

**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 26, 2019**

Mayor Bassani called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and requested that the Clerk call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the governing body were present: Mayor Ronald Bassani, Deputy Mayor Jonathan Morris and Committeeman William Gaechter. Also, present: Administrator/Acting Clerk Michael Restel and Attorney Louis Karp.

Mayor Bassani 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 Bassani requested a motion to approve Resolution #149-2019 through Resolution #162-2019.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #149-2019

**AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL AND
POUND SERVICES WITH BOROUGH OF BRANCHVILLE FOR 2020**

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 2020; and

WHEREAS, the annual fee for the calendar year 2020 is \$2,815.00; 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 Branchville for the calendar year 2020.

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage at a meeting held on December 26, 2019 in the Wantage Township Municipal Building, 888 Route 23, Wantage, New Jersey.

Michael L. Restel Administrator/Acting
Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE
RESOLUTION #150-2019

**AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL AND
POUND SERVICES WITH TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON FOR 2020**

WHEREAS, the Township of Hardyston desires to enter into a shared service agreement with the Township of Wantage for animal control and pound services for 2020; and

WHEREAS, the annual fee for the calendar year 2020 is \$17,830.00; 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 Hardyston for the calendar year 2019.

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage at a meeting held on December 26, 2019 in the Wantage Township Municipal Building, 888 Route 23, Wantage, New Jersey.

Michael L Restel Administrator/Acting
Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #151-2019

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL AND POUND SERVICES WITH BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG FOR 2020

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 2020; and

WHEREAS, the annual fee for the calendar year 2020 is \$13,073.00; 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 2020.

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Michael L Restel Administrator/Acting Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #152-2019

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL AND POUND SERVICES WITH TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE FOR 2020

WHEREAS, the Township of Montague desires to enter into a shared service agreement with the Township of Wantage for animal control and pound services for 2020; and

WHEREAS, the annual fee for the calendar year 2020 is \$13,073.00; 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 Montague for the calendar year 2020.

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Michael L Restel Administrator/Acting Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #155-2019

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 2018 and 2019 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.

CERTIFICATION

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Michael L Restel Acting Clerk/Administrator

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #156-2019

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

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage has been awarded FY 2019 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG), Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMAA) subaward number FFY19-EMPG-EMAA-1924 for July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, CFDA #: 97.042, and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this grant up to \$22,402.00, including up to \$10,000.00 Federal Award.

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage is authorized to and does accept the subaward for the purpose of enhancing the Township of Wantage's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism, natural disasters and other catastrophic events and emergencies.

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

CERTIFICATION

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Michael L Restel Administrator/Acting Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #157-2019

AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL AND POUND SERVICES WITH BOROUGH OF SUSSEX FOR 2020

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sussex desires to enter into a shared service agreement with the Township of Wantage for animal control and pound services for 2020; and

WHEREAS, the annual fee for the calendar year 2020 is \$10,599.00; 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 2020.

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage at a meeting held on December 27, 2018 in the Wantage Township Municipal Building, 888 Route 23, Wantage, New Jersey.

Michael L Restel Administrator/Acting Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #158-2019

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 LINE STRIPING OF VARIOUS ROADS FOR 2019 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 September 19, 2019; and

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

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| Ryan Road | Increase of \$ 103.50 |
| Sherman Ridge Road | Increase of \$ 190.02 |
| Central School Road | Reduction of \$1,496.10 |
| <u>Central School Road</u> | <u>Reduction of \$ 113.86</u> |

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 \$13,684.86; 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, 2019.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage at a meeting held on December 26, 2019 in the Wantage Township Municipal Building, 888 Route 23, Wantage, New Jersey.

Michael L Restel Administrator/Acting, Municipal Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #159-2019

**RESOLUTION AWARDING QUOTES FOR SNOW PLOWING, SANDING & SALTING ON VARIOUS
ROADS WITHIN WANTAGE TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, quotes were received on December 5, 2019 for snow plowing, sanding and salting of various roads within Wantage Township from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, only one quote was received. Erik Enterprise Landscaping, LLC for 928 State Highway Route 23, of Wantage with the hourly price of \$125.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent recommends the award of snow plowing, sanding, and salting on various roads contract to Erik Enterprise Landscaping, LLC., at \$125.00 per hour and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, does hereby award the snow plowing, sanding, and salting on various roads contract to Erik Enterprise Landscaping, LLC., of Wantage, NJ at the hourly rate of \$125.00.

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Michael L Restel, Administrator/Acting Clerk

REPORTS:

Administrator/Clerk: Mr. Restel stated the letters of appreciation have been sent out to all the Emergency First Responders that were involved for the Dry Cleaner Fire.

Mr. Restel stated over the past 2 weeks there has been over \$2,500 in donations towards the animal pound and a donor would like to help with the fence repair for the dog runs.

Mr. Restel wished everyone a Happy and Safe New Year for 2020.

Attorney: Mr. Louis Karp wished everyone a Happy and Safe New Year

Deputy Mayor: Mr. Morris wished everyone a Happy and Safe New Year.

Committeeman William Gaechter: Mr. Gaechter wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Ron Bassani: Mr. Bassani wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

MEETING MINUTES:

Mayor Bassani requested a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Committee Meeting December 12, 2019 and executive Session Minutes on December 12, 2019.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

ORDINANCE:

A motion is in order to Adopt Ordinance 2019-10 "Amendment to Salary Ordinance Fixing Salaries of Employees of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey for the year of 2019.

Mayor Bassani opened it to the Public for Comment, being no one from the public spoke Mayor Bassani closed it to the public at 7:07pm

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Kathy Gorman Fernwood Road: Mrs. Gorman spoke about Assemblyman Parker Space 2nd Amendment Gun Sanctuary and that gun owners do need a background check, discussion ensued.

Karen Merit Alpine Road: Mrs. Merit spoke about and agreed with Mrs. Gorman pertaining to the Sanctuary Gun Resolution and the Resolution is unnecessary.

William LaSalla 123 Rose Morrow Road: Mr. LaSalla asked if he can set up a meeting with Mr. Restel to go over the issues on Wantage School road, discussion ensued.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A Motion is in Order to approve Resolution#163-2019 Authorizing the Township Committee to go into Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations, Personnel and Shared Services. Attorney Louis Karp read into record the Executive Session Resolution. Executive session started at 7:16PM

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Mayor Bassani requested a motion to return from executive session at 7:47pm.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

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

Upon Roll:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael L Restel Administrator/Acting Clerk