

**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 JUNE 28, 2012**

Mayor 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: Mayor Gaechter, Committeeman DeBoer, and Committeeman Bassani. The following members were absent: None. Also Present: Township Attorney Michael Garofalo

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."

Mayor Gaechter led the assembly in the salute to the American Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Gaechter requested that the members of the Committee review the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Bassani moved to approve the Payment of Bills for the meeting of June 28, 2012

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize Renewal of Liquor License in the Township of Wantage for the 2012-13 Licensing Term – Areteo LLC, formerly Tara Inn, as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, does hereby approve the renewal of the liquor licenses named below for the licensing term of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013:

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES:

License #	Licensee & Location:	Trading As:
1924-33-003-007	Areteo LLC	The Stuffed Olive

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to approve Change Order #2 to the contract "Milling and Paving of the Newton Avenue, Newman Road and County 639 Intersection", representing an increase of \$4,936.17 to the contract price for adjustments in line item quantities used during the project, as per the recommendation of Township Engineer Harold Pellow dated June 11, 2012.

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize Wantage Township First Aid Squad to conduct coin toss fundraiser on August 3, August 4 and August 5, 2012 at the McCoy's Corner intersection, subject to all requirements established by the County of Sussex for use of county highways, as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wantage Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey formally authorizes and endorses the application of the Wantage Township First Aid Squad to conduct a Coin Toss on McCoy's Corner, being the intersection of County Routes 565 and 628 Highway Route 23 on the dates of August 3, August 4, and August 5, 2012, subject to all requirements imposed upon the Wantage Township First Aid Squad by the County of Sussex for such activities. Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Fireman Dan's Liquor License Renewal

Mr. Doherty reported that Fireman Dan's had completed all requirements for consideration of liquor license renewal at this time.

Administrator Report, Continued

Mr. Bassani moved to authorize Renewal of Liquor License in the Township of Wantage for the 2012-13 Licensing Term for fireman Dan's as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, does hereby approve the renewal of the liquor licenses named below for the licensing term of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013:

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES:

<u>License #</u>	<u>Licensee & Location:</u>	<u>Trading As:</u>
1924-33-003-007	Areteo LLC	The Stuffed Olive

Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Tax Assessor Input

Mr. Doherty reported that Tax Assessor Kristy Lockburner wishes to inform the governing body of her intention to file an application for a modified Reassessment program. General discussion took place regarding this concept, after which the governing body expressed a desire for greater detail concerning the topic. Mr. Doherty stated his belief that Ms. Lockburner would welcome the opportunity for such a dialogue, and if it was necessary to call for a special meeting to discuss this topic prior to any deadline date which may be applicable, the governing body expressed consensus for Mr. Doherty to call such a special meeting.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Garofalo conducted a brief discussion regarding the topic of COAH fees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Gaechter read an announcement of a vacancy in a seat on the Sussex Wantage Board of Education, offering guidance for any Wantage resident who would wish to apply for filling that vacancy.

Mayor Gaechter also reported that he had met with a representative of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture this afternoon, along with representatives from several surrounding communities, to hear details regarding invasive insect pests that are impacting trees within the State of New Jersey, particularly the Asian Longhorned Beetle and the Emerald Ash Borer. Mayor Gaechter identified several signs of stress in trees that residents should be on the lookout for, and informed that further information is available through the Board of Health Secretary, and through the NJ Department of Agriculture website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Bassani suggested that Mr. Doherty research various municipalities' ordinances within the State of New Jersey to ascertain how other communities handle the issue of animal and livestock use within their zoning ordinances. The governing body agreed that this would be beneficial. Mr. Doherty agreed to undertake this assignment.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Ordinance 2012-04: Fire Prevention Bureau Amendment

Mr. DeBoer moved to introduce Ordinance 2012-04, entitled "AN ORDINANCE REVISING CHAPTER IX OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGED ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION" TO RECOGNIZE THE VERNON TOWNSHIP FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU AS THE LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENT WITHIN WANTAGE TOWNSHIP", with a final hearing date scheduled for July 26, 2012.

Mr. Bassani seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

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

Kathy Gorman, Fernwood Road, asked for clarification regarding the topic discussed earlier in the meeting regarding a possible reassessment application. Mr. Garofalo offered a response.

William Gettler, Gemmer Road, offered comments regarding the Compliance Plan issue, the Tax Appeal process involving his property, - to which Mr. Garofalo offered rebuttal comments – and comments on the Lake Neepaulin Dam issue.

Ms. Gorman asked a follow up question on the topic of the municipal tax appeal process. Mayor Gaechter offered a response.

There being no one else present wishing to address the governing body at this time, Mayor Gaechter closed the meeting to the public and the governing body returned to the regular order of business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for the attention of the governing body, Mr. Bassani moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. DeBoer seconded the motion. Upon roll call,
Ayes: Bassani, DeBoer, Gaechter Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Mayor Gaechter declared this meeting adjourned.

James R. Doherty, Clerk