

**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 27, 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 #148-2018 to Resolution #158-2018.

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE  
RESOLUTION 148-2018  
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>	
Public Building and Grounds		Parks	
Other Expenses	225.38	Salaries and Wages	225.38
Administration		Board of Health	
Salaries and Wages	34.00	Salaries and Wages	34.00
Municipal Court		Municipal Court	
Salaries and Wages	350.00	Other Expenses	350.00

Municipal Court Salaries and Wages	800.00	Public Defender Other Expenses	800.00
Municipal Court Salaries and Wages	1,252.00	Prosecutor Other Expenses	1,252.00
Total	2,661.38	Total	2,661.38

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE  
RESOLUTION #149-2018

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL AND POUND SERVICES WITH BOROUGH OF HAMBURG FOR 2019

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hamburg desires to enter into a shared service agreement with the Township of Wantage for animal control and pound services for 2019; and

WHEREAS, the annual fee for the calendar year 2019 is \$12,225.00; 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 Lafayette for the calendar year 2019.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE  
RESOLUTION #150-2018

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL AND POUND SERVICES WITH TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE FOR 2019

WHEREAS, the Township of Lafayette desires to enter into a shared service agreement with the Township of Wantage for animal control and pound services for 2019; and

WHEREAS, the annual fee for the calendar year 2019 is \$8,962.00; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Town of Wantage, Sussex County, New Jersey that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to execute an agreement for animal control and pound services with Township of Lafayette for the calendar year 2019.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE  
RESOLUTION #151-2018

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL AND POUND SERVICES WITH TOWNSHIP OF SANDYSTON FOR 2019

WHEREAS, the Township of Sandyston desires to enter into a shared service agreement with the Township of Wantage for animal control and pound services for 2019; and

WHEREAS, the annual fee for the calendar year 2019 is \$2,426.00; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Town of Wantage, Sussex County, New Jersey that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to execute an agreement for animal control and pound services with Township of Sandyston for the calendar year 2019.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #152-2018

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL AND POUND SERVICES WITH BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN FOR 2019

WHEREAS, the Borough of Franklin desires to enter into a shared service agreement with the Township of Wantage for animal control and pound services for 2019; and

WHEREAS, the annual fee for the calendar year 2019 is \$12,225.00; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Town of Wantage, Sussex County, New Jersey that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to execute an agreement for animal control and pound services with Borough of Franklin for the calendar year 2019.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #153-2018

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL AND POUND SERVICES WITH BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG FOR 2019

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 2019; and

WHEREAS, the annual fee for the calendar year 2019 is \$12,816.00; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Town of Wantage, Sussex County, New Jersey that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to execute an agreement for animal control and pound services with Borough of Ogdensburg for the calendar year 2019.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #154-2018

RESOLUTION APPROVING JUNK LICENSE FOR 2019 TO MEISSNER

WHEREAS, under section 4.3 of the revised general ordinance book of Wantage Township allows for Junk Yards to be licensed; and

WHEREAS, Charles and Annette Meissner own Block 117, Lot 33 and are reapplying for a junk license for 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex that it hereby approves the junk license for 2019 to Charles and Annette Meissner for Block 117, Lot 33.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #155-2018

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH SPACE FARMS ZOO and MUSEUM FOR DEER CARCASSES REMOVAL FOR 2019

WHEREAS, Space Farms Zoo and Museum have provided deer carcasses removal for the Township of Wantage; and

WHEREAS, the price for 2019 is \$31.00 per deer carcasses removal,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex that it authorizes the Township Administrator to enter into an agreement for 2019 for deer carcasses removal with Space Farms Zoo and Museum.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #156-2018

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES WITH HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage requires a shared service agreement for Fire Protection Services through a shared service agreement with the Township of Hardyston; and

WHEREAS, the term of the agreement is for a three-year period from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Town of Wantage, Sussex County, New Jersey that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to execute an agreement for Fire Protection Services with Township of Hardyston from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020.

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #157-2018

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.

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 Ronald & Allison Buchwald, Block 42.04 Lot 7, for tax overpayment on 2 Jean Drive.

\$250.00 to Lawrence & Jane Jobes, Block 96 Lot 24, for tax overpayment on 26 Longview Terrace.

\$3,299.04 to US Bank, Block 163 Lot 23.01, for redemption of tax sale certificate 2018-026 for 39 File Road.

\$2,710.43 to Philip Nadler, Block 69.02 Lot 51 for tax sale certificate 2018-013 for 27 South Shore Drive.

#### TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

#### RESOLUTION #158-2018

#### 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.

#### REPORTS

Clerk/Administrator – Mrs. Millikin advised the Annual Reorganization Meeting will be held on January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Millikin advised she has provided packets for Committeeman Morris and Mayor Gaechter regarding the Recreation events and their planning for their review. She met with Committeeman Bassani, Christy Tuper and Nicole Dunn this morning and indicated Committeeman Bassani will update you on this a bit more.

Mrs. Millikin questioned if the Committee would like to award the Clove Road demolition. She advised that bids were received and she would like to award due to some complaints we are getting regarding rodents from residents in the area.

Mrs. Millikin questioned if the Committee wanted to support the Junior Firefighter program that Sandyston had passed. The Fire Department had asked for the Committee to consider. If the Committee has no issue she will put on the agenda for January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mrs. Millikin thanked Fire Chief Justin Vander Groef for his service to Wantage over the past two years. It has been a pleasure working with you.

Mrs. Millikin also thanked Mayor Gaechter for a great year.

Mrs. Millikin stated the Municipal Building will be closed on January 1, 2019 for New Year's Day.

Mrs. Millikin advised she will be taking of December 31, 2018.

Mrs. Millikin final item was wish Healthy & Happy New Year!

Attorney – Mr. Kienz advised that the brief has been filed regarding When Pigs Fly. The majority of the cost is being covered by insurance. He wished everyone a very Happy New Year.

Mayor/Committee – Mr. Bassani advised he met with members of the Recreation Commission this morning and discussed the potential of having Wantage Day in the spring. He also recommended the pavilion be utilized for the beer as oppose for the music on Wantage Day. He also discussed Lake Neepaulin and doing something in the beach area.

Mr. Bassani also advised he met with Justin Vander Groef and the Deputy Chief's for a tour of the various fire trucks. He appreciated their time and got a better understanding of the trucks.

Mayor Gaechter stated there a couple of bills related to farming that Assemblyman Space and Assemblyman Wirths are proposing. He advised the clothing bin in the front is a mess and needs to be maintained. He finally wished everyone a very Healthy and Happy New Year.

Mr. Morris wished everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year.

#### **STATE OF THE COURT – Judge Glenn T. Gavan**

Judge Gavan stated he was here tonight to give a brief update about the court. He has an extremely dedicated and competent court administrator and part-time staff. There were a number of issues the beginning of the year but has been resolved. Branchville has come into the court and the Court Administrator is reviewing the transfers. The court is now meeting 4 days a month due to the public defender cases. There are some issues with getting information from State Police. The court is running very smoothly and thanked the Committee for their support. He also thanked Mrs. Millikin for all she has done to support the Court as well.

**OLD BUSINESS** - none

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Ordinance**

##### **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Gaechter stated a motion is in order to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2018 and Executive Session Minutes of December 13, 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

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION**

Mayor Gaechter opened the meeting to the public.

Warren Wisse, Valley View Trail, stated Happy New Year to everyone.

Justin Vander Groef, Fire Chief, stated it was his pleasure serving the residents for the past 12 + years. He has learned a lot. Alex Rubin and Mark Snook will do a great job. Fire Department is a great team as one department. Mr. Vander Groef advised he will remain president of Beemerville.

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

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 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Millikin, Municipal Clerk