

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, HELD AT THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP BUILDING, 888 STATE  
ROUTE 23, WANTAGE NJ, AT 7 PM, ON  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2016.**

Mayor Bassani called the meeting to order, and requested that the Clerk call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the governing body were present: Mayor Ronald Bassani, Committeeman Jon Morris, and Committeeman William Gaechter. Also present: Attorney Glenn Kienz and Deputy Clerk Christine M. Von Oesen.

Mayor Bassani stated, "This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act, Public Laws 1975, Chapter 231, it has been properly noticed and certified by the Clerk."

Mayor Bassani invited all those in attendance to join in the Salute to the Flag.

Mayor Bassani requested a Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. REPORTS (Approval for Filing the Following)**

- Municipal Clerk Report for August 2016
- Registrar Report for August 2016
- Tax Collector Report for August 2016
- Board of Health Report for August 2016
- Land Use Board Report for August 2016
- Housing Report for August 2016
- Zoning Report for August 2016
- Driveway Report for August 2016

**2. A Motion is in order to approve a resolution authorizing the following refunds:**

- \$3,778.91 to Rolling Hills Properties, for Block 26 Lot 4 for tax overpayment.
- \$24,252.40 to US Bank for Block 52 Lot 4 for redemption of tax sale certificate 5-11.
- \$595.26 to Steven Triebes for Block 154.03 Lot 15.07 for tax overpayment.
- \$1,121.84 to Steven Triebes for Block 154.03 Lot 15.01 for tax overpayment.

**3. A Motion is in order to approve the Execution of Contract between the Township of Wantage and General Foundaries for a total of Contract Award of \$5,541.00 for work on:**

- Layton Road and Ryan Road in the amount of \$1,106.00.
- Old Clove Road in the amount of \$509.00.
- Clydesdale Ridge Road, Martingale Drive and Bridle Way in the amount of \$3,836.00.

4. A Motion is in order to approve the Execution of Contract between the Township of Wantage and General Foundaries for a total of \$959.00.

Pidgeon Hill Road Section IV in the amount of \$959.00.

5. A Motion is in order to authorize Change Order #1 to the contract entitled "Improvements to Layton and Ryan Road," representing a contract reduction in the amount of \$15,692.05, as per recommendation of Township Engineer Harold Pellow, for milling and paving of various roads.

6. A Motion is in order to authorize Change Order #1 to the contract entitled "Improvements to Old Clove Road," representing a contract increase in the amount of \$1,947.90, as per recommendation of Township Engineer Harold Pellow for milling and paving of various roads.

7. A Motion is in order to authorize Chance Order #1 to the contract entitled "Improvements to Clydesdale Ridge Road, Martingale Drive and Bridle Way," representing a contract reduction in the amount of \$10,339.20, as per recommendation of Township Engineer Harold Pellow for milling of various roads.

8. A Motion is in order to authorize Chance Order #1 to the contract entitled "Proposed Drainage Improvements on Cove Lane," representing a contract reduction in the amount of \$405.58, as per the recommendation of Township Engineer Harold Pellow.

9. A motion is in order to approve the completion of the Drainage Improvements of Cove Lane per recommendation of Township Engineer Harold Pellow.

10. A Motion is in order to approve Application for Blue Light permit for Colesville Volunteer Fire Fighter Bernard Langevin.

11. A Motion is in order to approve a Red Light/Siren Permit for Wantage Township First Aid Responder David S. Burns.

12. A Motion is in order to approve a Caterers Permit hosted by Crystal Springs Resort at the Clay and Oak Sporting Club Clove Spring Range on October 14, 2016, for the benefit of the Boy Scouts of America Patriots Path Council.

13. A Motion is in order to acknowledge and approve Notice of Intent to Renew an Aeronautical Facility License for Sussex Airport for the period of October 31, 2016 through October 31, 2017.

14. A Motion is in order to approve the May 3, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes.

15. A motion is in order to approve the July 19, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes.

16. A Motion is in order to approve the August 3, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes.

17. A Motion is in order to approve the August 11, 2016 Mayor and Committee Meeting minutes.

18. A Motion is in order to authorize Change Order #1 to the contract entitled “Line Striping Various Streets,” representing a contract reduction in the amount of \$741.60, as per recommendation of Township Engineer Harold Pellow as follows:

a. Contract to be awarded to C & V Paving Contractors for Havens Road – Section I and Dunvale Road for their low bid of \$391,255.30.

b. It is recommended that all three (3) bids be rejected for Lower Unionville Road – Section II.

c. It is recommended that contracts for Lower Unionville Road – Section II be awarded using the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council’s contracts, as follows:

1) Contract to be awarded to Tilcon New York, Inc., in the amount of \$136,332.00 for milling and paving.

2) Contract to be awarded to Denville Line Painting, Inc., in the amount of \$2,989.80 for line striping.

Motion by Mr. Morris, Second by Mr. Gaechter

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

## REPORTS

Clerks Report: Ms. Von Oesen detailed Township Engineer Harold Pellow’s study of traffic and proposed speed limit applicable to Quarry Road from Sally Harden Road to the cul-de-sac. Mr. Pellow established that the speed limit should be 30 mph. The Sussex Borough Clove Lake Maintenance Committee has informed that Clove Lake is having a water lowering of no more than 4 feet for the purpose of lake cleanup and dock and retaining wall repair. This is scheduled during the last half of October.

Administrator’s Report: None

Attorney’s Report: None

Committee Report – Mr. Morris: Mr. Morris continues in discussion with the Wantage First Aid Squad, which is experiencing internal issues and coverage issues. Sussex First Aid Squad is assisting with coverage. Mr. Morris, Joe Konopinski and the 2 squads continue to meet in their continued efforts to provide quality first aid coverage. Mayor Bassani added that he spoke to William DeBoer, who offered his assurance that there is first aid coverage.

Committee Report – Mr. Gaechter: None

Mayor's Report: Mayor Bassani was invited to speak at a Clove Hill Manor resident meeting, and he would like to make this an annual event. Ms. Gorman sent an email to Mayor Bassani indicating that she has been provided information from Fish and Game that the Lake Neepaulin fish population is in good condition and that Fish and Game may restock if necessary. The Mayor advises that the township will continue to look in to the aerator issue. The Mayor plans to discuss Fair Share Housing and Property Maintenance tonight. Mayor Bassani discussed issues between Frankford and Beemerville Fire Departments, specific to coverage and donations. Mr. Morris suggests that the Wantage Fire Chief and Deputy Chief sign the agreement, as has been done historically. Sussex Borough wants to build a walking path around Clove Lake. Mr. Gaechter advised that the path would traverse some privately owned Wantage properties. Mayor Bassani offered that Green Acres funding may be available for this project. Mr. Morris stated that Sussex Borough only owns the beach area. Mayor Bassani read a proclamation in support of Hardyston Township resident Nicholas DaSilva and all children fighting pediatric cancer.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

A Motion is in Order to hear of first reading Ordinance #2016-07 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM.

Motion is tabled, per Mayor Bassani.

A Motion is in order to approve on final reading Ordinance #2016-08, ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$9,500 FOR THE UPGRADE TO THE MEETING ROOM RECORDING SYSTEM.

The Mayor opened the meeting to those present for any comments they might have.

Ms. Gorman asked why the system is so costly. Mayor Bassani replied that it is for a State mandated court video conferencing.

Motion by Mr. Gaechter. Second by Mr. Morris.

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

A Motion is in Order to award the contract for the upgrade to the Meeting Room system to Gramco Business Communications, Clifton NJ, in the amount of \$7,054.00.

Motion by Mr. Gaechter. Second by Mr. Morris.

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

A Motion is in order to approve on first reading Ordinance #2016-09 AMENDING A SECTION OF Chapter 8, entitled "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, NEW JERSEY, ADDING A NEW SECTION TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR THE REGISTRATION AND

MAINTENANCE OF VACANT AND ABANDONED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES INCLUDING PROPERTIES IN FORECLOSURE.

Attorney Kienz offered insights into Ordinance #2016-09.

Motion by: Mr. Morris. Second by: Mr. Gaechter.

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

A Motion is in order to accept the terms of the settlement of the Mount Laurel litigation.

Attorney Kienz offered insights into the Mount Laurel litigation.

Motion by Mr. Gaechter. Second by Mr. Morris.

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

A Motion is in order to approve a Resolution by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage for Endorsement/Adoption of the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.

Motion by Mr. Gaechter. Second by Mr. Morris.

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Kathy Gorman stated that there had been a beach and swim party at the Lake Neepaulin Beach, which is not allowed by the Township. The NJSP were called, but they advised that they had no authorization to stop the event. Ms. Gorman is concerned that the water can be harmful to health, and that signage, rules, and enforcement must be established.

John Nuss is very pleased to hear that a Property Maintenance Ordinance is being established. RER continues to emanate foul odors. Also, Mr. Nuss believes RER is using more acres (20+) than they are paying taxes on (7). Mayor Bassani stated that Tax Assessor Kristy Lockburner has been working on that.

Joe Retz advises that he was told by new owners at the Toll Brothers location that the township would complete the road improvements at that area. Attorney Kienz advised that that was not true. Attorney Keinz stated that Toll Brothers will complete the roads. Wantage is not going to call the bonds.

Ann Smulewicz adds that the smell from RER does sometimes travel all the way to her property, but that does not bother her as much as the other neighbor by her property.

Kathy Gorman asks if the Property Maintenance Ordinance includes vacant (abandoned) properties not in foreclosure. Attorney Kienz replied in the affirmative. Mayor Bassani added that the criteria for abandonment is within the ordinance.

Hearing no other questions or comments from those in attendance, Mayor Bassani closed Open Public Session.

Mayor Bassani asked for a Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Mr. Morris. Second by Mr. Gaechter.

Ayes: Gaechter, Morris, Bassani      Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Von Oesen  
Deputy Clerk