

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF WANTAGE, 7:00 P.M. ON
SEPTEMBER 22, 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 #88-2022 to #91-2022.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Resolution: Resolution in Opposition to the reassignment by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection of all municipalities currently designated Tier B under the Municipal separate Storm Sewer System Permit Program to Tier A Designation.

Mayor Bassani read into record the Resolution.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

REPORTS

Administrator/Clerk: Mr. Restel stated the front walkway railings will be installed next week.

Mr. Restel stated he attended 3 different subcommittee meetings with the mayor.

Mr. Restel stated the 5K is this Saturday 9am at Woodbourne Park.

Attorney Report: Mr. Kienz offered no report.

Mr. Gaechter offered no report

Mr. Morris offered no report.

Mayors Report: Mayor Bassani stated he met with the Disc Golf group and went over the plans to move forward.

Mayor Bassani stated there are many natural fairways on the woods.

Mayor Bassani stated Wantage is awaiting a proposal from Mr. Pellow for Pickleball.

Mayor Bassani stated he met with Planet Networks to discuss the future broadband for Wantage Township.

Mayor Bassani stated Planet Networks said it will be a 2-year timeline to get broadband in Wantage.

Mayor Bassani stated he attended 3 separate Subcommittee Meetings.

Mayor Bassani requested a motion to approve \$5,000 to purchase a Line Painting Machine for Woodbourne Park.

The purchased was approved unanimously.

Mayor Bassani requested a motion to discuss a letter to reprieve taxes on a lot Layton Road.

Discussion ensued and the Mayor and Committee denied the request.

Approval of Minutes:

A Motion is in order to approve the minutes for the following Mayor and Committee Regular Meeting:

August 18, 2022:

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

September 8, 2022:

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

ORDINANCE:

A motion is in order to Adopt Ordinance#06-2022 an Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$20,000 for the purchase of a Mounted V Box Spreader.

Mayor Bassani opened the meeting to the public.

No one from the public spoke.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Larry Nelson 81 Clove Road: Mr. Nelson read into record a pre written statement.

Mr. Nelson stated he would like an update from Mr. Kienz pertaining to the acoustical study.

Mr. Kienz stated the report should be final in the next couple weeks.

Mayor Bassani stated MNL Farms Gun Range does have the right to operate.

Joe Retz 145 Libertyville Road:

Mr. Retz would like to see more done with the Soil Import Ordinance.

Mr. Retz stated 50-60 trucks are delivering dirt to a property in Wantage. Discussion Ensued.

Frank Catanese 512 CR519: Mr. Catanese stated he would like to see a letter sent to the FAA from the Township in support of keeping it an airport. Discussion Ensued.

Kathy Gorman Fernwood Road: Mrs. Gorman stated the dirty dirt sign near Fred Hough's farm is over grown.

Ben Cerruti Joseph Drive: Mr. Cerruti thanked the Township for working together with the youth sports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A Motion is in order to approve Resolution#92-2022 for the Mayor and Committee to enter Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Contract Negotiations

Mayor Bassani requested a motion to adjourn

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Meeting Adjourned 7:48pm

Respectfully submitted by

Michael L Restel

Administrator/Acting Clerk