

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, JUNE 5, 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 April 3, 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-Abstain, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and minutes of the April 3, 2017 regular meeting were hereby approved.

Minutes of the executive session of April 3, 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-Abstain, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and minutes of the April 3, 2017 executive session were hereby approved.

Minutes of the regular meeting of May 1, 2017 were presented to the Board for review. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Deputy Commissioner Bourguignon. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Abstain, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and minutes of the May 1, 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 \$243,957.60. 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.

BASS RIVER TWP	TRANSFER TO TAX SALE ESCROW	\$ 42,675.00
ACADEMY SECURITY	ALARM MONITORING 6/1 - 8/31	\$ 87.00
ACE POWER SUPPLY	INVOICE #123805	\$ 69.52
ACUA	WATER TESTING	\$ 446.25
AMANDA SOMES	REIMB. FLOWERS TOWN HALL	\$ 48.94
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	ELECTRICITY MAY 2017	\$ 4,365.01
A T & T	ALL IN ONE APR. 2017	\$ 464.32

A T & T	ISDN LINE APR. 2017	\$ 70.60
BASS RIVER BD OF ED	LOCAL SCHOOL TAX 6/7/17	\$ 123,216.00
BELLIA TECH, LLC	TECH SUPPORT	\$ 671.75
BOB'S GARDEN CENTER	FLOWERS FOR CEMETARY	\$ 720.00
BURL CO TREAS, LANDFILL	APR. & MAY 2017 TIPPING FEES	\$ 8,614.01
CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	MAY 2017 PAYROLL SERVICES	\$ 226.00
CINTAS	HOUSEKEEPING & UNIFORMS	\$ 351.93
COMCAST	SERVICE 5/19/17 - 6/18/17	\$ 105.00
DANTE GUZZI ENGINEERING ASSOC.	ALLEN'S DOCK SPECIAL MTG	\$ 137.00
DANTE GUZZI ENGINEERING ASSOC.	ZONING REVIEWS	\$ 225.00
DAVE'S SEPTIC	PUMP OUTS & REPAIRS	\$ 900.00
READYREFRESH BY NESTLE	SERVICE 4/1/17 - 4/31/17	\$ 8.76
GOLDENBERG MACKLER SAYEGH	SERVICES THRU 5/31/17	\$ 2,058.71
GRETNA GREEN LANDSCAPING	FLOWERS FOR TOWN BOXES	\$ 174.41
GROVER ELECTRIC	ELECTRIC REPAIRS	\$ 690.00
HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON, P.C.	PROGRESS BILLING 2016 AUDIT	\$ 600.00
HOME DEPOT	SUPPLIES	\$ 950.28
IPM INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT	QUARTERLY SERVICE	\$ 85.00
JERSEY SHORE RESTROOMS, LLC	PORT A POTS 5/12 - 7/8	\$ 340.00
KEVIN S. QUINLAN	MAY 2017 PROSECUTIONS	\$ 1,600.00
MAILFINANCE	LEASE 3/12/17 - 6/11/17	\$ 552.00
MUNIDEX	FARMLAND FORMS	\$ 121.79
NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS	\$ 92.09
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS	NATURAL GAS 4/13 - 5/12 12/12 - 1/11	\$ 273.59
NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$ 80.00
OFFICE BASICS, INC.	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 499.62
PEGGY BECK	BANK MILEAGE MAY 2017	\$ 65.28
PINELANDS JULY 4TH CELEBRATION	FIRE WORKS DONATION	\$ 500.00
Q C LABS / EUROFINS	WATER TESTING	\$ 94.00
RUMPH REID & DOLCY	PUBLIC DEFENDER 5/8/17	\$ 750.00
SOUTH JERSEY WATER TEST	WATER TESTING	\$ 1,375.00
STATE OF NJ DIV EMPLOYER ACCTS	1ST QTR. REIMBURSEMENT BILLING	\$ 2,271.96
THE PRESS OF ATLANTIC CITY	RESOLUTIONS 2016-75 & 76	\$ 48.30
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	NJ STST T33 2017 PP	\$ 51.30
TOMASELLA'S FIRE PROTECTION INC	INSPECTIONS & CERTIFICATION	\$ 194.00
TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN	SUPPLIES	\$ 349.53
TRANSFORMATION ENTERPRISES	APRIL 2017 ROLL-OFF	\$ 4,775.00
TREAS STATE NJ DEP REVENUE	GROUND WATER RENEWAL PERMIT	\$ 4,303.75
TREAS STATE NJ DEP REVENUE	STORM WATER RENEWAL PERMIT	\$ 500.00
TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY	4TH QTR 2016 & 1ST QTR 2017 MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$ 125.00
TUCKERTON BOROUGH	LEACHFIELD WORK	\$ 196.00
UNIVERSAL COMPUTING SERVICES	MESSAGE MAILERS / NOTICES	\$ 272.50

VERIZON	COURT & MUNI. PHONES MAY 2017	\$ 1,013.84
WEX BANK	FUEL APRIL 2017	\$ 1,051.65
DANTE GUZZI ENGINEERING ASSOC.	GORMLEY ESCROW	\$ 479.50
DANTE GUZZI ENGINEERING ASSOC.	MANARESI ESCROW	\$ 479.50
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL 5/11/17	\$ 15,146.27
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL 5/25/17	\$ 17,035.98
HASLER, INC.	POSTAGE APRIL 2017	\$ 772.76
HASLER, INC.	POSTAGE MAY 2017	\$ 586.90
TOTAL		\$ 243,957.60

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2017-39

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL
CONFLICT MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR, PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND
CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR YEAR 2017**

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2017-39. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2017-39 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2017-39

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL CONFLICT MUNICIPAL
PROSECUTOR, PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR YEAR 2017***

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the appointment of a Conflict Municipal Prosecutor, Public Defender, and Conflict Public Defender, with regard to said Court;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioner of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey, that Brian Rumpf, Esq. is appointed Public Defender for year 2017; that Law Offices of Citta, Holzapfel, et als., and Gerard Traynor, Esq. are appointed Conflict Prosecutors and the Jerry Steiner, Esq., and Mark Emmer, Esq., are appointed Conflict Public Defenders, for the remainder of 2017.

RESOLUTION 2017-40

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER
APPOINTING ALBERT STANLEY AS THE TAX COLLECTOR**

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2017-40. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2017-40 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-40

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER
APPOINTING ALBERT STANLEY AS THE TAX COLLECTOR**

WHEREAS, the Township requires the appointment of a Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners has recommended Albert Stanley be appointed as the Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-141 authorizes a municipality to appoint a tax collector to administer and collect taxes due in accordance with statute; and

WHEREAS, Albert Stanley satisfies all of the requirements, certifications and licensing requirements specified under N.J.S.A 40A:9-141 and N.J.S.A 40A:9-145-2.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Bass River Board of Commissioners, in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey this 5th day of June 2017, as follows:

1. *Albert Stanley is hereby appointed as the acting part time tax collector for the Township of Bass River at an annual salary of eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500.00) in accordance with the Township's Salary Ordinance.*
2. *The appointment is effective on June 1, 2017 and shall be for a term of four (4) years.*
3. *A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Municipal Clerk to Albert Stanley upon adoption.*

RESOLUTION 2017-41

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 2017-41. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2017-41 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2017-41

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 5th day of June 2017 that the following pay rate is hereby established for the 2017 calendar year and set as follows pursuant to Salary Ordinance.

NAME	OFFICE/EMPLOYEE	TITLE	SALARY
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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND FINANCE

Stanley, Albert

Tax Collector

\$8500/year

RESOLUTION 2017-42

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TURNOVER OF UNCASHED FUNDS FOR BASS RIVER MUNICIPAL COURT GENERAL ACCOUNT TOTAL AMOUNT \$7.00

RESOLUTION 2017-43

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TURNOVER OF UNCASHED FUNDS FOR BASS RIVER MUNICIPAL COURT BAIL ACCOUNT TOTAL AMOUNT \$14.00

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolutions 2017-42 and 2017-43. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolutions 2017-42 and 2017-43 were hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2017-44

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNERS FOR BASS RIVER MUNICIPAL COURT BANK ACCOUNT (BY TITLE)

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2017-44. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2017-44 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2017-45

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 2017 BUDGET ENTITLED “2017 CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT” IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7271.52

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2017-45. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2017-45 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2017-45

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 2017 BUDGET ENTITLED “2017 CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT” IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7271.52

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 2017 in the sum of \$7271.52; which item is now available as a revenue for the 2017 Clean Communities Grant pursuant to the provisions of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$7271.52 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of the 2017 Clean Communities Grant.

RESOLUTION 2017-46

A Resolution Awarding the Contract for the repair and repaving of Stage Road pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-1

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2017-46. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2017-46 was hereby approved.

Resolution 2017-46

A Resolution Awarding the Contract for the repair and repaving of Stage Road pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-1

WHEREAS, the Bass River Township Municipal Clerk received sealed bids for the repair and repaving of Stage Road on Wednesday, May 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 states that a contract, the cost of which would exceed \$17,500.00 in a fiscal year, shall be awarded only after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore; and

WHEREAS, there has been public advertisement for bids received by the Township Clerk for the purpose of awarding a contract for the aforementioned repair and repaving of Stage Road, in the Township of Bass River, Burlington County, NJ; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, Dante Guzzi Engineering Associates, LLC, has reviewed the bid documents, prepared a bid summary; and has advised that a certain entity is the lowest qualified responsible bidder for said contract and has recommended that the Municipality award said contract or reject the bids within sixty (60) days as required by N.J.S.A. 10A: 11-4; and

WHEREAS, the Township Commissioners have reviewed the recommendations made by the Township Administrator and Solicitor on said bids; and

WHEREAS, A.E. Stone, Inc. was the lowest qualified bidder submitting a conforming bid; and

WHEREAS, the award of said contract is contingent upon Department of Transportation (DOT) authorization and grant financing.

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

- 1. That the Township Board of Commissioners, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that A. E. Stone, Inc., is the lowest qualified bidder for the aforementioned contract and hereby awards a contract to the said entity for the aforesaid purpose in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Bid Proposal, the Notice to Bidders and Specifications, copies of which are on file in the Office of the Township Clerk and available for public inspection during regular business hours as follows:*

[] Total Base Bid price: \$128,000.00

[] Total Base Bid plus Alternate 1 & 2: \$164,000.00

*[XXX] Total Base Bid plus Alternate 1, Alternate 2
And Alternate 3: \$228,000.00*

- 2. That the award to A.E. Stone, Inc. is consistent with the legal requirements of the lowest responsible bidder, which conforms, to all specification requirements and applicable statutory provisions.*
- 3. That the Board of Commissioners does hereby direct the Township Mayor and Clerk to execute any contract documents which are necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution which shall be prepared by or reviewed by the Office of the Township Attorney.*

RESOLUTION 2017-47

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY SERVICES FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to table Resolution 2017-47. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2017-47 was hereby tabled.

RESOLUTION 2017-48

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract Renewing Membership In The BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2017-48. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2017-48 was hereby approved.

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract Renewing Membership In The

BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, Bass River Township (hereinafter the "MUNICIPALITY") is a member of the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (hereinafter the "FUND"); and

WHEREAS, the MUNICIPALITY'S membership terminates as of January 1, 2018 unless earlier renewed by a Contract between the MUNICIPALITY and the FUND; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (m) provides that a Contract which exceeds the bid threshold may be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor, if the subject matter is for the purchase of insurance coverage and consultant services, provided that the award is in accordance with the requirements for extraordinary unspecifiable services; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1(b) provides that the MUNICIPALITY shall make a documented effort to secure competitive quotations; however, a Contract may be awarded upon a determination, in writing, that the solicitation of competitive quotations is impracticable; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.3, a designated official of the MUNICIPALITY, has filed a certificate with the governing body describing in detail, as set forth below in this Resolution, why this Contract meets the provisions of the statutes and the regulations and why the solicitation of competitive quotations is impracticable; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the purchase of insurance coverage and insurance consultant services by the MUNICIPALITY requires a unique knowledge and understanding of the municipal exposures and risks associated with the operation of a municipal entity, and many insurance professionals are not qualified to assess these risks and exposures based upon their inherent complexity; and

WHEREAS, insurance coverage for municipal entities can vary greatly in the type, limits, and exceptions to coverage, and therefore particularized expertise in determining and obtaining the appropriate coverage is required to protect the MUNICIPALITY; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the MUNICIPALITY to obtain a single integrated program to provide all types of insurance coverage with a plan to limit the MUNICIPALITIES exposure; and

WHEREAS, the FUND has provided comprehensive insurance coverage to member municipalities since 1991; and

WHEREAS, since 1991, the Fund has continually refined all of the types of coverage that it provides to its members so that it offers comprehensive insurance coverage and limits to all members that is unique and cannot be purchased from a single entity in the commercial insurance market; and

WHEREAS, the FUND has also developed and made available to its members Safety, Risk Management, and Litigation Management programs that address the specific exposures and risks associated with municipal entities; and

WHEREAS, the FUND provides the MUNICIPALITY with Fund Administration, Claims Review, Claims Processing, Claims Administration, Actuarial and Legal services; and

WHEREAS, the FUND is one of the most financially sound Municipal Joint Insurance Funds in New Jersey, and the FUND operates with strong fiscal controls, member oversight, and meets all of the requirements promulgated by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the Department of Banking and Insurance; and

WHEREAS, as an existing member of the FUND, the MUNICIPALITY would be renewing its membership in an organization with experienced and dedicated FUND Professionals who provide specialized services to the members; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the FUND includes many neighboring municipalities that have uniquely similar exposures to the MUNICIPALITY, and with whom the MUNICIPALITY has existing inter-local arrangements; and

WHEREAS, all of the aforementioned factors categorize the award of this Contract as an "extraordinary, unspecifiable service" that cannot be duplicated, accounted for, accurately detailed, or described in a manner that truly depicts the value of the MUNICIPALITY'S membership in the FUND; and

WHEREAS, for all of the aforementioned reasons, it is impracticable for the MUNICIPALITY to seek competitive quotations for a Contract to provide the procurement of insurance coverage and consultant services; and

WHEREAS, the FUND has been organized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq., and as such is an agency of the municipalities that created it; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2) also provides that a Contract which exceeds the bid threshold may be negotiated and awarded by the governing body without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor, if the Contract is entered into with a municipality or any board, body, officer, agency or authority thereof; and

WHEREAS, the FUND meets the definition of an agency as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2); and

WHEREAS, for all of the aforementioned reasons, the MUNICIPALITY desires to enter into a Contract to renew its membership with the FUND for a period of three (3) years, for insurance coverage and consultant services, as an exception to the public bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the governing body of the MUNICIPALITY as follows:

- 1. The MUNICIPALITY agrees to renew its membership in the FUND and to be subject to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, coverages, and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the FUND.*
- 2. The Mayor and Clerk of the MUNICIPALITY shall be and hereby are authorized to execute the "Contract to Renew Membership" annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the FUND evidencing the MUNICIPALITY'S renewal of its membership.*
- 3. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.3, the certificate of a designated official of the MUNICIPALITY, which details why the solicitation of competitive quotations is impracticable, is attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution.*
- 4. The Clerk of the MUNICIPALITY is authorized and directed to place a notice of the adoption of this Resolution and the award of this Contract in the official newspaper of the MUNICIPALITY.*

RESOLUTION 2017-49

Special Emergency Appropriation for Purchase of Crew Cab 4X4 with Snow Plow Package

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2017-49. Votes: Cope—Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2017-49 was hereby approved.

Resolution 2017-49

Special Emergency Appropriation for Purchase of Crew Cab 4X4 with Snow Plow Package

Whereas, it has been found necessary to make a Special Emergency Appropriation to meet extraordinary expenses incurred, by the breakdown of the Township's existing vehicle for snow plowing and, the purchase of a new vehicle makes better economic sense in the amount of \$59,788.00

Whereas, it is lawful to make an appropriation as a deferred charge to succeeding year budget by charging the expense out of fund balance.

Whereas, the expense will be paid back to Fund Balance in Five Year Installments in succeeding year budgets. The first installment being \$11,957.60.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the expense for the purchase of a new snow plow vehicle be paid out of Fund Balance and processed by the Chief Financial Officer.

OLD BUSINESS:

Second batch of In Rem Foreclosures are nearly complete and may take another 6 months. Township to move forward with batch number three.

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORTS:

The following reports were noted.

Report of Solicitor
Report of Municipal Court
Report of the Emergency Management Coordinator
Report of the Beautification Committee

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was open for public comment at 7:55 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Mayor Cope. All present in favor.

L. Assur asked for clarification of the Chapter 159 Resolution for Clean Communities Grant. Clerk and Mayor provided same.

L. Assur asked if the Township has considered solar panels. Mayor said the township may pursue.

C. Bitzberger said that she heard that solar panels are very dangerous in the case of a fire. Chief Tom Wetmore attempts to keep up with the latest information and that the panels do hinder putting the fire out sometimes. The panels are putting out DC current instead of AC current.

C. Bitzberger asked about the salary and overtime for DPW employees. She also asked if the Tax Assessor has gone out and inspected the campground that have year round residents.

J. Comis reported that work is ongoing at the museum and requests permission to take some trees down to give a better sign clearance. Board has no objections. He also said they are going to install a handicapped ramp.

M. Assur asked about the school referendum and why there was a limited time frame to vote. This is under the direction of the Board of Education.

Be no further comments, the motion to close the public portion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Mayor Cope. All in favor and public portion was closed at 8:14 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The motion to enter into executive session was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All in favor.

*RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12*

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., it is necessary to convene an executive session to discuss items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b), specifically:

1. *Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiation, Personnel matters and the Attorney-Client Privilege*
 - a. *Eminent Domain*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is anticipated that the deliberation conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Governing Body that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality and if not then legally privileged.

ACTION TAKEN UPON ENTERING BACK INTO REGULAR MEETING:

None

Being no further business to come before the Board the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Mayor Cope. All in favor and meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Amanda S. Somes, RMC
Township Clerk
