

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF WANTAGE, 7:00 P.M. ON
OCTOBER 27 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 and Committeeman William Gaechter, Also, present: Attorney Louis Karp 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: Mr. John Marmora and Allen Campbell presented their rezone recommendations for Block 11 Lots 4,5,5.01,24 and portion of 10.

Mr. Marmora thanked the Mayor and Committee for the opportunity to present the proposed zone change.

Mr. Marmora stated the Havens Tract they are looking into a subdivision.

Mr. Allen Campbell stated the properties that will be discussed are Bicsak North, Blair House, Shot Meyer tract and Havens Tract.

Mr. Campbell presented the recommendations to each property and discussed what would need to be done. Discussion ensued.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Bassani requested a motion to approve Resolution #100-2022 to #103-2022. With the removal of PO# 18992 for Bassani power Equipment LLC in the amount of \$64.89 and PO# 18975 for Bassani Power Equipment LLC in the amount of \$407.85

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

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

REPORTS

Administrator/Clerk: Mr. Restel stated he attended the Sussex Wantage Chamber of Commerce Meeting last Wednesday.

Mr. Restel stated the Wantage Tree lighting will December 2 7pm at the Wantage Elementary School.

Mr. Restel stated Wantages Rabies clinic will be Friday November 4th 6-730Pm at the Wantage DPW Garage behind the Townhall.

Attorney Report: Mr. Karp offered no report.

Mr. Gaechter offered no report

Mr. Morris offered no report.

Mayors Report: Mayor Bassani stated he met with Planet Networks to discuss getting faster broadband to Wantage.

Mayor Bassani stated they discussed 3 different options.

Mayor Bassani stated Option 1 when new developments are coming to Wantage to have the developer add 4 conduits to electric, phone, cable and fiber

Mayor Bassani stated Planet Networks is willing to get fiber through Woodbourne Park to add spears as a Public Announcement.

Mayor Bassani stated that he will talk to OEM Mr. Konopinski to about the State P2S system radio system within the State.

Mayor Bassani stated he met with the Elks and discussed a Memorial Wall for September 11, 2023 for those lost in the Afghanistan and Iraqi War. Discussion Ensued.

Approval of Minutes:

A Motion is in order to approve the minutes for the following Mayor and Committee Regular Meeting October 13, 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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Joe Retz 145 Libertyville Road: Mr. Retz asked for an update on Coykendall Road.

Mr. Restel stated the delay is due to Sussex County Soil Conservation getting involved and requiring a permit.

Mr. Retz stated if Wantage knew the Quarry life span on the Route 23 Quarry that was presented earlier this evening.

Mayor Bassani stated 20 Years.

Kathy Gorman Fernwood Road: Mrs. Gorman spoke about Zoning Ordinance 2014-16 which states in the WED Zone Warehouses are allowed but Trucking Terminals are not.

Mayor Bassani stated he understood what Mr. Gorman meant but a Warehouse is different than a Trucking Terminal. Discussion Ensued.

Mayor Bassani stated Wantage Township will begin the review of their Master Plan.

Mr. Gorman would like to know who has the option to say No to a Warehouse Land Use Board or Wantage Committee. Discussion Ensued.

ORDINANCE

A motion is order to Adopt 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.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A Motion is in order to approve Resolution#104-2022 for the Mayor and Committee to enter Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Contract Negotiations
2. Pending Litigation

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