

**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
December 28, 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 Ron Bassani, and Deputy Mayor William Gaechter. Also, present: Administrator/Acting Clerk Debra Millikin, Glenn Kienz, Esq. and Louis Karp, 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 stated he wanted to do something different tonight and asked that any veterans in the audience stand and state when you served and what branch.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Morris requested a motion to approve Resolution 150-2017 through Resolution 156-2017.

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 #150-2017

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF RENEWAL AGREEMENT FOR INTER-MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE
MUNICIPALITIES OF WANTAGE TOWNSHIP, SUSSEX BOROUGH AND STILLWATER TOWNSHIP FOR
2018, 2019, 2020 & 2021

WHEREAS, the Stillwater Township desires to renew the agreement for Inter-Municipal Court for the Municipalities of Wantage Township, Sussex Borough and Stillwater Township for 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021;

WHEREAS, Stillwater Township's contribution toward to cost shall be \$41,132.00 for 2018, \$41,954.00 for 2019, \$42,793.00 for 2020, and \$43,649.00 for 2021; 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 Inter-Municipal Court for the Municipalities of Wantage Township, Sussex Borough and Stillwater Township for 2018, 2019, 2020 & 2021.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE
RESOLUTION #151-2017

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL AND POUND SERVICES WITH BOROUGH OF BRANCHVILLE FOR 2018

WHEREAS, the Borough of Branchville desires to enter into a shared service agreement with the Township of Wantage for animal control and pound services for 2018; and

WHEREAS, the annual fee for the calendar year 2018 is \$2,705.00; 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 Borough of Branchville for the calendar year 2018.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #152-2017

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL AND POUND SERVICES WITH BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG FOR 2018

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ogdensburg desires to enter into a shared service agreement with the Township of Wantage for animal control and pound services for 2018; and

WHEREAS, the annual fee for the calendar year 2018 is \$12,565.00; 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 Borough of Ogdensburg for the calendar year 2018.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #153-2017

AUTHORIZING REFUND

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has recommended the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage reimburse funds for lien redemptions with premiums and a tax overpayment.

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

\$28,668.45 to US Bank, Block 43 Lot 13.03 for Tax Sale Cert. 15-08
\$13,000.00 to US Bank, Block 43 Lot 13.03 for Tax Sale Premium
\$37,069.66 to US Bank, Block 147 Lot 6.09 for Tax Sale Cert. 15-23
\$23,000.00 to US Bank, Block 147 Lot 6.09 for Tax Sale Premium
\$ 3,658.24 to Javier Rosa, Block 163 Lot 3.05 for Tax Overpayment

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #154-2017

TRANSFER RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 permits appropriation transfers to be made during the last two months of the fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer appropriations between line items presently located in the 2017 Current Fund Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that the following transfers be made.

| <u>FROM:</u> | | <u>TO:</u> | |
|-----------------------|----------|------------------------------------|----------|
| Buildings and Grounds | | Road Department | |
| Other Expenses | 30.00 | Other Expenses | 30.00 |
| Buildings and Grounds | | Vehicle Maintenance and Repair | |
| Other Expenses | 750.00 | Other Expenses | 750.00 |
| | | (Sweeper Repair) | |
| Gas and Diesel | | Vehicle Maintenance and Repair | |
| Other Expenses | 5,000.00 | Other Expenses | 5,000.00 |
| | | (Gas Tank Ambulance) | |
| | | (Unforseen Snow Repairs) | |
| Gas and Diesel | | Court | |
| Other Expenses | 700.00 | Other Expenses | 700.00 |
| | | (File Cabinets) | |
| Administration | | Court | |
| Other Expenses | 620.00 | Other Expenses | 620.00 |
| | | (Supplies/Files/Envelopes) | |
| Land Use | | Clerk | |
| Other Expenses | 450.00 | Salaries and Wages | 450.00 |
| | | (Final Pay Move Employee) | |
| Land Use | | Code Enforcement | |
| Other Expenses | 277.00 | Salaries and Wages | 277.00 |
| | | (Final Pay Mid Year Increase) | |
| Land Use | | Animal Control | |
| Other Expenses | 1,122.00 | Salaries and Wages | 1,122.00 |
| | | (Final Pay Overtime Underbudgeted) | |

Total Transfers: 8,949.00 8,949.00

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #155-2017

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.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #156 2017

Designate Public Defender for Calendar Year 2018

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

WHEREAS, the Township has a need for assistance during the course of this calendar year involving various professional services, and

WHEREAS, the services being solicited are essential to the security of the community, 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, that the following contract be and they are hereby approved without the need for public advertisement of bids and bidding thereof:

Awarded to: Daniel Agatino, Esq. of Gruber, Colabella, Liuzza, and Thompson

Services: Public Defender

Duration: calendar year of 2018.

Amount: \$12,000 stipend

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolutions

Mayor Morris stated Resolution #142-2017 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADMINISTRATION OF A CERTAIN FINANCIAL AGREEMENT AND APPROVING A CERTAIN SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT

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 #142-2017

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADMINISTRATION OF A CERTAIN FINANCIAL AGREEMENT AND APPROVING A CERTAIN SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. ("LHRL, certain property within the Township of Wantage ("Township") known as Block 18, Lots 40, 41 and 43 and Block 18.01, Lot 1 have been designated as an area in need of redevelopment (the "Wantage Redevelopment Area"), by Resolution of the Wantage Township Committee ("Township Committee"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the LHRL"), certain property within the Borough of Sussex ("Borough") known as Block 104, Lot 1.01, Block 105, Lot 1.03 and Block 106, Lots 1.02, 11, 12, 13 and 14 have been designated as an area in need of redevelopment (the "Sussex Redevelopment Area"), by Resolution of the Sussex Municipal Council ("Municipal Council"); and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance adopted on November 12, 2015, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-4(a)(3) and -7, the Wantage Township Committee adopted a redevelopment plan for the Wantage Redevelopment Area, which may be further amended ("Wantage Redevelopment Plan"); and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance adopted on November 26, 2013, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-4(a)(3) and -7, the Sussex Municipal Council adopted a redevelopment plan for the Sussex Redevelopment Area, which may be further amended ("Sussex Redevelopment Plan" and together with the Wantage Redevelopment Plan, the "Redevelopment Plan"); and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2016, Sussex/Wantage 285 Urban Renewal, LLC ("Entity") entered into a redevelopment agreement with the Borough and the Township (the "Original Redevelopment Agreement") governing the Entity's redevelopment of a portion of the Sussex Redevelopment Area and Wantage Redevelopment Area, specifically, Block 104, Lot 1.01, Block 105, Lot 1.03 and Block 106, Lots 1.02 and 14 as shown on the tax maps of the Borough of Sussex ("Original Sussex Property") and Block 18, Lot 43 and Block 18.01, Lot 1 as shown on the tax maps of the Township of Wantage ("Original Township Property" and along with the Original Sussex Property, the "Original Project Site") pursuant to the Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Original Redevelopment Agreement and in accordance with the Redevelopment Plan, the Entity has agreed to develop on the Original Project Site an approximately 60,000 square foot supermarket and commercial retail space ("Project"), as further described in the Original Redevelopment Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parties have determined that Block 106, Lot 14 of the Original Sussex Property and Block 18.01, Lot 1 of the Original Township Property are not needed for the development of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the parties shall enter into the first amendment to the Original Redevelopment Agreement ("First Amendment"; the Original Redevelopment Agreement as amended by the First Amendment, the "Redevelopment Agreement") to remove the aforementioned Blocks and Lots from the description of the Original Project Site, resulting in the Project to be constructed on Block 104, Lot 1.01, Block 105, Lot 1.03 and Block 106, Lot 1.02 as shown on the tax maps of the Borough of Sussex ("Sussex Property") and Block 18, Lot 43 as shown on the tax maps of the Township of Wantage ("Township Property" and together with the Sussex Property, the "Project Site");

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq. ("LTTE Law"), the Township is authorized to grant property tax exemptions with respect to Project improvements made within an area in need of redevelopment and has determined that it is appropriate to do so for a term of thirty (30) years, pursuant to a redevelopment plan, and to accept annual service charges in lieu of real estate taxes on those Project improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Entity has applied separately to the Mayor and Municipal Council and to the Mayor and Township Committee for a financial agreement for the portion of the Project improvements to be located on the Project Site, and the LTTE Law authorizes the Township to accept annual service charges in lieu of real property taxes paid by an urban renewal entity to the Township; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution adopted December 14, 2017, the Township approved the Entity's application for financial agreement for the Project ("Application"); and

WHEREAS, the Entity, Borough and Township shall enter into a financial agreement covering the Project improvements located on both the Sussex Property and Township Property, which financial agreement is being approved by Ordinance the date hereof; and

WHEREAS, given that the Project Site is between the taxing district of the Borough and the taxing district of the Township, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-25, the Township has requested that the Borough administer the financial agreement and collect the annual service charge on the Project improvements with respect to the entire Project Site; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., the Borough and the Township have negotiated a Shared Services Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto, pursuant to which the Borough is to remit a portion of the annual service charge applicable to the Township Property to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that it is appropriate to approve and execute the Shared Services Agreement substantially in the form attached hereto.

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

1. The Township authorizes the Borough to administer the financial agreement and collect the annual service charge on the Project improvements with respect to the entire Project Site.

2. The Mayor is authorized to execute the Shared Services Agreement substantially in the form attached hereto, and any other agreement or document related thereto deemed relevant and appropriate by counsel to the Township in furtherance of the Shared Services Agreement and this resolution.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

2nd Reading & Public Hearing

Mayor Morris stated a motion is in order to adopt on final reading ORDINANCE #2017-16 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARIES OF OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2017.

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

Mayor Morris opened the meeting to the public. No public comment this portion of the meeting was closed.

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

ORDINANCE #2017-16

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2017

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

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-165, the Township of Wantage shall pay its municipal officers and employees for services rendered as shown below. Figures shown represent annual salary, unless otherwise indicated.

DEPARTMENT & POSITION

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Lauren McIntosh, Interim Municipal Court Administrator 10/18/17-12/3/17 | \$18.00 per hour |
| Donna Chernov, Municipal Court Administrator | \$59,000 |
| Debra Millikin, Municipal Clerk (Incremental Increase) | \$ 5,000 |

Section 2. All former ordinances or part thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage according to law.

Mayor Morris stated a motion is in order to adopt on final reading ORDINANCE #2017-17 ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHROTIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO BLOCK 18, LOT 43 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE.

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

Mr. Karp provided a quick summary on the finance agreement for the public's information. He indicated the property is currently contaminated and based on the report completed by the Planner hired by the Township the existing building is not suitable for any type of use on the site. ShopRite wants to build a structure on the site. After extensive discussion with ShopRite by both Wantage and Sussex a plan was developed and a PILOT structure was arranged. This will allow both Sussex and Wantage to collect the PILOT. Mr. Karp explained based on statue the PILOT must be at least 10% of the minimum revenue (rents). After much discussion the PILOT would start off at 10% and go up every six years to 11%, 12%, 13% and 14%. All numbers have been reviewed by a financial consultant that was hired by the Borough of Sussex. Currently the property is paying \$28,540.00 in taxes and the Township is receiving about \$3,139.00. Based on Mr. Karp's calculations when ShopRite is completed the Township will received over \$60,000.

Mayor Morris opened this portion of the meeting to the public.

Mr. Joseph Retz – 145 Libertyville Road stated there are a lot numbers. In the agreement the minimum would be \$171,000 a year with a reduction of real estate taxes. Mr. Karp explained the Township would get a portion of the \$171,000. Mr. Retz stated the there is a lot more money than this amount with this development. Mayor Morris questioned how much is a parking lot worth. Mr. Retz stated you need to get the Tax Assessor involved with this PILOT. He questioned if ShopRite would come without the long-term tax abatement. The Committee indicated they would not. Mr. Retz stated the Township is paying for the pollution. Mr. Bassani stated that there will be professionals over seeing the project. Mr. Retz said how much is the pollution costing the Township. Mr. Bassani stated the Township is not paying for the clean-up. Mr. Gaechter stated currently Wantage is receiving \$3,139.00 per year with this agreement Wantage will receive \$60,000. Mr. Retz stated ShopRite will put ACME out of business. Mr. Retz stated 30 years is a long time. Mr. Gaechter stated did you see the minimum this can not go below. Mr. Retz stated yes \$171,000. Mr. Retz stated he would rather have this a 5 year agreement. Mr. Gaechter stated for the record Mr. Retz says turning \$3,100 into \$60,000 is nuts.

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

ORDINANCE #2017-17

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT
WITH RESPECT TO BLOCK 18, LOT 43 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. ("LHRL"), certain property within the Township of Wantage ("Township") known as Block 18, Lots 40, 41 and 43 and Block 18.01, Lot 1 have been designated as an area in need of redevelopment (the "Wantage Redevelopment Area"), by Resolution of the Wantage Township Committee ("Township Committee"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the LHRL, certain property within the Borough of Sussex ("Borough") known as Block 104, Lot 1.01, Block 105, Lot 1.03 and Block 106, Lots 1.02, 11, 12, 13 and 14 have been designated as an area in need of redevelopment (the "Sussex Redevelopment Area"), by Resolution of the Sussex Municipal Council ("Municipal Council"); and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance adopted on November 12, 2015, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-4(a)(3) and -7, the Township Committee adopted a redevelopment plan for the Wantage Redevelopment Area, which may be further amended ("Wantage Redevelopment Plan"); and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance adopted on November 26, 2013, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-4(a)(3) and -7, the Municipal Council adopted a redevelopment plan for the Sussex Redevelopment Area, which may be further amended ("Sussex Redevelopment Plan" and together with the Wantage Redevelopment Plan, the "Redevelopment Plan"); and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2016, Sussex/Wantage 285 Urban Renewal, LLC ("Entity") entered into a redevelopment agreement with the Borough and the Township (the "Original Redevelopment Agreement") governing the Entity's redevelopment of a portion of the Sussex Redevelopment Area and Wantage Redevelopment Area, specifically, Block 104, Lot 1.01, Block 105, Lot 1.03 and Block 106, Lots 1.02 and 14 as shown on the tax maps of the Borough of Sussex ("Original Sussex Property") and Block 18, Lot 43 and Block 18.01, Lot 1 as shown on the tax maps of the Township of Wantage ("Original Township Property" and along with the Original Sussex Property, the "Original Project Site") pursuant to the Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Original Redevelopment Agreement and in accordance with the Redevelopment Plan, the Entity has agreed to develop on the Original Project Site an approximately 60,000 square foot supermarket and commercial retail space ("Project"), as further described in the Original Redevelopment Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parties have determined that Block 106, Lot 14 of the Original Sussex Property and Block 18.01, Lot 1 of the Original Township Property are not needed for the development of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the parties are entering into the first amendment to the Original Redevelopment Agreement ("First Amendment"; the Original Redevelopment Agreement as amended by the First Amendment, the "Redevelopment Agreement") to remove the aforementioned Blocks and Lots from the description of the Original Project Site, resulting in the Project to be constructed on Block 104, Lot 1.01, Block 105, Lot 1.03 and Block 106, Lot 1.02 as shown on the tax maps of the Borough of Sussex ("Sussex Property") and Block 18, Lot 43 as shown on the tax maps of the Township of Wantage ("Township Property" and together with the Sussex Property, the "Project Site"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq. ("LTTE Law"), the Entity has applied separately to the Mayor and Municipal Council and to the Mayor and Township Committee for a financial agreement for the portion of the Project improvements to be located on the Project Site, and the LTTE Law authorizes the Township to accept annual service charges in lieu of real property taxes paid by an urban renewal entity to the Township; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution adopted December 14, 2017, the Township approved the Entity's application for financial agreement for the Project ("Application"); and

WHEREAS, the Entity, Borough and Township have negotiated a proposed form of financial agreement covering the Project improvements located on both the Sussex Property and Township Property, a copy of which is attached hereto, and the Mayor and Township Committee have determined that it is appropriate to approve the execution of a financial agreement with the Entity substantially in the form attached; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee make the following findings with respect to the relative benefits of the Project to the redevelopment of the Project Site when compared to the costs, if any, associated with the tax exemption:

- (a) The financial agreement is to the direct benefit of the health, safety, welfare and financial well-being of the Township and its citizens;
- (b) The Project will accelerate the redevelopment of the Project Site by providing a new retail supermarket to an area that does not have any retail supermarkets, and which use will encourage and strengthen other commercial, retail and residential development; and
- (c) The Project will generate jobs, increase tax ratables and provide public improvements and, when compared to the costs, if any, associated with the tax exemption, the Township finds that the benefits outweigh the costs, recognizing that the Township will retain ninety-five percent (95%) of the amount of the annual service charge.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee make the following determinations assessing the importance of the tax exemption to be granted in obtaining the development of the Project and in influencing the locational decisions of probable occupants of the Project:

- (a) The financial agreement is a critical incentive for the Entity in obtaining development of the Project and influencing the locational decisions of the probable occupants of the Project;
- (b) The tax exemption permits the development of the Project by reducing the expenses associated with the development of the Project on a site that has been vacant, deteriorated and consists of substandard structures and obsolete infrastructure improvements and for which the Township has previously been seeking redevelopers; and
- (c) Reduced expenses allows rents to be set at competitive levels which would not be the case if the costs incurred as part of development were required to be recovered through rents. As a result, the locational decisions of the probable tenants (residential and retail) will be influenced positively by the tax exemption.

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

Section 1. The findings set forth above are hereby adopted and made part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Pursuant to the authority granted under the LTTE Law, this Ordinance authorizes the long-term tax exemption with respect to the improvements of the Project on Block 18, Lot 43 as shown on the official tax maps of the Township of Wantage.

Section 3. The Mayor is authorized to execute the financial agreement substantially in the form attached hereto, and any other agreement or document related thereto deemed relevant and appropriate by counsel to the Township in furtherance of the financial agreement and this Ordinance.

Section 4. The financial agreement herein authorized shall be subject to all requirements of the LTTE Law and all applicable federal, State and local laws and regulations

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Morris a motion is in order to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Committee December 14, 2017.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

REPORTS

Administrator – Mrs. Millikin there are two resolutions for the Committees' consideration tonight. The first is Resolution #157-2017 Rescind Resolution Dated June 22, 2017 for Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License for License #1924-33-002-004. This is for Cabin Fever off Route 284. This is being required by the NJ Division of ABC and Mr. Thomson is in the process of going through filing an application to get this matter taken care of. Mayor Morris questioned this will not impede him on opening. Mrs. Millikin indicated that as long as he places expediate priority on the application. Mr. Kienz stated that this was discussed before and this is normal course of business by NJ ABC.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #157-2017 by Mr. Bassani and seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

Upon Roll Call:

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

Mrs. Millikin indicated the second resolution is Resolution #158-2017 Authorizing Refund.

A motion was made to approve Resolution#158-2017 by Mr. Bassani and seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

Upon Roll Call:

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

Mrs. Millikin advised that Glenn Kienz, Harold Pellow, and her met with the developer of Flagstone and Sterling Drive. The developer is going to be finalizing some work on what needs to be completed. There will be a meeting out on site with myself, Bob Wagner, Mark Little, Harold Pellow, Ralph Courtright and the developer. The Township is giving time to get everything addressed by June. The Township will be going in to plowing and salting for the winter time. Mayor Morris stated if the developer does not start then the Township will call upon the bond. Mr. Kienz stated that if none of the work is done by June then the Township will call upon the bond. Mr. Bassani questioned if there is a current bond. Mrs. Millikin indicated yes and there is escrow for Mr. Kienz and Mr. Pellow charges.

Mrs. Millikin's final item as a reminder Municipal Offices will be close on Monday, January 1st for New Years Day. I want to wish each and every one of you a very Healthy and Happy New Year.

Attorney Report – Mr. Kienz advised When Pigs Fly & Mr. Gennaro filed a suit against the Township of Wantage and Land Use Board appealing the decision by the Land Use Board. Mr. Kienz feels that there does not seem to be a claim against Wantage. Mr. Kienz indicated Mrs. Millikin advised that this has been submitted insurance and some of the items will have to be defended by Angela on behalf of the Land Use Board.

Mayor's Report – he wished everyone a safe, Healthy, and Happy New Year. God Bless everyone and I look forward to the New Year.

Deputy Mayor Report – Mr. Gaechter stated thank you to Mr. Bassani, Mayor Morris, Mr. Kienz, and Mrs. Millikin for all their hard work with ShopRite and what happened here tonight just is disgusting and you cannot do anything right for certain people. This is a golden goose and to diminish us for the efforts is

just disgusting. To shrug off \$60,000 what would your assessment have to be to re-coop \$60,000. Happy New Year to everyone!

Committee Member Report – Mr. Bassani stated Mayor Morris you did a great job as Mayor this year and standards are high for our next Mayor. Also, that the five of us make a great team and have Wantage at heart with all decisions. I am looking forward to 2018.

OLD BUSINESS

None

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Mayor Morris opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Wisse Happy New Year and thank you for what you do.

Ms. Smith thank you for all you do and so happy about ShopRite.

Mayor Morris requested a Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Bassani and seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

Upon Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Millikin, Acting Municipal Clerk