

**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 7:00 P.M. ON
December 13, 2018**

Mayor Gaechter 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 William Gaechter, Deputy Mayor Ronald Bassani and Committeeman Jonathan Morris. Also, present: Administrator/Clerk Debra Millikin and Mr. Glenn Kienz, Esq.

Mayor Gaechter 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 Gaechter requested a motion to approve Resolution #133-2018 to Resolution #144-2018, and monthly reports for November 2018 for: Board of Health, Clerk, Construction, Housing, Property Maintenance, Registrar, Tax Collector and Zoning Report with the removal of PO #15778 for Bassani Power Equipment, LLC., in the amount of \$23.49.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION 133-2018

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION ON
BLOCK 150 LOT 6.13

WHEREAS, The Department of Veteran Affairs determined that Alex Tagliarino at 85 Mudtown Rd, Block 150 Lot 6.13 had a service connected disability that was totally disabling effective March 29, 2007.

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has received a Claim for property tax exemption on dwelling house of Disabled Veteran, which was approved by the Tax Assessor on October 15, 2018.

WHEREAS, as per N.J.S.A.54: 4-3.30et seq, Mr. Tagliarino is entitled to a tax exemption on his property located at 85 Mudtown Rd from September 17, 2018, the date he purchased and began residing in the home.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is authorized to cancel taxes billed from September 17, 2018 to December 31, 2018 in the amount of \$2,371.20.
2. This property will be marked as exempt in the 2019 tax list.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION 134-2018

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION ON
BLOCK 157 LOT 3.02

WHEREAS, The Department of Veteran Affairs determined that Mark T. Daniels at 28 Rutgers Road, Block 157 Lot 3.02 had a service connected disability that was totally disabling effective November 5, 2008.

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has received a Claim for property tax exemption on dwelling house of Disabled Veteran, which was approved by the Tax Assessor on December 4, 2018.

WHEREAS, as per N.J.S.A.54: 4-3.30et seq, Mr. Daniels is entitled to a tax exemption on his property located at 28 Rutgers Rd from October 1, 2018, the date he purchased and began residing in the home.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is authorized to cancel taxes billed from October 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 in the amount of \$2,805.62.
2. This property will be marked as exempt in the 2019 tax list.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION 135-2018

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF
2018 TAXES ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE U S A

WHEREAS, the property know as Block 42 Lot 30 was purchased by U S A on 12/8/17,

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor had filed a Tax Appeal to Change the Property Class from Class 1 (Ratable) to Class 15A (Exempt) for the tax year 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is authorized to cancel taxes billed for 2018 in the amount of \$539.03.
2. This property will be marked as exempt in the 2019 tax list.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #136-2018

AUTHORIZING REFUND

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has recommended the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage reimburse funds for tax overpayments and redemption of tax sale certificate with premium.

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

- \$250.00 to Karen Merritt, Block 101 Lot 27 for tax overpayment
- \$259.60 to Maria Brinck, Block 53.09 Lot 2 for tax overpayment
- \$5,504.77 to Padula Family LLC, Block 7 Lot 18 for tax overpayment
- \$38,511.43 to MTAG CUST/EMPIRE, Block 17 Lot 20, for redemption of tax sale certificate 16-06
- \$25,000.00 to MTAG CUST/EMPIRE, Block 17 Lot 20, for tax sale premium, tax sale certificate 16-06

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION 137-2018

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 2018 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>	
Audit		Finance	
Other Expenses	500.00	Other Expenses	500.00
			(Should have increased for Interlocal)
DAM Loan Payment		Green Acres Loan Payment	
Other Expenses	.02	Other Expenses	.02
Total	500.02	Total	500.02

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #138-2018

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR 2019 FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF
WANTAGE

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage (hereinafter "Local Unit") has joined the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter "Fund"), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A: 10-36 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Risk Management Consultant, as those positions are defined in the Bylaws, if requested to do so by the "Fund"; and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit has complied with relevant law with regard to the appointment of the Risk Management Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the "Fund" has requested its members to appoint individuals or entities to that position; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of "Local Unit", in the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township of Wantage (Local Unit) hereby appoints Keith Mitchell of The Mitchell Agency its Risk Management Consultant.
2. The Mayor and the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Wantage and Risk Management Consultant are hereby authorized to execute the Risk Management Consultant's Agreement for the year 2019 the form attached hereto

Name of Entity: Township of Wantage

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #139-2018

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR ROCK SALT THROUGH COUNTY OF SUSSEX COOP

WHEREAS, County of Sussex has obtained bids for the purchase of rock salt as a two-year contract and this price is extended to other Municipalities within Sussex County; and

WHEREAS, Morton Salt, from Chicago, Illinois, was awarded the contract for rock salt by the County of Sussex in the amount of a \$52.32 per ton; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage will participate in the purchase of rock salt for 2018 to 2019 as extended to other Sussex County Municipalities through this contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, does hereby authorize the purchase of rock salt through Morton Salt at \$52.32 per ton.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #140-2018

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 LINE STRIPING OF VARIOUS ROADS FOR 2018
and ACCEPT PROJECT AS FINAL AND COMPLETE

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage awarded a contract for line striping of various roads in the Township of Wantage to Denville Line Painting, Inc., on June 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer, Harold E. Pellow, of Harold E. Pellow & Associates, recommends approving Change Order No. 1, the line striping for:

Dales Crossing & Andrienne Court	Reduction of \$ 25.80
Lewisburg Road	Reduction of \$ 50.40
Mountain View Drive & Liberty Street	Reduction of \$ 5.16
Newman Road	Increase of \$ 93.48
North Shore Road	Increase of \$ 202.96
Sherman Ridge Road	Increase of \$ 572.82
Spreen Road	Increase of \$ 46.80
Wantage School Road	Reduction of \$ 12.60
Total New Contract Amount	\$ 822.10

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has provided a certification of funds based on the attached certification;

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 accept Change Order No. 1 for the line striping of various roads for total contract amount of \$25,983.66; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of Change Order No. 1, be attached to and made part of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the project be accepted as final and complete based on Harold E. Pellow recommendation dated November 29, 2018.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #141-2018

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AS FINAL AND COMPLETE MILLING AND PAVING OF VARIOUS ROADS
FOR 2018

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage awarded a contract the milling and paving of various roads for 2018 on June 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage authorized change order #1 for milling and paving of various roads for 2018 on September 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer, Harold E. Pellow, of Harold E. Pellow & Associates, recommends in his letter dated November 29, 2018, that the project be accepted as final and complete for the milling and paving of various roads for 2018; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex that it hereby accepts the milling and paving for the various roads for 2018 as final and complete.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION 143-2018

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDING THE EXECUTION OF A 5 YEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN WANTAGE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT AND SUSSEX FIRE DEPARTMENT INC. FOR MUTUAL AID

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage Fire Department and the Sussex Fire Department Inc., wish to re-enter into a mutual aid agreement for fire protection for Wantage Township; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the proposed agreement, effective January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2022, to provide mutual aid service to the Township of Wantage Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, there was an error in calculating the five-year period which should be January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2021; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to amend the executed mutual aid agreement for fire protection between the Township of Wantage and the Sussex Fire Department Inc., for a five-year period, starting January 1, 2017 and ending on December 31, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Sussex Fire Department Inc.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION 144-2018

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDING THE EXECUTION OF A 5 YEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN WANTAGE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT AND UNIONVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (MINISINK HOSE COMPANY) FOR MUTUAL AID

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage Fire Department and the Unionville Volunteer Fire Department (Minisink Hose Company), wish to re-enter into a mutual aid agreement for fire protection for Wantage Township; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the proposed agreement, effective January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2022, to provide mutual aid service to the Township of Wantage Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, there was an error in calculating the five-year period which should be January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2021; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to amend the executed mutual aid agreement for fire protection between the Township of Wantage and the Unionville Volunteer Fire Department (Minisink Hose Company) for a five-year period, starting January 1, 2017 and ending on December 31, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Unionville Volunteer Fire Department (Minisink Hose Company).

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #145-2018

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 2017 and 2018 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 Gaechter stated a motion is in order to approve payment of PO#15778 for Bassani Power Equipment, LLC., in the amount of \$23.49.

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mayor Gaechter.

Upon Roll Call:

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

REPORTS

Clerk/Administrator – Mrs. Millikin advised the Annual Reorganization Meeting was scheduled for January 3rd. Unfortunately, there was a conflict with this date so it has been moved and advertisement for January 2nd at 7:00 p.m. here at the municipal building.

Mrs. Millikin advised the tax sale was held on December 3rd. There were 26 properties up for tax sale. 19 of the properties up for tax sale went to Wantage Township.

Mrs. Millikin stated Larry Fink was here on Tuesday to do the final site inspection for Berry Road. The DPW completed the clean up on the property this week as well. I am working with Glenn's Office to establish the closing date.

Mrs. Millikin stated the Municipal Building will be closing early tomorrow December 14th at 1:00 p.m. for the Township Christmas Party. The Municipal Office will be closed on December 24th for Christmas Eve, December 25th for Christmas Day, and January 1, 2019 for New Year's Day.

Mrs. Millikin advised she will be taking a couple of days off during the holiday a ½ day on December 20th, off all day on December 21st, off all day on December 26th, and off all day on December 31st.

Mrs. Millikin final item was she wanted to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Attorney – Mr. Kienz advised that he had nothing for this evening.

Mayor/Committee – Mayor Gaechter stated he has a resolution to approve Debra Millikin's contract for another 3 years. Mayor Gaechter stated he feels she has done a wonderful job since she started and had big shoes to fill.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION # 147-2018

RESOLUTION APPROVING A 3 YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR, MUNICIPAL CLERK & QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage has negotiated with the Township Administrator Debra J. Millikin for continuing as Administrator, Municipal Clerk and Qualified Purchasing Agent for the Township of Wantage; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage and Debra J. Millikin have agreed to the terms of a three-year contract that expires on December 31, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, does hereby appoints Debra J. Millikin as Administrator, Municipal Clerk and Qualified Purchasing Agent for Wantage Township for a three-year term January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021, in accordance with the terms of the executed employment agreement.

Mrs. Millikin thanked the Committee for her contract and looks forward to continuing to work for the Township of Wantage.

Mr. Kienz stated that the Deputy Clerk will need to be authorized to sign the contract and Resolution since Mrs. Millikin has a conflict. The Committee authorized the Deputy Clerk to execute the documents.

Mayor Gaechter stated that he and Mrs. Millikin had a meeting with Senator Oroho this afternoon regarding the RER matter. It was a good meeting. Mayor Gaechter stated that he felt the letter prepared by Mr. Kienz was great and expressed the issues with RER for the Township. Mayor Gaechter also advised that Congressman Goetheimer has also contacted him to offer help related to the RER matter.

Mayor Gaechter stated the tree lighting ceremony was held last Friday. He thanked the Wantage Fire Department and Sussex Fire Department and the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee for all their efforts for this event.

Committeeman Bassani - Mr. Bassani stated that Senator Oroho, Assemblyman Space and Assemblyman Wirths is in opposition regarding the Attorney General stand illegal immigration and he supports their stance. Mr. Bassani also stated that he met with Fire Chief Justin Vander Groef, Deputy Chief Alex Rubin and Deputy Chief Mark Snook yesterday regarding the various fire equipment the Township owns.

Mr. Bassani also indicated he met with Mr. Kienz regarding the soil management ordinance and that there have been some issues so there will be a need to address this within the first Quarter of 2019.

Committeeman Morris – Mr. Morris indicated the SWAC Meeting was held on Tuesday night and there was a lengthy discussion regarding RER. The County Attorney will be reviewing some of these items base on the discussion at the meeting and potentially bring these issues to the Freeholders. Mr. Morris indicated that Sparta Township is also having some issues related to a parcel on Houses Corner Road. Discussion ensued on this issue.

Mr. Morris thanked the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee, Nicole Dunn, and the Wantage Fire Department and the Sussex Fire Department for all their efforts for the tree lighting at the Wantage School. Mr. Morris also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Kienz questioned if he could forward his letter to Sparta Township since they are dealing with some of the similar issues. Mayor Gaechter stated one item that was discussed during the meeting with Senator Oroho was the Land Use issue is a legal binding process but NJDEP states this is exempt. Mr. Morris also indicated at the SWAC meeting the new inspector at the County Health Department Anita Dematteo and the Township can contact her for an inspection of the site.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance

Mayor Gaechter stated a motion is in order to adopt on final reading Ordinance #2018-13 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2018.

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

Mayor Gaechter opened this ordinance to the public. None coming forward this public session was closed

Upon Roll Call:

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

ORDINANCE # 2018-13

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2018

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.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

Deborah Bottomley, Court Keyboarding Clerk	\$15.00 per hour
Donna Chernov, Court Administrator	\$63,180.00 Annual

Section 2. All former ordinances or parts 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.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Gaechter stated a motion is in order to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2018 and Executive Session Minutes of November 8, 2018.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Mr. Bassani also mentioned the Township received a letter from the union requesting mediation. This process is moving forward.

Mr. Morris questioned the Employee Handbook. Mrs. Millikin advised this was under the consent agenda. Mr. Bassani requested that Resolution #142-2018 be removed from consent for further discussion. Mr. Bassani stated that this type of resolution should be listed separate on the agenda. The Committee agreed to remove the resolution from consent.

Mayor Gaechter stated he had brought a couple of items to Mrs. Millikin's attention. Mrs. Millikin indicated the first item was part-time hours versus regular full-time hours. Mrs. Millikin also stated that Mayor Gaechter had also requested that a social media policy be placed in the handbook. Mr. Bassani stated he had the same question. Discussion ensued on this question related to part-time hours. Mr. Kienz stated that he would research this and get an answer back to Mrs. Millikin. Discussion ensued regarding the hours of operation. Mr. Morris indicated this is just a guideline and things can be changed as time moves forward. Mayor Gaechter stated that the Committee can approve this as long as the changes are incorporated.

Mr. Bassani stated on page 22 under the third paragraph it should state non-union employees. Mrs. Millikin stated she would add this to the handbook. Mr. Bassani stated on page 27 there is reference to Smoking in the Workplace. Mrs. Millikin stated this was in the previous policy. Discussion ensued and was recommended that it be allowed in designated area only. No smoking by the front door.

Mr. Bassani also had a question regarding vacation time and accrue of that time. Mr. Bassani questioned if 12 vacation days has always been the time provided for a new employee. Mrs. Millikin indicated this has always been part of the handbook. This was not changed. Mr. Bassani also indicated there is research out there requiring employees to take their vacation time. Mrs. Millikin stated employees are only allowed to accrue vacation from one year prior. It was agreed not to change this policy.

Mr. Bassani also questioned who the health benefits are offered through the NJMEBF who is this and what if this is changed? Mrs. Millikin stated this is the North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits Fund who currently has our insurance. Mrs. Millikin stated if the Township decided to go back to State Health Benefits then this would just change in the document. Mr. Bassani also brought up the question regarding sick leave versus disabled. This should be put in the handbook.

Mr. Bassani brought up on page 47 unauthorized use of cell phone, phone, e-mail voice mail. Discussion ensued on this matter. Mrs. Millikin stated that everyone has cell phones. Discussion ensued on this matter. It was recommended to keep the usage to a minimum use. The final item to change would be not allowing employees to use the computer for anything personnel during the day.

Chief Vander Groef stated he wanted to make sure no cell phone use while driving a vehicle. Mrs. Millikin stated this is in the handbook. Chief Vander Groef also questioned if there was an age regarding driving of Township vehicles. Mrs. Millikin stated this is not part of the handbook. Mrs. Millikin questioned Chief Vander Groef if the Fire Department has an SOP on this matter. Chief Vander Groef stated he would address this on his end. He also questioned the seatbelt policy. Mr. Morris stated seatbelt policy is state law. If not wearing a seatbelt they will not be covered under the death benefit or workman's comp.

Mayor Gaechter request a motion to approve Resolution #142-2018. Mr. Bassani made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Morris.

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #142-2018

ADOPT REVISED TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

WHEREAS, best practice requires the Township to review the policies and procedures for employees during their employment with the Township of Wantage on a regular basis;

WHEREAS, an update to the Township of Wantage Employee Handbook has been revised and updated by the Township Administrator;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, adopts the revised Township of Wantage Handbook which amends and replaces all prior handbooks in their entirety.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Mayor Gaechter opened the meeting to the public.

Mrs. Kathy Gorman, Fernwood Road, questioned if the Township could look into tax payments online. Mrs. Millikin stated she believed there was an issue because of the cost for the credit card use but will follow up with Mrs. Caton on this and get back to the Committee. Mrs. Gorman asked if the softball league is moving forward. Mrs. Millikin indicated the Township did not have an issue and would be sending over the field use application. Mrs. Gorman also brought up RER and when the court matter was going on with Lake Neepaulin the Judge stated the State cannot dictate rules on municipalities. Discussion ensued on "home rule" but RER matter is a bit different.

Warren Wisse, Valley View Trail, stated Friday night the Sussex Elks is having a dinner with Santa from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday is breakfast to honor local heroes from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

There being no other public this portion of the meeting was closed.

Executive Session

Mayor Gaechter stated a motion is in order to approve Resolution #146-2018 Authorizing the Township Committee to go into Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations Shared Services Fire Official, Tax Collector and Professional Services.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #146-2018

EXECUTIVE SESSION DECEMBER 13, 2018

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 Negotiation – Shared Services Fire Official and Tax Collector
Professional Services

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, assembled in public session on December 13, 2018, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on December 13, 2018, at 7:57 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.

Mayor Gaechter requested a motion to come out of Executive Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Bassani to come out of Executive session at 8:37 p.m.

Upon Roll Call:

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

Mr. Kienz advised that nothing discussed in Executive Session tonight will be released.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Millikin, Municipal Clerk