

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF WANTAGE, HELD VIA VIRTUAL MEETING 7:00 P.M. ON
SEPTEMBER 10, 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, Deputy Mayor William Gaechter and Committeeman Ronald Bassani. Also, present: Administrator/Clerk Michael Restel, and Mr. Glenn Kienz, Esq.

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."

AUDIT PRESENTATION: Mrs. Michelle LaStarza Wantage Township Chief Financial Officer presented the 2019 Wantage Township Audit. Mrs. LaStarza stated Wantage Township does not have to do a corrective action.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Morris requested a motion to approve Resolution #73-2020 -#80-2020 Mr. Gaechter requested Resolution 77-2020 be removed for discussion.

A motion was made with Resolution 77-2020 removed by Mr. Bassani and seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

Upon Roll Call:

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

Mayor Morris requested a motion to approve PO# 17227 and PO# 17267 Bassani Power in the amount \$673.85

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Mr. Gaechter requested more information about Resolution 77-2020 pertaining to Contract with Firework vendor D&M Fireworks LLC

Mr. Restel stated the monies being spent on this would've been used for the Wantage 5K and Wantage Day, since the events are cancelled this is where the money will be spent with a band as well.

A motion was made by Mr. Bassani and seconded by Mr. Gaechter to pass Resolution #77-2020.

Upon Roll Call:

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

REPORTS:

Administrator/Clerk: Mr. Restel stated the new CFO Ashley Wilson will begin Monday September 21st.

Mr. Restel spoke about Mr. Steve Danner has been performing COH inspections since September 1st and is asking for \$6,000 a year half of what the former employee was being paid. The committee agreed to the \$6,000.

Mr. Restel stated Wantage Township received bids Wednesday September 9th for Lower Unionville Road Section III and the lowest bidder was CV Paving at \$192,531.40. Mr. Restel asked the Committee for approval to move forward with the project. Mr. Restel explained to the Committee this project will be funded through New Jersey Grant money. Committee approved the project.

Mr. Restel stated on or about September 15th Wantage Township will be lowering Lake Neepaulin for residents to fix their docks and the Township will install the new lake boat ramp.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Morris appointed Heather Hill as a new Recreation Advisory Committee member.

Mayor Morris stated he received a letter from the County Clerk Jeff Parrot pertaining to Voting by Mail for the November 3rd election. Mayor Morris stated Wantage Townhall will have a Ballot Drop Box outside.

Mayor Morris asked Committeeman Bassani if Open Space will be having a meeting this month. Mr. Bassani stated he would reach out to the Chairwomen and set up a meeting.

Deputy Mayor: Mr. Gaechter stated tomorrow is 9/11 and we should all never forget that day and offered his condolences to all that lost their life that day.

Committeeman Bassani: Mr. Bassani spoke

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A motion is in order to approve the minutes of the August 20th Mayor and Committee Regular Meeting and August 19th and August 25th Special Meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Bassani and seconded by Mayor Morris.

Upon Roll Call:

Ayes: Bassani, Gaechter, Morris Nays: None Absent: NONE Abstain: Gaechter
August 20th Meeting

ORDINANCE:

Introduction of Ordinance #08-2020 Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3 Police regulations pertaining to Noise

Mayor Morris opened the Ordinance to the Committee for Discussion.

Mr. Gaechter stated the Ordinance needs to be revisited with better terms and language. Mr. Gaechter stated in order for a Noise Ordinance to be fully passed it needs to be approved by the State of New Jersey.

Mr. Bassani stated he agrees with Mr. Gaechter and we need to go back to the drawing board to ensure we have the best Ordinance moving forward. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Morris stated Ordinance 08-2020 will be tabled for further review.

Introduction of Ordinance #09-2020 Amending Chapter 11 of the General Ordinances of Wantage Township, Amending Recreation Department Fees for Wantage Township

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Mrs. Pollard 24 Oil City Road: Mrs. Pollard spoke the noise issue coming from route 284 Establishment and how its been a chronic issue for years. Mrs. Pollard stated she can hear the music from a ½ mile away.

Kathy Gorman Fernwood: Mrs. Gorman asked about the New Jersey Department of Transportation Building happening on Route 23 and if the State came before the Land Use Board. Mr. Kienz stated to look at Section 31 pertaining to State Government buildings according to Municipal Land Use Law. Mrs. Gorman thanked the committee for the Amended May 28th Meeting Minutes.

Adrian Vroegindewey 32 Old 84: Mr. Vroegindewey showed the Committee a video in hi phone pertaining to the noise issue on Route 284. Mr. Bassani requested that Mr. Vroegindewey send the Video to Mr. Restel

Ray Tomczyk 25 Oil City Road: Mr. Tomczyk presented Mr. Restel with paperwork pertaining to Case Law in Clarkstown New Jersey and a Superior Court Case.

MaryJo Vroegindewey 25 Oil City Road: Mrs. Vroegindewey read into record a prepared statement. Mrs. Vroegindewey stated she can hear the noise from 1000 feet away.

Donna Tomczyk 25 Oil City Road: Mrs. Tomczyk spoke about the noise Ordinance and would like to add items to the ordinance Mrs. Tomczyk state that she believes the owner of the establishment was in her driveway over the weekend measuring the noise level.

Mayor Morris closed the meeting to the public

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Upon Roll:

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

Meeting Adjourned 7:50PM

Respectfully submitted by

Michael L Restel

Administrator/Acting Clerk