

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2015**

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 May 4, 2015 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 May 4, 2015 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 \$174,842.13. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve bills for payment. Votes: Cope –Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and bills were ordered paid.

AMANDA SOMES	LOST CHECK & REIM. PLANTER SUPPLIES	\$	133.56
ACADEMY SECURITY	ALARM 6/1/15 - 8/31/15	\$	87.00
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	ELECTRICITY APR/MAY 2015	\$	627.50
A T & T	COURT & MUNI ALL IN ONE	\$	509.75
A T & T	ISDN LINE APRIL 2015	\$	92.25
BASS RIVER BD OF ED	LOCAL SCHOOL TAX 6/2/15	\$	112,213.75
BOB'S GARDEN CENTER	CEMETARY GERANIUMS	\$	720.00
BURL CO TREAS, LANDFILL	TIPPING FEES MAY 2015	\$	4,179.11
CAM CO.	LOADER PARTS	\$	95.00
CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	MAY PAYROLL	\$	231.00
CHRISTOPHER NORMAN, ESQ.	PLANNING BD. WORK & MTG. 5/21/15	\$	372.50
COMCAST	SERVICE 5/19/15 - 6/18/15	\$	107.95
DEER PARK DIRECT	SERVICE 4/15/15 - 5/14/15	\$	17.74
DISPLAY SALES	FLAGS	\$	407.00
ECONO SIGNS	SAFETY VESTS	\$	241.11
FIRE APPARATUS REPAIR, INC.	TRUCK 4216 REPAIRS	\$	285.74

GRAMCO BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS	CD'S FOR COURT	\$	69.70
GRETNA GREEN LANDSCAPING	MULCH FOR OAKLANE PARK	\$	280.00
IPM INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT	QRTLY SERVICE	\$	85.00
JEREMY PRICE	PUB. DEF. 5/18/15 & DWI 5/2/15	\$	1,000.00
JERRY'S DIESEL & TRUCK REPAIR	CHEVY BRAKE REPAIR	\$	651.96
JERSEY SHORE RESTROOMS, LLC	PORT A POTS 5/15 - 6/11	\$	170.00
KEN ROSE	PLANTS FOR TWP. PLANTERS	\$	96.35
KEVIN S. QUINLAN	DWI 5/7 & 5/28, MAY 2015 PROS.	\$	2,000.00
KLUK CONSULTANTS	NMA TWP PARK WORK	\$	4,195.00
LANGUAGE SERVICES ASSOCIATES	TELEPHONIC CHARGES APRIL 2015	\$	50.40
MAILFINANCE	LEASE 3/12/15 - 6/11/15	\$	570.00
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS	PW BUILDING	\$	163.57
NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	4 SUBSCRIPTIONS NJLM MAG.	\$	80.00
OFFICE BASICS, INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$	235.28
PEGGY BECK	BANK TRIPS, TV, MOUNT	\$	180.83
PETER C. LANGE	LEGAL SERVICES MAR & APR 2015	\$	4,273.50
Q C LABS	WATER TESTS	\$	101.50
SAFE ID CARD SYSTEMS, INC.	PW ID CARDS	\$	45.00
SOUTH JERSEY WATER TEST	WATER TESTS	\$	1,155.00
TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN	SUPPLIES	\$	160.87
TREAS STATE NJ DEP REVENUE	NJPDES PERMITS	\$	4,761.98
TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY	IST QTR. MARRIAGE LIC. FEE	\$	75.00
VERIZON	COURT & MUNI PHONES APR/MAY 2015	\$	970.33
WEX BANK	FUEL CHARGES MAY 2015	\$	740.83
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT.	PAYROLL 5/14/15	\$	16,673.89
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT.	PAYROLL 5/28/15	\$	15,188.29
HASLER, INC.	MAY 2015 POSTAGE	\$	546.89
	TOTAL	\$	174,842.13

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2015-50

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING AN ADDENDUM TO THE CONTRACT WITH
AMERICAN ATHLETIC COURTS, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE
MUNICIPAL PARK TENNIS COURT**

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2015-50. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2015-50 was hereby approved.

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COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING AN ADDENDUM TO THE CONTRACT WITH
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TENNIS COURT**

WHEREAS, a contract was previously awarded American Athletic Courts, Inc. for construction of the Municipal Park Tennis Court; and

WHEREAS, the original contract for said work was in the amount of \$73,500.00: and

WHEREAS, the original contract price has been adjusted to \$80,325.00: and

WHEREAS, the governing body wishes to authorize Change Order No. 1, which will result in a increase of \$6,825.00 in the adjusted contract price, consisting of those items set forth on Schedule "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof: and

WHEREAS, this change order has been recommended by the Municipal Engineer and agreed to by the contractor; and

WHEREAS, this change order, together with all previous change orders, amounts to a total of less than twenty (20%) percent of the original contract awarded to the contractor; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the governing body to authorize this change order.

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

- 1. That the governing body does hereby authorize the execution of an addendum to the contract for the construction of the Municipal Park Tennis Court with American Athletic Courts, Inc., to provide for a increase in the adjusted contract price from \$73,500.00 to \$80,325.00, an increase of \$6,825.00 in the adjusted contract price, consisting of those items set forth on Schedule "A", attached hereto and made part hereof.*
- 2. That the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an addendum to the contract with American Athletic Courts, Inc in accordance with the provisions of this resolution.*

RESOLUTION 2015-51

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF
BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUESTING THAT THE
DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES
GRANT PERMISSION TO APPROVE THE INCREASE OF AN ITEM OF
SPECIAL REVENUE IN THE 2015 BUDGET ENTITLED "FY2015 CLEAN
COMMUNITIES GRANT" IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7561.84**

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2015-51. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2015-51 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2015-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUESTING THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES GRANT PERMISSION TO APPROVE THE INCREASE OF AN ITEM OF SPECIAL REVENUE IN THE 2015 BUDGET ENTITLED “FY2015 CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT” IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7561.84

WHEREAS, NJS 40A-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the increase of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the increase of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2015 in the sum of \$7561.84; which item is now available as a revenue for the FY2015 Clean Communities Grant pursuant to the provisions of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$7561.84 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of the FY2015 Clean Communities Grant.

RESOLUTION 2015-52

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2015-52. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2015-52 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-52

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the services of a law firm to serve as In Rem 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 must 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 Commissioners of the Township of Bass River this 1st day of June, 2015, as follows:

1. *The law firm Goldberg, Mackler of Northfield, New Jersey be and the same is hereby appointed as Counsel for the Township of Bass River with respect to the In Rem Foreclosure.*

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 the attached Agreement with Keith Bonchi, Esq. of Goldberg, Mackler.*

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.*

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion concerning Block 43 Lot 6 and the offer made for assignment of tax sale certificate. Originally offer was turned down by the Board because assess value of property was in excess of \$50,000. Upon further research it was found the lot is not a buildable piece of property and attaches to the bidder's property and is land locked otherwise. Assessment is not correct and must be changed. Furthermore accepting the bid made by Ruffo for less than amount owed will require future advertising and resolution to accept offer at next meeting. Agreed by board to move forward with acceptance of Ruffo bid on Block 43, Lot 6.

Discussion concerning Block 103, Lot 177 and bed by Vogel. Mayor will need to consult tax assessor and discuss regarding PDC's. Property is assessed at \$70,900.00 for 41.7 acres in preservation zone. Further research on parcel will be needed to determine what course to take for the best interest of the Township.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brian Cowperthwait and Joe Capriglione spoke on behalf of New Jersey Disaster Relief a nonprofit organization with ideas for emergency services and community outreach program for Bass River Township. The group is requesting residency at the shop at 42 East Greenbush Road in attempt to get funding for insurance coverage for the group. Mayor and Commissioner have requested more information on the group and Solicitor to seek information from DCA to determine if the Township can assist legally.

REPORTS:

The following reports were noted.

Report of Solicitor
Report of Municipal Court
Other Reports

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was open for public comment at 8:00 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All present in favor.

G. Lamson asked about donations to squad 85 and have they made improvements and if contributions should continue. Deputy Mayor Capriglione said that he has seen a huge difference in run reports and attitudes have changed. The new radios have helped tremendously. New Captain and new officers are making a big difference.

C. Bitzberger asked if the Bass River Newsletter prepared by Bill Curtain could be made available with extra hard copies printed and available at town hall and post office. Yes, that would not be a problem and Clerk would take care of it.

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 8:06 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 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Amanda S. Somes, RMC
Township Clerk
