

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF WANTAGE, 7:00 P.M. ON
OCTOBER 13 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, Deputy Mayor Jon Morris was Absent. 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 #94-2022 to #98-2022. With the removal of PO# 101090 for Bassani power Equipment LLC in the amount of \$64.89

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Resolution: Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey authorizing the creation of a parents Bill of Rights concerning the protection and education of children in the Township of Wantage.

Mayor Bassani read into record the Resolution.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

REPORTS

Administrator/Clerk: Mr. Restel stated Wantage Day was a success and has been hearing a lot of great things about it.

Mr. Restel: stated he had multiple meetings with the Mayor pertaining to Ordinances and DPW Union Negotiations.

Attorney Report: Mr. Kienz offered no report.

Mr. Gaechter: Stated he missed Wantage Day but heard a lot of great things about it.

Mr. Gaechter stated this upcoming Saturday is Sussex Day and to check it out.

Mayors Report: Mayor Bassani stated Wantage 5K was well attended and his son came in first in his age group and second overall.

Mayor Bassani stated his meeting with Mr. Altiers has been postponed due to Mr. Altiers hurting his back.

Mayor Bassani stated he met with the DPW Union and will discuss further in Executive Session.

Mayor Bassani stated he attended the Wellness Testing at Townhall on September 29th.

Mayor Bassani stated he attend the Open Space meeting and discussed the possibility of having a Beautification Committee for 2023 as part of Open Space.

Mayor Bassani stated he met with the Prosecutor to discuss Ordinance changes.

Mayor Bassani stated Pickleball should be completed in 2023.

Mayor Bassani stated the need for more advertisement of Wantage Day.

Mayor Bassani stated he received a reprimand email from a resident pertaining to non-approval of a business.

Mayor Bassani stated he has a meeting with Planet Networks on October 25th.

Approval of Minutes:

A Motion is in order to approve the minutes for the following Mayor and Committee Regular Meeting September 22,2022 and Special Meeting September 30,2022.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

ORDINANCE:

A motion is in order to Introduce Ordinance#07-2022 authorizing and directing that title and possession of certain real property known and designated as tax block 12.02 lot 2 within the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey be conveyed by private sale to the contiguous property owner.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Bill DeBoer Beemer Road: Mr. DeBoer stated he was at Wantage Day all day and it was a success.

Mr. DeBoer stated he agreed with the passing of the Resolution for a parents Bill of Rights

Mr. DeBoer stated Wednesday 3 demo ambulances were presented to the First Aid squad.

Mr. DeBoer stated Wantage First Aid Squad would like to move forward with a Type 3 Van Front Ambulance 2-wheel drive.

Mr. DeBoer stated he would like to discuss with the mayor LOSAP changes.

Discussion Ensued.

Stan Gardner Moore Road: Mr. Gardner stated we should reach out to Fire Fighter 1 for more demos.

Mr. Gardner stated Fire Fighter one has 41 Type 3 Ambulances on order.

Larry Nelson 81 Clove Road: Mr. Nelson stated he would like an update from Mr. Kienz pertaining to the acoustical study.

Mr. Nelson stated the Noise Ordinance needs to be adjusted so the Zoning Officer and Code enforcer can issue tickets. Discussion ensued.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A Motion is in order to approve Resolution#99-2022 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 8:01pm

Respectfully submitted by

Michael L Restel

Administrator/Acting Clerk