

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP  
OF WANTAGE, HELD VIA VIRTUAL MEETING 7:00 P.M. ON  
August 20, 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 Committeeman Ronald Bassani. Also, present: Administrator/Clerk Michael Restel, and Mr. Glenn Kienz, Esq. Deputy Mayor Bill Gaechter 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 #63-2020-#70-2020

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Mayor Morris requested a Motion to approve Resolution #71-2020 in Support of County Resolution Opposing the Exclusive of Mail in Voting for the General Election November 3, 2020.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

REPORTS:

Administrator/Clerk: Mr. Restel spoke about the Recreation Departments decision to cancel Wantage Day and 5K, Mr. Restel stated and asked for the Permission from the Committee to have Wantage Recreation move forward with a Firework and Band Show to replace Wantage Day.

Mr. Restel spoke about charging a \$25 fee to use the Pavilion electricity since High Point Youth Football pays the electric bill.

Mr. Restel stated Coykendall Road project is complete.

Attorneys Report: Mr. Kienz spoke Tennessee Gas Pipeline and has been in contact with their Attorneys

Mr. Kienz stated his firm has been working on a noise ordinance for Wantage Township

Mr. Kienz stated that he will talk to Mr. Restel pertaining to large gatherings at Woodbourne Park Pavilion and recommends everyone wear a mask outside.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Morris spoke about an email he received pertaining to a 911 call in Clove Hill Manor and that the Fire Department responded to a call of an unresponsive person, Mayor Morris stated the Volunteers of the Fire Department brought the man back to life. Mayor expressed his gratitude to all the Volunteers on the Fire Department and First Aid Squad.

Mayor Morris stated the new crosswalk from Woodbourne park to Berry Road property is installed.

Mayor Morris recommended that Open Space should have an open house at the Berry Road Property. Mr. Bassani responded he spoke to Mrs. Gill and the meeting will take place in September.

Mayor Morris accepted Patrick Stefanelli resignation and wished Mr. Stefanelli the best for himself and his family.

Mayor Morris asked Mr. Restel for a Civil Service, Mr. Restel stated nothing has changed and Civil Service is working off the April list for Emergency Personnel. Discussion ensued

Mayor Morris provided an COVID-19 update.

Mayor Morris stated Wantage Township will be applying for a Bike path grant, the proposed bike path will be located behind the Football Field at Woodbourne Park.

Mayor Morris stated a dear friend of his Fred Lange passed away, Mayor Morris stated the Lange Family has donated a lot of time and money to the community. Mayor Morris stated Mr. Lange will be missed by many.

Mayor Morris stated he has received a lot of complaints about noise at Skylands Beer Garden. Mr. Bassani stated he would like to see a Noise Ordinance draft for the September 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting and that it's a tough one in Wantage because Wantage is a farming town. Discussion Ensued.

Committeeman Bassani: Mr. Bassani had nothing to report.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A motion is in order to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2020 and July 16, 2020 Mayor and Committee Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Bassani and seconded by Mayor Morris.

Upon Roll Call:

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

### **OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:**

Kathy Gorman Fernwood: Mrs. Gorman asked if Wantage could post the Zoom Meeting recording online Mrs. Gorman stated it would reduce the amount of OPRA requests.

Mrs. Gorman thanked Mr. Gaechter, Mr. Bassani and Mr. Kienz for their hard work with Lake Neepaulin Dam, Mrs. Gorman sated there is a bill 908 at the Senate level that would help with Dam Assessments and the liability would not be put on the residents of the lake if it is not in their deed.

Walter Dragg Linquenda: Mr. Dragg thanked the committee for having his road paved, first time in 20 years.

Mark Wallace 3 Oil City: Mr. Wallace read into record a letter pertaining to Skylands Craft Beer and Wine Garden. Discussion ensued.

Ray Tomczyk 25 Oil City: Mr. Tomczyk read into record a letter pertaining to Skylands Craft Beer and Wine Garden. Mr. Tomczyk state he lives ½ mile from the Establishment and him and his wife can hear word for word when people are speaking. Discussion Ensued.

Donna Tomczyk 25 Oil City: Mrs. Tomechek stated her neighbors are afraid to pull out of Oil City to Route 284 due to site issues from all the car parked on Route 284. Mrs. Tomechek stated it would be best to keep the bands inside. Discussion ensued.

Adrian Vroeginalewey 32 Old Route 84: Mr. Vroeginalewey read into record a letter pertaining to Skylands Craft Beer and Wine Garden. Discussion ensued.

MaryJo Vroeginalewey 32 Old Rout3 84: Mrs. Vroeginalewey states she loves the community and supports local businesses, but the sounds at Skylands is very invasive. Mrs. Vroeginalewey read into record parts of her husband's letter into record.

Mr. Bassani spoke about the noise ordinance and how the process works to passing an ordinance. Mr. Bassani stated he would like to come to a compromise with the Owners

of Skylands and would present not to have amplified music, keep the noise on the property. Mayor Morris directed Mr. Restel to reach out to the owner to have a meeting.

Steve Cruz 990 Greenville Road: Mr. Cruz spoke about 996 Greenville road and how disgusting the property is, Mr. Cruz expressed his displeasure with the Township and their handling of the property. Discussion ensued.

Robert Boyce Denville NJ: Mr. Boyce stated he represents Planet Network Solutions and it would be his pleasure to take questions pertaining to resolution passed on the agenda.

Mrs. Cezino 131 Coykendall Road: Mrs. Cezino asked if her part of Coykendall would be paved if so what about the drainage. Mr. Restel stated bids were received for paving and that Wantage will have Pellow Associates look at the drainage.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

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

Upon Roll:

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:35PM

Respectfully submitted by

Michael L Restel

Administrator/Acting Clerk