

**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  
OCTOBER 27, 2016.**

Mayor Bassani called the meeting to order, and requested that 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, 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."

Mayor Bassani invited all those in attendance to join in the Salute to the Flag.

Mayor Bassani requested a Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

RESOLUTIONS (Approval for the following actions):

A Motion is in order to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2016 Wantage Township Mayor and Committee Meeting.

A Motion is in order to approve the October 2016 Bill List , with the exception of Bassani Power Equipment LLC PO#13764 in the amount of \$60.29.

A Motion is in order to approve a Resolution authorizing refunds as follows:

\$7,294.05 (for 2016) to McKirdy & Rislin PA (for 565 Land Dev. LLC) for Block 117 Lot 38.01 for tax appeal.

\$7,883.51 (for 2015) ro McKirdy & Riskin PA (for 565 Land Dev. LLC) for Block 117 Lot 38.01 for tax appeal.

A Motion is in order to approve a Resolution authorizing the following refund:

\$353.16 to Royal Buick GMC, for completed land use application L-13-10.

A Motion is in order to approve Change Order No. 1 for Milling and Paving of Lower Unionville Road – Section II, reflecting a reduced contract amount of \$38,060.00.

A Motion is in order to approve liquor license #1924-33-005-008 licensee name from DJs23 Pub & Grill to Celines Kitchen LLC, and Trading As name from Celines Kitchen to Celines Bistro.

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

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

A Motion is in order to approve A Motion is in order to approve Bassani Power Equipment LLC PO#13764 in the amount of \$60.29.

Motion by Mr. Gaechter. Second by Mr. Morris

Ayes: Gaechter, Morris

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Not Voting: Bassani

## REPORTS

Clerk Report – None

Administrator Report – None

Attorney Report – None

Committeeman Report – Mr. Morris - Mr. Morris spoke with Wantage Fire Chief Larry Bono, who was in attendance. Mr. Bono said that the new fire truck would be delivered next week and that a get together is being planned to celebrate same. The new Jaws of Life apparatus arrived today. Mr. Morris stated that the Wantage First Aid Squad continues to rectify issues while keeping up on most calls, while Sussex Boro has been very helpful with the rest. Some Volunteer Fire Fighters are also driving for the Wantage First Aid Squad.

Committeeman Report – Mr. Gaechter - Mr. Gaechter met with Wantage First Aid Squad President Bill DeBoer, who indicated that he is optimistic about Wantage First Aid Squad feasibility.

Mayor Report – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

## OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Harold Simons asked if the Fire Department members will be permanently driving for the Wantage First Aid Squad. Mayor Bassani responded that it is not anticipated to be permanent, but is an available option. Mr. Simons asked what will happen if the First Aid Squad is not adequately staffed by a given date. Mayor Bassani responded that there is no deadline, and although other possibilities may have to be pursued, the hope is that membership will increase to the numbers that are needed. He added that volunteerism is often cyclical.

Larry Bono agreed that volunteerism is often cyclical, and that is problematic. It is not an unusual occurrence when members are volunteers.

John Morris agreed with Mr. Bono. He added that people are busy with family and jobs, and that much training is required to become a volunteer.

Mayor Bassani advised that the new administrator will begin on November 1, 2016.

There being no further comments or questions from those in attendance, Mayor Bassani closed Open Public Session.

Mayor Bassani asked for a Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Mr. Morris Second by Mr. Gaechter

Ayes: Gaechter, Morris, Bassani

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christine M. Von Oesen  
Deputy Clerk