

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 7, 2021

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 3rd day of November 2020,

The said Board does determine that the said election:

Name	Office	Term
Jonathan Morris	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 23rd day of November 2020.

Signed by Timothy McCabe, 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 Jonathan Morris for a three-year term as Committee Member of the Township of Wantage.

ROLL CALL OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 2021

Present: Ronald Bassani, William Gaechter, Jonathan Morris

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT: MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2021

Mr. Restel opened the floor for Committee nominations for the position of Mayor for 2021.

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

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

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT: DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2021

Mayor Gaechter opened the floor for the Committee nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for 2021.

Mr. Morris moved to name Ron Bassani as Deputy Mayor for 2021. Mayor Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call:

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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT COMPLIANCE

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

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

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

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 12/31/2021

Joe Konopinski, Class II Member, for a term running through 12/31/2021

Ron Bassani, Class III Member, for a term running through 12/31/2021

Victoria Gill, Class IV member for a term running through 12/31/2024

Chuck Meissner, Class IV Member for a term running through 12/31/2024

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Justin Dudzinski, Alternate #1 for a term running through 12/31/2022

George Unverzagt, Alternate #2, for a term running through 12/31/2021

Joseph Greenaway Alternate #3 for a term running through 12/31/2022

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 12/31/2021.

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

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

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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

BOARD OF HEALTH

Peter Lindsay, Regular Member, for a term running through 12/31/2025

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

_Daryl Wuhrl Regular Member 3 Year Term Expires 12/31/2023
Warren Wisse Regular Member 3 Year Term Expires 12/31/2023
Susan Weiss Regular Member 2 Year Term Expires 12/31/2022
Gary Margiotta Regular Member 2 Year Term Expires 12/31/2022
Heather Hill Regular Member 1 Year Term Expires 12/31/2021
Alternate #1 2 Year Term Expires 12/31/2022
Alternate #2 1 Year Term Expires 12/31/2021

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Emergency Management Coordinator	Joseph Konopinski	thru 12/31/23
Deputy Coordinator #1	Tom Madsen	thru 12/31/21
F.A.S., EMC member	Jeff Post	thru 12/31/21
F.A.S., EMC Alternate	Stan Gardner	thru 12/31/21
Damage Assessment	Joseph Butto	thru 12/31/21
Fire Chief, EMC member	Mark Snook	thru 12/31/22
Facilities, EMC Member	Amy Heater	thru 12/31/21
Communications, EMC Member	William Gebhard	thru 12/31/21
DPW Supt., EMC Member	Claude Wagner	thru 12/31/21
Sanitarian, EMC Member	James McDonald	thru 12/31/21
Finance/Resource Mgt., EMC Memb	Ashley Wilson	thru 12/31/21
Resource Management	Charles Rokonsny	thru 12/31/21
Mayor, EMC Member	William Gaechter	thru 12/31/21
Public Information Officer	Michael Restel	thru 12/31/21
Media	New Jersey Herald	thru 12/31/21
Evacuation	Leroy Little	thru 12/31/21
Operations, EMC Member	Joseph A. Konopinski	thru 12/31/21
Operations, EMC Member	Alex Rubin	thru 12/31/21

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

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

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Gaechter offered the following nominations for professional appointments of the Township of Wantage for 2021, as follows:

Township Judge:	Glenn T. Gavan	through 12/31/2023
Township Attorney:	Glenn Kienz	through 12/31/2021
Township Bond Counsel:	Edward McManimon	through 12/31/2021
Township Auditor:	Thomas Ferry	through 12/31/2021
Township Prosecutor:	Jonathan McMeen	through 12/31/2021
Township Engineer:	Harold Pellow	through 12/31/2021
Public Defender:	Shepard Kays	through 12/31/2021
Alternate Public Defender:	Michael Justice	through 12/31/2021

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

MAYOR'S APOINTEMENTS

Mayor Gaechter presented his nominations for appointment to the various positions of the Township Government for the year 2021, 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	Ashley Wilson
PERS/PFRS Certifying Agent:	Ashley Wilson
Tax Search Officer:	Melissa Caton
Tax Collector 4-year appointment through 12/31/23:	Melissa Caton
Tax Assessor 4-Year appointment through 12/31/24	Kristy Lockburner
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

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

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mayor Gaechter offered the following nominations for appointment of members to the 2021 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

Mrs. Ellen Smith 13 Spring Hollow Road

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

RECOGNITION OF LINE OFFICERS

Wantage Fire Department

Mark SNook	Department Chief
Justin Vandergroef	Deputy Chief - Beemerville
Leo Kinney JR.	Deputy Chief - Colesville
Hunter Space	Captain - Beemerville
Mike Ferrarella	Captain - Colesville
Will Vallone	1 st Lieutenant-Beemerville
Todd Tarrant	1 st Lieutenant - Colesville
John Buskiewicz	2 nd Lieutenant - Beemerville
James Courtright JR.	2 nd Lieutenant - Colesville
Joe Marrocco	Fire Police Captain
Ben Langevin	Fire Police Lieutenant
Joe Vallone	Fire Police Lieutenant

Wantage Township First Aid Squad

Captain: Stephanie Reinbott
1st Lieutenant: Lauren Osborn
2nd Lieutenant: Vacant
Training Officer: Patrick Hanson
President: Jeffrey Post
Vice President: Stan Gardner
Secretary: Marion Porrino
Treasurer: Trudy Congdon
Engineer: William DeBoer

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Gaechter requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items I to XVI.

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 #1-2021

Designate Appointment of Municipal Judge, Municipal Attorney, Bond Counsel,
Municipal Auditor, Risk Manager, Prosecutor, Public Defender and Alternate Public
Defender for Calendar Year 2021

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 2021, 2022 and 2023
Amount: Based on contract

Awarded to: Glenn Kienz, Esq., of the law firm Weiner Lesniak, Parsippany, NJ
Services: Township Attorney
Duration: calendar year of 2021
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 2021
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 2021
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, 2021
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 2021
Amount: Commission based on service contract with Statewide Insurance Fund

Awarded to: Sheppard Kays
Services: Public Defender
Duration: calendar year of 2021
Amount: \$12,000

Awarded to: Michael Justice
Services: Alternate Public Defender
Duration: calendar year of 2021
Amount: \$200.00 per case

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE
RESOLUTION #2-2021
APPROVING TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2021

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 \$4,973,084 in the 2021 municipal budget and \$116,520 for Sewer Allocation

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2021 Budget, less appropriations made for Capital Improvement Fund, Debt Service, and Public Assistance is the sum of \$4,973,084.00 for the Current Fund; and \$116,520.00 for the Sewer Utility Allocation; and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2020 Budget, less appropriations for Capital Improvement Fund, Debt Service, and Public Assistance in the said 2021 Budget is the sum of \$1,305,434.50 for the Current Fund; and \$30,586.00 for the Sewer Utility Allocation.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #3-2021

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 #4-2021

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 2021, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A 40A:5-17.1.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #5-2021

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 #6-2021

DESIGNATE BANKS AS THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR TOWNSHIP FUND IN 2021

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 2021: 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 #8-2021

Designate Newspapers that will Received Notices Required by the NJ Open Public Meetings Act for 2021

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 #9-2021

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 2021: Mayor William Gaechter (and/or Deputy Mayor Ron Bassani); Administrator Municipal Clerk Michael L Restel; Chief Finance Officer Ashley Wilson

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #10-2021

Designate Legal Newspaper for Calendar Year 2021

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 2021 calendar year.

New Jersey Herald

New Jersey Sunday Herald

Star Ledger

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #11-2021

AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY AND THE TOWNSHIP TAX ASSESSOR TO DEFEND THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE AGAINST ALL APPEALS FILED DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2021

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 2021, 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 2021, in accordance with the existing employment contract on file for the Township Attorney and Township Tax Assessor, respectively, in effect for calendar year 2021.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #12-2021

Legal Township Holidays for 2021

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 2021, during which municipal offices shall be closed to the public in recognition of the said Holidays:

Friday, January 1, 2021	New Year's Day
Monday, January 18, 2021	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, February 15, 2021	President's Day
Friday, April 2, 2021	Good Friday
Monday, May 31, 2021	Memorial Day
Monday, July 5, 2021	Independence Day
Monday, September 6, 2021	Labor Day
Monday, October 11, 2021	Columbus Day
Thursday, November 11, 2021	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 25, 2021	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 26, 2021	Day after Thanksgiving

Friday, December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 27, 2021

Christmas Day (Observed)

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #13-2021

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 2021.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #14-2021

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 2021, 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 #15-2021

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.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE
RESOLUTION #16-2021

Authorizing the Execution of Shared Service Agreement for Animal Control and Pound Services with Branchville, Hamburg, Hardyston, Lafayette, Newton, Ogdensburg and Sussex for 2021

Whereas, Branchville, Hamburg, Hardyston, Lafayette, Newton Ogdensburg and Sussex desire to enter into a shared service agreement with the Township of Wantage for animal control and pound services for 2021: and

Where as the annual fee for the calendar year 2021;

Branchville: \$2,871.00
Hamburg: \$12,719.00
Hardyston: \$18,187.00
Lafayette: \$9,324.00
Newton: \$18,000
Ogdensburg: \$13,334.00
Sussex: \$10,811

MAYOR'S STATEMENT

Mayor Gaechter Congratulated Committeeman Jon Morris for his election win.

Mayor Gaechter stated he appreciates how Hard Mr. Morris worked as Mayor with the unexpected COVID-19 crisis and thanked him for his hard work in 2020.

Mayor Gaechter thanked Deputy Mayor Ron Bassani for all his hard work behind the scenes to do not only what is right for Wantage Township but also what is right for the Wantage Township Tax Payer.

Mayor Gaechter thanked Administrator/Acting Clerk Michael Restel for all his hard work with COVID-19 in 2020.

Mayor Gaechter thanked all the employees of Wantage Township for their hard work throughout the COVID-19 Crisis.

Mayor Gaechter stated his goals for 2021.

Mayor Gaechter stated Goal 1 is always number 1 and that is to keep the Budget flat and keep spending at bay.

Mayor Gaechter stated Goal 2 is to return to normalcy in 2021

Mayor Gaechter stated Goal 3 is hope that business can get back to normal and the ones that are closed can reopen and prosper.

Mayor Gaechter stated he is a big proponent of Shared Service and would like to revisit and see if bringing back the Construction Department would make fiscal sense.

Mayor Gaechter thanked Mr. Bill DeBoer in the audience for his year on the Committee and always supporting the Township.

Mayor Gaechter thanked Mrs. Kathy Gorman in the audience as a volunteer on the Open Space Committee.

Mayor Gaechter thanked Mr. Warren Wisse for his hard work on the Recreation Advisory Board

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Ron Bassani thanked Mr. Morris for his hard work as Mayor in 2020 and thanked him for responding well to the unexpected COVID-19 crisis.

Mr. Bassani stated he feels proud to be a member of this committee and enjoys that we all come together even if we disagree.

Mr. Bassani stated he looks forward with working with Mayor Gaechter in 2021.

Mr. Bassani thanked Mr. Restel and all the Wantage Township Employees for their hard work in 2020.

Mr. Bassani thanked all the volunteers on the multiple boards in Wantage Township.

Committeeman Jonathan Morris thanked Mayor Gaechter and Deputy Mayor Bassani for all their support in 2020 and appreciates all their words of encouragement

Mr. Morris thanked Mr. Restel and their employees for their hard work in 2020.

Mr. Morris stated he agrees with Mayor Gaechter and Deputy Mayor Bassani in doing what is best for the Wantage Township tax payers.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Bill DeBoer Beemer Road: Mr. DeBoer congratulated Mr. Morris on his reelection win.

Mr. DeBoer thanked the committee for keeping the Municipal Budget flat.

Warren Wisse: Mr. Wisse congratulated everyone on their appointments in their new positions.

Kathy Gorman 53 Fernwood: Mrs. Gorman stated it is nice to see Mr. Gaechter back as Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gaechter asked for a motion to adjourn from the Organization Meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Bassani, and seconded by Mr. Morris.

All in Favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael L Restel

Administrator/Acting Clerk