

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP  
OF WANTAGE, 7:00 P.M. ON  
MAY 12, 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 Jonathan 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."

PROCLMATION: Mayor Bassani read into record a proclamation declaring May is Williams Syndrome Awareness Month

DISCUSSION: Mayor Bassani stated Wantage will look into the Farming on the Berry Road Property.

Mayor Bassani opened the meeting the public.

Kathy Gorman Fernwood Road: Mrs. Gorman asked what was being farmed on the property.

Mrs. Gorman stated the stream is considered C-1 and there shall not be chemicals sprayed near there.

Mrs. Gorman stated as per New Jersey DEP farming is not allowed on a Green Acres property. Discussion Ensued.

Mayor Bassani stated he would like to set up a meeting with the farmer to discuss the future plans.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Bassani requested a motion to approve Resolution #36-2022 to #44-2022 with the removal of PO# 18547 for Bassani Power Equipment LLC in the Amount of \$11.92 and PO# 18603 to Bassani Power Equipment LLC in the amount of \$734.52

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

A Motion is in order to Approve PO# 18577 for Bassani Power Equipment LLC in the Amount of \$11.92 and PO# 18603 to Bassani Power Equipment LLC in the amount of \$734.52

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

## REPORTS

Administrator/Clerk: Mr. Restel stated he met with Mayor Bassani and a Representative from a Pickleball Company to discuss installing courts.

Mr. Restel stated he has a phone call with Steve Welsh from the Grant company to discuss further and present grant opportunities.

Mr. Restel stated bulky waste tickets are still available for \$45 with a max of 500 pounds.

Deputy Mayor Jon Morris: Mr. Morris spoke about the Expansion of the Football Field at Woodbourne.

Mr. Morris stated the Meeting with Township Engineer was cancelled and would like to set up a meeting to discuss the project.

Committeeman William Gaechter: Mr. Gaechter offered no report.

Mayor Ron Bassani: Mayor Bassani stated he met with Mr. Restel and a Representative from a Pickleball Company to discuss the plan and design of the new courts.

Mr. Bassani stated we are looking at 3 courts at the old outdoor ice rink in Woodbourne.

Mr. Bassani stated he spoke with Mr. Restel to look into getting the Softball and Baseball field lips fixed.

## APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A motion is in order to approve the minutes of the March 24<sup>th</sup> Mayor and Committee Regular Meeting and April 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

March 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

April 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

ORDINANCE:

A motion is in order to Adopt Ordinance #03-2022 Appropriating the sum of \$4,000 for Emergency Management Improvements.

Mayor Bassani opened the meeting to the public:

Mr. Restel stated the monies will be used to purchase a dual axle trailer for the UTV Wantage was awarded from Fire House Subs Grant.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Kathy Gorman Fernwood Road: Mrs. Gorman asked if the committee has discussed putting Lake Neepaulin on the ROSI.

Mayor Bassani stated there has been no discussion pertaining to the ROSI.

Mrs. Gorman stated Lake Neepaulin has to go on the ROSI. Discussion Ensued.

John Nuss 29 Beemer Road: Mr. Nuss spoke about Grant Monies being available.

Mr. Nuss stated if there has been any progress on getting the 4-way stop approved where the fatal accident happened on Libertyville and CR 519.

William LaSalla 123 Rose Morrow Road: Mr. LaSalla stated there are major property grade issues at 116 and 120 Wantage School Road that is starting to erode the side of the road.

Emil Conforth Route 56: Mr. Conforth stated his complaints about the Top Soil places located in Wantage NJ

Mr. Conforth asked the Committee why so many D Variances have been handed out in Wantage.

Mr. Conforth asked if fishing was allowed at the Berry Road Property.

Mayor Bassani stated yes and its catch and release only.

Joe Retz Libertyville Road: Mr. Retz stated with the inflation rising drastricall4y the farmer should plant corn, soy or wheat at Berry Road to help out the local citizens.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Bassani requested a motion to adjourn

Mr. Gaechter made a Motion and was seconded by Mayor Bassani

Upon Roll Call:

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

Meeting Adjourned 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted by

Michael L Restel

Administrator/Acting Clerk