

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021**

Mayor Cope called the regular meeting of the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners to order at 7:03 p.m. Present at meeting were: Deputy Mayor Louis Bourguignon, and Mayor Deborah Buzby-Cope. Also present: Solicitor JoAnne O'Connor and Acting Clerk Elizabeth Godfrey. Members of the public were present at this meeting.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Cope led the flag salute and read the sunshine statement.

A moment of silence was held for both Kyle Gormley and Robert Dole

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the regular meeting of November 1, 2021 were presented to the Board for review. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon, seconded by Mayor Cope. Votes: Cope-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. Minutes of the November 1, 2021 meeting were hereby approved.

BILLS LIST:

The motion was made by Mayor Cope to approve payment of the bills in the amount of **\$245,151.20**. The motion was approved by Mayor Cope seconded by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon. Votes-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes, All in favor and bills were ordered paid

1	ACCSES NJ	JANITORIAL SERVICES	\$ 250.96
2	ACUA	WATER TESTING	\$ 587.96
3	AMANDA SOMES	CLERK ASSIST & EXPENSES OCT/NOV 2021	\$ 129.40
4	ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	ELECTRICITY	\$ 4,701.60
5	AUTO ZONE, INC.	PARTS LOCAL SCHOOL TAX 12/6/21	\$ 298.63 \$ 92,240.00
6	BASS RIVER BD. OF ED.		\$
7	BELLIA TECH, LLC	TECH SUPPORT OCT. 2021	\$ 255.99
8	BRANDON IVERSON	INV. #9646 REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 59.93
9	BURL CO TREAS, LANDFILL	TIPPING FEES OCT. & NOV. 2021	\$ 8,535.40
10	CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	PAYROLL SERVICE #22 , #23 & #24	\$ 368.00
11	CINTAS	SUPPLIES	\$ 238.50
12	COASTAL SIGN & DESIGN	THERMAL PRESSED LOGO'S	\$ 282.61
13	COMCAST	SERVICE 10/23 - 12/22	\$ 259.32

			\$
14	CME ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING SERVICES	12,810.00
			\$
15	DAVE'S SEPTIC DECOTIIS	325 ASH RD. PUMP OUT	330.00
			\$
16	LLP	BOND WORK	825.00
			\$
17	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	ELECTRICITY OCT. & NOV. 2021	1,621.49
			\$
18	EASTERN SHORE CARPENTRY	DEPOSIT ON ROOF	1,000.00
			\$
19	EASTERN SHORE CARPENTRY	50 % ROOFING MATERIALS REIMBURSEMENTS ZOOM & PW	21,826.00
			\$
21	ELIZABETH GODFREY	HOODIES	171.89
			\$
22	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS	FIRE COMPANY SUPPLIES	1,085.34
		INV. #21-1903 FOR FIRE	\$
23	ESI EQUIPMENT INC.	CO.	1,711.00
			\$
24	FIRE APPARATUS REPAIR, INC.	FIRE CO. REPAIRS	4,650.05
			\$
25	FIREFLOW SERVICES INC.	FIRE CO. INV. #3385	2,068.60
			\$
26	FIREHOUSE DELI	MTG SANDWICH PLATTER	100.00
			\$
27	GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS	INV. #540756402	127.06
			\$
28	GRETNA GREEN LANDSCAPING	MULCH FOR OAK LANE	400.00
			\$
29	HOME DEPOT	SUPPLIES	728.74
			\$
30	KEVIN S. QUINLAN	NOV. 2021 PROSECUTIONS	1,600.00
			\$
31	LANGUAGE SERVICE ASSOCIATES	LANGUAGE SERVICES OCT & NOV 2021	235.20
			\$
32	MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION	TITLE	60.00
			\$
33	MR. BOB'S	PORT A POTS 11/5/21 - 12/2/21	536.80
			\$
34	NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS	928.82
		LIQUOR LICENSE	\$
35	NEW JERSEY DIV. OF ABC	RENEWALS	9.00
			\$
36	NJ NATURAL GAS CO.	NATURAL GAS 10/13/21 - 11/9/21	284.73
			\$
37	ORCHARD HYDRAULICS INC. PEGGY	HYDRO CYLINDER REBUILD	1,019.45
			\$
38	BECK	MILEAGE, BATH SPRAY, ANNUAL PHONE, FAX & IPAD	783.74
			\$
39	PETER C. LANGE	LEGAL SERVICES APRIL THRU SEPT. 2021	21,852.00
			\$
40	PLATT LAW GROUP, P.C.	GENERAL FILE	1,232.00
			\$
41	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.	POSTAGE METER 9/12 - 12/11	552.00
			\$
42	RUMPF REID & DOLCY	PUBLIC DEFENDER 10/4 & 11/15	1,500.00
			\$
43	THE PRESS OF ATLANTIC CITY	PUBLIC NOTICE	32.15
			\$
44	TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN	WINTER BIBS / JACKET	189.98
			\$
45	TRANSFORMATION ENTERPRISES	OCT. 2021 ROLL-OFF	5,600.00
			\$
46	TUCKERTON BOROUGH	BRUSH BOX 11/15/21	54.00
			\$
47	UNIVERSAL COMPUTING SERVICES	PRINTER RIBBONS	211.00

48	VAL-U AUTO PARTS	PARTS	\$ 151.00
49	VEDCTOR SECURITY	SECURITY CAMERA SERVICE	\$ 2,650.00
50	VERIZON	PHONES OCT/NOV 2021	\$ 658.94
51	VERIZON	COMMISSIONER IPADS	\$ 401.39
52	WEX BANK	FUEL OCT. & NOV. 2021	\$ 2,003.88
53	PLATT LAW GROUP, P.C.	WALDROP ESCROWS	\$ 384.00
54	BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCOUNT	PAY #22 11/4/21	\$ 14,740.29
55	BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCOUNT	PAY #23 11/18/21	\$ 14,983.07
56	BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCOUNT	PAY #24 11/30/21	\$ 14,255.75
57	HASLER, INC.	OCT.2021 POSTAGE	\$ 307.34
58	HASLER, INC.	NOV. 2021 POSTAGE	\$ 271.20
		TOTAL	\$ 245,151.20

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO 2021-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A FIRE TRUCK AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER AND APPROPRIATING \$748,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$710,600 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME.

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon to approve Ordinance 2021-08 upon second reading by title and to open the meeting for public comment. All in favor and the meeting was open for public comment:

Public comment:

Howard Rothschild- no young members, how long will we have a fire department.
Carl Swanseen – why not use the school, tax payers paid for it.

Kevin Foder- how did they come up with this bond so quickly
Doug Melegari- how many members are there?
Evan Manaresi- how can we recruit members?
Rebecca- Can we refurbish an existing truck?
Kevin Foder- no one wants to volunteer anymore

Motion to close this portion made by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon and was seconded by Mayor Cope. Will reopen when Fire Chief arrives.

Fire Chief Discussion:

Fire Chief Tom Wetmore was available for any questions regarding the purchase of a fire truck.

Mayor Cope reiterated the questions that were asked earlier. We need a new truck to provide service. Someone needs to provide service. As far as refurbishing the old trucks- they were evaluated and it is not worth the money. If we regionalized with the County- and had a new engine- it could stay housed here. They did not spec out for anything other than what they absolutely need. The consensus of the public agreed that the fire department is in need of and deserves a new truck.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-08 was made by Mayor Cope and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon. Votes: Cope- Yes, Bourguignon- Yes. All in favor and Ordinance 2021-08 was hereby adopted.

RESOLUTION 2021-52

TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY RESOLUTION NO. 2021-52

Deputy Mayor Bourguignon made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-52 and the motion was seconded by Mayor Cope. All were in favor and Resolution 2021-52 was hereby approved.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER (PERSON TO PERSON AND PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER)

***WHEREAS,** an application has been filed for a person-to-person transfer and a place-to-place transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption license (current License No. 0301-33-001-004), issued to Lucille Freda, t/a Backwater Jacks, currently held in pocket as an inactive license; and*

***WHEREAS,** the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid and the license has been properly renewed for the current licensed term; and*

***WHEREAS,** the applicant Allen Beverage, LLC, is qualified to be licensed according to the standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and*

***WHEREAS,** the applicant has duly advertised a notice of the proposed transfer calling for written objection to same be lodged with the Township Clerk and no objections have been so lodged; and*

***WHEREAS,** the applicant has registered with the NJ Division of Taxation and received an Alcoholic Beverage Retail License Clearance Certificate specifically for a transfer of said liquor license; and*

***WHEREAS,** the applicant has disclosed and the authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business, and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business; and*

***WHEREAS,** the applicant has written consent to this transfer received from the New Jersey State Police Barracks, stating that as a result of investigation, they find no reason to deny a request for said transfer.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, does hereby approve, effective December 6, 2021, the person to person and place to place transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License from Lucille Freda, t/a Backwater Jacks to Allen Beverage, LLC and does hereby direct the Municipal Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: “This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Allen Beverage, LLC effective December 6, 2021.”*

RESOLUTION 2021-70

A RESOLUTION FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN GENERAL AND CAPITAL ORDINANCES TO FUND BALANCE

A motion was made by Mayor Cope to approve Resolution 2021-70 and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon. Votes- Cope- Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All were in favor and Resolution 2021-70 was hereby approved.

TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY RESOLUTION NO. 2021-70

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022

***BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the “Annual Notice” Annual Schedule of Meetings for the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners shall be reflected on the following schedule.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall transmit the Annual Schedule of Meetings to the Township's Official Newspapers, post a copy of said schedule on the Township bulletin board, and make copies available to the public for a fee.

On the following dates the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners shall conduct official public meetings and work meetings for the year 2022. Said meetings shall be held in the Township Municipal Building, 3 North Maple Avenue, New Gretna, New Jersey and shall commence at 7:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING DATES FOR OFFICIAL ACTION:

January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 11, August 1, September 12, October 3, November 7 and December 5, 2022

RESOLUTION 2021-71

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP PLANNING/ZONING BOARD FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022

A motion was made by Mayor Cope to approve Resolution 2021-71 and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon. Votes- Cope-Yes, Bourguignon- Yes. All were in favor and Resolution 2021-71 was hereby approved.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the "Annual Notice" Annual Schedule of Meetings for the Bass River Township Planning/Zoning Board shall be reflected on the following schedule.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall transmit the Annual Schedule of Meetings to the Township's Official Newspapers, post a copy of said schedule on the Township bulletin board, and make copies available to the public for a fee.

On the following dates the Bass River Township Planning/Zoning Board of shall conduct official public meetings for the year 2022. Said meetings shall be held in the Township Municipal Building, 3 North Maple Avenue, New Gretna, New Jersey and shall commence at 7:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING DATES:

January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16 and December 21, 2022.

RESOLUTION 2021-72

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS FOR 2022

A motion was made by Mayor Cope to approve Resolution 2021-72 and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon. Votes: Cope- Yes, Bourguignon- Yes, All were in favor and Resolution 2021-72 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2021-72

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY LIST FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER AND SETTING FORTH PROCEDURES FOR PAYING TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES FOR SAME

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River at a regular meeting held on the 6th day of December 2021 that the following are hereby designated as Holidays for the Township of Bass River for 2022:

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| ▪ New Year’s Day | Friday, December 31 st |
| ▪ Martin Luther King Jr. B-day | Monday, January 17 th |
| ▪ President’s Day | Monday, February 21 st |
| ▪ Good Friday | Friday, April 15 th |
| ▪ Memorial Day | Monday, May 30 th |
| ▪ Juneteenth | Monday, June 20 th |
| ▪ Independence Day | Monday, July 4 th |
| ▪ Labor Day | Monday, September 5 th |
| ▪ Columbus Day | Monday, October 10 th |
| ▪ Election Day | Tuesday, November 8 th |
| ▪ Veterans Day | Friday, November 11 th |
| ▪ Thanksgiving Day | Thursday, November 24 th |
| ▪ Day After Thanksgiving | Friday, November 25 th |
| ▪ Christmas Day | Monday, December 26 th |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Township Offices and the Convenience Center is hereby closed on the aforementioned holidays for employees pursuant to Bass River Township Policy.

RESOLUTION 2021-73

A RESOLUTION TO REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENTS TO CORELOGIC

A motion was made by Mayor Cope to approved Resolution 2021-73 and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon. Votes: Cope- Yes, Bourguignon- Yes. All were in favor and Resolution 2021-73 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2021-73

**TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

A RESOLUTION REFUNDING OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS TO CORELOGIC

WHEREAS, payments were made on behalf of property owners by a servicing company known as CoreLogic for multiple properties and;

WHEREAS, two of the properties known as Block 31.E Lot 20 and Block 37 Lot 15 and Block 54 Lot 21.01 were already paid and;

WHEREAS, the duplicate payments have created an overpayment and needs to be refunded to CoreLogic as follows:

<i>Block 31.E Lot 20</i>	<i>\$818.61</i>
<i>Block 37 Lot 15</i>	<i>\$1,280.53</i>
<i>Block 54 Lot 21.01</i>	<i>\$876.18</i>

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, the Chief Financial Officer is to refund CoreLogic \$2,975.32 for the indicated Block and Lots and the Tax Collector will make the necessary adjustments

RESOLUTION 2021-74

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

A motion was made by Mayor Cope to approve Resolution 2021-67 and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon. Votes: Cope- Yes, Bourguignon, Yes, Capriglione- Yes. All were in favor and Resolution 2021-67 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2021-74

**TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58, the following transfers be made in the 2021 Budget Appropriations Current Fund:

		<u>To:</u>	<u>From:</u>
Administrator and Executive OE	01-20-110-002	\$7,500.00	
Municipal Clerk SW	01-20-120-001	\$2,800.00	
Engineering	01-20-165-002	\$2,000.00	
UCC OE	01-22-195-002	\$1,000.00	
Zoning OE	01-24-180-250	\$12,000.00	
Streets & Roads SW	01-26-290-001	\$2,000.00	
Street Lighting	01-31-435-002	\$16,000.00	
Sewer OE	01-31-455-002	\$3,000.00	
Landfill OE	01-32-465-002	\$1,500.00	
PERS	01-36-471-002	\$250.00	
Public Defender	01-43-495-002	\$1,000.00	
Administrator and Executive SW	01-20-110-001		\$7,500.00
Finance SW	01-20-130-001		\$2,800.00
Finance OE	01-20-130-002		\$2,000.00
Tax Collection OE	01-20-140-002		\$1,500.00
TTL Foreclosure	01-20-142-002		\$8,000.00
Tax Assessor SW	01-20-150-001		\$2,500.00
Planning OE	01-21-180-002		\$1,000.00
EMS First Responder	01-25-253-002		\$5,000.00
Bailiff SW	01-25-280-001		\$1,750.00
Streets & Roads OE	01-26-290-002		\$5,000.00
Court OE	01-43-490-002		\$12,000.00
Totals		\$49,050.00	\$49,050.00

RESOLUTION 2021-75

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR LEASING CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

A motion was made by Mayor Cope to approve Resolution 2021-75 and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon. Votes: Cope- Yes, Bourguignon- Yes,. All were in favor and Resolution 2021-75 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2021-75

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF
BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT
OF BIDS FOR THE LEASING OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14 and N.J.S.A. 40A:12-24 provide that a municipality may lease any lands or buildings or portions thereof not presently needed for public use to the person who will pay the highest rent therefore; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River owns certain property located at 5576 Route 9 in Bass River Township, also known on the Municipal Tax Map of the Township of Bass River, Burlington County, New Jersey as a portion of Block 3, Lot 2; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have determined that this property is no longer needed for public use and may be leased; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have set a certain price as the minimum acceptable bid for the leasing of Block 3, Lot 2.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. Each bid shall be submitted in writing addressed to the Township Clerk, Township of Bass River, 3 North Maple Avenue, PO Box 307, New Gretna, NJ 08224. All bids are due no later than Thursday, December 30, 2021 at 10:00 am and shall be in the hands of the Clerk at or before the time set forth.*
- 2. Each bid will be signed by the bidder and contained in a sealed envelope which shall be addressed to the Clerk and shall contain on its face a statement that it is a bid on said item in order that said bid may not be inadvertently opened prematurely.*
- 3. The minimum bid accepted shall be \$ 700.00 per month for a one-year lease period.*
- 4. The lease shall provide the successful bidder with an option to renew the lease on a month to month basis thereafter.*
- 5. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to waive any minor requirements and reject any and all bids on said property.*
- 6. The successful bidder shall enter into a lease contract for said property within thirty (30) days of the award of the bid. Said lease contract shall be in a form approved by the Township and acceptable to them.*

7. *The successful bidder shall be solely responsible for obtaining all federal, state, county and municipal approvals and licenses and permits, as needed.*
8. *In the event of a tie bid, Bass River Township reserves the right to award the bid, at its discretion, to any one of the tied qualified bidders.*
9. *The required lease agreement will be approved by the Township attorney, a copy of which will be kept on file with the Township Clerk.*
10. *Award of lease bid shall take place at 7:00 pm at the Regular Township Meeting at the Municipal Building on Monday, January 3, 2022.*
11. *The “Notice to Bidders” of said lease shall be published in the official Township newspaper with two insertions, which shall be at least once a week during two consecutive weeks, the last publication not earlier than seven days prior to the auction.*

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RESOLUTION 2021-76

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION FOR A CLASS 1 CANNABIS CULTIVATOR MICROBUSINESS LICENSE

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2021-76 and was seconded by Mayor Cope. Votes: Cope- Yes, Bourguignon- Yes. All were in favor and Resolution 2021-76 was hereby approved.

AN RESOLUTION BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY APPROVING AND SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF BASS RIVER BUDS, LLC FOR A CLASS 1 CANNABIS CULTIVATOR MICROBUSINESS LICENSE

***WHEREAS**, in 2020 New Jersey voters approved Public Question No. 1, which amended the New Jersey Constitution to allow for the legalization of a controlled form of marijuana called “cannabis” for adults at least 21 years of age; and*

***WHEREAS**, on February 22, 2021, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2021, c. 16, known as the “New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act” (the “Act”), which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana by adults 21 years of age or older, and establishes a comprehensive regulatory and licensing scheme for commercial recreational (adult use) cannabis operations, use and possession; and*

***WHEREAS**, section 31a of the Act authorizes municipalities by ordinance to adopt regulations governing the number of cannabis establishments (defined in section 3 of the Act as “a cannabis cultivator, a cannabis manufacturer, a cannabis wholesaler, or a cannabis retailer”), cannabis distributors or cannabis delivery services allowed to operate within their boundaries, as*

well as the location manner and times operation of such establishments, distributors or delivery services, and establishing civil penalties for the violation of any such regulations; and

***WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River conducted a Special Meeting held on Monday, April 12, 2021 via zoom, for all interested or concerned Township residents. The overwhelming majority of the participants were in favor of allowing some type of cannabis business within the Township; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Township of Bass River has created licensing requirements for Class 1, Class 2, Class 3 and Class 4 licensed businesses that protect the health, safety and general welfare the community under Ordinance No. 2021-07.*

***WHEREAS**, Bass River Buds, LLC has met with Township officials seeking a Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator Microbusiness license; and*

***WHEREAS**, Bass River Township has authorized the issuance of Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator Microbusiness license and has not set a limit on the number of Class 1 licenses to be issued within the municipality; and*

***WHEREAS**, The Township engineer has approved Bass River Buds, LLC's zoning permit as compliant with all municipal zoning requirements; and*

***WHEREAS**, Bass River Buds, LLC proposed location for operation is not in violation of operating within close proximity to a place of religious worship, a park, daycare facility or school grounds.*

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that Bass River Buds, LLC has approval to operate a Class 1 Cannabis Cultivator Microbusiness license at the designated location and such operation is in accordance with all local codes and ordinances.*

RESOLUTION 2021-77

A RESOLUTION RELEASING A PERFORMANCE BOND AND REPLACING IT WITH A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE BLOCK 34 LOT 3

A motion was made by Mayor Cope to approve Resolution 2021-77 and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon. Votes: Cope- Yes, Bourguignon- Yes. All were in favor and Resolution 2021-77 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2021-77

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BASS RIVER
TOWNSHIP RELEASING THE PERFORMANCE BOND ASSOCIATED WITH THE
ISHMAEL ROAD SUBDIVISION LOCATED AT BLOCK 34 LOT 3
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW
JERSEY AND REPLACING IT WITH A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE**

WHEREAS, G K Construction, LLC posted a Performance Bond in the original amount of \$224,530.00 under Bond No. 8822-017666, dated March 6, 2008 for a subdivision located at Block 34, Lot 3, Bass River, New Jersey pursuant to the requirements of The Bass River Township Code at Section 16.16.010; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer inspected the property and determined that the site improvements are in compliance with the approved plans and has recommended releasing the original performance bond on the property conditioned upon G K Construction, LLC posting a two-year maintenance guarantee in the amount of Thirty-Three Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-Nine Dollars and Fifty Cents. (\$33,679.50); and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer's report of November 17, 2021 also requires payment of all outstanding charges against escrow accounts and the posting of an escrow fund in the amount of One Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty-Three Dollars and Ninety-Seven Cents. (\$1,683.97).

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners that Performance Bond Number 8822-017666, dated March 6, 2008 associated with the subdivision located in the Township of Bass River on Block 34, Lot 3 shall be and is hereby released and discharged upon the receipt of the effective replacement Maintenance Guarantee and payment of outstanding escrow account charges and posting of escrow fund in accordance with the terms of the Township Engineer letter dated November 17, 2021.

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River held on the 6th day of December 2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

Deputy Mayor Bourguignon explained what is going on with the ongoing EMS issues. While we have coverage right now, we are still trying to work out a better system going forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

Notification of the 2022 Municipal Aid Project Grant Award to the Township in the amount of \$270,000.00 for the paving project Bowers Lane and South Maple Avenue.

The meeting was open for public comment at 8:11 PM upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon seconded by Mayor Cope. All present in favor.

Howard Rothschild was asking about something stated at the November meeting saying we had 2 Public Works employees. He stated we only have 1 full time employee and that one person should not be cutting trees by themselves (in regard to West Greenbush conversation in November). It would be a safety issue. Also, the Public works employee is not certified to take down trees.

Kevin Foder- Can we get a Grant to do something with the center of town

Marian Assur- concerned over no shoulder on North Maple Avenue. States she almost go hit by a car.

Karl Swanseen- how can we get help with Infrastructure

Bill Aaronson- questions about the Gypsy moth spraying that will happen in the spring.

Howard Rothschild- why was our Public Works employee cleaning up an accident site on Route 9 – shouldn't it have been the State's responsibility

REPORTS: The following reports were noted:

1. Solicitor's Report- in REM #8- Attorney O'Connor states they are waiting on the Tax Sale Certificates. Also stated the zoning maps are still being worked on along with the zoning ordinance- and that there are still some issues being worked out.

Being no further comments, the motion to close the public portion was made by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon, seconded by Mayor Cope. All in favor and the public portion was closed at 8:23 PM.

Being no further business to come before the Board, the motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon and was seconded by Mayor Cope. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Godfrey
Acting Municipal Clerk