

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014**

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. Members of the public were present at this meeting. Absent—Solicitor Joanne O’Connor

**FLAG SALUTE**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 6, 2014 were presented to the Board for Approval. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All in favor and minutes were hereby approved as submitted.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 24, 2013 were presented to the Board for Approval. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All in favor and minutes were hereby approved as submitted.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$524,526.50. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve bills for payment. Votes: Cope –Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and bills were ordered paid.

PRO CAP II, LLC	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	1,612.00
AMANDA SOMES	MILEAGE BURLCO JIF	\$	18.00
ANIMAL CAPTURE & CONTROL	4TH QTR. ANIMAL CONTROL	\$	936.00
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	ELECTRICITY 1/2014	\$	3,210.95
A T & T	ALL IN ONE MUNI/COURT 1/2014	\$	209.91
BASS RIVER BD OF ED	LOCAL SCHOOL TAX 2/4/14	\$	105,312.75
BEACONS	RESOLUTION & APPOINTMENTS	\$	293.40
BLUE STAR OF NJ	AIR FRESHENING SUPPLIES	\$	239.95
BURL CO TREAS, LANDFILL	TIPPING FEES JAN. 2014	\$	3,411.71
BURL CO TREASURER	1ST QTR TAXES & OMITTED ASSESSMENTS	\$	169,164.26
BURLCOJIF	1ST INSTALL. 2014	\$	33,172.00
CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	JANUARY 2014 PAYROLL	\$	256.40
CHRISTOPHER NORMAN, ESQ.	PLANNING BD WORK & MEETING	\$	459.50

COMCAST	SERVICE 1/19 /14 - 2/18/14	\$	104.95
COPIERS PLUS	SHIPPING FOR TONERS	\$	9.00
DAVE'S SEPTIC	PUMP OUT 312 ASH RD.	\$	250.00
DEER PARK DIRECT	SERVICE 12/15/14 - 1/14/14	\$	8.26
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS	EMS SUPPLIES	\$	555.54
GANN LAW BOOKS	VARIOUS MANUALS	\$	333.00
GRETNA GREEN LANDSCAPING	SNOW PLOWING OFFSHORE MANOR	\$	1,770.00
JEREMY S. PRICE	PUBLIC DEFENDER 1/27/14	\$	500.00
JERSEY SHORE RESTROOMS, LLC	PORT A POT CONV. CTR. 1/2014	\$	85.00
KLUK CONSULTANTS	ENGINEERING SERVICES DEC. & JAN.	\$	2,179.37
LANGUAGE SERVICES ASSOCIATES	TELEPHONIC CHARGES 12/2013	\$	12.60
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	BOOK & SHEETS - PLANNING BD.	\$	174.00
MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOC. OF NJ	CLERKS CONF. 3/24-27/14	\$	290.00
MUNICIPAL CODE CORPORATION	SUPPLIMENT #11	\$	2,795.00
MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE COMPANY	LEACHFIELD REPAIRS	\$	688.50
OFFICE BASICS, INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$	287.80
PEGGY BECK	BANK TRIPS	\$	59.68
PETER C. LANGE	OCT & DEC 2013 LEGAL FEES	\$	2,785.50
PINELANDS REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST.	REGIONAL SCHOOL TAX	\$	158,662.76
SAFEGUARD BUSINESS SYSTEMS	COURT CHECKS	\$	63.83
STATE OF NJ DIV EMPLOYER ACCTS	4TH QTR. REIMBURSEMENT	\$	882.00
SUBURBAN PROPANE - 2115	1/7/14 PROPANE DELIVERY	\$	497.89
THE PRESS OF ATLANTIC CITY	RESOLUTIONS	\$	104.53
TRANSFORMATION ENTERPRISES	DEC. 2013 ROLL-OFF	\$	2,720.00
TRUMP TAJ MAHAL	ROOM CLERK'S CONFERENCE	\$	255.00
VERIZON	COURT & MUNICIPAL PHONES 1/2014	\$	953.67
VERIZON WIRELESS	PW PHONE	\$	60.16
WEX BANK	DEC / JAN FUEL CHARGES	\$	1,087.98
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCOUNT	PAYROLL 1/9/14	\$	13,400.44
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCOUNT	PAYROLL 1/23/14	\$	14,653.21
	TOTAL	\$	524,526.50

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

**ORDINANCE 2014-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING AND OFFICIALLY AUTHORIZING THE NEW GRETNA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY AS THE EMERGENCY FIRE AND FIRST RESPONDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER.**

Mayor Cope introduced Ordinance 2014-01 by Title only. The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Ordinance 2014-01

upon first reading by title only. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Ordinance 2014-01 was hereby approved upon first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be scheduled for the March regular meeting.

**ORDINANCE 2014-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING AND OFFICIALLY AUTHORIZING THE NEW GREтна VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY AS THE EMERGENCY FIRE AND FIRST RESPONDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER.**

*Whereas, The Mayor and the Board of Commissioners hereby desire to fully designate and officially authorize an entity for the handling of emergency fire and first responder services for the Township of Bass River; and*

*Whereas, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners are granted the authority to recognize and authorize an emergency fire company within the Township of Bass River by New Jersey Statute; and*

*Whereas, The New Gretna Volunteer Fire Company has been professionally and competently performing said services on behalf of the residents of Bass River Township for many years; and*

*Whereas, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners desire to designate The New Gretna Volunteer Fire Company as the official emergency fire and first responders for the Township of Bass River.*

*Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River as follows:*

*The New Gretna Volunteer Fire Company is hereby designated, endorsed and authorized as the official emergency fire and first responders for the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey.*

***Effective date:***

*This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.*

**ORDINANCE 2014-02**

**SPECIAL EMERGENCY**

Mayor Cope introduced Ordinance 2014-02 by Title only. The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Ordinance 2014-02 upon first reading by title only. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Ordinance 2014-02 was hereby approved upon first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be scheduled for the March regular meeting.

**ORDINANCE 2014-02**

**SPECIAL EMERGENCY**

*WHEREAS, it has been found necessary to make an Emergency Appropriation to meet certain extraordinary expenses incurred, or to be incurred, by reason caused by Preparation and execution of a revaluation ,and*

*WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-53 provides that it shall be lawful to make such appropriation, which appropriation and/or the "special emergency notes" issued to finance the same shall be provided for in succeeding annual budgets by the inclusion of an appropriation of at least one-fifth or one-third of the amount authorized pursuant to this act.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S. 40A:4-55:*

1. *An emergency appropriation be and the same is hereby made for Preparation and execution of a revaluation in the total amount of \$41,242.12.*
2. *That said emergency appropriation shall be provided for in full in the budgets of the next succeeding years by the inclusion of not less than \$8,248.42(must be at least one-fifth of the total amount) in each of the next succeeding annual budgets.*
3. *That an "Emergency Note" not in excess of the above amount authorized pursuant to law be provided.*
4. *That such note shall be executed by Albert Stanley, Chief Financial Officer*
5. *That said note shall be dated February 3, 2014, may be renewed from time to time, and such note and any renewals thereof shall mature and be paid in the amount of not less than one-fifth or one-third of the total amount appropriated by this resolution in each year after the authorization thereof, (insert further detail, i.e. place of payment, etc.)*

**RESOLUTION 2014-25**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR  
AERIAL MOSQUITO CONTROL**

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2014-25. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2014-25 was hereby approved.

***AUTHORIZATION FOR  
AERIAL MOSQUITO CONTROL***

**RESOLUTION 2014-25**

*On behalf of the Bass River Township, I hereby authorize the Burlington County Health Department – Division of Mosquito Control to perform aerial applications of pesticides for mosquito control over Bass River Township during 2014. 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 Health Department – 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.*

**RESOLUTION 2014-26**

**MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT**

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2014-26. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2014-26 was hereby approved.

**RESOLUTION 2014-26**

*WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and,*

*WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,*

*WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Burlington;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:*

- 1. The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River does hereby authorize submission of an application for the Bass River Township Municipal Alliance grant for calendar year 2014 in the amount of \$5,496.00.*
- 2. The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.*

**RESOLUTION 2014-27**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING NEW JERSEY TRANSIT BUS STOPS  
ALONG US ROUTE 9, BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP**

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2014-27. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Abstain, Bourguignon-Yes. Majority in favor and Resolution 2014-27 was hereby approved.

**RESOLUTION 2014-27**

**TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING NEW JERSEY TRANSIT BUS STOPS  
ALONG US ROUTE 9, BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP**

*WHEREAS, there is a desire by the Township of Bass River to create bus stops along Highway US Route 9*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, New Jersey, that the following described locations are designated as bus stops:*

*US 9 (NEW YORK ROAD)*

1. *Along Route US 9 (New York Road), southbound, on the westerly side thereof at:*
  - a. *Old New York Road—(far side)  
Beginning at the southerly curb line of Old New York Road and extending 100 feet southerly there from.*
  - b. *French Lane—(near side)  
Beginning at the northerly curb line of French Lane and extending 105 feet southerly there from.*
  - c. *Ash Road—(far side)  
Beginning at the southerly curb line of Ash Road and extending 100 feet southerly there from.*
  - d. *Viking Yacht Access Road—(far side)  
Beginning at the prolongation of the southerly curb line of Viking Yacht Access Road and extending 100 feet southerly there from.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River will enforce the needed traffic regulations governing the aforementioned bus stops location and provide the necessary police security to ensure the safety of the traveling public.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall take effect upon approval of the Commissioner of Transportation as provided by law.

**RESOLUTION 2014-28**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ADOLPH SICHERI MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE**

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Mayor Cope to approve Resolution 2014-28. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2014-28 was hereby approved.

**RESOLUTION 2014-28**

***A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ADOLPH SICHERI MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE***

*WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Municipal Court Judge;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioner of Bass River Township as follows:*

1. *Adolph Sicheri be and hereby is appointed Municipal Court Judge for the Shared Court of Bass River, Washington and Woodland Township effective January 1, 2014 for the remainder of a three year term ending May 31, 2016.*

**REPORTS:**

The following reports were noted.

Report of Municipal Court

Dog Report—Rabies Clinic is scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Other Reports—Mayor received a letter sent by a child from Bass River School. The letter requested a skate park across the street at the North Maple Avenue Park. Young man to be invited to next meeting. Clerk to obtain insurance coverage information regarding skate parks.

Commissioner Bourguignon reported the lights on ramp 50 on the Parkway have now been turned on after months of requesting.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was open for public comment at 7:30 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All in favor.

Mr. K. Rose attended the last Planning Board Meeting and commented on a list of fire department violations found around the Viking Plant. His concern is that the building not easy to get around and feels that it is unsafe at this time. Hookups are blocked and no access to the building. Mayor interrupted Mr. Rose only to explain that this issue cannot be discussed with the Board of Commissioners at this time due to the fact that it may be a conflict. Mr. Rose feels the Fire Company should make a recommendation to the Planning Board and any fire violations should be brought to the attention of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Bourguignon commented the State of NJ does fire inspections and will issue NOV's to make corrections at the plant. Mr. Rose is concerned about the perimeter and access by fire trucks. Mr. Rose also commended the Board for the professional conduct at the last Planning Board meeting.

Ms. C. Bitzberger commented she feels Viking will not move forward to remedy these violations. She asked if our local safety officer should be involved. No, the local safety officer is appointed for training of township employees and fire company safety training, not outside companies. Ms. Bitzberger commended Mr. Curtin on the monthly news letter. Ms. Bitzberger commented on the high prices paid for propane and how she feels the elderly may be taken advantage of by the propane companies.

Mr. L. Assur commented that propane companies are not regulated and that is why they can charge what they please. Mr. Assur asked about the Scenic Byways running through the township. How does this affect the rights of the individual property owners along the scenic byway? This would be a question for the attorney. Mr. Assur asked what Ordinance 2014-02 was for. Mayor answered that Mr. Renwick services were above and beyond his normal duties as tax assessor and this was a separate contract to perform the reassessment of the town which was required by the County. The amount to be paid for this service will be paid out of the municipal budget over the next 5 year.

Mr. B. Curtin commended the Street Department for their efforts during the last few storms.

Being 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 8:01 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 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Amanda S. Somes, RMC  
Township Clerk

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