

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR 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 P.M. ON
April 27, 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, Township Attorney.

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."

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Morris requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Resolution 54-2017 through Resolution 57-2017, and Monthly reports for March 2017. Motion made by Mr. Bassani excluding on the bill list PO# 14294 in the amount of \$333.85 for Bassani Power Equipment, and seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

Upon Roll Call:

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

Mayor Morris requested a motion to approve PO #14294 in the amount of \$333.85 for Bassani Power Equipment, motion made by Mr. Gaechter and seconded by Mayor Morris.

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #54-2017

AUTHORIZING REFUND BLOCK 27, LOT 2.09

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has recommended the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage reimburse funds for an overpayment for a tax exemption allowed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, does hereby authorize the refund of

\$1,779.22 to Laura J. Davis, Block 27, Lot 2.09 for tax overpayment

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #55-2017

APPROVAL FOR WANTAGE FIRST AID SQUAD TO CONDUCT A COIN
TOSS ON VARIOUS DATES IN 2017

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wantage Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey formally recommends and authorizes the Wantage First Aid Squad to conduct a Coin Toss on various dates in 2017, being at the intersection of County Route 565 and County Route 628 on the dates of May 22, 2017 from 3 pm to 7 pm, May 23, 2017 from 8 am to 7 pm, and May 24, 2017 from 8 am to 7 pm subject to all requirements imposed upon the Wantage First Aid Squad by the County of Sussex for such activities.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #56-2017

RESOLUTION APPROVING LICENSE FOR SOIL REMOVAL TO 565 LAND DEVELOPMENT, LLC

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, Harold E. Pellow, of Harold E. Pellow & Associates completed an inspection of Block 117, Lot 38.01 in the Township of Wantage; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer, Harold E. Pellow, of Harold E. Pellow & Associates, in his letter dated April 17, 2017, recommends approval of a soil removal permit for the rest of 2017,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex that it hereby concurs with the Town Engineer's recommendation and approves the license for soil removal to 565 Land Development.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #57-2017

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.

Presentation by Sussex/Wantage School – Dr. Robert Mooney & Ms. Christina Riker.

Mayor Morris invited Dr. Mooney and Ms. Riker to make their presentation regarding their presentation. Dr. Mooney thanked the Committee for their time. Dr. Mooney handed out the power point presentation. The first slide discussed the Enhanced Instruction. The items on the slide included Hands-on PD Science – NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards), Conquer Math, ELA Summer Institutes, Dyslexia Training, Co-Teaching Models – inclusion for Basic Skills and Special Services, RWW for Special Education, Character

Ed/Team Building, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) + Maker Space PD, General Technology Training the school district is a google district. The third slide Dr. Mooney discussed the Curriculum Revisions: Alignment to NJSL (New Jersey Student Learning Standards) in all Subject Areas, SMS – preparation for potential shift to double math period, CEL – creation of transitional kindergarten to bring those children that have not been exposed to school to transition into schooling, potential creation of transitional 1st grade, guided reading and guided math as well, WES – guided reading make and take for math centers. The fourth slide Personnel reduce net total of 4 certified staff fte's district wide, add full LDTC (child study team), add full time behaviorist, and reduce 14 part-time Teacher Assistant Positions. Fifth slide deals with improved technology: continued replacement cycle for chromebooks – these last for 3 to 4 years, addition of STEAM elements K-5 includes robotics program, and phase three of network upgrades. Next slide innovative resources: IXL in science, math, ela, and social studies K-8, additional science resources slated for grades 6-8 to supplement current program, and new handwriting resources in grade 3 – cursive. The school will begin introducing script back to the curriculum. Dr. Mooney moved onto facility upgrades: Sussex Middle School auditorium, gymnasium, and boiler redundancy. Pictures are attached showing the shape of the chairs in the auditorium, the gymnasium floor, and the boiler. CE Lawrence School paving to allow for parents to drop off and pick up.

Ms. Riker discussed the Sources of Revenue for the school district. The Tax Levy is a little less than last year. Local Tax Levy 59.9%, State Aid 31.0%, Surplus 4.2%, Capital Reserve 4.1%, Semi 0.1%, Transportation 0.3%, Miscellaneous 0.2% and Extraordinary Aid 0.2%. Total general fund budget \$25,251,418. Capital Reserve money is being funded with one million already in place in surplus and is being fully funded. Local tax levy is coming in at \$416,000 less than last year's tax levy so that is the reduction of 2.68%. Next she discussed the distribution of funds: regular instruction 25.3%, employee benefits 20.1%, special ed instruction 14.2%, operation and maintenance of plant (facility) 7.8%, student transportation 7.1%, capital outlay 4.4%, child study teams 4.0%, school administration 2.9% (principal and administration), extraordinary services 2.9%, charter school transfer 2.6% (40 to 50 students), central and technology services 2.0%, general administration 2.0% (superintendent and board staff), all others 4.7%. Ms. Riker stated to the school year tax levy is a reduction of 2.68%. Wantage Township average home assessed at \$260,854, 3.42% overall decrease in tax, \$8.62 decrease estimated per month, \$103.46 decrease estimated per school year. From 2016 – 2017 to 2017-2018: regional allocation decrease 89.47% to 88.78% 0.69% decrease, ratables decrease 0.16%, and average home assessment 0.14%. Sussex Borough average home assessed at \$180,044, 2.21% overall increase in tax, \$4.39 estimated per month increase, or \$52.74 estimated school year increase. From 2016-2017 to 2017-2018: regional allocation increase 10.53% to 11.22% increase of 0.69%, ratables increased 1.61%, and average home assessment increased by 0.12%.

Dr. Mooney thanked Ms. Riker for her presentation and asked the Committee if they had any questions. Mayor Morris questioned is common core just a changed of title. Dr. Mooney stated just the title it is essentially the same. Mayor Morris questioned when cursive was eliminated. Dr. Mooney stated all the districts have eliminated and he is taking this information to teach cursive based on the teachers. Mayor Morris thanked Dr. Mooney and Ms. Riker for decreasing the tax levy and encourages this to continue. Mr.

Gaechter questioned the numbers on student population is this still on the decline. Dr. Mooney indicated the 8th graders going out are 134 and 6th graders coming in are 103. Kindergarten coming in at 145. Mr. Bassani questioned working together is there a shared service the Township could work with the school. Dr. Mooney stated limited maintenance staff but highly skilled. Dr. Mooney thanked the Township for the help with the plowing of the Wantage school. Discussion ensued on shared services. Mr. Bassani questioned if you have a grant writer. Dr. Mooney stated no. Unfortunately, most of the grant money is what you are entitled to do. Mr. Bassani questioned the pupil cost per student. Dr. Mooney stated about \$20,000, however, Ms. Riker will get this information for the Township. Mr. Bassani questioned how this is to the state average. Mr. Bassani questioned how the school is handling the heroin/opiate epidemic and drug awareness for the school. Dr. Mooney stated the Sheriff's Department holds the DARE program and this is a great program that provide to the students. Dr. Mooney also stated the school held an event for the parents regarding cyber controls and drugs. This program was well attended by the parents. Mr. Bassani stated educating the kids how to say no is critical. Mayor Morris thanked Dr. Mooney and Ms. Riker for there time. He encouraged the public to attend a Board of Education meeting with any questions.

REPORTS

Clerk – None

Administrator – Mrs. Millikin as a reminder financial disclosure statements need to be filed by April 30th. The time has been extended to May 30th, however, it is recommended you file them as soon as possible.

Next Mrs. Millikin stated all the Committee Members received an invitation to tour the Elias Van Bunschoten Museum on Sunday, May 7th at 1 p.m. Please advise me if you plan on attending so I can RSVP.

Next Mrs. Millikin advised she received the resignation of Brian Hundley one of the laborers with the Department of Public Works. His last day is May 10th. Mayor Morris questioned if you will be reviewing applications. Mrs. Millikin will be meeting with Mr. Wagner regarding this and will propose a plan for replacement.

Mrs. Millikin discussed the Fire Department and the high band radios. There is money in both the fire reserve and capital that is existing to cover the cost of the proposed radios and antenna equipment. There is money in the reserve to cover the cost of the radios for Sussex. Radios for the Wantage Fire Department will be coming out of capital and will be purchased under state contract that total \$35,131.82. Antenna equipment is \$9,240 including the work needed to be done to the console in Vernon. This is under state contract as well. Radios for Sussex would be \$5,374.00. If this is acceptable to the Committee then two resolutions will be placed on the agenda for the purchase of the radios for Colesville and Beemerville since it exceeds the \$17,500 number.

Mrs. Millikin final item is regarding the Wallkill River Watershed Management Group though SCMUA is applying for a grant through US Division of Wildlife and Fish. They will be doing work in the Papakating creek. The group is proposing doing tree planting along the stream bed in Woodbourne park in the wetland area. This helps will flood management. I have prepared a letter of support for the project that with be funded.

through the US Division of Wildlife and Fish. She has also prepared a resolution to support the program and agree to enter into an agreement with the US Division of Wildlife and Fish. Mayor Morris spoke with Mr. Sijdak and he provided a map of the project. Mr. Bassani questioned if this will be placed on other parcels that are not part of Woodbourne Park. Mrs. Millikin indicated strictly Township property. Mayor Morris also indicated the High Point Regional High School as well as Sussex/Wantage School District will be involved with this project. Mr. Gaechter indicated his only concern was when Tennessee Gas came in and planted the tubes and it did not take looks unsightly. Mayor Morris said these will be utilized. Mr. Gaechter asked if we could request the plastic tubes be removed if the trees do not take. Mayor Morris requested a motion to approve Resolution 59-2017 was made by Mr. Bassani and seconded by Mr. Gaechter. Mayor asked all in favor – unanimous “aye” vote.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #59-2017

Authorize Agreement with United States Department of the Interior Fish and
Wildlife Service

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage received a landowner agreement from the United States Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service regarding conducting certain wildlife management practices on the west branch of the Papakating Creek riparian reforestation area owned by the Township of Wantage in Woodbourne Park; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage, with the cooperation from the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority Walkkill River Watershed Management Group, will coordinate and facilitate planting activities; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, that it hereby authorizes the Mayor, Administrator, and Municipal Clerk to execute the Agreement with the United States Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service in relation to the planting and wildlife management practices within the riparian area owned by the Township of Wantage in conjunction with the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority Walkkill River Watershed Management Group; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to United States Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service with the executed agreement.

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, at a meeting held on April 27, 2017.

Attorney Report – Mr. Kienz advised the Committee has packets in front of them tonight one is an update on Shop Rite. Please review and look at the data supplied. The second packet is regarding Open Space process to place on the ballot for referendum. Mr. Kienz indicated during executive session discuss a piece of land under contract negotiations.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Morris stated there was an invitation from Sussex Elks on Sunday, May 21st there 5th Annual Salute to Veterans at High Point State Park at 2 p.m. Please RSVP by May 1st. Sussex County Library is celebrating its 75 years at the Main Library on May

13th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Mayor Morris then read letter from Selective Service. This Saturday is opening day for baseball and softball. Mayor indicated he will be throwing out the first pitch at 12 p.m. Mayor Morris also indicated he will be attending Benjamin Hooper's Eagle Scout Ceremony on Sunday.

Mayor Morris attended the Recreation Commission Meeting last night. He discussed the shared service agreement with High Point Regional High School, Open Space Update, Fields # 5 & #6 work to be completed, and Mr. & Mrs. Lange were in attendance to present the Pavilion donation for Woodbourne Park. Mayor Morris also advised he discussed the proposed Recreation Ordinance and would like to proceed with this for the next meeting.

Committee Member Report – Mr. Gaechter stated he wanted to address a resident's letter to the editor regarding the 9-11 service with Vernon. It read that we are paying for 9-11 service and paying Vernon. This is not the case if the Township were to be part of the County 9-11 there would be an additional cost for that service.

Mr. Gaechter also provided an update on the Land Use Board that GDS food on Lewisburg Road received approval for an expansion of their business.

Committee Member Report – Mr. Bassani Open Space Committee spoke with Green Acres and they will provide the Township of Wantage 50% towards the purchase of the Wargacki property. Open Space Committee will be meeting next week. Still looking at two other parcels however not sure if this will be 25% since we do not have an active Open Space tax.

Mr. Bassani questioned Mrs. Millikin for an update on the flags. Mrs. Millikin stated the money has been encumbered and indicated the poles will be order within the next couple of weeks. Mr. Bassani also discussed the Sussex County League of Municipalities is starting up again. He indicated the Township's very own Mrs. Millikin is listed to be secretary. Mr. Bassani stated it had folded and feels this is a great opportunity for members of Municipalities to meet.

Mr. Bassani questioned Mr. Vander Groef on the award he received. Mr. Morris clarified the humanitarian award from the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce. All 26 municipalities were nominated for the award and Mr. Vander Groef asked Mrs. Millikin if he should attend and she encouraged him to attend. There were only three representatives from the County of all the Fire Departments. The Chamber presented the Fire Departments the Humanitarian Award and made a donation to the Emergency Service Memorial.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to approve on first reading Ordinance #2017-06 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WENATAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,109,747 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,054,260 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

ORDINANCE 2017-06

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,109,747 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,054,260 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey (the "Township") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$1,109,747, and further including the aggregate sum of \$55,487 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,054,260 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation & Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds & Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
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a) Various road projects, including, but not limited to, Havens Road, Southfield Drive, Northfield Drive, Eastfield Drive, Morgan Drive and Ryan Road, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$837,500	\$795,625	10 years
b) Acquisition of a single axle truck with plow, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$192,247	\$182,635	5 years
c) Improvements to Woodbourne Park, including the restoration of fields and the installation of an irrigation system, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	<u>\$80,000</u>	<u>\$76,000</u>	15 years
TOTAL:	<u>\$1,109,747</u>	<u>\$1,054,260</u>	

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include

the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 9.49 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Acting Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$1,054,260, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$50,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

Section 7. The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel,

consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

A Motion is in order to approve on first reading Ordinance #2017-7 ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$100,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS ROADS.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

WANTAGE TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE # 2017-7

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$100,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS ROADS

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1: The sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) presently located in the General Capital Fund is hereby appropriated for Improvement to Various Roads from the Reserve for Various Roads, General Capital Fund:

Improvement to Various Road:	\$100,000.00
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SECTION 2: In connection with the amount authorized in Section 1 hereof, the Township makes the following determinations:

- 1) The purpose described in Section 1 hereof is not a Current Expense and is a purchase the Township of Wantage may lawfully make as a capital purchase.
- 2) The period of usefulness of the purpose described in Section 1 hereof is not in the limitation of said Local Bond law and according to the aggregate reasonable life thereof is five (5) years or longer.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance be and the same hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

SECTION 4: This ordinance becomes effective immediately upon publication after adoption.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion is in Order to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2017 Mayor and Committee Regular Meeting.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Mr. Bassani questioned the status of the Knox box discussion. Mrs. Millikin indicated that the Fire Department is updating the business list and should have something for the Township by June. There have been two inquiries on the Knox box.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Kathy Gorman Fernwood Road, I heard the magical word Shop Rite any update. Mr. Bassani indicated there are no new updates. Ms. Gorman asked is the Township purchasing a boat for the Fire Department. Ms. Gorman stated she had e-mailed a boat to the Mayor and he did forward to the Fire Department. Ms. Gorman is concerned because of Lake Neepaulin. This has been questioned for over 2 years. Mayor Morris indicated the Fire Department is looking into the boat. Mrs. Millikin did advise that the Fire Department came in for the budget hearings and do have an inflatable raft in the new truck and can be used for both the ice and open water. Mayor Morris indicated that the boat Ms. Gorman provided the boat would require 25 minutes to set up. Ms. Gorman indicated she would like to see a boat at Lake Neepaulin. Mayor Morris indicated the inflatable raft would work and handle this situation for now.

There being no other member of the public wanting to speak Mayor Morris closed the public session.

A Motion is in Order to approve Resolution #58-2017 for Executive Session. Mr. Kienz read the resolution into the record.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #58-2017

EXECUTIVE SESSION APRIL 27, 2017

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specific purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

(1) Contract Negotiations

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, assembled in public session on April 27, 2017, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on April 27, 2017, at 8:25 PM in the Township of Wantage Municipal Building, 888 Route 23, Wantage, NJ, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific item designated above.

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Township Committee that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

A motion was made by Mr. Bassani and seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

Upon Roll Call:

Ayes: Bassani, Gaechter, Morris Nays: none Absent: None Abstains: None

A motion made by Mr. Bassani to come out of Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. and was seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

Upon Roll Call:

Ayes: Bassani, Gaechter, Morris Nays: none Absent: None Abstains: None

Mr. Kienz advised that at this time none of the information from Executive Session will be made public at this time because it is not appropriate and will be made public at a future date.

Mayor Morris asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Millikin, Acting Municipal Clerk