

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET 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 4:00 P.M. ON
FEBRUARY 6, 2020**

Mayor Morris called the special meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and requested that the Clerk call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the governing body were present: Mayor Jon Morris, Deputy Mayor William Gaechter and Committeeman Ron Bassani. Also, present: Administrator/Clerk Michael Restel and Chief Financial Officer Michelle LaStarza.

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."

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Mr. Harold Pellow Wantage Township Engineer spoke about Lake Neepaulin and some of the roads have not been paved in over 20 years. Mr. Pellow stated in his correspondence that was handed out he put in 3 miles of Lake Neepaulin to be paved at a cost of \$185,000 per mile. Mr. Wagner DPW Director explained that he will look at the roads Mr. Pellow mentioned to see which ones need to be paved, discussion ensued.

Mr. Gaechter spoke about an issue pertaining to Wantage School Road and asked Mr. Pellow if his Road Inspector makes notes to an issue. Mr. Pellow stated yes there were notes and the Inspector writes them onto a Map where the issues are. Mr. Pellow states the notes include how many tons from Point A to Point B and how much paving was done for the day. Discussion ensued. Mr. Gaechter when the paving was ongoing there was an issue by the bridge near Layton Road and Tilcon did come back a repair the issue. Mr. Bassani stated there are some issues on Wantage School Road and discussion ensued.

Mr. Bassani asked when we receive our Grant Monies are, we allowed to use it anywhere, Mr. Pellow stated the monies received go to the project applied for and that's it. Mr. Pellow explained the points process when New Jersey awards the grants. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Pellow mentioned if Wantage moves forward with paving the rods in Lake Neepaulin Wantage should look into Micro sealing them after 3 years. Mr. Pellow explained with Micro Sealing this is tack on another 2-3 years onto the road lifespan. Mr. Pellow explained New Jersey requires all paving in New Jersey use 20-30% recycled material.

Mayor Morris asked Mr. Pellow about the Coykendall Road and the reasoning for rebidding. Mr. Pellow explained las year when Wantage went to bid the bids came in

high, if Wantage rebids now the bids will come in at a better price. Mr. Pellow stated the project is a complete rebuild of the road. Mr. Morris asked Mr. Pellow about Layton Road, Mr. Pellow explained there is a drainage issue that need New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection permits and that process is about 1 year.

Mr. Pellow went onto the next item Lower Unionville Road Wantage received \$200,000 in Grant Money and we are going to rebuild the road. Mr. Pellow explained that State is giving money but giving the full 100% asking, Mr. Pellow stated each town is receiving approximately 80% of what is asked for.

Mr. Pellow spoke about Southfield Drainage issue and there are 2 permits required, Mr. Pellow explained the reasoning for permits and also how the repair will be made. Mr. Pellow spoke South Shore Drainage issue and the road will need to be shut down to complete the repair, there is about a 50 Foot section that was paved, will be paved once the repair is completed.

Mr. Pellow spoke about the possible extension of the Football Field and discussion ensued.

Mr., Wagner DPW Director spoke about the roads that needs to be Oil and Stoned, Mr. Bassani asked how many miles and cost. Mr. Wagner said there was approximately 10 miles of road and last years price was \$185,000.

Mr. Wagner moved to Capital Items, Mr. Wagener received a quote for a new Tractor and Arm Mower for \$120,000, 2 new Masons Dumps over 2 years at \$75,000 per truck not including trade in and \$5,400 for attachment for the Bobcat Skid Steer.

Mr. Wagner stated a company came out to give a quote to remove the underground tanks and install above ground tanks, quotes should b coming within the next couple of weeks. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Wagner spoke about purchasing new radios for DPW. And asked for a new employee.

Mayor Morris and Mr. Wagner spoke about field maintenance at Woodbourne park and the possibility of training an in-house employee to maintain the fields properly. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Christy Tuper and Mrs. Nicole Dunn Recreation Department Budget Presentation:

Mrs. Tuper stated the maintenance of parks budget will stay the same. Mrs. Tuper spoke about the issues on the sports fields at Woodbourne discussion ensued.

Mrs. Tuper spoke adding money for the Traveling Vietnam Wall beautification.

Mrs. Tuper spoke about a PA System at Woodbourne Park and the need for it. Mrs. Tuper stated when events are being held with system, we have now a lot of people cannot hear it. Mr. Gaechter spoke about how the pavilion should have its own PA

System with the speakers atop the pavilion, wiring should be snaked down to hook up the mixer, the portable system should be used for individual field use discussion ensued.

Mrs. Tuper spoke about what the Recreation Department would like to see done at Lake Neepaulin, Mrs. Tuper spoke about the boat ramp and discussion ensued.

Mrs. Susan Weiss from Recreation spoke about the possibility of an outdoor gym where the ice skate rink currently is. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Tuper spoke about Baseball Field 4 and the issues with the size, discussion ensued.

Mrs. Tuper spoke about the fencing along the walking path in the back and the need for repair.

Mrs. Tuper spoke about the Recreation Budget, Mrs. Tuper stated she wanted to increase the Tree Lighting to have more activities for the children. Mr. Bassani spoke about the possibility to plant a blue spruce

Mrs. Tuper spoke about the increase for the 5K was due to the price increase for the timer.

Mrs. Tuper spoke about the increase for Yankees Game this year and will likely eliminate it this year, Discussion ensued.

Mayor Morris opened the meeting to the public.

Lynn Neagle 87 Glen Road: Mrs. Neagle spoke about the Yankees Game bus trip and made a suggestion pertaining to the trip.

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 5:57p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael L Restel

Administrator/Acting Clerk

