

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF WANTAGE, 7:00 P.M. ON
AUGUST 18, 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, Committeeman William Gaechter. Also, present: Attorney Glenn Kienz and Administrator/Clerk Michael Restel. Deputy Mayor Jon Morris was absent

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 #78-2022 to #83-2022.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Approval PO# 18896 to Bassani Power Equipment LLC in the amount of \$14.93 was pushed to next meeting

REPORTS

Administrator/Clerk: Mr. Restel stated the front walkway repair will be starting over the weekend.

Attorney Report: Mr. Kienz stated there was a suit filed against Wantage Township and has been submitted to insurance.

Mr. Gaechter offered no report

Mayor Ron Bassani: Mayor Bassani stated himself and Mr. Restel will meet to discuss the final plan for Pickleball courts.

Mayor Bassani stated he met with Ben from Little League and discussed field improvements and Semi Permanent Mounds.

Mayor Bassani stated he met with Emergency Manger Joe Konopinski to discuss the renewal of Vernon Antenna Tower contract.

Mayor Bassani stated he advised disc golf personnel to mark out the trees that needs to be removed to install their baskets.

Mayor Bassani stated the contract is ending with Bruno Associates for Grant writing Services.

Mayor Bassani and Mr. Gaechter approved to extend it to the end of the year.

Mayor Bassani stated he had a meeting with a Landowner on Lower Unionville pertaining to growing cannabis.

Mayor Bassani stated Congressman Gotthierner would like to set up a satellite office before one of the September meetings.

Mayor Bassani stated Mr. Restel and I met with Sussex Borough to discuss possible Sewer Hook ups for a property in Wantage.

Mayor Bassani stated he met with the Pilots Association to discuss the Airport.

Mayor Bassani stated MR. Restel and I met with Rich from JCPL who took over Jackie Espinoza position within JCPL.

Mayor Bassani stated Wantage Township received \$5,000 to repair parts of the Walkway at Woodbourne Park.

Mayor Bassani asked Mr. Kienz to look into Workman's Compensation for Unionville Fire Department.

Mayor Bassani stated he will sign a letter for the Rail Trail that goes through Wantage and will be sent to New Jersey Fish and Wildlife

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A motion is in order to approve the minutes of the July 14 Mayor and Committee Regular 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 Introduce Ordinance #05-2022 an Ordinance amending the revised general ordinance of the Township of Wantage Chapter XIII of the Municipal Code of the Township of Wantage Entitled "Zoning" by amending section 13-24.21 "Wireless Telecommunications Towers, Antennas and Facilities". "General Requirements for all Towers, Antennas and Facilities"

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Mayor Bassani stated this Ordinance states when a Cell Phone Tower comes to Wantage and First Responders are allowed to put their antennas on the tower back up power must be provided.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Frank Catanese 512 CR 519: Mr. Catanese stated he is a member of the Pilot's Association at the Sussex Airport.

Mr. Catanese stated he is seeking to keep the airport open.

Mr. Catanese stated it appears the Airport owner is looking to sell it. Discussion ensued.

Jonathan Welsh: Mr. Welsh read into record a written statement.

Mr. Welsh stated there is no fuel for piston engine planes which represents the majority of the planes at Sussex Airport.

Mr. Welsh stated the tie down fees have risen drastically from \$175 a month to \$350.

Mr. Welsh stated Aeroflex in Andover is \$75 a month. Discussion Ensued

Jim Vanhouten 5 Northfield Drive: Mr. Vanhouten stated it is unacceptable when the run way lights were off overnights.

Mr. Vanhouten stated that's a FAA violation.

Mr. Vanhouten stated his son could not finish his night time flight credits due the airport not turning the lights on.

Bill DeBoer Beemer Road: Mr. DeBoer stated First Aid is looking for a new ambulance.

Mr. DeBoer stated the 2005 Ambulance has a severe oil leak and is timely job and expensive.

Mr. DeBoer stated the age of the Ambulances catching up to the fleet.

Stan Gardner: Mr. Gardner stated he would like to see the Vernon Tower as our Primary Tower.

Mayor Bassani stated to set up a meeting with joe Konopinski to discuss further.

Kathy Gorman Fernwood Road: Mrs. Gorman stated she would like to know why decision was bot made pertaining to Gotthiemers satellite office.

Mayor Bassani stated we will wait for Mr. Morris to return.

Mrs. Gorman stated I hope this is not politically driven. Discussion Ensued

Larry Nelson 81 Clove Road: Mr. Nelson stated he would like an update on the Gun Range.

Mayor Bassani stated the dirt has been removed.

Mayor Bassani stated he will follow up with Mr. Altiers to see where the sound proofing stands.

Mr. Kienz stated the Engineering consultant firm has been working on it.

Mr. Gaechter asked if gun ranges are exempt from the State Noise Ordinance.

Mr. Kienz stated Yes

Discussion Ensued.

Robert Smith 161 Rose Morrow Road:

Mr. Smith stated Wantage needs to amend its Noise Ordinance to state residential to residential.

Mr. Smith stated the Ordinance pertains to only Commercial to Residential.

Gloria Smith 161 Rose Morrow: Mrs. Smith stated she received a letter stating the probable cause case was denied. Discussion Ensued.

Ben Cerruti Joseph Drive: Mr. Cerruti appreciated all the help from DPW and Wantage Township.

Mr. Cerruti stated there were over 189 kids in Little League this year.

Mr. Cerruti stated he would like to see a dedicated Parks and Recreation worker.

Mr. Cerruti stated the worker would solely handle Turf Control and Line Striping. Discussion ensued.

William LaSalla 123 Rose Morrow Road: Mr. LaSalla stated over 4,000 square feet was milled off of Central School.

Mr. LaSalla stated that ruined the base integrity of the road.

Mr. LaSalla stated there is standing water on Central School Road.

A Motion is in order to approve Resolution #84-2022 for the Mayor and Committee to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following:

1 Personnel

2. Contract Negotiations

Mr. Kienz read into record the resolution.

Mayor and Committee exited out of Executive Session at 8:15PM

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 None Abstain: None

Meeting Adjourned 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted by

Michael L Restel

Administrator/Acting Clerk