

**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
July 11, 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. Administrator/Acting Clerk Michael Restel and Attorney Glen Keinz were also Present. Committeeman William Gaechter was absent.

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 #87-2019 through Resolution #92-2019. Mayor Bassani Pulled Purchase Order #16288 and postponed approval until the August 8th Committee Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mayor Bassani

Upon Roll Call:

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #87-2019

RESOLUTION APPROVING BILLS AND VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage in the County of Sussex that payment is hereby approved for all vouchers that have been properly authenticated and presented for payment, representing expenditures for which appropriations were duly made in 2018 and 2019 Budgets adopted by this local Governing Body, including any emergency appropriations, and where unexpended balances exist in said appropriation accounts for the payment of such vouchers.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage at a meeting held on July 11, 2019 in the Wantage Township Municipal Building, 888 Route 23, Wantage, New Jersey.

Michael L Restel Acting Clerk/Administrator

Township of Wantage Resolution No. 88-2019

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Lower Unionville Road – Section III project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wantage Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Administrator/Acting Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2020-Lower Unionville Road – Section III-00045 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Wantage Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Administrator/Acting Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Wantage Township and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement.

Certified as a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Township Committee on this __11__ day of _____JULY_____, 2019.

Michael Restel
Administrator/Acting Municipal Clerk

My signature and Administrator/Acting Municipal Clerk's seal serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the resolution above.

ATTEST AND AFFIX SEAL

Michael Restel
Administrator/Acting Municipal Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #89-2019

**AUTHORIZING OUTSTANDING CHECKS TO BE ESCHEATED TO
WANTAGE TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, there are currently Outstanding checks in the Municipal Court Account which have not been cashed and are currently stale dated, and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Court Administrator, Donna Chernov, wished to turn these checks over to the current fund,

Check 1270 for \$9.00 dated 05/21/18
Check 1289 for \$9.50 dated 07/16/18
Check 2126 for \$1.00 dated 07/31/18

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, does hereby authorize the above Outstanding Checks to be turned over to the Chief Financial Officer.

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 July 11, 2019.

Michael L Restel Administrator/Acting Clerk

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WANTAGE TOWNSHIP RESOLUION #90-2019

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF LOCAL AID AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD
STATE AID PROJECT**

BE IT RESOLVED

that the Township of Wantage recommends to the New Jersey Department of Transportation that the contract for Proposed Resurfacing of Sherman Ridge Road – Section II – Milling & Paving in the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, be awarded to Tilcon New York, Inc., 9 Entin Road, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054 in the amount of \$228,402.50 subject to the approval of the Department.

That the presiding officer of this body be and is hereby directed to sign for and on its behalf the contract in the prescribed form for said construction.

That the clerk of this body be and is hereby directed to seal said contract with the corporate seal of this body and to attest to the same.

Approved by the _____ Wantage Township Committee _____ 7/11/19
(Name of Local Government) (Date of Award)

(Presiding Officer)

(Date)

(Clerk)

(Date)

(Affix Seal)

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WANTAGE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #91-2019

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF LOCAL AID AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD
STATE AID PROJECT**

BE IT RESOLVED

that the Township of Wantage recommends to the New Jersey Department of Transportation that the contract for Proposed Resurfacing of Sherman Ridge Road – Section II – Line Striping in the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, be awarded to Denville Line Painting, Inc., 2 Green Pond Road, Rockaway, New Jersey 07866 in the amount of \$8,557.50 subject to the approval of the Department.

That the presiding officer of this body be and is hereby directed to sign for and on its behalf the contract in the prescribed form for said construction.

That the clerk of this body be and is hereby directed to seal said contract with the corporate seal of this body and to attest to the same.

Approved by the Wantage Township Committee 7/11/2019
(Name of Local Government) (Date of Award)

(Presiding Officer) (Date)

(Clerk) (Date)

(Affix Seal)

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION # 92-2019

Resolution Renewing Liquor Licenses for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 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

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES

<u>License #</u>	<u>Licensee</u>	<u>Trading As</u>
1924-33-006-006	Penne Vodka Inc.	Penne Vodka Inc.

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 July 11, 2019.

REPORTS

Administrator/Acting Clerk: Mr. Restel stated there were 2 Hazardous trees removed on Mudtown Road and the Wantage Dog park, local contractor removed the trees.

Mr. Restel met with Hardyston Township to discuss the Shared Service Agreement that expires at the end of the Year.

Mr. Restel stated Oil and Stone Skytop, 3 Sides of Gemmer Road, Rose Morrow, Hickory and Dewitt were underway.

Mr. Restel presented and discussed the LED sign for outside Town Hall, discussion ensued.

Mr. Morris made a motion to Approve the Purchase of the sign and Seconded by Mayor Bassani.

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

Mr. Restel reached out to Phoenix Advisors about looking at our debt and Consulting services, awaiting quote.

Attorney: Mr. Glenn Keinz spoke about the Property Maintenance Code for Wantage Township which has been circulated around the Township Departments for feedback. Mr. Keinz stated he would like to see it Introduced at the August 8th Meeting. Discussion Ensued.

Deputy Mayor: Mr. Morris SWAC Meeting was cancelled. Mr. Morris stated he 100 percent in favor of the Ordinances being presented. Mr. Morris wants to see the Township to pursue an enforcer for these Ordinances. Mayor Bassani explained why he keeps combining the two Departments Construction and Zoning. Discussion ensued.

Mayors Report: Mayor Bassani spoke about the Newsletter and the update. Mayor Bassani spoke about meeting Mr. Steve Welsh about Grant writing and discussed what Grants and Projects do we want to move forward with. Discussion ensued. Mayor Bassani spoke about the Contract Negotiations. Mayor Bassani spoke about the Fishing contest and allowed to spend up to Hundred Dollars for Trophies.

ORDINANCES:

Mayor Bassani requested a Motion to Introduce and First reading of Ordinance 2019-06 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter V Licensing of Dogs It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly keep or harbor any bird or birds which by causing frequent or long-

continued noise shall disturb the comfort or repose of any persons in the vicinity is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. Frequent or long-continued does not mean making unreasonably loud noise on infrequent occasions, but does mean making unreasonably loud noise sufficiently often so as to be unreasonably disturbing to other persons in the neighborhood. A bird or birds are considered to be in violation of this section when three (3) complains have been verified by a certified animal control officer within a four-week period.

Discussion ensued pertaining to the Verbiage of the Ordinance. Mayor Bassani stated he would like to see a section pertaining to the Right to Farm Act.

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mayor Bassani

Upon Roll Call:

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

Introduction and First reading of Ordinance 2019-07 REGULATING BRUSH, HEDGES AND REGULATING BRUSH, HEDGES AND OTHER PLANT LIFE NEAR ROADWAYS AND INTERSECTIONS AND ADDING SECTION _6__ TO CHAPTER _19__ OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE.

Mr. Keinz explained the reasoning for this Ordinance and discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mayor Bassani

Upon Roll Call:

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

MEETING MINUTES:

Mayor Bassani stated a motion is in order to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Committee Meeting June 27, 2019.

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mayor Bassani.

Upon Roll Call:

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Mayor Bassani opened the meeting to the public.

Ellen Smith Spring Hollow Road: Would like to know why the Bird Ordinance is under the Dog Licenses, Mr. Keinz explained it was the most logical place to put it.

William LaSalle Rose Morrow Road: Mr. LaSalle explained that he was at the last Committee Meeting and wanted an update about the road condition on Wantage School Road. Discussion Ensued.

John Diffly Pidgeon Hill Road: Mr. Diffly asked about the Property Maintenance Amendment and when will the public have the Opportunity to discuss.

There being no other public this portion of the meeting was closed.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael L Restel Administrator/Acting Clerk

