

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF WANTAGE, ON HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
888 ROUTE 23, WANTAGE, NEW JERSEY AT 10:00 AM ON January 16th, 2026, VIA Zoom.**

Mayor VanderGroef called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and requested that the Clerk call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the governing body were present: Committeeman Ron Bassani, Deputy Mayor Justin Dudzinski Mayor Justin VanderGroef. Also, present: Melissa Morales, Township Clerk and Michael Restel, Administrator.

Absent: Attorney Glenn Kienz

Mayor VanderGroef 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."

Mayor VanderGroef announced the appointments to the Land Use Board, as follows:

Justin VanderGroef, Class I member, for a term running thru 12/31/26
(Class I member must be either the Mayor or a Mayor's Designee)

Joe Konopinski	Class II Member	Exp. 12/31/2026
Ron Bassani	Class III Member	Exp. 12/31/2026
Jon Morris	Class IV Member	Exp. 12/31/2029
Larry Bono	Class IV Member	Exp. 12/31/2027
Joanne Kanapinski	Class IV Member	Exp. 12/31/2029
Michael Walther	Class IV Member	Exp. 12/31/2027
Chris Darmstatter	Class IV Member	Exp. 12/31/2027
Victoria Gill	Class IV Member	Exp. 12/31/2028
Joe Greenaway	Alternate #1	Exp. 12/31/2026
George Unverzagt	Alternate #2	Exp. 12/31/2027
Keith Albinson	Alternate #3	Exp. 12/31/2026
Hunter Space	Alternate #4	Exp. 12/31/2027

Jon Morris Deputy OEM #2
Alex Rubin Deputy OEM #3

Remove Alex Rubin from EMC Operations and Replace with Hunter Space

Mr. Bassani made a motion to approve and appoint the following to various township boards and seconded by Mr. Dudzinski.

Upon Roll Call:

Ayes: Bassani, Dudzinski, VanderGroef Nays: None Absent: None Abstain: None

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

No public in attendance

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor VanderGroef requested a motion to adjourn

Mr. Bassani made a Motion and was seconded by Mr. Dudzinski

All were in favor.

Meeting Adjourned 10:13am

Respectfully submitted by

Melissa Morales
Township Clerk