he was unable to attend Wantage Day, but heard great things and heard the smoke house and the guys in charge of that was a great addition.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Gaechter moved onto New Business discussion with Fire Department – Vehicle Inventory.

Present for the Fire Department were Chief Justin Vander Groef, Deputy Chief Alex Rubin, Deputy Chief Mark Snook, and in coming Deputy Chief Steve Merk. Chief Vander Groef thanked the Committee for having this meeting today. He feels it is important to have a plan for the next 25 years. The Fire Department has worked very hard and Mrs. Millikin has provided a draft plan for discussion.

Chief Vander Groef stated the overall plan is to replace older apparatus and potentially look to downside. Last year came in to replace a tanker and this was denied and looking a different route. The plan now is to down size two trucks into one. This plan affects Truck 647 and 645 in Beemerville.

Chief Vander Groef turned over this discussion to Deputy Chief Mark Snook. Deputy Chief Snook went over a list he prepared an inventory of the Wantage Township Fire Apparatus. Deputy Chief Snook discussed the proposal to down size truck 645 and 647 and obtain a mini pumper tanker to replace these two trucks. The mini-pumper tanker would be on a 5,500 chassis and would hold approximately 400 gallons of water. This would be the first vehicle on any call with the ability to have 4wd drive. Deputy Chief Snook advised that Montague Fire Department has a similar type of mini pumper tanker being proposed. Discussion ensued on this vehicle. Discussion regarding the NFPA Guidelines was also discussed. Mr. Bassani had questioned the mutual aid from the other departments. Discussion ensued regarding the box alarm requirements. Chief Vander Groef offered going over the box alarms with the Committee as well.

Deputy Chief Alex Rubin then provided an update regarding Colesville trucks and the need to replace truck 625 which is the work horse of the Department. Deputy Chief Rubin went over the maintenance log for this vehicle and the various issues the Department has had since it arrived. This truck is the first out of the house on all calls except for accidents. This truck has a pump and tanker and allows the ability to have the ability to begin fighting fires immediately. Discussion ensued regarding this truck replacement and reviewing over a specification through the HGAC or State Coop. It was also advised it would take 2 years from time truck is ok to receiving the truck.

Mr. Bassani had advised that he does have a lot of questions and would like to meet with Chief Vander Groef to go over these questions. Discussion ensued and Chief Vander Groef offered to provide a tour to Mayor Gaechter and Committeeman Bassani of the trucks for a better understanding and explain the box alarms.

Mayor Gaechter stated that working on this program is the vehicles reviewing that need replacement within the next 5 years and that yes to have a schedule but not a specific date certain for these replacements. The Committee thanked the Fire Department for their time and attendance and this was a helpful meeting.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Mayor Gaechter opened this portion of the meeting to the public.

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

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Millikin, Municipal Clerk