

**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, HELD AT 7:00 P.M. ON
June 27th, 2019**

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 Ronald Bassani, Deputy Mayor Jonathan Morris and Committeeman William Gaechter. Also, present: Administrator/Acting 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 #82-2019 through Resolution #86-2019.

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #82-2019

**RESOLUTION ALLOWING SUSPENSION OF SECTION 26-2a FOR WANTAGE
DAY FALL FESTIVAL ON September 28, 2019**

WHEREAS, Wantage Day Fall Festival which is scheduled to occur in Woodbourne Park on September 28, 2019, is a significant event for the Township of Wantage; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Wantage wishes to increase the level of festivities and enjoyment for all participants; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage Fire Department is desirous of selling beer and other alcoholic beverages at Wantage Day Fall Festival in Woodbourne Park; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance Section 26-2a prohibits bringing alcoholic beverages into any park in the Township and consuming any alcoholic beverages in any park in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage believes that a temporary suspension of this regulation is appropriate to enhance the celebration of Wantage Day Fall Festival at Woodbourne Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, Sussex County as follows:

1. The prohibition of bringing alcoholic beverages to any park in the Township and the consuming of any alcoholic beverages in any park in the Township shall be suspended to permit the Wantage Fire Department, and any manufacturer of alcoholic beverages, acting through the Wantage Fire Department, to sell, and to permit purchasers over the age of 21 years of age who were not then intoxicated, to consume alcoholic beverages in Woodbourne Park on September 28, 2019 subject to obtaining all required federal, state and local approvals and licenses; and

2. The Township Administrator may establish such rules and regulations for the sale and possession of alcoholic beverages in Woodbourne Park for Wantage Day Fall Festival on September 28, 2019 as may be appropriate, subject to all statutes, laws, rules and regulations of the State of New Jersey governing the sale of alcoholic beverages; and

3. This Resolution shall not be deemed to authorize the bringing of alcoholic beverages into Woodbourne Park by any individual or entity other than as may be approved by the Township Administrator, and to be sold by or through the Wantage Fire Department; and

4. This shall be a onetime approval, and shall not be deemed to establish a precedent to allow the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in any park in the Township of Wantage.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Michael L Restel, Administrator/ Acting Clerk

Ron Bassani, Mayor

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, at a meeting held on June 27, 2019

Michael Restel, Administrator/Acting Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION # 83-2019

Resolution Renewing Liquor Licenses for 2019 - 2020 Licensing Term

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, does hereby approve the renewal of the liquor licenses named below for the licensing term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES

<u>License #</u>	<u>Licensee & Location:</u>	<u>Trading As:</u>
1924-33-004-005	CT PRODUCTIONS 47 BLAIR ROAD HAMBURG NJ, 07419	ABC POCKET LICENSE

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage, New Jersey, at a meeting held on June 27, 2019.

Michael Restel CPWM Administrator/Acting Clerk

RESOLUTION NUMBER 84-2019

**THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER TO THE
NORTH JERSEY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Wantage in the County of Sussex in the State of New Jersey that Michael Restel is hereby appointed as the Township Commissioner to the North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Nancy Van Horn _____ be and is appointed as Township's Alternate Fund Commissioner to the North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits Fund effective June 27, 2019.

APPOINTED AND APPROVED

Date June 27 2019

Mayor

Attest:

Michael L Restel CPWM
Administrator/Acting Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

**RESOLUTION #85-2019 AUTHORIZING A DISABLED
VETERAN EXEMPTION ON BLOCK 33 LOT 13.01**

WHEREAS, The Department of Veteran Affairs determined that Lawrence Doherty at 72 Moore Rd, Block 33 Lot 13.01 had a service-connected disability that was totally disabling effective February 23, 2019.

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has received a Claim for property tax exemption on dwelling house of Disabled Veteran, which was approved by the Tax Assessor on June 18, 2019.

WHEREAS, as per N.J.S.A.54: 4-3.30et seq, Mr. Doherty is entitled to a tax exemption on his property located at 72 Moore Rd from February 23, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is authorized to cancel taxes billed from February 23, 2019 to June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$3,431.54.
2. The Tax Collector is also authorized to cancel taxes billed from July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 when the final billing is completed.
3. The property will be marked Exempt in the 2020 Tax List.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.



Michael Restel, Acting Clerk/Administrator

REPORTS:

Administrator/Clerk: Mr. Restel spoke about concerns residents had about a piece of Property on Route 23 with overgrown grass. Mr. Restel explained that the notice was sent to the Corporation and there was a need to change the process of Wantage Township Property Maintenance Ordinance. Mr. Gaechter agreed that Wantage should look into changes with the Property Maintenance code and requested Mr. Restel to look into the fence issue at the County Concrete Property discussion ensued.

Mr. Restel spoke about New Jersey Senate Bill 1683 pertaining to Illegal dumping and discussion ensued.

Mr. Restel presented Mrs. Lisa Valiha as the candidate chosen for the part time position in the Tax Collectors office, Mrs. Valiha will start July 15th discussion ensued.

Mr. Restel spoke about purchasing an Electronic LED Sign for the Townhall to replace the existing sign on Route 23 in front and Recycled Plastic picnic tables at Woodbourne discussion ensued.

Mayor: Mayor Bassani spoke about the 911 Dispatch center tour and explained how the process worked. Mayor Bassani thanked Mr. Joe Konopinski for setting up the tour. Mr. Restel and Mr. Konopinski were part of the tour.

Mayor Bassani stated July 28th will be the Wantage Township Fishing Contest at Lake Neepaulin and discussion ensued

Mayor Bassani spoke about the newsletter and explained what will be included.

Mayor Bassani gave an update on the Historic Cemetery and the pending Union Contract Negotiations.

Mayor Bassani stated he would like Mr. Restel to look into a Grant Writer to see what Grants Wantage Township are eligible for.

Mayor Bassani spoke about the Shoprite project and Shoprite has plans to move forward.

Deputy Mayor Morris: Mr. Morris stated he spoke to Mrs. Pauline Nelson from New Jersey Fish and Wildlife about the bird issue in Wantage. Mrs. Nielson explained that New

Jersey Fish and Wildlife will respond if there is an issue with the health and safety of the birds, Wantage would need a noise ordinance and discussion ensued. Mr. Gaechter asked about a Site Plan and Resolution for the said property.

Committeeman Gaechter: Mr. Gaechter spoke about looking into a financial advisor to look at interest rates and our debt. Mr. Restel advised he will look into it. Mr. Gaechter asked about a message received from Sussex Borough pertaining to road work to be done on Route 23 and discussion ensued.

ORDINANCES:

Mayor Bassani stated A motion is in order to Adopt Ordinance #2019-05 An Ordinance of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$986,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$936,700 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF."

Mayor Bassani opened it to the Public, no public came forward

Mayor Bassani clarified this is covered in our Budget and is for Various Paving Projects and purchases of Equipment.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Bassani stated a motion is in order to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Committee Meeting June 13, 2019.

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

Mayor Bassani opened the meeting to the public.

William Lasala 123 Rose Morrow spoke about the major paving deficiency on Wantage School Road that was paved last year. Mr. LaSala spoke about being in the paving

business for over 40 years and explained why the pavement was cracking and discussion ensued.

Kathy Gorman Fernwood Road asked that resolution 82-19 that was approved on tonight's agenda be sent to the Fire Department to start the proper paper work needed for the Fall Festival. Mrs. Gorman stated there will be a smokehouse at the Fall Festival Mayor Bassani explained what it was. Mrs. Gorman wanted to know why Shoprite cared about who made the call about the Traffic Light issue discussion ensued.

Warren Wisse Wantage Township Recreation and Sussex Elks: Mr. Wisse stated every Friday Night we have our Ribs dinner, every Third Friday is Shrimp and Clams, July 21st Burgers and Bingo for Veterans, September 7th Casino Trip, September 13th 911 POW/MIA Dinner.

Mayor Bassani closed open session.

Mayor Bassani requested a Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

Upon Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Restel CPWM, Administrator/ Acting Municipal Clerk