### 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 6:30 P.M. ON <u>MARCH 12, 2020</u>

Mayor Morris 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 Bassani, Deputy Mayor William Gaechter and Committeeman Ronald Bassani. Also, present: Administrator/Clerk Michael Restel and Mr. Glenn Kienz, 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."

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Morris requested a motion to approve Resolution #32-2020 to Resolution #335-2020.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Mayor Morris requested a motion to approve PO 16881 for Bassani Power

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

### TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

### RESOLUTION #32-2020

### **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 2019 and 2020 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

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 March 12, 2020 in the Wantage Township Municipal Building, 888 Route 23, Wantage, New Jersey.

Michael L Restel Acting Clerk/Administrator

# TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

# **RESOLUTION #33-2020**

# AUTHORIZING REFUND

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has recommended the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage reimburse funds for 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

\$1,982.33 to Brian & Alison Weatherwalks, Block 150 Lot 7.07, 1283 Route 23, for tax overpayment.

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CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, at a meeting held on March 12, 2020.

Michael Restel, Acting Clerk/Administrator

# TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

# RESOLUTION #34-2020

# AUTHORIZING REFUND

**WHEREAS**, the Animal Control Officer has recommended the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage reimburse funds for an overpayment of pound fees.

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

\$217.00 to Michelle Wilczynski, 6 Hankins Road, for overpayment of pound fees.

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Michael Restel, Acting Clerk/Administrator

## **REPORTS**

Administrator/Clerk: Mr. Restel provided an update pertaining to the Movie that will be filmed in Wantage.

Mr. Restel thanked DPW for their hard work pertaining to clean up on Berry road Property.

Mr. Restel provided the precautionary steps Wantage will be taking for Coronavirus and a Staff Meeting will be held Friday 10am.

Mayor:

Mayor Morris stated there is a Sussex Wantage Chamber Meeting 8:30am at Friendly's and asked if a committeeman could be present. Mr. Bassani Stated he would attend.

Mayor Morris stated the Sussex County League of Municipalities meeting will be Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> 6PM at Mohawk House.

Mayor Morris spoke about the March 10<sup>th</sup> Elks Meeting pertaining to the Traveling Vietnam Wall. Mayor Morris stated the next meeting will be April 15<sup>th</sup> 6pm at Woodbourne Park.

Mayor Morris spoke about the Coronavirus and the precautionary steps everyone should take.

Deputy Mayor:

Mr. Gaechter stated himself, Mike, Joe Konopinski Wantage OEM and staff from the County met with Chris Reese CEO of Sussex Rural Electric to discuss the issues from the December Snowstorm, discussion ensued.

Committeemen Mr. Bassani:

Mr. Bassani stated Open Space met with the owner of the new property Open Space is looking in to, discussion ensued.

### MEETING MINUTES:

Mayor Morris requested a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Committee Meeting Regular Meeting February 27, and Budget Meeting Minutes February 20, 2020

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

ORDINANCES

Mayor Morris requested A motion to Adopt Ordinance #02-2020 To Appropriating the Sum of \$12,500 for replacement of Fencing at Wantage Animal Pound and Shelter.

A Motion was made by Mr. Bassani and Seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

Before final Roll Call Mayor Morris Opened the meeting to the public, being no one from the public spoke Mayor Morris closed it to the Public. Upon Roll Call:

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

### **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:**

Karen Merit Alpine Road: Mrs. Merit spoke about the Coronavirus and what is being done about it.

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

Upon Roll:

Ayes: Bassani, Gaechter, MorrisNays: NoneAbsent: NoneAbstain: NoneRespectfully submitted by

Michael L Restel

Administrator/Acting Clerk