

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF WANTAGE, 7:00 P.M. ON
JUNE 9, 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."

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Bassani requested a motion to approve Resolution #56-2022 to #61-2022 with the removal of PO# 18783 for Bassani Power Equipment LLC in the Amount of \$3,400.00

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# 18783 for Bassani Power Equipment LLC in the Amount of \$3,400.00

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 congratulated Mayor Bassani on his primary win.

Mr. Restel thanked the Nancy, Wayne and Kaitlynn Vanhorn for their hard work during the Miss Wantage Contest.

Mr. Restel stated he had multiple meetings with the Mayor to discuss various items.

Mr. Restel stated he met with High Point Youth Football to discuss the expansion of Woodbourne Park football field and the league was given the OK to move forward.

Mr. Restel stated Petilo Construction is donating all the equipment and Fairclough is donating all the fuel for the equipment.

Attorney: Mr. Kienz stated there were settlements on Tax Appeals

Mr. Kienz stated he spoke to Mr. Collins who represents MNL farms and they are talking to a sound expert pertaining to the Gun Range.

Mr. Morris stated the farmer who farmed Berry Road is no longer interested in Farming the property.

Mr. Morris spoke about the expansion of the football field at Woodbourne.

Mr. Gaechter congratulated Mayor Bassani on his primary victory.

Mr. Gaechter asked if discussions have begun with new farmers for Berry Road.

Mayor Ron Bassani: Mayor Bassani stated himself and Mr. Restel met the Systema family to discuss their plans on farming Berry Road.

Mayor Bassani stated they are going to plant soybean once approval is given.

Mayor Bassani requested a motion to approve the Systema Family to farm Berry Road for a period of 3 ½ years.

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

All were in Favor

Mayor Bassani stated he met with the disc golf people and went over their layout plans and will report back.

Mayor Bassani stated tomorrow their will mor DPW union negotiations.

Mayor Bassani stated we are still revisiting the Pickleball costs and other avenues.

Mayor Bassani stated Wantage has applied for multiple grants and awaiting determination.

Mayor Bassani stated 2022 Miss Wantage Julia Dunn, Little Miss Wantage Scarlett Jolene Rose Kimkowski and Little Mr. Wantage Vincent Louis Sisto

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A motion is in order to approve the minutes of the May 26th Mayor and Committee Regular Meeting

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

William Donkersloot Sandyston NJ: Mr. Donkersloot read into record a statement pertaining to the future of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and if approved to a National Park many outdoor activities would be banned including fishing and hunting. Discussion Ensued.

William LaSalla 123 Rose Morrow Road: Mr. LaSalla stated about the grading issue on Wantage School Road.

Mayor Bassani stated we are actively looking into the issue. Discussion Ensued

Rich Gannon Black Dirt Road: Mr. Gannon asked Mayor Bassani if a letter has been written on behalf of the Township to NJDEP for his case.

Mayor Bassani stated No and we are meeting with DEP next week. Discussion Ensued.

Lisa Calando: Mrs. Calando stated she would like to see the Township help Mr. Gannon.

Joe Retz 145 Libertyville Road: Mr. Retz stated it was a great newsletter on behalf of the Mayor.

Mr. Retz would like to know what's going on with the activity behind his house.

Mayor Bassani stated we are awaiting results.

Mayor Bassani stated we are looking into the lop hole in our dirty dirt ordinance.

Mayor Bassani sated pertaining to Clove Hill Manor you'll need to get a Variance. Discussion ensued.

A Motion is in order to approve Resolution #62-2022 for the Mayor and Committee to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following:

1 Contract Negotiations

2. Personnel

Mr. Kienz read into record the resolution.

Mayor and Committee exited out of Executive Session at 8:00PM

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Bassani requested a motion to adjourn

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:01pm

Respectfully submitted by

Michael L Restel

Administrator/Acting Clerk