

**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
MARCH 26, 2020**

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 Morris and Deputy Mayor William Gaechter. Also, present: Administrator/Clerk Michael Restel and Mr. Glenn Kienz, Esq VIA Call in. Committeeman Ronald Bassani was absent

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 #35-2020 to Resolution #36-2020.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #35-2020

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH SPACE FARMS ZOO and MUSEUM FOR DEER
CARCASSES REMOVAL FOR 2020**

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

WHEREAS, the price for 2020 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 2020 for deer carcasses removal with Space Farms Zoo and Museum.

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 26, 2020 in the Wantage Township Municipal Building, 888 Route 23, Wantage, New Jersey.

Michael L Restel,
Administrator/Acting Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #36-2020

**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 \$10,000 Federal Award and Funds will be used for Emergency Management Purposes.

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

Mayor Morris stated the Introduction of the Wantage Township 2020 Municipal Budget will be introduced at the April 9th Meeting.

REPORTS

Administrator/Clerk: Mr. Restel spoke about the measures Wantage Township is doing pertaining to COVID-19 and stated that all current information is posted on the website.

Mr. Restel stated the new Townhall hours are 8:30am-1:30pm until further notice.

Attorney: Mr. Kienz spoke about the conversations Mayor Morris and Mr. Restel have had throughout the COVID-19 emergency and thanked them for their hard work.

Mayor:

Mayor Morris stated there were 3 Positive results for Wantage Township.

Mayor Morris spoke about the Mayors Conference that happens twice a week and what's being discussed.

Mayor Morris stated the NJEDA and Small Business Administration has low interest loans to all small businesses that re struggling.

Mayor Morris spoke about the importance of shopping local during this difficult time.

Mayor Morris expressed his thanks to all first responders who are on the front lines battling COVID-19.

Mayor Morris expressed his deepest sympathy to the family of Ronald C. Howell former Mayor and Committeeman of Wantage Township.

Mayor Morris spoke a new initiative Wantage Recreation will be doing called Exercise Bingo.

Mayor Morris spoke about the Vietnam Mobil Wall and the Elks are looking for Volunteers to help construct the base and also looking for local family members whose family is on the wall.

Mayor Morris expressed his thanks to Mr. Restel Administrator, the Wantage Township Staff and Joe Konopinski Wantage OEM for all their hard work during this tough time.

Deputy Mayor:

Mr. Gaechter asked a question pertaining to the Mayors Conference call and with the positive results in Wantage if any other information was given pertaining to individuals whereabouts.

Mayor Morris explained what information is given.

MEETING MINUTES:

Mayor Morris requested a motion to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Committee Meeting Regular Meeting March 12, 2020

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Mayor Morris stated Ordinances 03-2020 and 04-2020 will be pushed to the April 9th Committee Meeting.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Karen Merritt Alpine Road: Mrs. Merit spoke about the HIPAA Law and stated for everyone to stay healthy.

Mayor Morris stated to the public Wantage's next Committee Meeting will be the same as tonight's.

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

Upon Roll:

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

Meeting Adjourned 7:22PM

Respectfully submitted by

Michael L Restel

Administrator/Acting Clerk

