

**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
October 10, 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 #115-2019 through Resolution #120-2019.

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

Mayor Bassani requested a motion to pay Purchase Order #16464 to Bassani Power Equipment LLC in the amount of \$213.45.

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

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

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE RESOLUTION #115-2019

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DISABLED VETERAN
EXEMPTION ON BLOCK 59 LOT 51**

WHEREAS, The Department of Veteran Affairs determined that Deborah Butkiewicz at 7 Sussex Rd, Block 59 Lot 51 had a service-connected disability that was totally disabling effective April 26, 2018.

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 September 26, 2019.

WHEREAS, as per N.J.S.A.54: 4-3.30 et seq, Ms. Butkiewicz is entitled to a tax exemption on her property located at 7 Sussex Rd from January 1, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Michael Restel, Administrator/Acting Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #117-2019

**AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR 911 DISPATCHING SERVICE
THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX**

WHEREAS, the Township of Wantage and the County of Sussex wish to enter into a Shared Service Agreement for 911 Dispatching services; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the proposed agreement, effective January 1, 2020, County of Sussex and Wantage Township shared service agreement, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq. permits municipalities to enter into a local service agreement for the sharing of services and expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to execute a Shared Service Agreement between the Township of Wantage and County of Sussex for 911 Dispatching Services for 5 years, starting January 1, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Freeholder Director and Clerk of the Board,

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 October 10, 2019 in the Wantage Township Municipal Building, 888 Route 23, Wantage, New Jersey.

Michael L Restel CPWM Administrator/Acting Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #118-2019

AUTHORIZING REFUND

WHEREAS, the Land Use Secretary has recommended the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage reimburse funds for a completed land use application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, does hereby authorize the refund of

\$78.23 to Nikki Havens for Block 1.02 Lot 13, 346 Route 284, for application L-17-01

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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 October 10, 2019.

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Michael Restel, Acting Clerk/Administrator

**TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE**

**RESOLUTION #119-2019**

**AUTHORIZING REFUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has recommended the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage reimburse funds for a tax overpayment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, County of Sussex, does hereby authorize the refund of

\$336.40 to Lawrence M, Doherty, Block 33, Lot 1301QFARM , 72 Moore Road. for tax overpayment.

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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 October 10, 2019.

Michael Restel, Acting Clerk/Administrator

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

RESOLUTION #120-2019

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 October 10, 2019 in the Wantage Township Municipal Building, 888 Route 23, Wantage, New Jersey.

Michael L Restel Acting Clerk/Administrator

Reports

Administrator/Acting Clerk: Mr. Restel spoke about the Success of the Suggestion box at Wantage Day and explained all the different Ideas that were presented.

Mr. Restel spoke about 2 more Illegal Dumping complaints and discussion ensued.

Deputy Mayr Jon Morris: Mr. Morris thanked the Volunteers that helped out at Wantage Day and that it looked like the best one in Years.

Mr. Morris thanked Ellen Smith for her time on the recreation Committee and wished her the best.

Committeemen William Gaechter: Mr. Gaechter spoke about Wantage day and it looked like a successful day.

Mr. Gaechter mentioned October 20th is Sussex Borough Day.

Mayor Ron Bassani: Mayor Bassani spoke about Wantage day and acknowledged that parking was the only real issue and we will revisit that next year. Mayor Bassani mentioned it was a beautiful day and having Wantage Day during the fall is the best time to do it.

Mayor Bassani stated he attended the Rotary Meeting with Mr. Restel and talked about many different topics about Wantage Township.

MEETING MINUTES:

Mayor Bassani stated a motion is in order to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Committee Meeting September 26, 2019 and executive Session Minutes on September 26, 2019.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Public Session:

Kathy Gorman Fernwood Rd: Mrs. Gorman read into record a letter pertaining to Wantage Township Planning Board Head Mr. Cecchini ticket and her concerns with the Board.

Mrs. Gorman spoke about the Biscak property on Route 23 and that the trees needed to be 5 feet apart.

William LaSalla 123 Rose Morrow Road: Mr. LaSalla does not agree the Township should be going back to the Problem the Engineer in fixing the road and Mr. LaSalla would like the Engineer to come and explain himself.

Mr. Lasalla spoke about the first aid squad and discussion ensued.

John Difiliy 403 Pidgeon Hill Rd: Mr. Difiliy mentioned that the Ordinance online is stated wrong and the section about foundation fill needs to be removed.

Mr. Difiliy gave an update on his neighbor's property and discussion ensued.

Executive Session:

A Motion is in Order to approve Resolution#121-2019 Authorizing the Township Committee to go into Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations, Personnel and Shared Services. Attorney Glenn Keinz read into record the Executive Session Resolution. Executive session started at 7:30PM

Mayor and Committee return to Business at 8:00pm

Mayor Bassani requested a motion to approve Resolution#122-2019 Reject Bids for Road Improvements on Coykendall and Layton Road

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

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

Mayor Bassani requested a motion to adjourn.

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:01PM

Respectfully Submitted

Michael L Restel CPWM,
Administrator/Acting Clerk