

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

Mayor Cope called the regular meeting of the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. Present at meeting were: Mayor Deborah Buzby-Cope, Deputy Mayor Nicholas Capriglione and Commissioner Louis Bourguignon. Also present Township Clerk Amanda Somes, Solicitor Joanne O'Connor and Township Engineer Dante Guzzi. Members of the public were present at this meeting.

FLAG SALUTE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the regular meeting of January 9, 2017 were presented to the Board for review. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and minutes of the January 9, 2017 regular meeting were hereby approved.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The motion was made by Mayor Cope to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$614,284.84. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve bills for payment. Votes: Cope –Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and bills were ordered paid.

BURLINGTON COUNTY		\$
CLERK	RECORD TAX SALE CERTIFICATE	8.00
A.F.D. TITLE COMPANY, INC.	TITLE WORK	\$ 1,130.00
ANTHONY BUTTACAVOLI	REIMBURSEMENT FOR PARTS	\$ 43.98
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	ELECTRICITY JAN. 2017	\$ 2,756.60
A T & T	ALL IN ONE JAN. 2016	\$ 369.52
A T & T	ISDN LINE DEC. 2016	\$ 64.41
BASS RIVER BD OF ED	LOCAL SCHOOL TAX 2/7/17	\$ 123,216.00
BURLINGTON COUNTY BCIT	FIRE COMPANY TRAINING COURSES	\$ 605.00
BURL CO TREAS, LANDFILL	JAN. 2017 TIPPING FEES	\$ 3,340.48
BURL CO TREASURER	1ST QTR 2017 TAXES	\$ 209,480.21
BURLCOJIF	1ST INSTALLMENT BCMJIF	\$ 28,945.00
CAM CO.	HARNESS, PARTS FOR TRUCK & BACK HOE	\$ 627.20
CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	JAN. 2017 PAYROLL	\$

		505.50
CHRISTOPHER NORMAN, ESQ.	MEETING 1/19/17	\$ 300.00
COMCAST COPIERS PLUS	SERVICE 1/19/17 - 2/18/17 EQUIPMENT	\$ 119.45 12.00
DANTE GUZZI ENGINEERING ASSOC. DAVE'S SEPTIC	ZONING REVIEW PUMP OUT 103 JERICHO ROAD	\$ 75.00 250.00
READYREFRESH BY NESTLE	SERVICE 12/01/16 -12/31/16	\$ 19.14
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS	EMS SUPPLIES	\$ 324.95
FLOWERS BY P.J.	FLOWERS - WETMORE	\$ 107.00
FRANK PARSONS GRETNA GREEN LANDSCAPING HOME DEPOT	COMPUTER PARTS COURT SNOW PLOWING 1/7/17 SUPPLIES	\$ 48.00 2,160.00 356.84
IPM INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT	QRTLY SERVICE 2017	\$ 85.00
J.A. TREE SERVICE	TREE CUTTING PARK & LOVELAND LANE	\$ 2,975.00
JERSEY SHORE RESTROOMS, LLC	PORT A POTS	\$ 170.00
KEVIN S. QUINLAN	JAN. 2016 PROSECUTIONS	\$ 1,600.00
LANGUAGE SERVICES ASSOCIATES MCAA OF NJ	LANGUAGE SERVICES YEARLY MEMBERSHIP 2017	\$ 117.60 45.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS NEW GRETN VOL. FIRE CO.	TRUCK PARTS & SUPPLIES REIM. TITLE & TRUCK REGISTRATION	\$ 1,196.38 60.00
NEW JERSEY CONF. OF MAYORS	NJCM WINTER SUMMIT 2017	\$ 70.00
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS	NATURAL GAS 11/8 - 12/12 - 12/12 1/11	\$ 780.29
NJEPA	REGISTRATION 2017 CONF.	\$ 90.00
OFFICE BASICS, INC PEGGY BECK	OFFICE SUPPLIES BANK MILEAGE & CLOCK	\$ 66.73 65.30
PINELANDS REG. SCHOOL DIST.	REGIONAL SCHOOL TAX 2/2/17	\$ 194,745.00
PINELANDS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL REGISTRAR'S ASSOC. OF N.J.	ANNUAL DUES REGISTRAR MEMBER DUES	\$ 100.00 25.00
RUMPH REID & DOLCY	PUBLIC DEFENDER 1/30/17	\$ 750.00
TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN	SUPPLIES	\$ 359.80
TRANSFORMATION ENTERPRISES	DEC. 2016 ROLL-OFF	\$ 3,695.00
GROFF TRACTOR NEW JERSEY LLC	TRACTOR PARTS	\$ 290.98
VERIZON	COURT & MUNI PHONES JAN. 2017	\$ 997.74

WEX BANK	FUEL DEC/JAN	\$ 582.83
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL 1/19/17	\$ 15,360.24
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL 1/31/17	\$ 14,715.43
HASLER, INC.	POSTAGE JAN. 2016	\$ 477.24
TOTAL		\$ 614,284.84

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE 2017-01

CALENDAR YEAR 2017

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

Mayor Cope read Ordinance 2017-01 upon second reading by title only. The motion to approve Ordinance 2017-01 upon second reading and to open the meeting for public hearing was made by Mayor Cope and seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon. All present in favor and meeting was open for public hearing on Ordinance 2017-01. Comments heard: A resident would like to have the township put money aside for air packs for the fire company. Being no further comments the motion to close the public hearing was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon. The motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-01 was made by Mayor Cope and seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Ordinance 2017-01 was hereby adopted.

ORDINANCE 2017-01

CALENDAR YEAR 2017

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO
ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

***WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 1.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,*

***WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,*

***WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River in the County of Burlington finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2017 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,*

***WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$42,475.00 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,*

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, in the County of Burlington, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2017 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Bass River shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5% amounting to \$42,475.00, and that the CY 2017 municipal budget for the Township of Bass River be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

ORDINANCE 2017-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER AMENDING CHAPTER 17.20.100 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP

Mayor Cope read Ordinance 2017-02 upon second reading by title only. The motion to approve Ordinance 2017-02 upon second reading and to open the meeting for public hearing was made by Mayor Cope and seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon. All present in favor and meeting was open for public hearing on Ordinance 2017-02. Comments heard: Mr. W. Aaronson asked why we were amending this ordinance. Solicitor commented that is to include time frames for certain types of signs. C. Bitzberger asked what the penalty would be. Solicitor said that the penalty would remain the same as in the existing ordinance. Mr. L. Assur commented that a common sense approach should be used when dealing with enforcement of the ordinance. Being no further comments the motion to close the public hearing was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Mayor Cope. The motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-02 was made by Commissioner Bourguignon and seconded by Mayor Cope. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Ordinance 2017-02 was hereby adopted.

TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER Ordinance 2017-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER AMENDING CHAPTER 17.20.100 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners finds that there is a need to update the Bass River Township Code provisions as they currently exist under Chapter 17.20 of the revised Township Ordinances which are applicable to the posting of signs; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2. Other necessary and proper ordinances, provides that any municipality may make, amend, repeal and enforce such ordinances, as it may deem necessary and proper for the good government, order and protection of persons and property, and for the preservation of the public health, safety and

welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners that Bass River Township Code Section 17.20.100 “Signs” be and is hereby amended as follows:

I. The first sentence “Signs shall be permitted in accordance with the following standards and requirements:” is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following language:

No sign of any type shall be permitted to obstruct driving vision, traffic signals, sight triangles, traffic direction and identification signs. Signs shall be permitted in accordance with the following standards and requirements:

II. 17.20.100 (H)(2) is hereby amended by adding 17.20.100(H)(2)(c) as follows:

c. Such signs shall be removed at the expense of the advertiser within fifteen (15) days after the termination or completion of the matter or business being advertised.

III. 17.20.100(H)(7) is hereby amended to add the following language:

Such signs shall be removed within five (5) days after the election.

IV. 17.20.100(H)(8) is hereby amended to add the following language:

Such signs shall be removed within five (5) days after the gathering being advertised.

V. 17.20.100(H) is hereby amended to add the following paragraph:

9. Not more than one (1) temporary sign advertising the name of the building under construction, general contractor, subcontractor, financing institution, any public agencies or officials and the professional personnel who worked on the project are permitted on a construction site beginning with the issuance of a building permit and terminating with the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the structure or the expiration of the building permit, whichever comes first.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other provisions of the Township Code currently in effect, are hereby saved from repeal, and shall remain in full force and effect;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage and in accordance with the law.

ORDINANCE 2017 –03

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF A PORTION OF THE PREMISES KNOWN AS “BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE GARAGE PROPERTY” 5576 Route 9 BLOCK 3, LOT 2 TO THE VETERANS UNITED MILITARY MEMORIAL MUSEUM, INC., A NEW JERSEY NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

Mayor Cope read Ordinance 2017-03 upon second reading by title only. The motion to approve Ordinance 2017-03 upon second reading and to open the meeting for public hearing was made by Commissioner Bourguignon and seconded by Mayor Cope. All present in favor and meeting was open for public hearing on Ordinance 2017-03. Comments heard: L. Assur asked how long the lease was. Solicitor commented for 1 year. Being no further comments the motion to close the public hearing was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. The motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-03 was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, and seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Ordinance 2017-03 was hereby adopted.

ORDINANCE 2017 – 03

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF A PORTION OF THE PREMISES KNOWN AS “BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE GARAGE PROPERTY” 5576 Route 9 BLOCK 3, LOT 2 TO THE VETERANS UNITED MILITARY MEMORIAL MUSEUM, INC., A NEW JERSEY NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River as follows:

WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River is the owner of certain property known as Bass River Township Maintenance Garage Property, 5576 Route 9, Block 3, Lot 2 in Bass River Township, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, this property is not needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14(c) permits the leasing of Township property to a non-profit corporation or association for public purpose without the necessity of public bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River would like to entered into an agreement with the Veterans United Military Memorial Museum, Inc., (VUMMM) a New Jersey Non-Profit Corporation for the leasing of the aforementioned Township property; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River and VUMMM wish to continue to provide such activities within the community to promote learning and participation by the general public in the history of the United States military forces through the collection and display of war memorabilia; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River believes that this activity will inure to the general benefit of the residents of the Township of Bass River as well as those of the surrounding townships; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a finding is made by the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners that the approval of this Ordinance pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14(c) will be in the best interest of the residents of the Township of Bass River.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Bass River to authorize the leasing of a portion of the premises know as Bass River Township Maintenance Garage Property, 5576 Route 9, Block 3, Lot 2 to Veterans United Military Memorial Museum, Inc., for a term of one (1) year for consideration of \$1.00. This lease is subject to the execution of an appropriate form of lease between the Township and VUMMM.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Veterans United Military Memorial Museum, shall annually submit a report to the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River setting out the use for which the leasehold was put during each year, the activities of the lessee undertaken in furtherance of the public purpose for which the leasehold is being granted, the approximate value or cost, if any, of such activities in furtherance of such purpose, and an affirmation of the continued tax exempt status of the non-profit corporation pursuant to both State and Federal law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED that the Mayor and Clerk shall be authorized to execute the appropriate form of Lease in this matter.

RESOLUTION 2017-22

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RATES FOR THE 2017 CALENDAR YEAR FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2017-22. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2017-22 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2017-22

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RATES FOR THE 2017 CALENDAR YEAR FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River in the County of Burlington and the State of New Jersey at a special meeting held on this 6th day of February 2017 that the following pay rate is hereby established for the 2017 calendar year and set as follows pursuant to Salary Ordinance.

<i>OFFICE/EMPLOYEE</i>		<i>SALARY</i>
<i>NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	
<i>DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & FINANCE</i>		
<i>Brower, Eileen</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>\$10,000/year</i>
<i>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY</i>		
<i>MUNICIPAL COURT</i>		
<i>Beck, Peggy</i>	<i>Administrator</i>	<i>\$51,000 /year</i>
<i>McKernan, Kathleen</i>	<i>Court Clerk</i>	<i>\$12.00/hour</i>
<i>Nino, Mike</i>	<i>Bailiff</i>	<i>\$200/Court Day</i>
<i>Somes, Brenda</i>	<i>Court Clerk</i>	<i>\$9.00/hour</i>

RESOLUTION 2017-24

Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Stage Road Repaving Phase II project

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2017-24. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2017-24 was hereby approved.

Resolution No. 2017-24

Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Stage Road Repaving Phase II project

WHEREAS, there exists a need to repave Stage Road from Chatsworth Road to Leektown Road; and,

WHEREAS, this project will improve the condition of the road and promote safe transit through the township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Committee of the Township of Bass River formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as **MA-2017-Resurfacing of Stage Road-00090** to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Bass River.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Bass River and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

RESOLUTION 2017-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY GIVING APPROVAL FOR A COIN DROP WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, SUBJECT TO APPROVALS BY COUNTY AND/OR STATE OFFICIALS

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Mayor Cope to approve Resolution 2017-25. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2017-25 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2017-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY GIVING APPROVAL FOR A COIN DROP WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, SUBJECT TO APPROVALS BY COUNTY AND/OR STATE OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, the New Gretna Volunteer Fire Company has provided an application to the Township of Bass River to hold a coin drop; and

WHEREAS, Bass River Township's local ordinance allow for such events, subject to approval by County and/or State Officials.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River that the following schedule for coin drops by the New Gretna Volunteer Fire Company have been approved at locations(s) listed below:

LOCATION: Burlington County Route 679 a.k.a. North Maple Avenue, New Gretna and Route 9, New Gretna. Time from 0700-1700.

<i>DATES:</i>	<i>April 23, 2017</i>	<i>ALTERNATE:</i>	<i>April 30, 2017</i>
	<i>May 28, 2017</i>		<i>June 4, 2017</i>
	<i>July 2, 2017</i>		<i>July 9, 2017</i>
	<i>August 6, 2017</i>		<i>August 13, 2017</i>
	<i>September 3, 2017</i>		<i>September 10, 2017</i>
	<i>October 1, 2017</i>		<i>October 8, 2017</i>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the New Gretna Volunteer Fire Company and the Burlington County Engineer's Office for submission to the Board of Chosen Freeholders for approval.

RESOLUTION 2017-26

**AUTHORIZATION FOR
AERIAL MOSQUITO CONTROL**

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2017-26. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2017-26 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2017-26

**AUTHORIZATION FOR
AERIAL MOSQUITO CONTROL**

On behalf of the Bass River Township, I hereby authorize the Burlington County Department of Public Works – Division of Mosquito Control to perform aerial applications of pesticides for mosquito control over Bass River Township during 2017. Areas to be treated contain populations of mosquitoes that are considered a nuisance, a health hazard, or both.

It is my understanding that all insecticides and aircraft to be used are those approved for aerial application by both State and Federal Governments. I also understand that applications will be made by helicopter or airplane by licensed commercial applicator(s) contracted by the Division of Mosquito Control.

Prior to performing aerial applications over Bass River Township, The Burlington County Department of Public Works – Division of Mosquito Control will notify Burlington County Central Communications.

The authorization is in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration regulations and must be renewed annually.

OLD BUSINESS:

Robert's Pond Berm Repair. Update was provided by Township Engineer. Awaiting approvals from DEP to proceed. Engineer provided more details on work to be done. Engineer requested formal proposals for work. All proposals received were beyond the bid threshold. The project will need to be bid out if we wish to hire contractors to do the work. Commissioner Bourguignon asked if the job could be done in house with oversight by the Engineer. Mr. Guzzi said yes it was possible. He would look into the cost. Jeff Dawson of Old Light House Road, Little Egg Harbor feels it would be a bad decision to have same people doing the work that did the damage in the first place. Carol Bitzberger of Bass River Township asked if DEP would be overseeing this project. Engineer Dan Guzzi said probably not. They will rely on him to oversee and DEP will inspect upon completion. Kevin Foder of Bass River Township asked if someone will be there for the actual work and Mr. Guzzi said yes. Leo Assur of Bass River Township asked how many hours it will take. Dan Guzzi said several hours to set up and less than a week for actual work. William Aaronson of Bass River Township asked why the bids were so high. Mr. Guzzi said that apparently the contractors really did not want the job

so they overbid. Carol Bitzberger asked what could be the cost savings if done in house. Dan Guzzi said that will be determined. Mr. Dawson of Old Ice House Road in Little Egg Harbor asked if there was going to be any repercussions for this. Would anyone get fired....He further said it was a criminal act. Board will not fire anyone. Rick Adams of Little Egg Harbor asked who drew up the plans for the project. Mr. Guzzi said he did with DEP arrival. Bill Curtain of Bass River Township asked if we were only restoring the original berm. Dan Guzzi said yes with exception of improvement to allow for overflow.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance regulating tethering of dogs. Board discussed the introduction of this ordinance once again. The request comes for this ordinance to be introduced from time to time. Mayor requested input from the public on introducing such an ordinance. Mr. Assur asked if the state statute detailing with cruelty to animals would prevail. Solicitor agreed that it would in most cases. This ordinance would set guidelines to go above the state statute. Mr. Aaronson commented that we don't need it because of the rural nature of the township. The motion was made by Deputy Mayor Capriglione, seconded by Mayor Cope to continue to table the introduction of this ordinance.

REPORTS:

The following reports were noted.

Report of Solicitor

Report of Municipal Court provided by Court Administrator Beck

Report of Safety Coordinator

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was open for public comment at 8:28 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All present in favor.

K. Foder complained about gun clubs and the shooting of guns late into the evening. He asked if the town would consider adopting an ordinance. Solicitor to look into the state statute.

K. Foder asked why the school board representative for Bass River Township is never at our meetings. Mayor would request he attend.

W. Aaronson commended the Board for appointing a new Engineer. He asked about eminent domain the corner property (old New Gretna House). Solicitor to look into this matter further.

W. Aaronson asked about Viking building further without getting building or CAFRA permits.

Bonnie Adams presented the Board with a plaque of appreciation for the park property and allowing them to install a reflections garden.

K. Foder asked about the property across the street from him on route 9 and the poles left there and the pole laying in the rock. He stated they have been laying there for 6 months. Township to investigate issue and who may be responsible.

Be no further comments, the motion to close the public portion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All in favor and public portion was closed at 9:09 p.m.

Being no further business to come before the Board the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All in favor and meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Amanda S. Somes, RMC
Township Clerk
