

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF WANTAGE, HELD VIA VIRTUAL MEETING 7:00 P.M. ON
OCTOBER 8, 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 #84-2020 -#86-2020 with the removal of PO#17281 for Bassani Power Equipment LLC in the total amount of \$165.17

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

A Motion is in order to approve PO# 17281 for Bassani Power Equipment LLC in the amount of \$165.17

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

Upon Roll Call:

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

REPORTS:

Administrator/Clerk: Mr. Restel stated the Ballot box will be emptied every day.

Mr. Restel thanked Wantage Township DPW for the installation of the new boat ramp at Lake Neepaulin.

Mr. Restel stated October 10th 9am to 12pm Wantage is holding a paper shred and tire turn in. Mr. Restel stated it is an 8 tire maximum rims are allowed.

Mr. Restel stated Wantage Township received a \$109,000 overall credit towards the Monthly Health Insurance payments.

Attorneys Report: Mr. Kienz had nothing to report referred it to Mr. Bassani

Deputy Mayor: Mr. Gaechter had nothing to report

Committeeman Bassani: Mr. Bassani spoke about the meeting with Mr. Kienz to discuss the Noise Ordinance. Mr. Bassani stated Wantage will be looking to abolish the introduced Noise Ordinance and aim one towards a Nuisance Ordinance. Mr. Gaechter stated to Mr. Kienz to keep him on the loop. Mr. Kienz spoke about the multiple departments that needs to be involved in the process. Mr. Bassani spoke about Enforcement and more personnel would be needed at a cost to the Wantage Tax Payer. Discussion ensued.

Mayors Report: Mayor Morris thanked Mrs. Anderson for filling out the Citizen Volunteer form and approves her to the Board of Health.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A motion is in order to approve the minutes of the September 24th, 2020 Mayor and Committee Regular Meeting.

Mr. Bassani mad a Motion and was seconded by Mr. Gaechter.

Upon Roll Call:

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

ORDINANCE:

Adoption of Ordinance #08-2020 Amending Chapter 3 under Police Regulations Regulating Noise.

ORDINANCE WAS TABLED TO A LATER DATE

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION:

Kathy Gorman Fernwood: Mrs. Gorman asked if there was an update pertaining to high Point High School Budget Increase. Mr. Bassani stated that High Point is looking to have the appeal dismissed. Mr. Bassani stated more paperwork has been filed and awaiting the Board of Education to state it its findings.

Mrs. Gorman asked if anything was going on with Sussex Wantage Budget increase. Mr. Bassani stated nothing has been presented to move forward and if Wantage was to move forward it would be another cost to the Tax Payer. Mr. Bassani stated with high Point we are splitting the bills with 3 other sending districts.

Frank Gwenus Central School Road: Mr. Gwenus thanked the Committee for looking into a Noise ordinance especially pertaining to Dog Barking. Mr. Gwenus spoke about a property near his residence that he has been in court for and would like to see better oversight over dog rescues in town. Mr. Gwenus stated a Dg rescue in Sparta has to have 2 Walkthrough site visits a year from the Board of Health

Adrian Vroegindewey 32 Old 84: Mr. Vroegindewey stated he was leery about the proposed decibel level and disagrees with it. Mrs. Vroegendewey stated he agrees with the Dog Barking aspect.

Mark Wallace 3 Oil City Road: Mr. Wallace read into record a prepared letter pertaining to the Noise Ordinance.

Donna Rockefeller 25 Oil City Road: Mrs. Rockefeller asked if Skylands could just lower the music so they could enjoy their back deck. Mrs. Rockefeller stated there needs to be enforcement for the cars parked on Route 284 it's a dangerous situation.

Doug Thompson Owner Skylands Craft Beer and Wine Garden: Mr. Thompson stated he purchased a Decibel reader and drove to a location on Oil City Road to measure the decibel level. Mr. Thompson stated it barely read on the meter.

Ray Tomczyk 25 Oil City Road: Mr. Tomczyk stated this issue has been going on Pre COVID and in the Winter, they have the entrainment confined inside. Mr. Tomczyk stated he contacted the State Police pertaining to the truck traffic on Oil City Road.

Mayor Morris closed the meeting to the public

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Upon Roll:

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

Meeting Adjourned 7:37PM

Respectfully submitted by

Michael L Restel

Administrator/Acting Clerk