

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL
BUILDING, 888 STATE ROUTE 23, WANTAGE, N.J., ON
FEBRUARY 11, 2016.**

Mayor Bassani called the meeting to order, and asked Deputy Clerk Christine Von Oesen to call the roll. In attendance were Mayor Ronald Bassani, Committeeman William Gaechter, Attorney Louis Karp, and Assistant Municipal Clerk Christine M. Von Oesen.

Mayor Bassani stated, "This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231. It has been properly advertised and posted, and certified by the Clerk."

Mayor Bassani invited all present to Salute the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Bassani asked for a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Gaechter made a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Second by Mayor Bassani.

Upon Roll Call:

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

REPORTS:

Administrator's Report: None

Attorney's Report: None

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Bassani was happy to participate in the Grand Opening of new Wantage business, "Bagel Way." Mayor Bassani welcomes Bagel Way to Wantage and wishes the business much success. He adds that the food he tried was delicious, and those in the audience echoed that sentiment.

Mayor Bassani stated that a Budget Meeting will be held on February 22, 2016 at 5 PM.

Committee Member Reports: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Bassani stated that he had asked Township Engineer Harold Pellow to investigate whether the Lake Neepaulin signs were properly installed and whether they were placed in the right area. Mr. Pellow's office answered that the signs were not installed properly and they were not placed in the correct area. Mayor Bassani said that the public had been asked if anyone felt that the signs should remain where they are, or if anyone felt a need to keep the signs, and after ample time, no member of the public came forward. Mayor Bassani stated that the signs may therefore be removed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2016-02: Salaries

A Motion is in order to adopt of Final Reading, Ordinance 2016-02 entitled "ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OR THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2016."

Mayor Bassani requested a Motion.

Mr. Gaechter made a Motion to adopt on Final Reading, Ordinance 2016-02.

Mayor Bassani seconded the Motion.

Prior to Roll Call, Mayor Bassani opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments with respect to the proposed Ordinance. Hearing no public comment regarding the proposed Ordinance, Mayor Bassani closed the meeting to the public.

Upon Roll Call:

Ayes: Gaechter, Bassani

Nays: None

Absent: Morris

Abstain: None

2. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2016-03: Cap Waiver

A Motion is in order to adopt on Final Reading, Ordinance 2016-03 entitled "ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016 (N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.14)"

Mayor Bassani requested a Motion.

Mr. Gaechter made a Motion to adopt on Final Reading, Ordinance 2016-03.

Mayor Bassani seconded the Motion.

Prior to Roll Call, Mayor Bassani opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments with respect to the proposed Ordinance. Hearing no public comment regarding the proposed Ordinance, Mayor Bassani closed the meeting to the public.

Upon Roll Call:

Ayes: Gaechter, Bassani

Nays: None

Absent: Morris

Abstain: None

3. Approval of Minutes

A Motion is in order to approve the minutes of the Organization Meeting and First Regular Meeting of the Wantage Township governing body held on January 7, 2016 (all present).

Mayor Bassani requested a Motion.

Mr. Gaechter made a Motion to approve said minutes.

Mayor Bassani seconded the Motion.

All In Favor.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Mike Clark, representing Sussex Fire Department, requested that the Sussex Fire Department Saint Baldrick's event be advertised on the Wantage sign located on the front lawn of the municipal building. Mayor Bassani was happy and honored to lend the Wantage sign so that this worthy event would have an additional means of advertisement. The event will take place on March 12, 2016, from 10-2 pm. This year's Honoree is Malichi Thomas, a 3rd grader in the Hamburg School. Malachi is battling brain cancer.

Kathleen Gorman asks if Wantage Township is a member of both the New Jersey League of Municipalities and the Sussex County League of Municipalities. Mayor Bassani answered that Wantage Township is a member of both, adding that NJLM reviews laws and gives a position on those laws, and the SCLM is more of a congregation to discuss issues that are local to Sussex County municipalities. Ms. Gorman asked if there are membership fees. Mayor Bassani replied that there are membership fees, as well as an additional cost of approximately \$20.00 to attend luncheon meetings.

Warren Wisse offers that the Committee is doing a very good job.

Hearing no further input from the public, Mayor Bassani closed the meeting to the public.

Mr. Bassani asked for a Motion to adjourn.

Mr. Gaechter made a Motion to close the meeting.

Mr. Bassani seconded the Motion.

All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Von Oesen
Assistant Municipal Clerk