

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF WANTAGE, 7:00 P.M. ON
MARCH 11, 2021**

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

Mayor Gaechter 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 Gaechter requested a motion to approve Resolution #34-2021- #39-2021 with the Removal of Resolution #34-2021 to be considered separately

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Mayor Gaechter requested a motion to approve Resolution #34-2021 for SCMUA Recycling Grant Submittal in the amount of \$300.00

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

REPORTS

Administrator/Clerk: Mr. Restel stated he was on a Zoom Meeting with US Representative Josh Gotthiemers office pertaining to the recently passed American Rescue COVID Bill.

Mr. Restel stated that nothing is set in stone yet with more to follow in the next couple days.

Mr. Restel Stated starting March 19th at 6am more restrictions pertaining to Indoor capacity limits will be raised for Restaurants, Gyms, Fitness Clubs, Indoor Recreational and Amusement, Barbershops, Salons and other Personal Care Businesses.

Mr. Restel stated he received the Parade Route for the 2021 Fireman's Parade and was looking for approval.

Mayor Gaechter, Deputy Mayor Bassani and Committeeman Morris approved the route.

Mayors Report: Mayor Gaechter offered no report.

Deputy Mayor: Mr. Bassani spoke about the pending High Point Litigation court case and the meeting with Senator Oroho.

Mr. Bassani stated the meeting with Senator Oroho discussed a possible Cap on the Cap and to go over student cost gap. Discussion Ensued.

Mr. Bassani spoke about the Farmland Preservation paperwork we received and wants to look further into for the next meeting.

Committeeman: Mr. Morris stated himself and Mr. Restel visited Wantage Plaza to look over the proposed upgrades to the rear of the building. Discussion ensued

Attorney Report: Mr. Kienz offered no report

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A motion is in order to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2021 Mayor and Committee Regular Meeting.

Mr. Bassani made a Motion and was seconded by Mr. Morris.

Upon Roll Call:

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

ORDINANCE

A motion is in order to Adopt Ordinance #02-2021 Amending Chapter 3 Police Regulations Noise Ordinance

Mayor Gaechter opened the meeting to the public

Dan Viet 5 Brink Road: Mr. Viet commended the Mayor and Committee for their passage of the Noise Ordinance.

Mr. Viet read into record some sound decibels and handed the paper to Mr. Restel to distribute.

Mr. Wallace 3 Oil City Road: Mr. Wallace stated who is the investigating officer and noise control officer.

Mr. Restel stated Sussex County Board of Health.

Mr. Wallace spoke about the Civil Penalty stated in the Ordinance.

Mr. Wallace stated the Ordinance states its for Commercial to Residential which will help in our case.

Mayor Gaechter requested a Motion to Adopt Ordinance #02-2021

Mr. Bassani made a Motion and was seconded by Mr. Morris.

Upon Roll Call:

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

A Motion is in Order to Adopt #03-2021 an Ordinance to Release and Extinguish the Right of the Public on a portion of Gemmer Road.

Mr. Restel stated this Ordinance is relinquishing the rights of the portion of road that leads to the Gemmer Road House.

Mayor Gaechter opened the meeting to the public

No one from the public spoke. Mayor Gaechter requested a Motion to Adopt Ordinance #03-2021

Mr. Bassani made a Motion and was seconded by Mr. Morris.

Upon Roll Call:

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

A Motion is in Order to Adopt #04-2021 an Ordinance authorizing and directing that title and possession of a portion of certain real property located in Tax Lot 11 in Block 143 and Lot 3.01 Block 142 as set forth on the official tax map of the Township of Wantage shall be acquired by purchase or gift.

Mr. Restel stated this Ordinance updates the Tax Books in Wantage.

Mr. Restel states the project was paid by the property owner and inspected by the Township Engineer.

Mayor Gaechter opened the meeting to the public

No one from the public spoke. Mayor Gaechter requested a Motion to Adopt Ordinance #04-2021

Mr. Bassani made a Motion and was seconded by Mr. Morris.

Upon Roll Call:

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

A motion is in order to Introduce Ordinance #05-2021 an Ordinance Amending Chapter 14A Stormwater Management of the Township of Wantage.

Mr. Restel stated the Ordinance states a major subdivision of over an acre must use green infrastructure to the furthest extent.

Mr. Bassani made a Motion and was seconded by Mr. Morris.

Upon Roll Call:

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Kathy Gorman Fernwood: Mr. Gorman spoke about the mail she received from Altice and the rates going up.

Mrs. Gorman stated she would like the Township to look into the Franchise Agreement that Wantage and then Service Electric signed. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Gorman stated on March 16th there will be a Zoom meeting with State Commissioner of Board of Utilities and would like to see a town representative on the call.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Upon Roll:

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

Meeting Adjourned 7:34 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Michael L Restel

Administrator/Acting Clerk