

**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 24, 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."

RESOLUTION

A motion is in order to approve Resolution 81-2020 Rejection of Bids for Coykendall Road Section II

Mr. Restel stated the reason for Bid Rejection was there is a need for drainage in Section II of this project.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Morris requested a motion to approve Resolution #82-2020 -#83-2020 Mr.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

REPORTS:

Administrator/Clerk: Mr. Restel stated the Ballot box will be installed Friday at townhall and the County will empty the box once a day.

Mr. Restel thanked Mayor Morris for reaching out to the State pertaining to Civil Service.

Mr. Restel stated the DPW Mechanic Position will be posted October 1st with an end date of October 21st. Mr. Restel stated that Tuesday September 29th he will be meeting with Wallkill Wildlife to go over a few possibilities for projects at Berry Road Property.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Morris congratulated Mr. Ben Kosh on being nominated as a Hometown Hero by Josh Gotthiemers office. Mayor Morris stated Mr. Kosh lives in Frankford but has been part of the Beemerville Fire Department for over 40 years.

Mayor Morris stated October 17th Wantage Township will be hosting Fireworks and Concert at Woodbourne Park.

Deputy Mayor: Mr. Gaechter had no report

Committeeman Bassani: Mr. Bassani had no report

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A motion is in order to approve the minutes of the September 10th, 2020 Mayor and Committee Regular Meeting.

Mr. Bassani mad a Motion and was seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

Upon Roll Call:

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

ORDINANCE:

Adoption of Ordinance #09-2020 Ordinance to Amending Chapter 21 of the General Ordinances of Wantage Township, Amending Recreation Department Fees for Wantage Township

Mayor Morris opened the meeting to the public.

No one from the Public Spoke

A motion was made by Mr. Bassani and seconded by Mr. Gaechter to Adopt Ordinance #09-2020

Upon Roll Call:

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

Introduction of Ordinance #08-2020 Amending Chapter 3 under Police Regulations Regulating Noise.

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

Mayor Morris opened the Ordinance for discussion to the Committee.

Mr. Bassani spoke about the 100-foot measuring zone and stated he feels it needs to be bigger than that. Mr. Bassani stated Wantage should look into the zoning approval for the property.

Mr. Kienz spoke about the multiple noise ordinances his firm has been working on and they are very tricky to write. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Bassani spoke about neighbor to neighbor disputes that can be costly to the Wantage Taxpayer and Wantage should stay out of them. Mr. Bassani stated Wantage should review the site plan of the complaint. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Bassani stated he would like to have a sit-down meeting with Mr. Kienz to go over the Ordinance to review it and make sure Wantage does not miss anything that will hurt us in the court of law.

Mayor Morris advised Mr. Restel to reach out to the New Jersey State Police to look into the parking issues on Route 284. Discussion ensued.

Upon Roll Call:

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Kathy Gorman Fernwood: Mrs. Gorman stated she will be filing a complaint pertaining to the NJDOT garage construction. Mrs. Gorman stated she spoke to a Mr. Amon Perez pertaining to the project. Mrs. Gorman stated the C1 stream designation is Regulatory not prohibitive pertaining to the State.

Mrs. Gorman stated she would like to see the Land Use Board Application be more aggressive and that the applicant if owning more than 1 property have all taxes up to date on all properties owned. Discussion ensued.

Donna Pollard Oil City Road: Mrs. Pollard would like to see her road be safer, Mrs. Pollard states Dump trucks race up and down her road throughout the day. Mrs. Pollard would like additional signs installed.

Adrian Vroegindewey 32 Old 84: Mr. Vroegindewey stated he was leery about the proposed decibel level and disagrees with it. Mrs. Vroegendewey stated the noise has been louder since last meeting.

MaryJo Vroegindewey 25 Oil City Road: Mrs. Vroegindewey stated the noise has been louder than previous weeks. Mrs. Vroegindewey explained there are no buildings or sound barrier to prevent the sound from traveling.

Donna Tomczyk 25 Oil City Road: Mrs. Tomczyk stated a resident called her and said they hear the music from 3.3 miles away.

Ray Tomczyk 25 Oil City Road: Mr. Tomczyk stated this issue has been going on Pre COVID and in the Winter, they have the entrainment confined inside. Mr. Tomczyk stated he contacted the State Police pertaining to the truck traffic on Oil City Road.

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 8:07PM

Respectfully submitted by

Michael L Restel

Administrator/Acting Clerk