

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

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 January 6, 2020 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 January 6, 2020 regular meeting were hereby approved.

Minutes of the executive session of January 6, 2020 were presented to the Board for review. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Deputy Mayor Capriglione, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. Minutes of the January 6, 2020 executive session were hereby approved.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The motion was made by Mayor Cope to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$579,294.31. 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.

ACE OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT 3	PARTS INV. #205835 & 206265	\$ 309.00
ACUA	WATER TESTING	\$ 28.80
ALBERTSONS / SAFEWAY	MEETING SUPPLIES	\$ 315.03
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	ELECTRICITY JAN. 2020 - PARTIAL	\$ 706.24
A T & T	ALL IN ONE DEC. 2019	\$ 61.08
AUTO ZONE, INC.	PARTS	\$ 75.00
BAGEL GOURMET	SUPPLIES 1/29/20	\$ 67.00
BASS RIVER BD OF ED	LOCAL SCHOOL TAX 2/3/20	\$ 130,452.50
BELLIA TECH, LLC	TECH SUPPORT DEC. 22019	\$ 550.99

BURL CO MUN CT ADM ASSN	2020 DUES BCMCAA	\$ 200.00
BURL CO TREASURER	SALT USAGE 11/12/19	\$ 109.92
BURL CO TREASURER	1ST QTR 2020 COUNTY TAXES	\$ 174,652.59
BURL CO TREASURER	2019 ADDED/OMITTED ASSESSMENTS	\$ 2,464.88
BURLCOJIF	1ST INSTALLMENT LIABILITY WORKMENS COMP.	\$ 22,497.00
CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	PAYROLL JAN. 2020	\$ 238.00
CENTRAL JERSEY EQUIPMENT	PARTS	\$ 114.90
CHRISTOPHER NORMAN, ESQ.	PLANNING BD. MTG. 1/22/20	\$ 300.00
CINTAS	SUPPLIES	\$ 188.92
COMCAST	SERVICE 1/19/20 - 2/18/20	\$ 109.00
DANTE GUZZI ENGINEERING ASSOC.	ENGINEERING SERVICES	\$ 480.00
DAVE'S SEPTIC	PUMP OUT 123 JERICO RD.	\$ 550.00
READYFRESH BY NESTLE	SERVICE DEC. 2019	\$ 11.76
DOCUMENT CONCEPTS, INC.	COURT MAILERS/NOTICES	\$ 252.00
FIRE APPARATUS REPAIR, INC	FIRE CO. REPAIRS	\$ 3,057.39
FIRE APPARATUS REPAIR, INC	REPLACE SAFETY COVER	\$ 185.00
GALLS INC.	BADGE - CODE ENFORCEMENT	\$ 107.00
HOME DEPOT	SUPPLIES	\$ 261.67
JOHNSON & TOWERS INC.	4216 REPAIRS	\$ 445.85
KEVIN S. QUINLAN	JAN. 2020 PROSECUTIONS	\$ 1,600.00
LANGUAGE SERVICES	SERVICES DEC. 2019	\$ 23.10
LORCO PETROLEUM SERVICES	USED OIL REMOVAL	\$ 40.00
MCAA OF NJ	MCAA YEARLY MEMBERSHIP	\$ 50.00
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	PD5 FORMS	\$ 44.00
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	PERMIT LABELS	\$ 438.00
MR. BOB'S	PORT A POTS 1/1/20 - 1/28/20 & OAK LANE	\$ 643.64
MUNICIPAL CODE CORPORATION	SUPPLEMENT #15	\$ 1,194.62
MUNICIPAL RECORD SERVICE	DD2'S & IDRS'S & IIT'S	\$ 490.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS	\$ 225.59
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS	NATURAL GAS 12/11/19 - 1/10/20	\$ 959.64
NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	WEBINAR REGISTRATION	\$ 25.00
OFFICE BASICS, INC.	OFFICE & HOUSEKEEPING SUPPLIES	\$ 425.02
PEGGY BECK	MILEAGE JAN. 2020	\$ 86.72

PINELANDS REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST.	REGIONAL SCHOOL TAX 2/3/20	\$ 188,151.67
RICHARD IRETON	4TH QTR. MILEAGE	\$ 38.40
RUMPF REID & DOLCY	PUBLIC DEFENDER 1/6/20	\$ 750.00
SOUTH JERSEY WATER TEST	WATER TESTING	\$ 1,375.00
STAPLES INC.	COPY PAPER & CHAIR	\$ 164.96
THE EXIT LIGHT CO., INC.	BATTERIES & BACK-UP	\$ 107.00
THE PRESS OF ATLANTIC CITY	RESOLUTIONS	\$ 42.00
TRANSFORMATION ENTERPRISES	DEC. 2019 & JAN. 2020 ROLL-OFF	\$ 10,935.00
VAL-U AUTO PARTS	PARTS	\$ 25.50
VERIZON	PHONES DEC. 2019	\$ 835.49
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL - C. CRAMER 12/24 - 1/23	\$ 42.54
WALMART COMMUNITY/SYNCB	SUPPLIES	\$ 161.99
WEX BANK	FUEL JAN. 2020	\$ 1,158.89
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL 1/16/20	\$ 14,904.36
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL 1/30/20	\$ 15,564.66
	TOTAL	\$ 579,294.31

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01

CALENDAR YEAR 2020

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION
LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40a: 4-45-14)**

Mayor Cope introduced Ordinance 2020-01 upon first reading by title. Commissioner Bourguignon seconded by motion. Public hearing to be held at the March regular meeting. Votes: Cope-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes, Capriglione-Yes. All in favor and Ordinance 2020-01 was hereby approved upon first reading by title.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01

CALENDAR YEAR 2020

**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.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% 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 appropriations and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, Township Council of the Township of Bass River in the County of Burlington finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2020 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Township Council hereby determines that a one percent (1%) increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$14,517.37 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, members of council 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 Township Council 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 2020 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 \$50,810.80 and that the CY 2020 municipal budget for the Township of Bass River be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, 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 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 on file with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

RESOLUTION 2020-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC AUCTION OF CERTAIN TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTIES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a) OF THE LOCAL LANDS AND BUILDINGS LAW

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2020-22. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2020-22 was hereby approved.

BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION 2020-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC AUCTION OF CERTAIN TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTIES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a) OF THE LOCAL LANDS AND BUILDINGS LAW

WHEREAS, the below properties are owned by the Township of Bass River and are not needed for public purposes (hereinafter, individually the "Property" and collectively the "Properties") and identified as follows:

Block	Lot	Minimum Bid Amount:
50	2	\$ 900.00
63	34	\$ 1,800.00
115	29	\$ 500.00
120	8	\$12,900.00
115	27A	\$ 1,400.00

WHEREAS, the Properties will be sold by a sealed bid mailed to Township Clerk, P.O Box 307, New Gretna, NJ 08224 or dropped off with the Township Clerk at 3 North Maple Avenue, New Gretna, NJ 08224.

WHEREAS, the public auction shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of New Jersey Local Finance Notice 2008-9; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the Properties shall be advertised for public sale pursuant to the Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq., subject to the following conditions:

1. The auction shall begin on Monday, February 17, 2020 commencing at 12:00 pm and running through Friday, February 28, 2020 at 3:00 pm. Information and bid form can be obtained on-line at www.bassriver-nj.org or through the Township Clerk at 3 North Maple Avenue, New Gretna. All sealed bids are to be received by the Township Clerk no later than 3:00 pm on Friday, February 28, 2020. The Clerk shall advertise the auction in the manner required by applicable State law. The bidding for Properties shall commence at the minimum bid specified above.

2. The Township shall have the right to remove any Property from the auction for any reason whatsoever until the time of the auction. Notice of such removal will be posted prior to the commencement of the auction.

3. Immediately after the close of bids for a property, the highest qualified bidder, as designated by the Township Clerk shall submit a **NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE SUCCESSFUL BID IN THE FORM OF CASH, MONEY ORDER OR CERTIFIED CHECK ONLY**. Deposit must be submitted by 7 pm, Monday, March 2, 2020. The Township expressly reserves the right to offer a Property for purchase to the next highest bidder if the preceding highest bidder(s) either (i) elects not to pursue the purchase of a Property, or (ii) fails to comply with the requirements stated herein or in the Contract of Sale.

4. Except as provided in paragraph 12 of this Resolution, the deposit made by the purchaser is non-refundable. The purchaser is not entitled to a refund of this deposit in any case except where the Township is unable to convey marketable title.

5. All bids shall be referred to the Board of Commissioners for review and final approval by Resolution pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a) and N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.1. The Township reserves the right

to accept or reject any and all bids including the highest bids and shall make its decision known by way of Township Resolution.

6. *The Properties may include commercial and residential properties, as well as vacant lots.*
7. *Successful bidders shall be obligated to execute a Contract of Sale with the Township, embodying the terms and conditions hereof, within 7 days after the close of bidding at public auction.*
8. *The Township shall record the deed and Contract of Sale with the Burlington County Clerk's office on behalf of the successful bidder and successful bidders shall be responsible for payment of (i) administrative fee in the amount of \$ 150.00, and (ii) a deed recording fee in the amount of \$90 recording fee unless Purchaser's title company requires that the Title Company record the deed.*
9. *Title to the Property shall be conveyed by a Deed Bargain and Sale and payment of the balance of the purchase price (less the 10% deposit) shall be made in the form of cash or certified check at a closing to be arranged between the successful bidder and the Township as prescribed in the Contract of Sale.*
10. *The Township shall not pay any commission to any broker for the sale of any auction property nor shall it pay any legal fees in connection with the sale of any auction property.*
11. *The sale price, as may result from this auction sale, may not be used before any County Board of Taxation, State Tax Court or in any other court of this State to challenge the assessment with respect to the subject property nor may same be used as a comparable sale to challenge the assessment with regard to other properties.*
12. *It shall be the obligation of the successful bidder to have a title search of the property conducted within the prescribed time period referenced in the Contract of Sale and obtain a title commitment. Further, the successful bidder shall deliver a copy of the title report to the township within the time period prescribed in the Contract of Sale, together with written notice of any encumbrance, interest, or exception of title disclosed by the title report that would render title unmarketable. A purchaser's failure to obtain a title report or to provide such notice to the Township of any title questions relating to the marketability of a property within the requisite time period shall be deemed a waiver of each such title question or possible claim. **THE TOWNSHIP SHALL ASSUME NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DEFECTS IN THE TITLE WHICH THE PURCHASER DOES NOT DELIVER NOTICE OF WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD PRESCRIBED IN THE CONTRACT OF SALE.** In the event that the Purchaser fails to obtain a title commitment, the Township may elect to convey title to the property to the purchaser by quitclaim deed.*
13. *Tax liability on any Property which is purchased from the Township shall commence immediately following the closing of the Property. Purchasers shall be responsible for the timely payment of all real estate taxes and other municipal assessments and charges during the time period within which the Property is being rehabilitated, if applicable, and all times thereafter.*
14. *The Purchaser of the auctioned property shall not sell or otherwise transfer title to any property purchased through auction, or any part thereof, to a non-profit or non-taxable organization for a period of five (5) years from the date of closing on the property. Such clause shall be included in the deed.*
15. *All properties shall be sold in "AS IS/WHERE IS" condition, subject to any and all existing tenancies, code violations and other physical and environmental conditions. The Township does not make any representations or warranties as to the condition or value of the properties or their suitability for any particular purpose. Bidder shall be afforded the opportunity to inspect the properties prior to the auction.*
16. *Failure to comply with any of the requirements set forth herein or to close within sixty (60) days following the date the Contract for Sale is fully executed, shall entitle the Township, in its sole*

discretion, to rescind prior bid approval, terminate any and all rights to the designated bidder in the property, and retain the deposit.

17. The Township will not accept a bid by or on behalf of any person or business association, or any person having a 10% or greater ownership interest therein, that owned, in whole or in part, the property being sold at any time within 12 months prior to its foreclosure by the Township for tax arrearages unless:

a. the proposed bidder submits a bid in an amount equal to or greater than the calculated tax redemption amount, which amount shall be made available on request prior to the auction.

b. if the previous owner submits the highest bid, said bidder shall tender, at the conclusion of the bidding, cash or certified funds in the amount of 50% of his closing bid, in default of which the closing bid of the next highest qualifying bidder shall be deemed to be the highest bid received.

18. The Township may, at its discretion, reject a bid by or on behalf of, or disqualify a successful bidder who:

a. owns or has more than a 10% ownership stake in any property located within the Township upon which there exists a tax arrearage of more than 2 quarters; or

b. owns property located within the Township upon which there exists outstanding citations for house code violation.

16. Except as otherwise specifically set forth herein, no employee, agent or officer of the Township has the authority to waive, modify or amend any of the foregoing conditions of sale.

RESOLUTION 2020-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LIENS

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2020-23. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2020-23 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LIENS

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, desires to collect all taxes, assessments and other municipal charges that are now delinquent; and

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk is directed to accept sealed bids to sell all municipal delinquencies through December 31, 2019, in a manner prescribed by N.J.S.A. 54:5-113 and 54:5-113.5. The list of municipal liens is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Bass River Board of Commissioners authorizes and directs the Township Clerk to accept sealed bids for the sale of all municipal liens in accordance with New Jersey Law, and as stated above. The sealed bids will be received by the Township Clerk, for the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New

Jersey on March 2, 2020 at 10 am prevailing time at the Bass River Township Building located at 3 North Maple Avenue, New Gretna New Jersey, at which time and place bids will be opened and read in public.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector*

RESOLUTION 2020-25

**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**

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2020-25. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2020-25 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2020-25

**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 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; and*

***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 February 28, 2020 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 \$1,500.00 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.*
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. *All bidders shall complete and sign the "Affirmative Action Plan", "Disclosure of Ownership" and the "Non-Collusion Certification" as provided with the instructions of this bid proposal. Failure to furnish this information shall be cause for rejection of bid as submitted.*
11. *Award of lease bid shall take place at 10:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building on Friday, February 28, 2020.*
12. *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.*

RESOLUTION 2020-26

AUTHORIZING SELF EXAMINATION OF THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2020-26. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2020-26 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2020-26

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Township of Bass River has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2018 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Township of Bass River that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief

Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. *That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:*
 - a. *Payment of interest and debt redemption charges*
 - b. *Deferred charges and statutory expenditures*
 - c. *Cash deficit of preceding year*
 - d. *Reserve for uncollected taxes*
 - e. *Other reserves and non-disbursement items*
 - f. *Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.*

2. *That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).*

3. *That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.*

4. *That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:*
 - a. *All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,*
 - b. *Items of appropriation are properly set forth*
 - c. *In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.*

5. *The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.*

6. *That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

REPORTS:

The following reports were noted and provided:

- a. Solicitor's Report
- b. Municipal Court Report
- c. Report of Governing Body: Mayor Cope reported that she will meeting with the Mayor of Down Township to discuss the sewage system that was installed in that township.
- d. Other Reports: Mr. Foder reported for Bass River BOE that the school board meeting was moved to February 18th. He reported that a feasibility study is being conducted.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was open for public comment at 7:21 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All present in favor.

Tom and Maureen Kane complained about feral cats on Amasa Landing Road and coming from the neighbor's house next door. Mrs. Kane said that this has been a problem for years and feels it is a community health risk. Mr. Kane said that he called Mayor to discuss a recent conversation he had with a Commissioner with regard to feeding of the cats by the Commissioner and his wife. Mr. Kane removed the food and shelters trying to get rid of the cat problem. Mr. Kane said he feels his puppy is getting sick from the feral cats. Mr. Kane complained about Turkey Buzzards roosting in his trees creating a mess. He feels it is because of these cats and the food that they are roosting here. Mayor asked Ms. Bitzberger for any input.

Ms. Brenda Percy said she has feral cats coming into her yard and shredding her dogs and feels diseased animals should not be allowed in this town.

Carol Bitzberger suggested that they get in contact with Friends of Burlington County to help. She thanked Commissioner Bourguignon for immediately taking care of the situation with Smitten Stables and calling her to let her know.

Kevin Foder said he wants an investigation into Commissioner Bourguignon. Solicitor Committed that Commissioner Bourguignon has committed no crime as provided for under New Jersey statute and, therefore, an investigation is not warranted.

Mr. Foder asked why the bridge contractor placed a sign on his property. He feels it should be relocated to Otis Bog Road.

Mr. Foder requested a report on Quality EMS with regard to their response time. He wants to know if the governing body gets a report. Deputy Mayor Capriglione will ask Chief Wetmore for more information, if available.

Mr. Gordon commented that buzzards are migratory and will leave at some point on their own and feels the feral cats' situation is common everywhere.

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 8:10 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 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Amanda S. Somes, RMC, Township Clerk