

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF WANTAGE, 7:00 P.M. ON
MARCH 10, 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 Bassani requested a motion to approve Resolution #30-2022 with the removal of PO# 18557 for Bassani Power Equipment LLC in the Amount of \$15,199.00

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# 18577 for Bassani Power Equipment LLC in the Amount of \$15,199.00.

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

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

REPORTS

Administrator/Clerk: Mr. Restel stated there will be new voting machines in New Jersey starting with the Primary Elections.

Mr. Restel stated himself and Mayor Bassani had multiple Meetings with different department.

Mr. Restel stated with the impending Winter Storm please don't park on the roads or touch live wires.

Attorney's Report: Mr. Kienz stated himself and Mayor Bassani met with Tennessee Pipeline company met to discuss the project. Discussion ensued.

Deputy Mayor Jon Morris offered no report

Committeeman Bill Gaechter: Mr. Gaechter offered no report

Mayor Bassani stated he met with Tennessee Pipeline to discussed getting Money for the Township and Emergency Management equipment need for the site. Discussion Ensued.

Mayor Bassani stated himself and Mr. Restel met with Steve Welch from Bruno Associates pertaining to Grants available for Wantage Township.

Mayor Bassani stated he had a meeting with Mr. Marcus Luce pertaining to his Hemp Farm.

Mayor Bassani stated he met with Mayor Meyer of Sussex Borough to discuss the various Shared Services.

Mayor Bassani stated he would like explore next year teaming up with Sussex Borough for the yearly fishing derby.

Mayor Bassani stated Mayor Meyer stated the Ladder Truck is getting older and the need to look into a new one. Discussion Ensued.

Mayor Bassano stated himself and Mr. Restel met with Harold Pellow to discuss installing 2 pickleball courts where the old ice rink is.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A motion is in order to approve the minutes of the February 24 Mayor and Committee Regular Meeting and Budget Meeting

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Larry Nelson 81 Clove Road: Mr. Nelson stated he would like an update on the Gun Range that is affecting his quality of Life.

Mayor Bassani stated the Township is in a unique position due to all the approvals were given in 2015. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Nelson stated his property value has decreased due to the Gun Range and would like a tax credit or deduction.

Mayor Bassani stated if you feel your taxes are too high file a tax appeal at Townhall. Discussion Ensued.

Marcus Luce Judge Beach Road: Mr. Luce spoke about the Letter of Support that was emailed.

Mayor Bassani read into record the Letter of Support.

Mr. Luce spoke about the process at his Hemp farm and invited the Mayor and Committee to his property to see how its processed. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Gaechter stated he would like Mr. Kienz to review the Letter before singing it.

Mr. Morris stated he has a hard time signing due to his belief against Cannabis. Discussion ensued.

Kathy Gorman Fernwood Road: Mrs. Gorman stated her concerns with the pathway of the trucks entering the new Shoprite site.

Mrs. Gorman stated it looks like there was a change to the site plan.

Mrs. Gorman would like to know the entrance on the Wantage side still has a guard rail in front of the driveway. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Gorman stated she saw good news on Facebook with the change of Animal Pound to Wantage Township Animal Shelter.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Bassani requested a motion to adjourn

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

Upon Roll:

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

Meeting Adjourned 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted by

Michael L Restel

Administrator/Acting Clerk