

**MINUTES FOR THE ORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 888 STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 23, WANTAGE, NJ, ON JANUARY 2, 2020**

Administrator/Acting Clerk Michael Restel called the meeting to order at 7PM.

OATH OF OFFICE

Michael L Restel read the "Statement of Determination" of the Board of County Canvassers, relative to an election held in the Township of Wantage County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, for the election of certain officers for said municipality on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019,

The said Board does determine that the said election:

Name	Office	Term
Ronald Bassani	Committeeman	3 year

was duly elected to the office and for the term above set forth.

DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true, full and correct statement of the determination of the Board of Canvassers therein mentioned.

In WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019.

Signed by Allen P. Langjahr, Chairperson of the Board of County Canvassers. Attest by Jeffrey M. Parrott, Sussex County Clerk, Clerk of the Board of County Canvassers.

Mr. Restel administered the Oath of Office to Committeeman-elect Ronald Bassani for a three-year term as Committee Member of the Township of Wantage.

ROLL CALL OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 2020

Present: Ronald Bassani, William Gaechter

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT: DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2020

Mr. Restel opened the floor for Committee nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for 2020.

Mr. Bassani nominated Bill Gaechter. Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion.

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

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT: MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2020

Deputy Mayor Gaechter opened the floor for the Committee nominations for the position of Mayor for 2020.

Mr. Bassani moved to name Jon Morris as Mayor for 2020. Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call:

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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT COMPLIANCE

Deputy Mayor Gaechter stated, "This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, Public Laws of 1975, Chapter 231. It has been properly advertised and certified by the Clerk."

FLAG SALUTE

Deputy Mayor Gaechter invited all those in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

Deputy Mayor Gaechter made known his nominations for appointment to the various boards, agencies, and commissions of the Township, as follows:

**LAND USE BOARD**

- Jon Morris, Class I Member, for a term running through 12/31/2020
- Joe Konopinski, Class II Member, for a term running through 12/31/2020
- Ron Bassani, Class III Member, for a term running through 12/31/2020
- Larry Bono, Class IV member for a term running through 12/31/2023
- Michael Walther, Class IV Member for a term running through 12/31/2023
- Chuck Meissner, Class IV Member for a term running through 12/31/2020
- Joe Greenaway, Alternate #1 for a term running through 12/31/2021
- George Unverzagt, Alternate #2, for a term running through 12/31/2020

Deputy Mayor Gaechter opened the floor to the Committee, for the Class III appointment to the Land Use Board, for a one-year term running through 12/31/2020.

Deputy Mayor Gaechter nominated Mr. Bassani for the Class III appointment to the Land Use Board. Mr. Bassani seconded the motion.

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

**COMMITTEE APOINTMENTS**

Deputy Mayor Gaechter offered the following nominations for Township Boards and Committees as follows:

**BOARD OF HEATHLH**

Linda Kelly, Regular Member, for a term running through 12/31/2024

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Emergency Management Coordinator	Joseph Konopinski	thru 12/31/20
Deputy Coordinator #1	Tom Madsen	thru 12/31/20
F.A.S., EMC member	Jeff Post	thru 12/31/20
F.A.S., EMC Alternate	Stan Gardner	thru 12/31/20

Damage Assessment	Joseph Butto	thru 12/31/20
Fire Chief, EMC member	Alex Rubin	thru 12/31/20
Facilities, EMC Member	Amy Heater	thru 12/31/20
Communications, EMC Member	William Gebhard	thru 12/31/20
DPW Supt., EMC Member	Claude Wagner	thru 12/31/20
Sanitarian, EMC Member	James McDonald	thru 12/31/20
Finance/Resource Mgt., EMC Memb	Michelle La Starza	thru 12/31/20
Resource Management		
Mayor, EMC Member	Jon Morris	thru 12/31/20
Public Information Officer	Michael Restel	thru 12/31/20
Media	New Jersey Herald	thru 12/31/20
Evacuation	Leroy Little	thru 12/31/20
Operations, EMC Member	Joseph A. Konopinski	thru 12/31/20
Operations, EMC Member	Leo Kinney	thru 12/31/20

Deputy Mayor Gaechter requested the Committee to confirm the Mayor's nominations as shown above.

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

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

### **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

Deputy Mayor Gaechter offered the following nominations for professional appointments of the Township of Wantage for 2020, as follows:

Township Judge:	Glenn T. Gavan	through 12/31/2020
Township Attorney:	Glenn Kienz	through 12/31/2020
Township Bond Counsel:	Edward McManimon	through 12/31/2020
Township Auditor:	Thomas Ferry	through 12/31/2020
Township Prosecutor:	William Haggerty	through 02/01/2020
Township Engineer:	Harold Pellow	through 12/31/2021
Public Defender:	Shepard Kays	through 12/31/2020
Alternate Public Defender:	Michael Justice	through 12/31/2020

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

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

### **MAYOR'S APOINTEMENTS**

Deputy Mayor Gaechter presented his nominations for appointment to the various positions of the Township Government for the year 2020, as follows:

Subdivision Approval Certification Officer:	Michael L Restel
Recycling Coordinator:	SCMUA
Assessment Search Officer:	Michael L Restel
Qualified Purchasing Agent:	Michael L Restel
Municipal Affordable Housing Liaison:	Michael L Restel
Public Agency Compliance Officer for Affirmative Action:	Michel L Restel
Municipal Chief Finance Officer – 4-year appt through 12/31/23	Michelle La Starza
PERS/PFRS Certifying Agent:	Michelle La Starza
Tax Search Officer:	Melissa Caton
Tax Collector 4-year appointment through 12/31/23:	Melissa Caton
Principal Public Works Manager:	Claude Wagner
Animal Control Officer:	John Abate
Emergency 911 Coordinator:	Joseph Konopinski
Risk Management Consultant-Health Benefits:	Voza Agency
Risk Management Consultant-Statewide Insurance Fund:	Keith Mitchell, The Mitchell Agency

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

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

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Deputy Mayor Gaechter offered the following nominations for appointment of members to the 2020 Open Space Advisory Board of Wantage Township:

- Mr. Ronald Bassani, 6 Roberts Way
- Ms. Victoria Gill, 47 Courtright Road
- Mr. Justin Dudzinski, 804 Greenville Road
- Ms. Allison Orsi, 41 Lowe Road
- Ms. Kathleen Gorman, 53 Fernwood Road

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

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

**RECOGNITION OF LINE OFFICERS**

**Wantage Fire Department**

Alex Rubin	Department Chief
Mark Snook	Deputy Chief - Beemerville
Leo Kinney	Deputy Chief - Colesville
Charlie Rokosny	Captain - Beemerville
John Cannici	Captain - Colesville
Hunter Space	1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant-Beemerville
Todd Tarrant	1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant - Colesville
Will Vallone	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant - Beemerville
Mike Fararella	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant - Colesville
Joe Marrocco	Fire Police Captain
Ben Langevin	Fire Police Lieutenant
Joe Vallone	Fire Police Lieutenant

Deputy Mayor Gaechter asked Jeff Post to introduce the Wantage First Aid Squad Members.

**Wantage Township First Aid Squad**

Captain:	Stephanie Reinbott
2nd Lieutenant:	Alex Albinson
Training Officer:	
President:	Jeffrey Post
Vice President:	Stan Gardner
Secretary:	Christopher Little
Treasurer:	Trudy Congdon
Engineer:	William DeBoer

Mr. Restel administered the oath of office all Wantage First Aid Squad Members that were present.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Deputy Mayor Gaechter stated next item is the consent agenda but before we move to that on behalf of the Committee, we would like to thank each one of the volunteers for the countless hours you dedicate to the Township as Fireman and EMTS to the Township 24/7 365 days a year. Deputy Mayor Gaechter requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items I to XV.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #1-2020

Designate Appointment of Municipal Judge, Municipal Attorney, Bond Counsel, Municipal Auditor, Risk Manager, Prosecutor, Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender for Calendar Year 2020

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 et. seq. Allows for a municipality to award a contract without public advertising for bids and bidding thereof under certain circumstances, and

WHEREAS, the Township has a need for assistance during the course of this calendar year involving various professional services, and

WHEREAS, the services being solicited are essential to the security of the community, and

WHEREAS, the contract award for these services complies with requirements set forth by N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4 et seq., as shown on the attached Pay to Play Compliance Statement; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township of Wantage is of the opinion that the circumstances for professional service contractual arrangements, as required by NJSA 40A:11-5(1) are satisfied in this situation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, that the following contracts be and they are hereby approved without the need for public advertisement of bids and bidding thereof:

Awarded to: Glenn Gavan, Esq.  
Services: Municipal Judge  
Duration: calendar year of 2018, 2019, and 2020  
Amount: Based on contract

Awarded to: Glenn Kienz, Esq., of the law firm Weiner Lesniak, Parsippany, NJ  
Services: Township Attorney  
Duration: calendar year of 2020  
Amount: Varies based on service per fee schedule attached to contract

Awarded to: Edward McManimon, of the law firm McManimon Scotland and Baumann of Roselle Park, NJ  
Services: Township Bond Counsel  
Duration: calendar year of 2020  
Amount: Varies based on service per fee schedule attached to contract

Awarded to: Thomas Ferry, of the Accounting & Auditing firm Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Cuva of Newton, N.J.  
Services: Township Auditor  
Duration: calendar year of 2020  
Amount: Varies based on service per fee schedule attached to contract

Awarded to: Jonathan McMeen Laddey, Clark and Ryan  
Services: Township Prosecutor  
Duration: December 31, 2020

Amount: Varies based on service per fee schedule attached to contract

Awarded to: Keith Mitchell, The Mitchell Agency of Newton, NJ

Services: Risk Management Consultant

Duration: calendar year of 2020

Amount: Commission based on service contract with Statewide Insurance Fund

Awarded to: Sheppard Kays

Services: Public Defender

Duration: calendar year of 2020

Amount: \$12,000

Awarded to: Michael Justice

Services: Alternate Public Defender

Duration: calendar year of 2020

Amount: \$200.00 per case

#### TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

#### RESOLUTION #2-2020

#### APPROVING TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2020

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 et seq. deals with state regulation of local budget matters and these regulations require a temporary budget be adopted covering the first quarter of the fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations exclusive of capital improvements, debt service, deferred charges and reserve for uncollected taxes amounted to \$4,855,545 in the 2019 municipal budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the 2020 temporary budget be adopted in the amount of \$404,628 per month until such time as the 2020 budget is finally adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that the 2020 temporary Water Utility budget be adopted in the amount of \$10,682 per month until such time as the 2020 budget is finally adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that the 2019 temporary Road Assessment budget be adopted in the amount of \$1,060 per month until such time as the 2020 budget is finally adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that the 2020 temporary Open Space budget be adopted in the amount of \$4,995 per month until such time as the 2020 budget is finally adopted.

#### TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

#### RESOLUTION #3-2020

#### ESTABLISH THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF

#### TAXES & UTILITIES

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 permits the governing body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for non-payment of taxes or assessments subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 has been amended to permit the fixing of said rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00, and allows an additional penalty of 6% to be collected against a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 on properties that fail to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of taxes becoming delinquent after due date and 18% per annum on any amount of taxes in excess of \$1,500.00, becoming delinquent after the due date, and if the total amount due on December 31, is in excess of \$10,000.00, an additional penalty of 6% shall be charged against the delinquency.
2. There will be a ten (10) day grace period for quarterly tax payments. However, any payments not paid within the ten-day grace period will be charged interest from the due date.
3. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized to proceed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-123, "Receiver of Rents and Income from Real Property in the Municipality for Collection and Satisfaction of Delinquent Taxes", as provided by statute, for collection of delinquent taxes.
4. The Township Clerk shall provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Tax Collector, Township Attorney, and Township Auditor for the Township of Wantage.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #4-2020

OVERPAYMENT/UNDERPAYMENT OF TAXES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, that the Tax Collector be and she is hereby authorized to cancel of record any overpayment or underpayment of taxes and/or utilities in the amount of \$10.00 or less for the calendar year 2018, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A 40A:5-17.1.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #5-2020

ESTABLISH CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, State of NJ, that for the calendar year 2020, the following shall serve as the cash management plan of the Township of Wantage.

The Chief Financial Officer is directed to use this cash management plan as the guide and is empowered to invest cash funds as bank balances will allow from time to time in order to realize a revenue.

The following are authorized as suitable investments:

- Interest-bearing bank accounts in banks as authorized above for deposit of local unit funds (GUDPA approved).
- Certificates of deposit in GUDPA approved banking institutions.
- Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America. This includes instruments such



- as Treasury Bills, Notes and Bonds.
- Government money market mutual funds that comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1(e).
- Any federal agency or instrumentality obligation authorized by Congress that matures within 397 days from the date of purchase, and has a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or external factors.
- Bonds or other obligations of the local unit or school district of which the Township is a part.
- Any other obligations with maturities not exceeding 397 days, as permitted by the State Division of Investments.
- Local government investment pools which comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1(e) and conditions set by the Division of Local Government Services.
- New Jersey Cash Management Fund.
- Repurchase agreements (repos) of fully collateralized securities which comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1(e).
- New Jersey Asset & Rebate Management Program.
- New Jersey CLASS

There are no approved security broker/dealers. In the event that a security broker/dealer should be approved during the year, the registered principal of said brokerage firm so approved shall be provided with and sign an acknowledgment that they have seen and reviewed the cash management plan.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #6-2020

DESIGNATE BANKS AS THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR TOWNSHIP FUND IN 2020

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, that the following Banks be and they are hereby designated as depositories for the funds of the Township of Wantage for the calendar year 2020: Chase Bank, SB One Bank, Lakeland Bank; and TD Securities

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Finance Officer of the Township of Wantage be and she is hereby authorized to invest and reinvest the Township's Funds in the above-designated official depositories, in accordance with the statutory duties of the office of Chief Finance Officer and the Municipal Ordinances governing said duties.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #8-2020

Designate Newspapers that will Received Notices Required by the NJ Open Public Meetings

Act for 2020

WHEREAS, Section 3D(2) of the Open Public Meetings Act, approved October 21, 1975 as Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, requires every public body to designate two (2) newspapers to receive notices required to be mailed, telephoned, telegraphed or hand delivered;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage that it hereby designates the newspapers listed below as newspapers to receive notices required by the Open Public Meetings Act:

New Jersey Herald

New Jersey Sunday Herald  
Star Ledger

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #9-2020

ESTABLISH THE OFFICIAL SIGNATORIES AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS  
FROM TOWNSHIP DEPOSITORIES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, that the following Township Officials are hereby designated as those authorized to sign checks and warrants for the withdrawal of funds from the official depositories of the Township of Wantage for the year 2020: Mayor Jonathan Morris (and/or Deputy Mayor William Gaechter); Administrator Municipal Clerk Michael L Restel; Chief Finance Officer Michelle LaStarza

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #10-2020

Designate Legal Newspaper for Calendar Year 2020

WHEREAS, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage that the newspapers listed below be designated as the official newspapers for the Township of Wantage for legal advertising during the 2020 calendar year.

New Jersey Herald  
New Jersey Sunday Herald  
Star Ledger

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #11-2020

AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY AND THE TOWNSHIP TAX ASSESSOR TO DEFEND THE TOWNSHIP  
OF WANTAGE AGAINST ALL APPEALS FILED DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2020

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, that the Township Attorney Glenn Kienz, and the Township Tax Assessor Kristy Lockburner, be and they are hereby officially authorized to represent the Township of Wantage for Tax Appeals filed for 2020, for the purpose of correcting the Township of Wantage Tax List including but not limited to rollback complaints, added and omitted assessment complaints, and such other appeals as are necessary to correct the assessment for the Township of Wantage,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Attorney and the Township Tax Assessor be and they are hereby designated as the agents of the Township of Wantage for the purpose of entering into and signing settlements of the foregoing matters by stipulation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Attorney and the Township Tax Assessor shall be compensated for their services in the defense and representation of the Township, with respect to Tax Appeals filed for 2020, in accordance with the existing employment contract on file for the Township Attorney and Township Tax Assessor, respectively, in effect for calendar year 2020.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #12-2020

Legal Township Holidays for 2020

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, that the following dates shall be recognized as official Township Holidays for the calendar year 2020, during which municipal offices shall be closed to the public in recognition of the said Holidays:

Tuesday, January 1, 2020	New Year's Day
Monday, January 20, 2020	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, February 17, 2020	President's Day
Friday, April 10, 2020	Good Friday
Monday, May 25, 2020	Memorial Day
Wednesday, July 3, 2020	Independence Day
Monday, September 7, 2020	Labor Day
Monday, October 12, 2020	Columbus Day
Wednesday, November 11, 2020	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 26, 2020	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 27, 2020	Day after Thanksgiving
Thursday, December 24, 2020	Christmas Eve
Friday, December 25, 2020	Christmas Day

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #13-2020

APPROVE THE INSURANCE BONDS AND BLANKET BONDS FOR VARIOUS MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, approve the insurance bonds for various municipal officials and the blanket bond covering all bondable officials for the calendar year 2020.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #14-2020

AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATOR, MUNICIPAL CLERK, AND QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT TO HAVE DISCRETIONARY SPENDING AUTHORITY

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, authorize the Administrator, Municipal Clerk and Qualified Purchasing Agent to have discretionary spending authority of up to \$17,500 on any given purchase or project during calendar year 2020, with any proposed expenditure above this amount being brought to the governing body for authorization prior to the issuance of a purchase order.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #15-2020

AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER TO PAY BILLS INVOLVING STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS AND CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AS OF THEIR DUE DATES, RATHER THAN WAITING UNTIL THE NEXT AVAILABLE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

WHEREAS, all claims of payment by the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, are required to be first submitted to the Township Committee for consideration before payment is made, and

WHEREAS, due to the nature of certain claims, and timing of the particular meeting involved, certain claims should be paid when presented which are statutory and regular in nature, rather than held for the next meeting of the Township Committee due to the nature of said bills,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, as follows:

1. The Township of Wantage does hereby approve of the payment between meetings of the following enumerated claims for payment, when the same are presented to the Township Committee and Chief Finance Officer of the Township of Wantage:
  - a. Township of Wantage payroll accounts and payroll agency accounts
  - b. Sussex/Wantage Regional Board of Education
  - c. High Point Regional High School
  - d. Sussex County Treasurer (County Taxes only)
  - e. Banks for investment purposes, interfund transfers, and/or debt service payment
  - f. Township Attorney (normal retainer)
  - g. Township Auditor (normal retainer)
  - h. Land Use Board Attorney (normal retainer)
  - i. Township Prosecutor (normal retainer)
  - j. Telephone Utility Companies (normal monthly billings)
  - k. Health Benefits premiums and Dental Insurance premiums
  - l. Life Insurance premiums
  - m. U.S. Postmaster and/or Sussex/Wantage Postmaster
  - n. Electric Utility Companies (normal monthly billings)
  - o. Petty Cash
  - p. Insurance Advisors and Premiums
  - q. Reissue of checks after a stop payment has been enforced
  - r. Sussex County – Permit Fees and Application Fees
  - s. 10% Bid Bond Returns
  - t. Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority bills
  - u. State of New Jersey - Application Fees, Permit Fees, NJDEP License Fees, State Surcharges
  - v. Payments to Contractors of Capital Projects subject to Prompt Payment of Construction Contracts Legislation, P.L.2006, c.96
2. That the Chief Finance Officer be and she is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the proper vouchers for payment of the above recited accounts when the same is properly presented to her for payment, and that thereafter said clam shall be listed on the List of Bills to be approved by the Township Committee.
3. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Chief Finance Officer and to the Township Auditor of the Township of Wantage.

## **MAYOR'S STATEMENT**

### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

Deputy Mayor William Gaechter: Mr. Gaechter formally welcomed everyone to the Wantage Township 2020 Reorganization Meeting. Mr. Gaechter stated this meeting marks the start of a promising year and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mr. Gaechter thanked the residents of Wantage for entrusting myself for the past 11 years in the great Township of Wantage and sharing the dais with many dedicated past and present members of the committee.

Mr. Gaechter congratulated Mr. Bassani with his successful reelection and thanked him for his hard work with the Dirty Dirt Ordinance, meeting up with our Local Legislatures and working hard on our Union Contract.

Mr. Gaechter wants to give a special thank you to Wantage's First Responders who dedicate their time to serve our community.

Mr. Gaechter would like to thank Wantage's Volunteers on the various committees and boards and it is a thankless job.

Mr. Gaechter stated that nothing but good things are said about the new Administrator Mr. Restel and it is a pleasure to have Mr. Restel on board.

Mr. Gaechter thanked all the employees of Wantage Township who go above and beyond with the day to day operations at townhall.

Mr. Gaechter stated Happy New Years to everyone and God Bless our Community.

Mr. Bassani thanked everyone who came out to the meeting.

Mr. Bassani thanked all the volunteers for making Wantage a better place.

Mr. Bassani stated 2019 was a very active year and 2020 will have many opportunities for Wantage to continue to excel.

Mr. Bassani spoke about the Berry Road Property and the Wantage Parks in general.

Mr. Bassani stated Wantage will continue to look into the Dirty Dirt Ordinance to make it more difficult to import illegal soil.

Mr. Bassani stated we have good team moving forward and as always, we look to keep the Budget down.

## **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

Bill DeBoer Beemer Road: Mr. DeBoer thanked the committee for their continued support and for their support during our difficult times.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Deputy Mayor Gaechter asked for a motion to adjourn from the Organization Meeting.  
Motion made by Mr. Bassani, and seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

All in Favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael L Restel

Administrator/Acting Clerk