

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF WANTAGE, HELD VIA VIRTUAL MEETING 7:00 P.M. ON
JUNE 25, 2020**

Mayor Morris 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 Morris, Deputy Mayor William Gaechter and Committeeman Ronald Bassani. Also, present: Administrator/Clerk Michael Restel, and Mr. Glenn Kienz, Esq.

Mayor Morris 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 Morris requested a motion to approve Resolution #56-2020-#57-2020

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

REPORTS:

Administrator/Clerk: Mr. Restel stated Wantage Township received \$40,503.06 for Clean Communities Grant.

Mr. Restel spoke about the Townhall reopening to the Public July 6th.

Mr. Restel stated June 22nd Youth non-contact sports can resume, the Committee agreed to allow Youth Sports to resume on the sports fields as long as the guidance is signed by the Groups.

Mr. Restel stated July 2nd the playgrounds will be reopening.

Mr. Restel spoke about the July 7th primary election, polling places in Wantage are Beemerville Firehouse and Sussex Wantage Library. Mr. spoke about the election id predominantly mail in and if you show up at the polling place and are not visually impaired a paper provisional ballot must filled out.

Attorneys Report: Mr. Kienz spoke about the Youth Sport Guidance and the Township is covered under Title 59 Immunity.

Mr. Kienz spoke about the High Point Regional High School Budget Matter and explained to the Committee hiring of an expert to look over the numbers will be pertinent to winning the case.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Morris stated Wantage has been updating the website daily with all the updates pertaining to COVID-19

Deputy Mayor: Mr. Gaechter offered no report

Committeeman Bassani: Mr. Bassani spoke about attending the virtual Sussex Wantage Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Mr. Bassani spoke about the High Point Regional High School Budget Matter is moving forward and awaiting a decision. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Bassani stated 4 of the 5 sending districts are onboard with the Petition of Appeal, Frankford is the lone municipality not wanting to press the issue.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A motion is in order to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2020 Mayor and Committee Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Bassani and seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

Upon Roll Call:

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

ORDINANCE:

Adoption of Ordinance #06-2020 Ordinance to Appropriating the Sum of \$12,000 for repairs to Fire Truck 622 and 624

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

Mayor Morris opened the meeting to the public to comment on the Ordinance.

No one from the Public spoke.

Mayor Morris closed the Open Comments to the Public.

Upon Roll Call:

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

A motion to introduce Ordinance #07-2020 Authorizing and Directing that Title and Possession of a Portion of certain real property located in lots 8,9 and 10 Block 21 as set forth on the Official Tax Map of the Township of Wantage shall be acquired by Purchase and Gift.

A motion was made by Mr. Bassani and Seconded by Mr. Gaechter

Upon Roll Call:

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

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Kathy Gorman Fernwood: Mrs. Gorman spoke about if Wantage Township will look more into the Sussex Wantage School Budget. Mr. Restel stated that he will send the budget over to Mr. Kienz for review.

Mark Snook: Mr. Snook asked what would be done to sanitize the playgrounds, Mr. Restel responded each morning Wantage Township employees will spray the playground equipment with disinfectant.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Upon Roll:

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

Meeting Adjourned 7:20PM

Respectfully submitted by

Michael L Restel

Administrator/Acting Clerk