

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF WANTAGE, 7:00 P.M. ON
JANUARY 27, 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 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 Gaechter requested a motion to approve Resolution #16-2022 to #20-2022 with the removal of PO# 18439 Eye on Wireless in the amount of \$51.98

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

A motion is in order to approve PO# 18439 Eye on Wireless in the amount of \$51.98

Upon Roll Call:

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

A motion is in order to Appoint John C. Grey as Municipal Public Defender for the Wantage Joint Municipal Court year 2022 at the contracted rate of \$900.00 a month.

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 offered condolences to the Card and Dunn family on the passing of their loved ones.

Mr. Restel stated the RTV which Wantage received through the Fire House subs was delivered.

Mr. Restel thanked Joe Konopinski for his efforts j getting the grant.

Mr. Restel stated dog licenses are due by the end of January before late fees accrue.

Attorney's Report: Mr. Kienz stated we will be discussing the Pending Litigation in Executive Session.

Deputy Mayor Jon Morris offered his condolences to the Card and Dunn family on the passing of their loved ones.

Committeeman William Gaechter offered no report

Mayor's Report: Mayor Bassani he met with Mr. Mainardi owner of the Wantage Plaza pertaining to the Sorge facility concept.

Mayor Bassani stated he met with Bill DeBoer pertaining to the struggle of getting new recruits on the EMS squad.

Mayor Bassani stated he would like to look at the old ice rink at Woodbourne Park possibly to be turned into a Pickle Ball Court

Mayor Bassani stated he met with Nicole Dunn Wantage Recreation Secretary to talk about Exercise Stations and Extending the Walking Path at Woodbourne Park. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Bassani stated Wantage will have another sit down with Fathers Johns to discuss working together.

Mayor Bassani stated himself and Mr. Restel has a conference call with Flo technologies who install Electric chargers for vehicles. Discussion ensued.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A motion is in order to approve the minutes of the January 6 Mayor and Committee Regular Meeting and reorganization meeting

Mr. Morris made a Motion and was 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 #01-2022 an Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation limits and establish a CAP Bank for Calendar Year 2022.

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

Mayor Bassani opened the meeting to the Public

No one from the public spoke

Upon Roll Call:

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Dan Viet 5 Brink Road: Mr. Viet thanked Chris VonOesen and Wantage DPW for their work on getting the snow removed from the corner of Brink Road and Route 23.

Mr. Viet stated he would like to see more Speed Limit signs on Route 23.

Mr. Viet stated there are multiple signs coming into Town but none going out of town on Route 23.

Mark Luce Judge Beach Road: Mr. Luce asked if there was an update on the cannabis Ordinance.

Mayor Bassani stated we are working on it.

Mr. Luce stated he would like to know who he can contact to get on the Agriculture Board.

Mr. Morris stated to reach out to Mr. Byma or Mr. Parker Space. Discussion ensued

A motion is in order to approve resolution #21-2021 for the Mayor and Committee to enter into executive session to discuss the following:

- (1) Shared Services
- (2) Pending Litigation

Mayor Bassani requested a motion to return to the public meeting

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

Upon Roll:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Bassani requested a motion to adjourn

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

Upon Roll:

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

Meeting Adjourned 7:47pm

Respectfully submitted by

Michael L Restel

Administrator/Acting Clerk