

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF WANTAGE, 7:00 P.M. ON
JUNE 23, 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."

PRESENTATION:

Ashley Wilson discussed the 2022 Budget mid-year report.

Mrs. Wilson stated the tax revenue is on the same pace as last year.

Mr. Wilson stated the only worry is the fuel budget due to the massive increase in prices.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Bassani requested a motion to approve Resolution #63-2022 to #70-2022.

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 Resolution #65-2022 Awarding Contract for ADA Improvements to Wantage Township Municipal Building.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

A Motion is in order to Approve resolution awarding of Coykendall Road Section II roadway improvements to Your Way Construction in the amount of \$198,772.15.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

REPORTS

Administrator/Clerk: Mr. Restel stated the South Shore Drainage Project will begin June 28th.

Mr. Restel stated the bid opening for Coykendall Road has been awarded to Your Way Construction.

Mr. Restel stated Central School paving paperwork has been approved by the state.

Mr. Restel stated ADA improvements contract were approved.

Mr. Restel stated the new fire truck was delivered on Wednesday.

Mr. Restel stated the Lake Neepaulin boat has been repaired which was damaged by kids throwing the blocks into the lake.

Mr. Restel stated High Point Youth Football is asking for the townships help with DGA delivery.

Attorney Report: Mr. Kienz stated he spoke to the company handling the noise testing at the Gu Range and they are working on a report.

Mr. Kienz stated there is no time table for the report to be available.

Mr. Morris offered no report.

Mr. Gaechter offered no report

Mayor Ron Bassani: Mayor Bassani stated he met with the Native Plant Association to discuss their future projects at Berry Road.

Mayor Bassani stated he had a meeting with NJDEP pertaining to Black Dirt Road.

Mayor Bassani stated we are going to look into different avenues pertaining to the Pickle Ball courts.

Mayor Bassani stated the new farmer will begin on Berry Road.

Mayor Bassani stated DPW union negotiations will resume June 28th

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A motion is in order to approve the minutes of the June 9th 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

ORDINANCE:

A Motion is in Order Introduce Ordinance #04-2022 Appropriating the sum of \$40,000 for ADA improvements to Wantage Township Municipal Building.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Larry Nelson 81 Clove Road: Mr. Nelson spoke about the noise ordinance and read into record the section that states "Everyone Resident of Wantage is entitled to a Quality of Life".

Mr. Gaechter stated Gunn rages are exempt from the Noise Ordinance.

Mayor Bassani stated the sound experts are looking into it and Mr. Kienz will follow up.

William LaSalle 123 Rose Morrow Road: Mr. LaSalle would like an update on Wantage School road and the ditch.

Mayor Bassani stated our Engineers are looking into it.

A Motion is in order to approve Resolution #71-2022 for the Mayor and Committee to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following:

1 Pending Litigation

Mr. Kienz read into record the resolution.

Mayor and Committee exited out of Executive Session at 7:45PM

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 7:46pm

Respectfully submitted by

Michael L Restel

Administrator/Acting Clerk