

**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
FEBRUARY 27, 2020**

Mayor Morris called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and requested that the Clerk call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the governing body were present: Mayor Bassani, Deputy Mayor William Gaechter and Committeeman Ronald Bassani. Also, present: Administrator/Clerk Michael Restel 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 Resolution #26-2020 to Resolution #29-2020.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

RESOLUTION #26-2020

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE POLICY

WHEREAS, on or about October 15, 2019, the New Jersey Civil Service Commission issued a Statewide Domestic Violence Policy (DVP) for Public Employers, which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 11A:2-6a(b)(1), "The [Civil Service Commission] shall develop a uniform domestic violence policy, which all public employers shall adopt and distribute to their employees, regardless of whether a public employer is subject to the provisions of Title 11A, Civil Service, of the New Jersey Statutes;" and

WHEREAS, the Township of
Wantage

seeks to update its Personnel Policies
and Procedures Manual to comply with N.J.S.A. 11A:2-6a(b)(1).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the
Township of

Wantage, in the County of Sussex, that the Township Policies and
Procedures Manual is updated as follows:

1. The Statewide DVP (which is attached hereto) shall be referenced and adopted in the Township of Wantage

Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual shall designate as primary and secondary Human Resources Officer (HRO) for purposes of the DVP.

3. The Table of Contents shall be updated to reflect the inclusion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the updated Township Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual is on file with the Clerk's office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Township Clerk for distribution to all Borough employees.

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN ___ WANTAGE TOWNSHIP _____
AND SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
FOR CERTIFIED RECYCLING PROFESSIONAL (CRP)
TO CERTIFY THE 2019 ANNUAL RECYCLING TONNAGE REPORT
RESOLUTION #27-2020**

Beginning 2013, each New Jersey municipality is required by the Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) to have mandatory Annual Recycling Tonnage Reports approved and "executed" by a Certified Recycling Professional (hereinafter "CRP"). Recycling Tonnage Reports will be submitted by the SCMUA via email to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) utilizing a spreadsheet compatible with the Microsoft Excel structure provided by the Department.

THIS AGREEMENT by and between ___ WANTAGE TOWNSHIP _____ (municipality), a municipal body politic having its offices at _888 ROUTE 23 WANTAGE, 07461 _____, New Jersey, zip code, and the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCMUA), Sussex County, New Jersey, a body corporate and body politic organized and operating pursuant to NJSA 40:14B-1 et seq. having its offices located at 34 South Route

94, New Jersey, 07848 (hereinafter SCMUA), is dated this 27TH day of FEBRUARY, 20 20.

WHEREAS, WANTAGE TOWNSHIP Municipality, by ordinance, has duly enacted a recycling plan for all recyclable materials as designated by the Sussex County District Solid Waste Management Plan and amendments thereto and:

WHEREAS, WANTAGE TOWNSHIP Municipality is desirous of retaining CRP services of the SCMUA for certification of said Annual Recycling Tonnage Report; and:

WHEREAS, the award of this contract between the SCMUA and WANTAGE TOWNSHIP (Municipality) pursuant to N.J.S.A. Section 13:1E-99.14 and pursuant to N.J.S.A. Section 40A:11-5(2). is an exception to the bidding requirements as set forth in the "Local Public Contracts Law";

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms, conditions, mutual benefits and covenants hereinafter set forth, the WANTAGE TOWNSHIP Municipality and the SCMUA make this agreement.

1. WANTAGE TOWNSHIP Municipality shall retain the services of the SCMUA for a CRP that will be responsible for executing the mandatory annual municipal recycling tonnage report, as provided in the Sussex County District Solid Waste Management Plan, and with the State NJDEP.

2. It is understood that the responsibility for the accuracy of all tonnage and materials reported lies with the municipal representative as the designated preparer of the Recycling Tonnage Report. __WANTAGE TOWNSHIP_____ Municipality designates: __SCMUA_____ as the preparer of the report. The Municipal report preparer is responsible for report verification should the NJDEP audit the report submittal.
3. __WANTAGE TOWNSHIP_____ Municipality shall be responsible to retain the appropriate documentation for five years in the event of a NJDEP field review/audit.
4. The __TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE_____ Municipality reserves the right to reasonably amend the terms of this Agreement by giving thirty (30) day written notification to the SCMUA of any changes thereto. The SCMUA reserves the right to terminate this Agreement if the amendment is unacceptable to the SCMUA.
5. __WANTAGE TOWNSHIP_____ Municipality shall pay an annual fee of \$250.00 to the SCMUA for the CRP's services. __WANTAGE TOWNSHIP_____ Municipality agrees to pay all invoices within thirty (30) days upon finalization of the report and submittal of voucher. Notwithstanding any other provision herein. The SCMUA's liability arising out of this agreement for any reason whatsoever, whether known or unknown shall never be greater than the annual fee.
6. This agreement is effective for calendar year 2020 (2019 Recycling Tonnage Report), and may be extended for future years, in yearly increments, upon the mutual consent of both parties.
7. This agreement is the entire agreement between __WANTAGE TOWNSHIP_____ Municipality and the SCMUA and supersedes all previous

agreements and discussions. Any amendments hereto must be in writing and must be duly executed by both WANTAGE TOWNSHIP Municipality and the SCMUA to become effective.

- 8. This Agreement will be entirely performed within the State of New Jersey and it shall be construed in accordance with the laws thereof.
- 9. If any provision of this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, void, ultravires, or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS HERETO the parties hereto have set their hands of the proper public official as of the date and year first above written.

WANTAGE TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPALITY

MICHAEL RESTEL ADMINISTRATOR/ACTING CLERK
(Name & Title)

By: _____
(Name & Title)

SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

(Name & Title)

By: _____

(Name & Title)

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TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #29-2020

AUTHORIZING REFUND

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

\$5,011.20 to US Bank for Block 74 Lot 13, 32 Alter Terrace, for tax sale certificate 2019-011.

\$3,600.00 to US Bank for Block 74 Lot 13, 32 Alter Terrace, for tax sale premium, tax sale certificate 2019-011.



CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, at a meeting held on February 27, 2020.

Michael Restel, Acting Clerk/Administrator

REPORTS:

Administrator/Clerk: Mr. Restel thanked DPW and Denhower Electric for all their hard work towards installing the sign.

Mr. Restel stated DPW has started clearing the Berry Road Property walking path and maintenance to the area around the house will be added to the Summer mowing list.

Attorney: Mr. Kienz stated he taught an educational session for the Land Use Board and it went very well.

Mr. Kienz stated Wantage Township and this Committee have put a great amount of effort in dealing with dirty dirt. Mr. Kienz stated that Wantage Township will not tolerate even a truck load of dirt that comes in here and doesn't go through the process.

Mayor: Mayor Morris stated that Mike and I have met with the various sports groups to discuss fields and what is needed to be done to them.

Mayor Morris spoke about the meeting with High Point School pertaining to Shared Services.

Mayor Morris stated that the Committee has met with all the Departments in the town to go over their 2020 Budget Requests.

Mayor Morris spoke about in the next month you will be receiving the 2020 Census.

Mayor Morris stated Wantage Township received a \$200,000 New Jersey Trust Fund Grant for road improvements to lower Unionville Road.

Mayor Morris Thanked all who were involved in installing the sign.

Mayor Morris expressed his condolences to the Little Family of the passing of Mayor Katherine Little former Mayor of Sussex Borough. Mayor Morris stated she was a public servant, a fighter and well liked.

Mayor Morris spoke about RER permit draft that was sent.

Deputy Mayor: Mr. Gaechter stated the sign was purchased through Clean Communities money which is grant money from the state.

Mr. Gaechter offered his condolences to the Little Family for the passing of Mayor Katherine Little.

Mr. Gaechter stated he attended the February 19th Board of Chosen Freeholders meeting it was at that meeting they passed the Second Amendment Resolution. Mr. Gaechter stated he was very impressed with the Freeholders and the people in attendance, everyone was very respectful which I hope we can model that tonight no matter what side they were on, also the Freeholders gave a very passionate speech pertaining to the Resolution and it is available online.

Committeeman Bassani: Mr. Bassani stated Mayor Katherine Little fought a great battle and will be missed.

Mr. Bassani stated the Open Space Committee recently met and are scheduled for an Open Public Meeting April 27th 7pm to discuss 2 or 3 potential ideas for the Berry Road Property.

MINUTES

MEETING MINUTES:

Mayor Morris requested a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Committee Meeting Regular Meeting February 6, 2020, Budget Meeting Minutes February 6, 2020 and Budget Meeting Minutes January 30, 2020

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

ORDINANCES

Mayor Morris requested to approve First Reading of Ordinance #02-2020 Appropriating the Sum of \$12,500 for replace fencing for dog runs at Wantage pound.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Mayor Morris requested A motion to Adopt Ordinance #01-2020 To Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limit and Establish a CAP Bank for Calendar Year 2020.

A Motion was made by Mr. Bassani and Seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

Before final Roll Call Mayor Morris Opened the meeting to the public, being no one from the public spoke Mayor Morris closed it to the Public.

Upon Roll Call:

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

RESOLUTION:

Resolution #30-2020 Resolution Declaring Wantage Township a Second Amendment/Lawful Gun Ownership Township

A Motion was made by Mr. Bassani and Seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

Upon Roll Call:

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Dominick Portelle Lafayette: Mr. Portelle thanked the Wantage Township Committee for passing the Second Amendment resolution and expressed his concerns about New Jersey trying to infringe on the law-abiding gun owner.

Ria Jarim Southfield Drive: Mrs. Jarim fully supports the Resolution that was passed and explained her reason why she fully supports it.

Karen Merit Wantage Township: Mrs. Merit read into record a prepared statement.

Kathy Gorman Fernwood Road: Mrs. Gorman spoke about the Second Amendment Resolution and would like to know what exactly this will do for Wantage, Mrs. Gorman stated Tax Payer resources have been caught in the court years and this is admittedly a meaningless resolution. Mrs. Gorman explained that she would like to see the Committee creating an Economic Development Committee, would like to look at why the millennials are not staying, would like to know why Wantage doesn't have a Committee liaison to the schools like other towns. Mrs. Gorman spoke about the County Freeholders and how they should be concerned about the Counties Taxes are getting higher. Mrs. Gorman spoke the Legislators and that they should bring better healthcare to Sussex County and how Sussex County has only 1 hospital that is 25 miles away from certain spots in Wantage.

Parker Space 25 Wykertown Road: Mr. Space commended the Mayor and Committee for passing the Second Amendment Resolution. Mr. Space explained his displeasure with certain rights that are be taken away from law abiding citizens.

Lynn Negle 41 Glen Road: Mrs. Negle stated the resolution is a waste of paper due to some wording in it. Mrs. Negle spoke about the Red Flag Laws and that Law-Abiding legal gun owners are not part of it unless you have a problem with anger, rage or aren't able to control yourself. Mrs. Negle spoke about her history working in a city hospital and what guns have done to people even children.

Barbara Holstein Montague NJ: Mrs. Holstein read into record a prepared statement.

Bill Gettler 98 Gemmer Road: Mr. Gettler stated guns are one of the main protections of our Country without guns we will have Socio Communists take over. Mr. Gettler explained that Sussex Wantage School District just passed a Transgender policy, which takes away all constitutional rights. Mr. Gettler stated if we don't stand up, we are going to lose. Mr. Gettler stated he would like to see open carry.

Tim Carrollo 59 Clark Road: Mr. Carrollo explained his reasoning why there is no gun violence and that it takes a human being to operate a gun. Mr. Carrollo explained we need to get the Firearms out of the hands of the individuals who are mentally ill.

John Nuss 29 Beemer Road: Mr. Nuss spoke about statistics and gun violence in the state of New Jersey. Mr. Nuss spoke about we should be looking at the drug issue.

Mayor Morris closed it to public session at 7:46pm

Mr. Gaechter Thanked everyone who attended the meeting and all their comments whether for or against the Resolution. Mr. Gaechter stated there are some things that are upsetting, saying the Resolution is a waste of paper, Wantage Township passes Resolutions all the time, Resolutions are just the Town either supporting or against something. Mr. Gaechter read a statement into the record.

Mr. Bassani Thanked Mr. Gaechter for taking the time and energy with that prepared statement. Mr. Bassani stated that he thinks the Committee does a very good job listening to what the public has to say and we implore you to come out and share with

us your viewpoint. Mr. Bassani stated the biggest enemy in our County is Apathy and that people just ignore what is going on around them. Mr. Bassani stated he disagrees with the people who think we did something wrong, Mr. Bassani stated he believes it our responsibility as Wantage Committeeman to pass this Resolution to stand up for the Law-Abiding Citizens that duly feel they are being infringed upon.

Mayor Morris stated he does not think when supporting someone's rights it's a waste of paper, we might agree to disagree, whether its your right to speak or your right or your freedom of press it's your right and as a Township Committee we are here to support those rights no matter what. Mayor Morris Thanked all who attended.

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

Upon Roll:

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