

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL  
BUILDING, 888 STATE HIGHWAY 23, WANTAGE, N.J. ON JANUARY 16, 2014**

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Mayor DeBoer called the meeting of the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage to order, and requested the Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the governing body were present: Mayor DeBoer, Committeemen Bassani, Gaechter. The following member was absent: None.

Also present: CFO Michelle La Starza

Mayor DeBoer led those present in the Salute to the Flag.

Mayor DeBoer 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."

**BUDGET**

The members of the governing body reviewed proposed salary figures for 2014. General review and discussion took place.

Discussion turned to the budget for the Construction Department. Construction Official Patrick Stefanelli joined the governing body for this discussion, which included staffing patterns and departmental needs for 2014. The governing body agreed to give this budget's funding levels further scrutiny and consideration.

Discussion turned to the budget for the Public works Department. DPW supervisor bob Wagner and Mechanic John Card joined the governing body for this discussion, which included staffing patterns and departmental needs for 2014.

Mr. Card presented a list of proposed departmental purchases and projects for 2014. The governing body agreed to give these proposals consideration, and requested Mr. Doeherty review the list for funding options.

Mr. Wagner requested consideration of a salary adjustment. The governing body asked Mr. Doherty to review the department budget and prepare a recommendation for action in regard to this request.

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

Mayor DeBoer opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments.

Ann Smulewicz, Route 23, spoke favorably of Michael Cecchini on the Wantage Land Use Board, indicating that Freeholder Phoebus also spoke well of Mr. Cecchini; and spoke favorably of County Tax Board President John Fierro.

As there was no one else from the public who wished to address the Committee, Mayor DeBoer closed the meeting to the public.

As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Bassani moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

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

Mayor DeBoer declared this meeting to be adjourned.

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James R. Doherty, Administrator/Clerk