

MINUTES OF THE 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 January 26, 2017

Mayor Morris called the meeting to order, and requested that the Clerk call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the governing body were present: Mayor Jonathan Morris, Committeeman Ronald Bassani and Committeeman William Gaechter. Also, present: Administrator/Acting Clerk Debra Millikin 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."

Mayor Morris invited all those in attendance to join in the Salute of the Flag.

Mayor Morris then welcomed to the meeting Senator Oroho and Assemblyman Space.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Morris requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items Resolution 17-2017 to Resolution 26-2017, monthly reports for December 2016: Board of Health, Clerk, Dog, Driveway, Housing, Land Use, Property Registration, Registrar, Tax Collector and Zoning, and minutes from December 29, 2016 Wantage Township Mayor and Committee Special Meeting, August 10, 2016 Wantage Township Mayor and Committee Special Meeting, August 10, 2016 Wantage Township Mayor and Committee Executive Session, and August 22, 2016 Wantage Township Mayor and Committee Special Meeting, and January 26, 2017 Mayor and Committee Regular Meeting.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #17-2017

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND PARTICIPATION IN THE FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 allows for acceptance of federal funds and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage has been awarded FY 2016 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG), Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMAA) subaward number FY16-EMPG-EMAA-1924 for July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this grant is \$19,592.40 with federal share of \$9,400 and the Township of Wantage cash match of \$10,192.40, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage does accept the subaward for the purpose of completion of the Wantage Township EMMA Work Plan,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, does hereby authorize acceptance of federal funds and participation in the federal grant program administered by the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION 18-2017

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL AND POUND SERVICES WITH TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE

WHEREAS, the Township of Montague desires to enter into a shared service agreement with the Township of Wantage for animal control and pound services for 2017; and

WHEREAS, the annual fee for the calendar year 2017 is \$12,319.00; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Town of Wantage, Sussex County, New Jersey that the Mayor and Acting Municipal Clerk are authorized to execute an agreement for animal control and pound services with Township of Montague for the calendar year 2017.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION 19-2017

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL AND POUND SERVICES WITH TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston desires to enter into a shared service agreement with the Township of Wantage for animal control and pound services for 2017; and

WHEREAS, the annual fee for the calendar year 2017 is \$16,802.00; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Town of Wantage, Sussex County, New Jersey that the Mayor and Acting Municipal Clerk are authorized to execute an agreement for animal control and pound services with Township of Hardyston for the calendar year 2017.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION 20-2017

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL AND POUND SERVICES WITH TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER

WHEREAS, the Township of Andover desires to enter into a shared service agreement with the Township of Wantage for animal control and pound services for 2017; and

WHEREAS, the annual fee for the calendar year 2017 is \$8,792.00; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Town of Wantage, Sussex County, New Jersey that the Mayor and Acting Municipal Clerk are authorized to execute an agreement for animal control and pound services with Township of Andover for the calendar year 2017.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #21-2017

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE NEWMAN ROAD PROJECT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wantage Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Administrator/Acting Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2017-Newman Road-00300 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Wantage Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Administrator/Acting Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Wantage Township and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage at a meeting held on January 26, 2017 in the Wantage Township Municipal Building, 888 Route 23, Wantage, New Jersey.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #22-2017

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AS FINAL AND COMPLETED THE VARIOUS STREETS PROJECT: LAYTON ROAD, RYAN ROAD, OLD CLOVE ROAD, CLYDESDALE RIDGE ROAD, MARTINGALE DRIVE, AND BRIDLE WAY

WHEREAS, on the Township of Wantage awarded a contract for the milling and paving of various streets project to Tilcon New York and Denville Line Striping on July 13, 2016, and General Foundries for the inlet heads on September 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer, Harold E. Pellow, of Harold E. Pellow & Associates, recommends in his letter dated January 3, 2017, that the project be accepted as final and complete for the various streets project; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex that it hereby accepts the various streets project: Layton Road, Ryan

Road, Old Clove Road, Clydesdale Ridge Road, Martingale Drive, and Bridle Way as final and complete.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #23-2017

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AS FINAL AND COMPLETED RECLAMATION, RECONSTRUCTION & PAVING OF HAVENS ROAD – SECTION I, DUNVALE ROAD AND MILLIING PAVING AND LINE STRIPING OF LOWER UNIONVILLE ROAD – SECTION II

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage awarded a contract for the reclamation, reconstruction and paving of Havens Road – Section I and Dunvale Road to C&V Paving on September 8, 2016, and milling, paving, and striping of Lower Unionville Road – section II to Tilcon of New York and Denville Line Striping on September 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer, Harold E. Pellow, of Harold E. Pellow & Associates, recommends in his letter dated January 3, 2017, that the projects be accepted as final and complete for the reclamation, reconstruction and paving of Havens Road – Section I, Dunvale Road, and milling, paving and line striping of Lower Unionville Road – Section II; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex that it hereby accepts the reclamation, reconstruction and paving of Havens Road – Section I, Dunvale Road, and milling, paving and line striping of Lower Unionville Road – Section II as final and complete.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION 24-2017

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR 2017

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 et. seq. Allows for a municipality to award a contract for professional services without public advertising for bids and bidding thereof under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Township has a need for assistance during this calendar year involving a conflict public defender; 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, hereby approved without the need for public advertisement of bids and bidding thereof:

Awarded to: Daniel A. Colfax, Esq.
Services: Conflict Public Defender
Duration: calendar year of 2017
Amount: \$200.00 per case

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, the Township Clerk is hereby directed to post a copy of this resolution on the bulletin board of the Township Hall, and publish a brief public notice stating the nature, duration, service and amount of the contracts herein awarded, and stating that said contract and this resolution are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #25-2017

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE APPOINTMENT OF DEBRA MILLIKIN AS COMMISSIONER TO THE NORTH JERSEY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage in the County of Sussex in the State of New Jersey that Debra Millikin is hereby appointed as the Wantage Commissioner to the North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits fund.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #26-2017

RESOLUTION APPROVING BILLS AND VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage in the County of Sussex that payment is hereby approved for all vouchers that have been properly authenticated and presented for payment, representing expenditures for which appropriations were duly made in 2016 and 2017 Budgets adopted by this local Governing Body, including any emergency appropriations, and where unexpended balances exist in said appropriation accounts for the payment of such vouchers.

Mayor Morris asked for a motion to approve Bassani Power Equipment LLC., PO# 14026 for \$73.49 on the bill list.

Motion made by Mr. Gaechter and seconded by Mayor Morris.

Upon Roll Call:

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

Mayor Morris then introduced the line of Officers for the Wantage Fire Department and Wantage First Aid Squad. Mayor Morris introduced Assemblyman Space to do the swearing for the 2017 Line of Officers for Wantage Fire Department.

2017 Line Officers

Wantage Fire Department

Justin Vander Groef	Department Chief
Alex Rubin	Deputy Chief - Colesville
Mark Snook	Deputy Chief - Beemerville
Charlie Rokosny	Captain - Beemerville
Steve Merck	Captain - Colesville
Griff Adkins	1 st Lieutenant-Beemerville
Todd Tarrant	1 st Lieutenant - Colesville
Hunter Space	2 nd Lieutenant - Beemerville
John Cannici	2 nd Lieutenant - Colesville
Harry Festa -	Safety Officer
Scott Paladino	Safety Officer
Joe Marrocco	Fire Police Captain
Ben Langevin	Fire Police Lieutenant
Joe Vallone	Fire Police Lieutenant

Mayor Morris stated thank you to the Fire Department for your volunteering. Mayor Morris then introduced the Line Officer of the Wantage First Aid Squad. Mrs. Millikin swore in the officers for the Wantage First Aid Squad.

Wantage Township First Aid Squad

Captain:	Sherri Paugh
1st Lieutenant:	Courtney Merck
2nd Lieutenant:	Christopher Little
Training Officer:	Patrick Hanson
President:	Jeffrey Post
Vice President:	Stan Gardner
Secretary:	Krina Hemsworth
Treasurer:	Trudy Congdon
Engineer:	William DeBoer

Mayor Morris thanked the First Aid Squad for your volunteering.

REPORTS

Clerk - None

Administrator – Mrs. Millikin stated she has an application for Caleb Vander Groef for NJ STATE Firemen's Association Membership Application. She wants to make sure the Committee is ok with her signing off on this form. The Committee had no objection.

Mrs. Millikin stated she received correspondence from the State Patrick's Day Parade would the Committee like to participate in the parade. The event will be held in Newton on March 18th.

Mrs. Millikin stated the NJDOT Grant application for local aid has been filed on the sage system for Newman Road. The Township is applying for \$210,242.60.

Mrs. Millikin stated today she attended the North Jersey Health Benefit Fund reorganization meeting this morning. It was a great opportunity to hear about the Health Fund programs and she looks forward to working with the Benefit Fund.

Mrs. Millikin stated the DPW was very busy all day on Monday into Tuesday afternoon with the ice/snow storm.

Mrs. Millikin final item was a reminder that the next budget meeting is February 2nd starting at 5:30 p.m. Schedule is tentatively DPW/Engineer at 5:30 p.m., Fire Department at 6:00 p.m., Recreation at 6:30 p.m. and First Aid Squad at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Morris stated please make sure Sussex Fire Department is aware of the meeting.

Attorney – stated the ordinance on the agenda for 2nd reading tonight will be tabled and that to exam the potential for a doing a quick claim deed for the portion of Black Dirt Road.

Mayor Report – Mayor Morris stated he attended to the Recreation Reorganization meeting. Great discussion regarding Woodbourne Park and Fields 5 & 6. Upcoming events are the Easter Egg hunt on April 2nd, Wantage Day on June 3rd, 1st responder day, a plague of Jim Doherty, 5/7 baseball game and 10/8 car show.

Mayor Morris also indicated the Land Use Board has a request regarding a sub-committee to discuss the Used Car Dealer Ordinance. The Committee had no issue with this matter and asked the Mayor Morris to sit on this Committee.

Committee Member Report – Mr. Gaechter – stated he wanted to thank the DPW for the snow. He would like Mr. Pellow to investigate the stop sign at Berry Road and Sherman Ridge. Mr. Pellow would review this matter. Mrs. Millikin stated she would reach out to the State Police on this matter. Mr. Gaechter also questioned the clothing bins being placed all over and overflowing can Mr. Stefanelli go out to enforce.

Committee Member Report – Mr. Bassani – stated the Open Space Committee did get together and will be meeting with Green Acres and will have an update at the February 9th meeting.

Old Business

Rolling Hills: Mrs. Millikin stated Mr. Pellow is here to discuss this matter. Mrs. Millikin advised that the owner of Rolling Hills Estates has requested the Township take over the roads of Flagstone Drive and Sterling Drive. There are numerous items that need to be completed on the site. Mrs. Millikin is also recommending that the Township be held harmless if the Township plows the roads and the Township is named an additional insured on the policy. Mr. Pellow stated the main issues are the monuments needed to be placed in the development, the guiderails, and the detention basins need to be taken care. Mrs. Millikin stated the homeowner association is no longer in place and the basins were suppose to be maintained by them. Discussion ensued on this matter and Mrs. Millikin

was requested to confirm the bond of \$440,000 is still in place. The Committee indicated the Township is ok with plowing and salting these roadways.

Mayor Morris asked for a motion to approve the plowing and salting in the development and that an insurance certificate and hold harmless be posted. Mr. Bassani made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

Upon Roll Call:

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

New Business

2nd Reading & Public Hearing

Mayor Morris stated this ordinance will be tabled for final reading Ordinance #2017-1 AN ORDINANCE TO RELEASE AND EXTINGUISH THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC ON A PORTION OF BLACK DIRT ROAD.

A Motion made to table the ordinance was by Mr. Bassani and seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

Upon Roll Call:

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

Introduction of Ordinance

Mayor Morris stated motion is in order to approve on first reading, Ordinance #2017-2, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XXI, ENTITLED "FEES" OF THE "REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, NEW JERSEY" AUTHORIZING EXEMPTIONS FROM MUNICIPAL FEES.

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE
ORDINANCE # 2017-2

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XXI,
ENTITLED "FEES" OF THE "REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, NEW JERSEY"
AUTHORIZING EXEMPTIONS FROM MUNICIPAL FEES

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-8, a municipal agency shall adopt and may amend reasonable rules and regulations, not

inconsistent with the Municipal Land Use Law or with any applicable ordinance, for the administration of its functions, powers and duties, and shall furnish a copy thereof to any person upon request and may charge a reasonable fee for such copy. Copies of all such rules and regulations and amendments thereto shall be maintained in the office of the administrative officer; and

WHEREAS, a municipal agency may charge fees to an applicant for the filing and review of an application for development by a municipal agency or an appeal and such fees shall be reasonable and shall be established by Ordinance. In addition to covering the administrative costs associated with these applications, these fees shall also be used to defray the cost of tuition for those persons required to take the course in land use and planning in the municipality as required under the Municipal Land Use Law pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-23.3 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, a municipality may by Ordinance exempt, according to uniform standards, charitable, philanthropic, fraternal and religious non-profit organizations holding a tax exempt status under the Federal Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C.s. 501 (c) or (d) from the payment of any fee charged under the Municipal Land Use Law or Township Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, a municipality shall exempt the Board of Education from the payment of any fees charged under the Municipal Land Use Law or Township Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, a municipality may by Ordinance exempt, according to uniform standards, a disabled person or a parent or a sibling of a disabled person from the payment of any fees charged under the Municipal Land Use Law or Township Ordinances in connection with any application for development or an appeal; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage hereby recommend that Chapter XXI Fees of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Wantage be amended and supplemented in accordance with this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey as follows:

Chapter XXI Fees of the Revised Ordinances of the Township of Wantage are hereby amended and supplemented with the addition of Section 21-20 Municipal Fees; Exemptions.

Section 1 – Fees to be Charged.

Application Fees for development shall be reasonable and shall be established by Ordinance. Such fees shall be used to cover the administrative costs associated with the implementation of P.L. 1975, C. 291, these fees shall also be used to defray the cost of tuition for those persons required to take the course in Land Use and Planning in the municipality as required to P.L. 2005, C. 133 (N.J.S.A. 40:55-23.3 et. al.);

Section 2. Exemptions from Fees.

A. Charitable, philanthropic, fraternal and religious non-profit organizations holding a tax exempt status under the Federal Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C.s 501 (c)) shall be exempt from the payment of any fee charged under the Municipal Land Use Law or Township Ordinances;

B. A Board of Education shall be exempt from the payment of any fee charged under the Municipal Land Use Law or Township Ordinances;

C. A disabled person, or a parent or sibling of a disabled person shall be exempt from the payment of any fee charged under the Municipal Land Use Law or Township Ordinances in connection with any application for development or an appeal which promotes accessibility to his own living unit.

D. For the purposes of this subsection "disabled person" means a person who has the total and permanent inability to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment, including blindness, and shall include, but not be limited to, any resident of this State who is disabled pursuant to the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.s. 416), or the federal Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C.s. 231 et. seq.), or is rated as having a 60% disability or higher pursuant to any Federal law administered by the United States Veterans Act. For purposes of this paragraph "blindness" means central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with the use of a correcting lens. An eye which is accompanied by a limitation in the fields of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees shall be considered as having the central visual acuity of 20/200 or less.

Section 3 All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

Mayor Morris stated motion is in order to approve on first reading, Ordinance #2017-3, AN ORDINANCE TO RELEASE AND EXTINGUISH THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC ON A PORTION OF BLACK DIRT ROAD.

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE
ORDINANCE #2017-3

AN ORDINANCE TO RELEASE AND EXTINGUISH THE
RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC ON A PORTION OF BLACK DIRT ROAD

WHEREAS, Black Dirt Road, a portion of which is unimproved, is a right of way and/or paper street located within the Township of Wantage in the County of Sussex which was previously created for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage believes that the public interest would be best served by abandoning, vacating, releasing and extinguishing any and all public rights which the Township may have in and to the portion of Black Dirt Road from Lot 3.02 in Block 34 and Lot 1.04 in Block 30 to the existing northerly right of way line of the existing cul-de-sac on Black Dirt Road as more particularly described in Schedule A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, upon successful adoption of this Vacation Ordinance, one half of the area to be vacated would be conveyed to each of the adjoining property owners; and

WHEREAS, the owner of Lot 3.02 in Block 34 has delivered or has committed to deliver a Quit Claim Deed to the Township relinquishing any right it has, if any, in the portion of Black Dirt Road being vacated to the center line of the portion of the road adjacent to its property; and

WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated that the portion of Black Dirt Road described in this Ordinance is not needed for public use and would not prevent police and emergency vehicles from accessing adjacent properties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage that:

Section 1. That portion of the right-of-way of Black Dirt Road described on Schedule "A" annexed and incorporated in this Ordinance be vacated and the public rights in the road extinguished, excepting all rights and privileges currently possessed by public utilities, as defined in N.J.S.A. 48:2-13, and by any cable television company as defined the "Cable Television Act", N.J.S.A. 48-5A-1, et seq., to maintain, repair and replace their existing facilities in, adjacent to, over or under the road to be vacated.

Section 2. The portion of Black Dirt Road being vacated shall be added to Lot 1.04 in Block 30.

Section 3.

1. After being introduced and having passed a first reading, this Ordinance shall be published at least once not less than ten (10) days prior to the time fixed for further consideration for final passage.
2. At least one (1) week prior to the time fixed for further consideration of this Ordinance for final passage, a copy thereof, together with notice of its introduction and the time and place when and where the Ordinance will be further considered for final passage, shall be mailed to every person whose lands are contiguous to the vacated portion of Black Dirt Road as described on Schedule "A" and to all other persons the Township Committee reasonably believes are the owners of lands that may be affected by this Ordinance. The Township Clerk shall mail said notice in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:49-6.

Section 4. Copies of this Ordinance shall be on file in the Office of the Township Clerk and are available for inspection. The Township Clerk shall, within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Ordinance, file a copy of this Ordinance certified by her under seal of the Township to be a true copy thereof, together with a copy of the proof of publication thereof, with the Clerk of Sussex County.

Section 5. It is the interest of the Township Committee to vacate the aforementioned interests the public may have in the right of way, and to provide that all interest in the right of way, in its "as is" condition, be conveyed to the adjoining property owners.

Section 6. The Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized and directed to execute any documents as may be required to complete the transfer of whatever interest the public may have had, now vacated, in the property described above.

Section 7. If any part of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of the Ordinance. Any Ordinance or portion thereof that may be inconsistent with the Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect in the time and manner prescribed by law.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs. Ann Smulewicz – She is concerned with the Land Use Meetings and the issue with Mr. Maggio violating the stop work order. Mayor Morris stated that this needs to be brought to the Township so enforcement can be done.

Mr. Mike Clark – 378 Route 284, Sussex Fire Department sponsoring St. Baldrick's Event on March 18th and wondering if someone would sign up and e-mail the information to Mrs. Millikin. He also requested that the Township put him in contact regarding the trees lights for Wantage School Road.

Mr. William DeBoer – Beemer Road, he stated that the Superintendent use to come to the Committee and requested that this be requested by the Township. Mrs. Millikin will reach out to both Superintendents.

Mayor Morris asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Bassani. Second by Mr. Gaechter.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Debra Millikin,
Acting Municipal Clerk