

**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  
August 8, 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 and Attorney Glenn Kienz.

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 #93-2019 through Resolution #100-2019.

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

Mr. Restel explained what each of the Resolutions were that were motioned to be passed. Discussion ensued

Upon Roll Call:

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

Mayor Bassani requested a motion to pay Purchase Order #16288 and PO# 16372 to Bassani Power Equipment LLC in the amount of \$1542.13

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

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

**TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE**

**RESOLUTION #93-2019**

**SUPPORTING THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX FREEHOLDERS BALLOT QUESTION**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Sussex Board of Chosen Freeholders recently attempted to place a question on the Election Ballot in November of 2019;

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey, through the Attorney General's Office too took steps to block the ballot question from appearing;

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Wantage supports the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders;

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Wantage supports a municipality or county's right to seek the opinion or direction of the public through ballot question or referendum where appropriate

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Wantage believed that the State of New Jersey is overstepping its authority and preventing a legitimate exercise of the Sussex County rights to seek voter opinion.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, Sussex County, New Jersey that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk by this Resolution the Township of Wantage supports the County of Sussex Board of Chosen Freeholders and expresses its displeasures that the State of New Jersey has interfered with local government by preventing a vote on an issue of public interest and consequence.

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 August 8, 2019.

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Michael L Restel, Administrator/ Acting Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION # 94-2019

RESOLUTION EXTENDING GRACE PERIOD

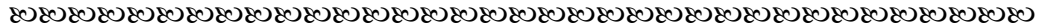
FOR PAYMENT OF 3<sup>RD</sup> QTR 2019 TAXES

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-64 provides that third quarter tax bills were to be mailed at least 47 days prior to the due date of August 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, because of delays outside of the Townships control, the bills could not be mailed prior to this deadline; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3d provides that when third quarter tax bills cannot be mailed by June 14, taxes shall not be subject to interest until at least 25 days after the tax bills are mailed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage that the grace period for payment of 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr 2019 taxes be extended to August 19, 2019. Any payments not made within this time shall be charged interest from the State set due date of August 1, 2019.



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 August 8, 2019.

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Michael Restel, Administrator/Acting Clerk

**WANTAGE RESOLUTION 95-2019**  
**STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND**  
**RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER**

WHEREAS, TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE (hereinafter "Local Unit") is a member of the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter "Fund"), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Fund's Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Fund Commissioner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE (Local Unit) that MICHAEL RESTEL (entity's elected official or employee) is hereby appointed as the Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the **Fund Year 2019**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NANCY VANHORN (second elected official or employee) is hereby appointed as the Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the **Fund Year 2019**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Unit's Fund Commissioner is authorized and directed to execute all such documents as required by the Fund.

Name of Entity: Wantage TWP

ATTEST:

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk

Print Name: Michael Restel

Title: Administrator

This Resolution agreed to the 8<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2019, by a vote of:

3 Affirmative 0 Abstain 0 Negative 0 Absent

**TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE**

**RESOLUTION #96-2019**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR IRRIGATION SYSTEM 5 & 6 AT WOODBOURNE PARK**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Wantage requested the Township Engineer to obtain bids for Irrigation System of Fields 5 & 6 at Woodbourne Park;

**WHEREAS**, Aspen Landscaping Contracting, Inc provided the lowest bid in the amount of \$65,850.00;

**WHEREAS**, Harold E. Pellow, the Township Engineer and the Qualified Purchasing Agent recommend award of the contract Irrigation System for Fields 5 & 6 at Woodbourne Park to Aspen Landscaping Contracting., Inc;

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has provided a certification of funds based on the attached certification;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex that it hereby awards the Irrigation System for Fields 5 & 6 at Woodbourne Park to Aspen Landscaping Contracting Inc, Union, NJ in the amount of \$65,850.00.

**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 August 8, 2019 in the Wantage Township Municipal Building, 888 Route 23, Wantage, New Jersey.

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**WANTAGE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTUION #97-2019**

**AWARDING RESURFACING CONTRACT TO FOR RYAN ROAD AND  
CENTRAL SCHOOL ROAD SECTION 1**

**BE IT RESOLVED**

that the Township of Wantage recommends to the New Jersey Department of Transportation that the contract for Proposed Resurfacing of Ryan Road and Central School Road – Section I – 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 \$174,039.60 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** \_\_\_\_\_ **8/08/19**  
(Name of Local Government) (Date of Award)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Presiding Officer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Clerk)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

(Affix Seal)

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**WANTAGE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION #98-2019**

**AWARDING LINE STRIPING FOR RYAND ROAD AND CENTRAL SCHOOL ROAD SECTION 1**

**BE IT RESOLVED**

that the Township of Wantage recommends to the New Jersey Department of Transportation that the contract for Line Striping of Ryan Road and Central School Road – Section I – Milling & Paving 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 \$6,319.58 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** \_\_\_\_\_ **8/08/19**

(Name of Local Government)

(Date of Award)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Presiding Officer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Clerk)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE**

**RESOLUTION #99-2019**

**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 August 8, 2019 in the Wantage Township Municipal Building, 888 Route 23, Wantage, New Jersey.

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Michael L Restel Acting Clerk/Administrator



**TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE**

**RESOLUTION # 100-2019**

**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

**PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES**

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

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**Committee Reports:**

**Administrator/Clerk:** Mr. Restel spoke talked about the Mediation between the Township and Union, being discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Restel spoke about Mrs. Lorraine Cards resignation from Recreation Committee due to an illness.

Mr. Restel spoke about the sit-down with Mayor Bassani, OEM Coordinator Joe Konopinski and County 911 system, will be discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Restel explained that the Air Conditioner Air Handler was repaired and the leak was remediated.

**Deputy Mayor Morris:** Thanked Mrs. Card for her Volunteer work on the Recreation Board and also Thanked all of our Volunteers who help out.

**Committeeman Gaechter:** Mr. Gaechter shared a letter from Congressman Josh Gotthiemer dated June 26, 2019 selecting the late Mr. Edward Vander Berg as the Fifth District Hometown Hero.

Mr. Gaechter shared an article pertaining to the Deckertown and Papakating Cemetery I Wantage was a recipient of a Historical Designation. Mr. Gaechter acknowledged that Mr. Ed Vander Berg and his wife spent a lot of time fixing up the cemetery.

**Mayor Bassani:** Read a message from the Vander Berg family thanking the Township for their kindness and sympathy after Mr. Vander Bergs Passing.

Mayor Bassani attended the Open Space Committee meeting and spoke about the Berry Road property and would like to have an Open Public Meeting to discuss the different ideas for the use of the property. Mayor Bassani said there will be a Facebook page with a survey section and also a section where the taxpayers can write a recommendation.

Mayor Bassani spoke about the Newsletter that was sent with the tax bills. Mayor Bassani explained the Dirty Dirt issue and that Wantage is currently looking into an 800 number to make an anonymous tip. Mayr Bassani reiterated if you see something say something.

Mayor Bassani spoke about the Wantage Fall Festival that will take place September 28<sup>th</sup> and read the list of vendors that will be there. Mayor Bassani explained that the Sheriff's Department will have their K-9 Unit there and the Helicopter will be there as well.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

Mayor Bassani stated a motion is in order to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Committee Meeting July 11, 2019.

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

Mr. Gaechter asked for a minor change in the minutes.

Upon Roll Call:

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

**ORDINANCES**

Introduction of Ordinance #08-2019 ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR 2019.

Mayor Bassani explained these salaries are for all Nonunion Employees.

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

Introduction of Ordinance #09-2019 AN ORDINANCE OF THE WANTAGE TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REPEALING SECTION 8-2.1 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE ENTITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE" AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW SECTION 8-2.1 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE ENTITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE".

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 Adopt Ordinance 06-2019 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.

Mr. Gaechter explained that he wasn't present for the last meeting and would like to hear what the public has to say first before we move it.

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

Mayor Bassani opened the Meeting to the public:

Paula Ashfield 1243 Route 23: read into record a letter she wrote explaining Under the Wing bird Sanctuary. Mr. Morris asked How many birds Mrs. Ashfield had. Mrs. Ashfield replied 90 birds and explained the different type of birds. Discussion ensued.

Kathy Gorman Fernwood Rd: Mrs. Gorman read into record a letter she wrote explaining her view on the ordinance. Mr. Gorman stated she reached out to New Jersey Fish and Wildlife and spoke to Mr. Applegate who is the divisions Attorney. Mrs. Gorman explained her concerns and frustrations on how the Ordinance is worded.

William Lasalla Rose Morrow Rd: Mr. Lasalla expressed her concerns over the Ordinance.

Collette Stansy Greenville Road: Mrs. Stansy spoke about how Mrs. Ashfield helped out with her Cockatiel and stopped the past weekend to donate bird cages. Mrs. Stansy stated that the residents that are complaining should stop and see what Mrs. Ashfield does for the birds.

Paula Ashfield 1243 Route 23: Mrs. Ashfield stated all the comments really touched her heart about her sanctuary.

Mayor Bassani closed the Open Public Session.

Mr. Gaechter spoke about being on the Committee longer than Mr. Morris and agreed with Mr. Morris about the number of complaints at the Sanctuary. Mr. Gaechter stated he not taking sides but his problem is with the Ordinance and boiling down to one paragraph will get us into trouble. Mr. Gaechter would like to see this Ordinance readdressed and is not comfortable with it as it reads.

Mr. Morris stated that nobody wants to throw you out of town and this Ordinance just wants people to be good neighbors. Mr. Morris said it definitely has it flaws and agrees with Mr. Gaechter that we should go back to the drawing board and should look into something more geared to a noise Ordinance.

### **Ordinance Tabled**

A motion is in order to Adopt Ordinance 07-2019 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.

Mayor Bassani opened it to the Public.

Mayor Bassani explained that this ordinance has to do with intersections and overgrown growth that interferes with site issues.

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:**

Alan Ataki Owner of Sussex Airport: Mr. Ataki spoke about the issues at the Airport, Mayor Bassani asked Mr. Keinz if Mr. Ataki would be allowed to proceed due to ongoing Litigation. Mr. Keinz advised Mr. Ataki to hold off any further comment. Mr. Ataki asked about Mr. Stefanelli and what his hours are. Discussion ensued.

Carlo Quist: Mr. Quist is a Tenant at the Sussex Airport spoke about issues the town needs to resolve. Mr. Quist will contact Michael Restel with further questions.

Alex Rubin Chief of Wantage Township Fire Department: Mr. Rubin spoke about the importance of a Knox Box for businesses in town, this will help the Fire Department gain access to business in an emergency situation. Discussion ensued.

William Lasalla Rose Morrow Road: Mr. Lasalla spoke about the resurfacing on Wantage School Road and the issues. Mr. Restel advised Mr. Lasalla that he will be meeting with Mr. Pellow shortly to discuss.

Joseph Bore 83 South Shore: Mr. Bore asked about lowering of the lake and explained the damage to his property. Mr. Bore explained that many of his neighbors are in the same situation and would like to get their properties repaired.

Victoria Que: Mrs. Que spoke about the importance of the airport in the area and how with the runway its size, her family friend will be able to land an ailing family member to get proper health care in New Jersey.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Bassani request a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Union Contract Negotiations & Personnel.

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

Mr. Keinz explained that none of the discussion in closed session will be discussed in 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 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Restel CPWM, Administrator/ Acting Municipal Clerk