

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP  
OF WANTAGE, 7:00 P.M. ON  
December 8 2022**

Mayor Bassani 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 Ron Bassani, Deputy Mayor Jon Morris and Committeeman William Gaechter, Also, present: Attorney Glenn Kienz and Administrator/Clerk Michael Restel.

Mayor Bassani 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 Bassani requested a motion to approve Resolution # 116-2022 to # 120-2022.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

**RESOLUTION:** Resolution directing the Land Use Board to reexamine the Master Plan of the Township of Wantage with respect to property known as Block 10 Lots 1.01,2.01,2.03 and 2.04 and Block 11 Lots 4,5,5.01,5.02,7,10 and 24.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Resolution awarding a contract for Replacement of Underground Fuel Tanks at Wantage Townhall to T.R. Weniger in the amount of \$224,000

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

REPORTS

Administrator/Clerk: Mr. Restel stated the season of hope toy drive will end 12<sup>th</sup> and to please if possible, donate toys to the bin out front in the lobby.

Mr. Restel stated he attended multiple meetings with the mayor discussing various items.

Mr. Restel stated there is a snow and ice system moving in Sunday night drive careful and do not park on the streets while it's snowing.

Attorney Report: Mr. Kienz offered no report

Mr. Morris offered no report.

Mr. Gaechter stated that it looked like a well-attended Christmas tree lighting.

Mayors Report: Mayor Bassani stated the Christmas Tree lighting was a success a lot of people attended the event.

Mayor Bassani stated he met with Mr. Restel and Mr. Keinz to discuss a legal matter.

Mayor Bassani stated he met with the CFO and Mr. Restel to discuss the DPW union contract.

Mayor Bassani stated he attended a Land Use subcommittee to discuss an Business expansion on a Wantage Property.

Approval of Minutes:

A Motion is in order to approve the minutes for the following Mayor and Committee Regular Meeting November 22, 2022.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

ORDINANCE

A motion is in order to Adopt Ordinance #08-2022 a Fully funded Ordinance to provide funding for the purchase of One DPW Truck and Appropriating the Sum of \$123,665.00 for Purchase of DPW Truck.

Mr. Restel stated there is a small window to purchase these trucks which expires December 16, 2022, after that Ford is shutting orders down for 18 months.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Kathy Gorman Fernwood Road: stated her issue with Ordinance 2014-16 pertaining to Warehouses on a certain real property.

Mayor Bassani stated the Resolution passed tonight is not for anything to do with Ordinance 2014-16 just has to do with the mining operations. Discussion Ensued

Mr. Kienz stated New Jersey released a document pertaining to Warehouses in New Jersey and it will be difficult for warehouses to come to this area.

Mrs. Gorman stated she would like to know if the Township has any plans for Lake Neepaulin Pool.

Mayor Bassani stated at this moment Wantage does not have a plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A Motion is in order for the Mayor and Committee to enter into Executive Session to discuss:

1. Contract Negotiations

Meeting Adjourned 7:50pm

Respectfully submitted by

Michael L Restel

Administrator/Acting Clerk