

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL
BUILDING, 888 STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 23, WANTAGE, N.J.,
ON APRIL 28, 2011**

Deputy Mayor William Gaechter called the meeting to order, and requested the Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the governing body were present: Committeeman Gaechter, Committeeman Bassani. The following members were absent: Mayor DeBoer

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

FLAG SALUTE

Deputy Mayor Gaechter invited all persons present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Gaechter requested that the members of the Committee review the Consent Agenda. There being no Committee member present wishing to comment on the proposed Consent Agenda, Deputy Mayor Gaechter requested approval of the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Bassani moved to approve Bingo License BL 11-11 to BPOE #2288 Sussex Lodge, to conduct Bingo on various dates during calendar year 2011.

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to approve Raffle License RL 11-12, to Beemerville Presbyterian Church, to conduct an Off Premise Merchandise Raffle on September 29, 2011.

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to approve for filing, the 2010 Recycling Tonnage Report.

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to approve refund of \$4,000.00 to US Bank for Refund of Tax Sale Premium on Block 165 Lot 5.07. Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to approve refund of \$24.00 to Kim & Sean Ryan for overpayment of dog license fees. Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to approve renewal of the Annual Soil Removal Certification for Space Farms. Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Shared Service Contract to provide Ogdensburg Borough with animal control and pound services for the year 2011, effective May 1, 2011. Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to confirm the action taken to provide funds necessary for the repair of the 1995 International Fire Apparatus (Engine 643) for \$14,595.55, consistent with prior authorization from December 2010 approving said repair in an amount not to exceed \$15,500.

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to approve acknowledging 2011 "New Jersey Ride Against Aids" Bicycle Ride on September 23, 2011, which will travel along State Highway 23, and portions of County Highways 650, 647, 519, 628. Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

CONSENT AGENDA, Continued

Administrator's Report

Mr. Doherty recommended the governing body take action to confirm the employment status of part time Court Clerk Typist Rachel Nestel.

Mr. Gaechter moved to confirm the extension of the part time temporary employment status of Rachel Nestel through the date of April 22, 2011, and to confirm the permanent part time employment status of Rachel Nester commencing on the date of April 25, 2011.

Mr. Bassani seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

The members of the governing body reviewed a request for consideration of an amendment to the Wantage Township Ordinances which would specify opening and closing times for Woodbourne Park. After review and consideration, the governing body expressed their belief that the existing ordinance, structured to allow the Recreation Commission to establish opening and closing times of all parks by resolution as necessary from time to time, better serves the needs of the community. Mr. Gaechter recommended that the existing sign at the entrance to the park, stating that the park is open "Dawn to Dusk" be removed since there are approved events taking place at the park after Dusk from time to time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bassani moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Wantage governing body held on April 7, 2011. Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Deputy Mayor Gaechter opened the meeting to the public at this time, for any questions or comments involving the good and welfare of the community.

William Gettler, Gemmer Road, expressed a desire to have no tax increase, expressed unhappiness with an OPRA response provided by Mr. Doherty, presented an OPRA request to Mr. Doherty, and expressed his opinions regarding representations made by various Township representatives in Mr. Gettler's prior lawsuit with the Township.

There being no one else present wishing to address the governing body at this time, Deputy Mayor Gaechter closed the meeting to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for the attention of the governing body, Mr. Gaechter moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bassani seconded the motion. Upon Roll call,

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

Deputy Mayor Gaechter declared this meeting adjourned.