

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP  
OF WANTAGE, 7:00 P.M. ON  
NOVEMBER 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 and 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: Mr. John Mooney partner at Nisivoccia LLP.

Mr. Mooney presented a background of Nisivoccia LLP Auditing.

Mr. Mooney stated that provide auditing services to about 100 schools and towns.

Mr. Mooney stated they currently have 35 full time employees and looking to expand to 40 employees.

Mr. Mooney stated if appointed they will provide work for the 2022 Audit and help with 2023 Budget. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Bassani requested a motion to appoint Nisivoccia LLP as Wantage Township Auditor for the 2022 Audit.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Bassani requested a motion to approve Resolution #100-2022 to #103-2022. With the removal of PO# 19062 for Bassani power Equipment LLC in the amount of \$148.23.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

A Motion is in order to approve PO# 19062 for Bassani power Equipment LLC in the amount of \$148.23.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

## REPORTS

Administrator/Clerk: Mr. Restel congratulated Mayor Bassani on his Election Win.

Mr. Restel stated court will be returning to in person on the first of the year.

Mr. Restel stated there will be a court security meeting to discuss new protocols.

Mr. Restel stated Happy Thanksgiving to everyone

Attorney Report: Mr. Kienz stated Wantage is reviewing some litigation that was served to Wantage and will be looking into more.

Mr. Gaechter congratulated Mayor Bassani on his Election win.

Mr. Gaechter wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

Mr. Morris congratulated Mayor Bassani on his Election win.

Mr. Morris wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayors Report: Mayor Bassani thanked everyone for the congratulations on the Election.

Mayor Bassani wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Approval of Minutes:

A Motion is in order to approve the minutes for the following Mayor and Committee Regular Meeting October 27, 2022.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

## OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Kathy Gorman Fernwood Road: Mrs. Gorman asked about a question pertaining to 2 resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

Mrs. Gorman stated the National Opioid Settlement is Wantage Paying the amount or receiving.

Mayor Bassani stated receiving money.

Mrs. Gorman asked a question pertaining to the EMMA Grant who received this.

Mr. Restel stated this is a Grant for the Emergency Manager.

Joe Retz 145 Libertyville Road: Mr. Retz stated does Wantage have a plan in place when the Zoning Officer retires.

Mayor Bassani stated nothing has been submitted and will work on it.

#### ORDINANCE

A motion is in order to Introduce Ordinance #08-2022 a Fully funded Ordinance to provide funding for the purchase of One DPW Truck and Appropriating the Sum of \$123,665.00 for Purchase of DPW Truck.

Mr. Restel stated there is a small window to purchase these trucks which expires December 16, 2022, after that Ford is shutting orders down for 18 months.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Meeting Adjourned 7:24pm

Respectfully submitted by

Michael L Restel

Administrator/Acting Clerk