

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, ON APRIL 14, 2016.

Mayor Bassani called the meeting to order, and requested the Clerk call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the governing body were present: Mayor Ronald Bassani, Committeeman Jon Morris and Committeeman William Gaechter. Also present: Deputy Clerk Christine M. Von Oesen

Mayor Bassani stated, "This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act, Public Laws 1975, Chapter 231, it has been properly noticed and posted and certified by the Clerk."

Mayor Bassani led all present in the Salute to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Bassani requested the governing body review the Consent Agenda. Mayor Bassani moved to approve the following:

- Municipal Clerk Report for March 2016
- Registrar Report for March 2016
- Tax Collector Report for March 2016
- Board of Health Report for March 2016
- Land Use Board Report for March 2016
- Housing Report for March 2016
- Zoning Report for March 2016

Resolution authorizing reimbursement of funds for lien redemptions as follows:

- \$ 7,299.22 to US Bank for Block 70, Lot 17, Certificate 15-14 for lien redemption.
- \$10,200.00 to US Bank for Block 70, Lot 17, Certificate 15-14 for tax sale premium.
- \$21,343.61 to US Bank for Block 27, Lot 15, Certificate 13-26 for lien redemption.
- \$ 5,700.00 to US Bank for Block 67, Lot 15, Certificate 13-26 for tax sale premium.

Authorizing changes in the 4th annual Highland Gran Fondo Wantage section of the bike route.

Approving the Annual Sussex Skydive Outdoor Event.

Mr. Morris made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Gaechter seconded the motion.

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

REPORTS

Clerk's Report: April is Alcohol Awareness Month, and the Center for Prevention and Counseling held a poster contest commemorating same. Local winners were Sussex Middle School 6th grade students

Donna Merkel, Aidan Dolan and Gabriella Barillari, and High Point Freshmen Taylor Hemmer and Chad Frisbie.

For her 10th birthday, Mackenzie Genung asked friends to bring gifts for the Wantage Pound. This is Miss Genung's fourth fundraiser benefitting the Wantage Pound. The items she brought will stock the Wantage Pound for 2 months.

Committee Member Reports: Mr. Morris shares that the Sussex Wantage Softball League and Sussex Wantage Little League are having their Opening Day Ceremony of Saturday. They request that a member of the Committee be present for the 12 PM Parade and Ceremonial Pitch.

Wantage Fire Chief Larry Bono report progress in the preconstruction meeting for the fire truck. Jake Little reports that Sussex Fire Department held fit testing, and is working on securing a physician to generate test reports.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Bassani adds that this fire department fit testing is an extension of a new shared service between Wantage and Sussex Fire Departments, whereby our fire equipment is being tested on their machines. There is no charge for 2016, but Wantage may opt to split the cost with Sussex Boro in 2017, saving Wantage Township several thousand dollars per year.

Henry Byma, of By-Acre Holsteins, in Wantage, has been nationally recognized as one of the top 100 leaders in agriculture in the country. Wantage has approximately 500 farms and over 800 parcels of farm land.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A Motion is in order to appoint Grant W. Rome as a Qualified Purchasing Agent for the sum of \$200 per month until such time as a replacement can be hired.

Motion by Mr. Gaechter, Second by Mr. Morris.

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Ron Sevean, representing Lake Windsor, spoke against Mr. Maggio's demolition business. Mayor Bassani stated that the Lake Windsor concerns are being taken very seriously.

George Maragliano lives close to the Maggio property. He is concerned about contaminants and his personal safety.

Lorine Barone state that heavy Maggio dump trucks are damaging local bridges.

Melanie LiTrenta asks for the Committee's help to stop the water from contamination in Lake Windsor and in the water that flows from Lake Windsor.

Christy Tuper is happy that Wantage Township will be participating in Sussex County Day, and provided updates from Wantage Recreation.

Warren Wisse is pleased that the flag was flown at half mast in honor of Jim Doherty.

Ron Sevean states that Wantage needs to update its policies on noise, dumping, zoning, permits, roads, and bridges.

Ann Smuelwicz states that her property had been damaged by large trucks years ago, and she empathizes with the Lake Windsor residents.

Mayor Bassani thanked those in attendance and requests their continued presence and interaction, even after issues are resolved.

Mayor Bassani closed the Open Public Session and asked for a Motion and Second to enter Executive Session. Motion by Mr. Gaechter, second by Mr. Morris.

All in Favor.

Mayor Bassani read as follows: WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, permits the exclusion of the public from meeting in certain circumstances; and WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, that the public shall be excluded from discussion regarding the following matters involving the terms and conditions of potential employ and/or employees at the Township of Wantage, in the Administration office, and/or the Clerk office, and/or the Department of Public Works. Formal action may take place. RE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Executive Seesion will be kept on file in the Clerk's office, and once the matter no longer requires confidentiality, then the minutes shall be made public.

Upon exiting Executive Session, Mayor Bassani opened the meeting to the public. Motion by Mr. Morris. Second by Mr. Gaechter.

All in Favor.

Mayor Bassani asked for a Motion to Adjourn. Motion by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Von Oesen
Deputy Clerk