

**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 6:00 P.M. ON  
February 6, 2020**

Mayor Morris called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

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 #21-2020 through Resolution #25-2020.

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

Mayor Morris requested a motion to pay Purchase Order #16711 to Bassani Power Equipment LLC in the amount of \$23.35

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

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

**TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE  
RESOLUTION 21-2020**

**RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ASSIGN TAX SALE CERTIFICATE**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54:5-113 authorizes assignment by a municipality of tax sale certificates for the full amount of the certificate, including all subsequent municipal taxes and other municipal charges; and

**WHEREAS**, Fedigan, LLC has presented an offer to purchase, by assignment, Certificate of Sale # 2019-002, which was issued to Wantage Township at a tax sale and is against Block 2 Lot 47, known as 387 Rt 23, Wantage, New Jersey, and assessed to Cooke Prop, LLC;

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has reported that the amount that shall be due (if not redeemed beforehand) on the Certificate as of February 27, 2020 will be the sum of \$40,824.84;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage will consider authorizing the assignment of the above Certificate to Fedigan, LLC or its designee at its February 27, 2020 meeting on condition that the Township complies with the notice requirements set forth in N.J.S.A. 54:5-114 and that Fedigan, LLC or its designee delivers to the Wantage Township Tax Collector guaranteed funds payable to Wantage Township in the amount of \$40,824.84 by no later than February 26, 2020.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

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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 February 6, 2020.

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Michael Restel, Administrator/Acting Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE  
RESOLUTION 22-2020**

**RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ASSIGN TAX SALE CERTIFICATE**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54:5-113 authorizes assignment by a municipality of tax sale certificates for the full amount of the certificate, including all subsequent municipal taxes and other municipal charges; and

**WHEREAS**, Fedigan, LLC has presented an offer to purchase, by assignment, Certificate of Sale # 2019-018, which was issued to Wantage Township at a tax sale and is against Block 127 Lot 1.05, known as 297 Rt 519, Wantage, New Jersey, and assessed to Reginald Matthews, Jr & P. Hudspith;

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has reported that the amount that shall be due (if not redeemed beforehand) on the Certificate as of February 27, 2020 will be the sum of \$9,636.69;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage will consider authorizing the assignment of the above Certificate to Fedigan, LLC or its designee at its February 27, 2020 meeting on condition that the Township complies with the notice requirements set forth in N.J.S.A. 54:5-114 and that Fedigan, LLC or its designee delivers to the Wantage Township Tax Collector guaranteed funds payable to Wantage Township in the amount of \$9,636.69 by no later than February 26, 2020.

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**TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE**

**RESOLUTION #23-2020**

**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.





## **REPORTS**

Administrator/Clerk: Mr. Restel spoke about the new Domestic Violence policy that is in effect and Wantage needs to amend their Personnel Policy.

Mr. Restel spoke about attending the Annual Statewide Insurance Meeting and the presenter discussed townhall security and what should be corrected.

Attorney: No report

Deputy Mayor Gaechter: Mr. Gaechter had no report at this time

Committeeman Bassani: Mr. Bassani spoke about the RER meeting with NJDEP, Mr. Bassani stated Wantage Township needs to publicize the correct phone for a NJDEP complaint. Mr. Bassani stated that Wantage needs to advise the caller that Wantage will accept the complaint but that they also need to call the Warn DEP hotline immediately.

Mr. Bassani spoke about what he was told that there was a limit to how close you have to be to the complaint, Mr. Bassani stated NJDEP stated there is now limit, discussion ensued.

Mr. Bassani spoke about RER NJDEP permit and its almost ready to be sent out for approval; Mr. Bassani stated NJDEP will allow Wantage Township to review the permit, but Wantage will not be allowed to comment. Mr. Bassani stated that's an extreme flaw in their system discussion ensued.

Mayor Morris: Mr. Morris spoke about the multiple meetings coming up with residents in the community pertaining to sports and road issues.

## **MEETING MINUTES:**

Mayor Morris stated a motion is in order to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Committee Meeting January 23, 2020 and Executive Session Minutes of January 23, 2020.

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

Mr. Gaechter asked for a minor change in the minutes.

Upon Roll Call:

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

## **ORDINANCES**

Introduction of Ordinance #01-2020 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriations Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank for Calendar Year 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

**Open Public Session:**

John Nuss Beemer Road: Mr. Nuss spoke about the fatal accident on 519 and would like to see either the Township or the County paint the side of the Bridge a reflective Color.

Mr. Nuss was happy that the Township spoke to NJDEP about RER and spoke about a few options the Township should look into.

Kathy Gorman Fernwood Road: Mrs. Gorman sated she is speaking as a tax payer not a board member, Mrs. Gorman spoke about the Outdoor gym brought up at the Budget Meeting and spoke about the pros and cons, discussion ensued.

Mrs. Gorman spoke about the above 60 Softball league and the success of the league Mr. Drag also stated he was part of it and it was successful.

Joe Retz Libertyville Road: Mr. Retz spoke about the possibility of Wantage Township hiring experts to test air quality and soil tests, discussion ensued.

Lynn Neagle Glen Road: Mrs. Neagle spoke about the issue at RER. Mr. Neagle spoke about the Red Flag Law discussion ensued.

Walter Drag Linquendin Drive: Mr. Drag asked about the Second Amendment Resolution and if it is a done deal, Mayor Morris stated it is not a done deal and resolution is drafted. Discussion ensued.

Karen Merit Alpine Road: Mrs. Merit asked if the Resolution will be posted on the Website prior to be passed. Mayor stated yes. Mrs. merit mentioned there was a DEP file pertaining to a property in Lake Neepaulin.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Restel CPWM, Administrator/ Acting Municipal Clerk