

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2019**

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 and Solicitor Joanne O'Connor. 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 July 1, 2019 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. Minutes of the July 1, 2019 regular meeting were hereby approved.

Minutes of the special meeting of July 24, 2019 were presented to the Board for review. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Abstain. Minutes of the July 24, 2019 special meeting were hereby approved.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The motion was made by Mayor Cope to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$255,061.24. 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.

4IMPRINT	SHIPPING ON #18118298	\$ 18.32
ACE OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT 3	PARTS	\$ 37.05
AMANDA SOMES	2 YR. DOMAIN REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 79.98
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	ELECTRICITY JUNE 2019	\$ 2,664.20
A T & T	ALL IN ONE JUNE 2019	\$ 62.71
BASS RIVER BD OF ED	LOCAL SCHOOL TAX 8/5/19	\$ 130,452.50
BEACONS	TAX SALE & ORDINANCE	\$ 260.18
BELLIA TECH, LLC	TECH SUPPORT JUNE 2019	\$ 785.64
BILMARK PLUMBING & HEATING LLC	AC COIL REPLACEMENT COURT	\$ 4,400.00

BURLINGTON COUNTY BCIT	6718 NJ DFS COURSE	\$ 165.00
		\$
BURL CO TREAS, LANDFILL	TIPPING FEES JUNE & JULY 2019	9,915.66
		\$
BURLCOJIF	INSURANCE INSTALLMENT	29,629.00
		\$
BURLINGTON COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER	ANIMAL CARE JUNE 2019	30.00
BURLINGTON COUNTY CLERK	FIREHOUSE SOFTWARE FEES	930.00
		\$
CAM CO.	BACKHOE REPAIRS	234.38
		\$
CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	JULY 2019 PAYROLL	360.00
		\$
CAUSEWAY FORD	PUMP FOR TRUCK	234.69
		\$
CENTRAL JERSEY EQUIPMENT	PARTS	219.47
		\$
CINTAS	SUPPLIES	224.01
		\$
COMCAST	SERVICE 7/19/19 - 8/18/19	108.00
		\$
DANTE GUZZI ENGINEERING ASSOC.	ZONING REVIEWS	150.00
		\$
READYFRESH BY NESTLE	SERVICE JUNE 2019	27.09
		\$
FARM-RITE INC.	BOBCAT BELT	107.46
		\$
FLOWERS BY PJ	RE: STANLEY	89.00
		\$
GOLDENBERG MACKLER SAYEGH	IN REM #5	665.48
		\$
HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON, P.C.	FINAL BILLING 2018 AUDIT	1,000.00
		\$
HOME DEPOT	SUPPLIES	521.25
		\$
KEVIN S. QUINLAN	JULY 2019 PROSECUTIONS	1,600.00
		\$
LANGUAGE SERVICES	SERVICES JUNE 2019	54.60
		\$
LEE'S EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	KENWORTH TANKER	1,310.00
		\$
MCANJ	MEMBER DUES	100.00
		\$
MR. BOB'S	PORT A POTS 7/16/19 - 8/12/19 & OAK LANE	396.74
		\$
MUNICIPAL RECORD SERVICE	RESCINDING ORDERS	122.00
		\$
MUNIDEX INC.	TAX ASSESSOR CARDS & FARMLAND FORMS	583.55
		\$
NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS	168.42
NEW GREYNA		\$
POSTMASTER	ANNUAL PO BOX 307 FEE	120.00
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS	NATURAL GAS 6/17 - 7/17	186.21
NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE	BILLABLE POLICE SERVICES	1,614.03
		\$
OFFICE BASICS, INC.	OFFICE & HOUSEKEEPING SUPPLIES	132.60
PEGGY BECK	BANK MILEAGE JULY 2019	123.92
		\$
PETER C. LANGE	LEGAL SERVICES	5,624.00
QC LABS / EUROFINs	WATER TESTING	\$

		367.50
		\$
RICHARD IRETON	JIF MILEAGE 2ND QTR. 2019	76.00
		\$
SOUTH JERSEY WELDING SUPPLY STAPLES INC.	ACE & OXY 1 YEAR LEASES	150.00
	CALCULATOR & COPY PAPER	221.95
		\$
TOMASELLA'S FIRE PROTECTION	SERVICE CALL & INSPECTION	265.00
		\$
TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN	SUPPLIES	268.57
		\$
TRANSFORMATION ENTERPRISES	JUNE 2019 ROLL-OFF	4,860.00
		\$
VAL-U AUTO PARTS	PARTS	1,512.30
		\$
VERIZON	PHONES JUNE 2019	742.99
		\$
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL CRAMER 6/24 - 8/23	84.64
		\$
WALMART COMMUNITY/SYNCB	SUPPLIES	610.71
		\$
WEX BANK	FUEL MAY & JUNE 2019	2,646.80
		\$
HASLER, INC.	POSTAGE JUNE & JULY 2019	1,399.00
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL 7/3/19	15,539.57
		\$
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL 7/18/19	15,463.71
		\$
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL 7/31/19	15,345.36
		\$
	TOTAL	255,061.24

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE 2019-02
**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY
OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER TO THE STATE OF NEW
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, GREEN
ACRES PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b).**

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Ordinance 2019-02 upon second reading by title and to open the meeting for public comment on Ordinance 2019-02. All in favor and meeting was open for public comment. Comments Heard: Mr. Foder asked what the total acres are and what are they paying? Mayor said \$1000/acre. Ms. Bitzberger asked what is the State paying in taxes. Mayor said the property will become exempt. Mr. Aaronson asked what the States reason for buying these lands is. Mayor replied for more open space and to connect pieces together. Mr. Aaronson added that he is opposed to selling more land to the State. Being no further comments, the motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2019-02 was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All in favor. The motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-02 was made by Commissioner Bourguignon and seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. Votes: Cope-

Yes, Bourguignon-Yes, Capriglione-Yes. All in favor and Ordinance 2019-02 was hereby adopted.

ORDINANCE 2019 – 002

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, GREEN ACRES PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b).

WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River is the owner of certain property identified as follows:

- Block 37, Lot 18
- Block 63, Lots 51, 54 and 57
- Block 76, Lots 4.E and 4.F
- Block 77, Lot 56
- Block 78, Lots 27 and 31
- Block 103, Lots 185, 187, 197 and 211

As identified on the Tax Map for the Township of Bass River; and

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b) permits the sale of Township property to a department of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program has made an offer to purchase the aforementioned property as evidenced by the correspondence attached hereto and incorporated herein as Schedule “A”; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township to sell the Property to the State of New Jersey in a manner set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b).

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(b) 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 sale of the aforementioned property to the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program for the amount of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX (\$129,536.00) DOLLARS

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED that the Mayor and Clerk shall be authorized to execute the appropriate contract documents for sale of this land to the State of New Jersey. ALL OF WHICH IS ADOPTED this 5th day of August, 2019, by the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners.

ORDINANCE 2019-03

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER TO THE STATE OF NEW

**JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, GREEN
ACRES PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b).**

Mayor Cope read Ordinance 2019-03 upon first reading by title only. The motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-03 upon first reading by title only was made by Commissioner Bourguignon and seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Ordinance 2019-03 was hereby approved upon first reading by title only with second reading and public hearing scheduled for the September regular meeting.

ORDINANCE 2019 – 03

***AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF
BASS RIVER TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,
GREEN ACRES PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b).***

WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River is the owner of certain property identified as follows:

Block 100, Lots 4, 5, 10, 164, 165, 171 and 172

Block 101, Lots 3, 7, 33, 43

Block 103, Lots 200 and 210

Block 120, Lots 16 and 19

Block 73, Lot 17

Block 96E, Lots 19, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 39, 40 and 41.

As identified on the Tax Map for the Township of Bass River; and

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b) permits the sale of Township property to a department of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program has made an offer to purchase the aforementioned property as evidenced by the correspondence attached hereto and incorporated herein as Schedule "A"; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township to sell the Property to the State of New Jersey in a manner set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b).

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(b) 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 sale of the aforementioned property to the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program for the amount of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$139,500.00) DOLLARS

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk shall be authorized to execute the appropriate contract documents for sale of this land to the State of New Jersey.

ALL OF WHICH IS ADOPTED this 5th day of August, 2019, by the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners.

RESOLUTION 2019-48

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
EXTENDING THE DUE DATE OF THE 2019 THIRD QUARTER TAXES**

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2019-48. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2019-48 was hereby approved.

***RESOLUTION 2019-48
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
EXTENDING THE DUE DATE OF THE 2019 THIRD QUARTER TAXES***

WHEREAS, due to the delay in receiving the certified tax rate for the 2019 tax billing, the third quarter 2019 taxes will be due 25 days after mailing; and

WHEREAS, there shall be no grace period for taxes received after the 25th day of mailing, payments received after the 25th day of mailing shall be charged interest from the date of August 1, 2019; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as follows;

- 1. Due to delay in received the certified tax rate for the 2019 tax billing, third quarter 2019 taxes will be due 25 days after mailing or August 26th 2019.*
- 2. There shall be no grace period for the tax payments received after the 25th day of mailing, interest shall be charged from August 1, 2019; and*
- 3. That certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Township Tax Collector and the Administrator of the Burlington County Board of Taxation.*

RESOLUTION 2019-49

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER
APPOINTING BOND COUNSEL**

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2019-49. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2019-49 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2019-49

***A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER
APPOINTING BOND COUNSEL***

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the services of a law firm to serve as Bond Counsel for the Township of Bass River; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contract for "professional services" without competitive bids and the resulting contract be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts law further requires that a Notice of the award of the contract be printed as a legal advertisement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River this 5th day of August, 2019, as follows:

1. The law firm DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole and Giblin, LLP of Teaneck, New Jersey be and the same is hereby appointed as Bond Counsel for the Township of Tabernacle. The appointment is for a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because said contract encompasses a professional service recognized and regulated by law.

3. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement for Services with DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole and Giblin, LLP.

4. Notice of this action shall be published once as a legal advertisement in the official newspaper of the Township of Bass River within ten days of its adoption.

RESOLUTION 2019-50

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ADOLPH SICHERI MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2019-50. Votes: Cope–Abstain, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2019-50 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2019-50

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 and Washington Township effective June 1, 2019 for a three year term ending May 31, 2022.*

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Junkyard License Renewal—Kaszuba's

Upon a motion by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione the meeting was open for public hearing on renewal of license for Kaszuba's. All in favor. Comments heard: None. Being no comments the motion to close the public hearing was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All in favor. The motion to approve renewal of the license was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. Votes: Cope-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes, Capriglione-Yes. All in favor and license was hereby renewed.

REPORTS:

The following reports were noted.

Report of Solicitor

Report of Municipal Court

Report of Safety Coordinator

Other Reports: Report of BOE member Mr. Williams for Pinelands Regional

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was open for public comment at 7:47 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All in favor.

Mr. Courtney asked why the fire siren is on the ground at the fire house. Chief Wetmore said there was a squirrel's nest in it. It was pulled down and needed repairs.

Mr. Foder asked why the property next door to his is not maintained.

Ms. Van Orden complained about trash and branches at the leach field property bordering her property. She requested Township to send the employees out to trim trees and collect trash.

Mr. Assur asked about the tax increase and asked Mayor to explain. Mayor said there is no litigation related to this increase. The township has not raised taxes in years. Also used to get more state aid that we no longer receive as much as we should. In addition State Aid to the schools were decreased over the years. Therefore, we inherited a cap that the township could not exceed. This is a one-shot for local municipal taxes and should not be increases for at least a period of 5 years.

Mr. Rothschild asked about procedure for a farmland assessment. Mayor said he would have to file a form every year with the tax assessor stating how much is being generated.

Mr. Aaronson asked about the resolution appointing bond council. Why is this being done? CFO has instructed the Mayor that it is required by the State.

Ms. Bitzberger commented on the school debt at approximately \$800,00. She asked who will pay this debt. Mayor said the tax payers do. She would recommend a revaluation.

Mr. Aaronson agreed with Ms. Bitzberger. He feels the issue is the buildings in the town that do not have permits and built illegally and therefore not assessed. He feels that Viking should be assessed at least \$100,000,000 based on construction cost per square foot. He would suggest hiring a 3rd party appraiser. Solicitor said this would be considered a spot assessment.

Mr. Courtney asked what chemicals the State DOT sprayed on Route 9. Commissioners to try to find out.

Kevin Groff asked if the township was taken over Chips Folly Road and did the Township pay to redo it? Mayor said yes it is a township road and was repaved with a Grant from NJ DOT.

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 8:38 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 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Amanda S. Somes, RMC
Township Clerk