

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, MARCH 2, 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, CFO/Tax Collector Al Stanley 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 February 3, 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 February 3, 2020 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 \$201,564.99. 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.

		ALARM MONITORING 3/1/20 -	\$
1	ACADEMY SECURITY	5/31/20	87.00
	ACE OUTDOOR POWER		\$
2	EQUIPMENT 3	PARTS & REPAIRS	76.99
			\$
3	ACUA	WATER TESTING	471.05
	ALBERTSONS/SAFEW		\$
4	AY	SUPPLIES	76.27
			\$
5	AMABC	ANNUAL DUES 2020	150.00
	ATLANTIC CITY		\$
6	ELECTRIC	ELECTRICITY FEB 2020	3,469.47
			\$
7	A T & T	ALL IN ONE JAN. 2020	63.26
			\$
	BASS RIVER BD OF		130,452.
8	ED	LOCAL SCHOOL TAX 3/2/20	50
		TECH SUPPORT JAN. 2020 &	\$
		OCT. 2019	471.98
9	BELLIA TECH, LLC		\$
	BURL CO TREAS,		
10	LANDFILL	TIPPING FEES JAN. 2020	5,500.62
			\$
11	BURLINGTON COUNTY CLERK	TAX CERTIFICATE RECORDINGS	90.00
	CASA PAYROLL		\$
12	SERVICES	FEB. 2020 PAYROLL SERVICE	262.00
			\$
13	CINTAS	SUPPLIES	188.08

			\$
14	COMCAST	SERVICE 2/19/20 - 3/18/20	109.00
			\$
15	COPIERS PLUS	TONER	19.00
	DANTE GUZZI ENGINEERING		\$
16	ASSOC.	ENGINEERING SERVICES	833.45
			\$
17	DAVE'S SEPTIC	PUMP OUT 328 ASH RD.	300.00
	READYFRESH BY		\$
18	NESTLE	SERVICE JAN. 2020	15.55
			\$
19	FIRE APPARATUS REPAIR INC.	REPAIR TRUCK 4218	289.50
	FIREFIGHTER ONE		\$
20	LLC	FIRE CO. GEAR	6,190.85
			\$
21	GANN LAW BOOKS	2020NJ POLICE MANUAL	92.00
	GOLDENBERG, MACKLER		\$
22	SAYEGH	TTL SERVICES THRU 1/31/20	181.65
	GRAMCO BUSINESS		\$
23	COMMUNICATIONS	CD'S	112.50
			\$
24	GRETNA GREEN LANDSCAPING	WALKER LANE REPAIRS	3,750.00
			\$
25	HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON P.C.	PROGRESS BILL 2019 AUDIT	5,000.00
			\$
26	HOME DEPOT	SUPPLIES	550.84
	IPM INTEGRATED PEST		\$
27	MANAGEMENT	QUARTERLY SERVICE	85.00
			\$
28	JEANNE E. ELLIS	CPR/AED CLASS	405.00
			\$
29	KEVIN S. QUINLAN	FEB. 2020 PROSECUTIONS	1,600.00
	LANGUAGE		\$
30	SERVICES	SERVICES JAN. 2020	92.40
			\$
31	MAILFINANCE	LEASE 12/19 - 3/11	552.00
			\$
32	MCABC	2020 DUES	75.00
		PORT A POTS 1/29 - 2/25 &	\$
33	MR. BOB'S	OAK LANE	568.64
			\$
34	NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS	498.03
	NEW JERSEY STATE		\$
35	POLICE	BILLABLE SERVICES	2,641.14
	NEW JERSEY		\$
36	NATURAL GAS	NATURAL GAS 1/10 - 2/10	1,035.33
			\$
37	NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	MEMBERSHIP DUES 2020	289.00
		OFFICE & HOUSEKEEPING	\$
38	OFFICE BASICS, INC.	SUPPLIES	228.35
			\$
39	PEGGY BECK	BANK MILEAGE & STOOL	101.07
	PINELANDS MUNICIPAL		\$
40	COUNCIL	ANNUAL DUES 2020	100.00
			\$
41	PLATT & RISO, P.C.	GENERAL FILE 2020	372.00
	RUMPF REID &		\$
42	DOLCY	PUBLIC DEFENDER 2/3/20	750.00
	THE EXIT LIGHT CO.,		\$
43	INC.	EMERGENCY LIGHT & BACK-UP	55.00
			\$
44	THE PRESS OF ATLANTIC CITY	RESOLUTIONS	590.28
			\$
45	TIM LOVINGHAM	REIMBURSEMENTS FOR PARK	250.00
			\$
46	USA BLUEBOOK	SLUDGE JUDGE II	156.84

			\$
47	VERIZON	PHONES JAN. 2020	677.84
			\$
48	VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL - C. CRAMER 1/24 - 2/23	42.54
			\$
49	WALMART COMMUNITY/SYNCR	SUPPLIES	259.03
			\$
50	WEX BANK	FUEL FEB. 2020	1,124.74
			\$
	BASS RIVER PAYROLL		13,183.6
51	ACCT	PAYROLL 2/17/20	8
			\$
	BASS RIVER PAYROLL		16,610.9
52	ACCT	PAYROLL 2/27/20	2
			\$
53	HASLER, INC.	POSTAGE JAN. 2020	417.60
			\$
		TOTAL	201,564. 99

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)**

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Ordinance 2020-01 upon second reading by title and to open the meeting for public comment on Ordinance 2020-01. All in favor and meeting was open for public comment. Comments Heard: None. Being no comments, the motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2020-01 was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All in favor. The motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-01 was made by Mayor Cope and seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon. Votes: Cope-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes, Capriglione-Yes. All in favor and Ordinance 2020-01 was hereby adopted.

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 2020-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY GIVING APPROVAL FOR A COIN DROP WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, SUBJECT TO APPROVALS BY COUNTY AND/OR STATE OFFICIALS

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2020-27. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2020-27 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2020-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY GIVING APPROVAL FOR A COIN DROP WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, SUBJECT TO APPROVALS BY COUNTY AND/OR STATE OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, the New Gretna Volunteer Fire Company has provided an application to the Township of Bass River to hold a coin drop; and

WHEREAS, Bass River Township's local ordinance allow for such events, subject to approval by County and/or State Officials.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River that the following schedule for coin drops by the New Gretna Volunteer Fire Company have been approved at locations(s) listed below:

LOCATION: Burlington County Route 679 a.k.a. North Maple Avenue, New Gretna and Route 9, New Gretna. Time from 0700-1700.

<i>DATES:</i>	<i>April 19th</i>	<i>(Rain Date April 26th)</i>
	<i>May 17th</i>	<i>(Rain Date May 24th)</i>
	<i>June 14th</i>	<i>(Rain Date June 21st)</i>
	<i>July 12th</i>	<i>(Rain Date July 19th)</i>
	<i>August 16th</i>	<i>(Rain Date August 23rd)</i>
	<i>September 14th</i>	<i>(Rain Date September 21st)</i>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the New Gretna Volunteer Fire Company and the Burlington County Engineer's Office for submission to the Board of Chosen Freeholders for approval.

RESOLUTION 2020-28

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BURLINGTON COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2020-28. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2020-28 was hereby approved.

Bass River Township RESOLUTION 2020-28

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BURLINGTON COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Bass River Township has experienced natural hazards that result in public safety hazards and damage to private and public property;

WHEREAS, the hazard mitigation planning process set forth by the State of New Jersey and the Federal Emergency Management Agency offers the opportunity to consider natural hazards and risks, and to identify mitigation actions to reduce future risk;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management provided federal mitigation funds to support development of the mitigation plan;

WHEREAS, a Burlington County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed by the Mitigation Planning Committee;

WHEREAS, FEMA Region II has approved the Burlington County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; the purpose of this Plan is to reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disaster;

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Burlington County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan will protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Bass River Township as well as reduce potential damage and shorten the disaster recovery period;

WHEREAS the Burlington County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan includes a prioritized list of mitigation actions including activities that, over time, will help minimize and reduce safety threats and damage to private and public property, and

WHEREAS the County of Burlington conducted a web-based public survey from March 2019 to December 2019 to introduce the planning concept and to solicit questions and comments; and to present the Plan and request comments, as required by law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the (name) Committee of the Bass River Township:

- 1. The Burlington County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of the Bass River Township; minor revisions recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and/or the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management may be incorporated without further action.*
- 2. The Bass River Township departments identified in the Plan are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended high priority activities that are assigned to their departments.*
- 3. Any action proposed by the Plan shall be subject to and contingent upon budget approval, if required, which shall be at the discretion of the (name) Committee, and this resolution shall not be interpreted so as to mandate any such appropriations.*
- 4. The Emergency Management Coordinator is designated to coordinate with other offices and shall periodically report on the activities, accomplishments, and progress, and shall prepare an annual progress report to be submitted to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management. The status reports shall be submitted by October 1st of each year.*

RESOLUTION 2020-29

Resolution 2020-29 Awarding Contract for the Chips Folly Road Reconstruction Phase II Project in the Township of Bass River, Burlington County, New Jersey

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2020-29. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2020-29 was hereby approved.

TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER

Resolution 2020-29

Awarding Contract for the Chips Folly Road Reconstruction Phase II Project in the Township of Bass River, Burlington County, New Jersey

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River have received sealed proposals for the reconstruction and paving of Chips Folly Road, Phase II project in the Township of Bass River, Burlington County, New Jersey; 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 and the Township Clerk has received and opened bids on February 12, 2020 for the purpose of awarding a contract for the aforementioned reconstruction and paving of Chips Folly Road; and

WHEREAS, the Township's engineer and Township solicitor have reviewed the bids and determined the two (2) lowest bids to be in conformance with the bid specifications 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's Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are sufficient funds available through a grant that the Township was received for the purpose of awarding a contract to said entity and his certification being attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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

1. *That the Chief Financial Officer has declared that there are sufficient funds available for the aforesaid purpose, and that the Board of Commissioners hereby directs that the hereinafter expenditure be charged against such funds.*
2. *That the Board of Commissioners, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that Arawak Paving, located at 7503 Weymouth Road, Hammonton, NJ is the lowest qualified bidder for the aforementioned contract and hereby awards a contract to Arawak Paving for the aforesaid purpose in the amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED (\$185,900.00) DOLLARS 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.*
3. *That the award to Arawak Paving, is consistent with the legal requirements of the lowest responsible bidder, which conforms, to all specification requirements and applicable statutory provisions.*
4. *That the Board of Commissioners hereby directs the Township Clerk to return the bid securities to the unsuccessful bidders in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-4.*
5. *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 2020-30

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP AND ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR THE LEASING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5576 ROUTE 9, BLOCK 3, LOT 2, BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP, NJ

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2020-30. Votes: Cope—Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2020-30 was hereby approved.

**BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-30**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A
LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BASS RIVER
TOWNSHIP AND ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY
FOR THE LEASING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5576 ROUTE 9,
BLOCK 3, LOT 2, BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP, NJ**

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, there has been public advertisement for bids and the Township Clerk has received and opened bids on February 28, 2020 for the purpose of awarding a lease agreement for aforementioned property; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic City Electric was the highest and only bidder to submit a bid for leasing of the aforementioned property for a monthly rental fee of Fifteen Hundred (\$1,500.00) Dollars.

WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River would like to entered into a Lease Agreement with Atlantic City Electric Company for the leasing of the aforementioned Township property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Bass River that:

- 1. The attached Lease Agreement between **BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP** and **ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY** shall be effective according to its terms.*
- 2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to take any action necessary to implement the terms of the Lease Agreement.*

RESOLUTION 2020-31

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF
BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY A SECOND AMENDMENT
TOWNSHIP**

The motion was made by Deputy Mayor Capriglione, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2020-31. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2020-31 was hereby approved.

**BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-31**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND STATE
OF NEW JERSEY A SECOND AMENDMENT TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, *The Constitution of the United States of America is the supreme law of our nation; and*

WHEREAS, *the 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution guarantees the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, an individual right affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court; and*

WHEREAS, *the U.S. Supreme Court in the District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008) affirmed that the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms is not connected in any way to the service of a militia; and*

WHEREAS, *there are an estimated 12 million Americans who lawfully carry concealed firearms; and*

WHEREAS, *firearms are lawfully used for hunting and sport, on a daily basis, across the country; and*

WHEREAS, *abridging the rights of lawful gun owners does not reduce the criminal use of firearms by violent offenders; and*

WHEREAS, *the Federal and State governments have, for many years, had numerous laws, statutes and regulations relating to firearms ownership, purchase, transportation, transfer, carry and use; and*

WHEREAS, *violations of existing laws, statutes and regulations are already criminal offenses, many being felonies; and*

WHEREAS, *gun control laws, including a plethora of current proposed legislation, are not evidence-based; and*

WHEREAS, *New Jersey's Gun Control Law is highly purposed and conscientiously designed toward preventing criminal and other unfit elements from acquiring firearms while enabling the fit elements of society to obtain them with minimal burdens and inconveniences. Burton v. Sills, 53 N.S. 86 (1968); and*

WHEREAS, *a law-abiding citizen of the State of New Jersey who possesses a N.J. Firearms Purchaser Identification card has met the burden of proof to be a law-abiding citizen and is immune from further legislation and laws that are in violation of the Constitution of the United States of America.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River that:*

The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River declares Bass River to be a 2nd Amendment/Lawful Gun Owner Sanctuary Township as defined herein:

a. *Bass River Township supports the rights of lawful gun owners to lawfully use firearms; to defend themselves, their loved ones and other innocents; to lawfully hunt to provide sustenance for their families; and to lawfully participate in shooting sports up to and including Olympic sports.*

b. *Bass River Township opposes further interference with, or abridging of, the rights of lawful gun owners.*

c. *Bass River Township opposes gun control legislation, or "Extreme Risk Protection Order Act of 2018."*

d. *Bass River Township espouses holding accountable the violent criminal offenders, rather than irrational and/or disproven attempts to control lawful tools of self-defense, hunting and sports.*

e. *Bass River Township recognizes that the township is not immune from past, present or future laws and or legislation passed by the N. J. Legislature regarding state and local firearms laws or statutes. Therefore, all residents of Bass River Township can be prosecuted for ignoring or breaking present state laws in force.*

RESOLUTION 2020-32

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A
RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BASS RIVER
TOWNSHIP AND CUTTS BROTHERS, INCORPORATED
FOR THE PAYMENT OF IN LIEU TAXES ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT
BLOCK 73, PARTS OF LOTS 3, 7, 8,9,13 and 14 and BLOCK 105 PARTS OF
LOT 2, 3 & 4, BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP, NJ**

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2020-32. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2020-32 was hereby approved.

***BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-32***

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A
RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BASS RIVER
TOWNSHIP AND CUTTS BROTHERS, INCORPORATED
FOR THE PAYMENT OF IN LIEU TAXES ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT
BLOCK 73, PARTS OF LOTS 3, 7, 8,9,13 and 14 and BLOCK 105 PARTS OF LOT 2, 3 & 4, BASS
RIVER TOWNSHIP, NJ***

WHEREAS, the Township previously entered into an Agreement, dated in 1999, with Cutts Brothers, Incorporated, a New Jersey corporation for the payment of in lieu taxes on the lands described on the tax map of Bass River Township as Block 73, part of Lots 3, 7, 8, 9, 13 & 14 and Block 105 part of Lots 2, 3 & 4; and

WHEREAS, the Township and Cutts Brothers agreed to an Amendment to the original 1999 Agreement in February of 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Township and Cutts Brothers have agreed to renew the aforementioned Agreement for an additional five-year term; and

WHEREAS, the Township and Cutts Brothers agree that all other terms of the aforementioned 1999 Agreement and the 2015 Amendment to the Agreement remain unchanged;

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to enter into a Second Amendment to the Agreement permitting the continued payment of in lieu taxes.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township of Bass River that:*

1. *The attached Second Amendment of Agreement between **BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP** and **CUTTS BROTHERS** shall be effective according to its terms.*
2. *All remaining terms and conditions of the 1999 Agreement between **BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP** and **CUTT BROTHERS** shall remain unchanged.*
3. *The Mayor of Bass River Township is hereby authorized to sign, seal, execute and witness/attest the Addendum/Renewal of Lease Agreement.*
4. *The Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to take any action necessary to implement the terms of the Addendum/Renewal of Lease Agreement.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction of the 2020 Municipal Budget by Title. The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve the 2020 Municipal Budget by Title with Public Hearing and possible adoption scheduled for the April regular meeting. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and 2020 Municipal Budget was hereby approved upon introduction by Title only.

REPORTS:

The following reports were noted and provided:

- a. Solicitor's Report
- b. Municipal Court Report
- c. Mayor Cope informed the public the Township would sponsor a Narcan Training session at Town Hall on April 1. Interested persons should contact Township Clerk to RSVP.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was open for public comment at 8:11 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All present in favor.

R. Walsteen commented on Narcan training and wants to know how the town is going to get of the dope in town.

T. Williams voiced concerns that narcan does nothing to help people get off drugs.

K. Foder said that narcan can reverse in 20 minutes. Why have 5 cops on Route 9 and get them into the neighborhood to help with this drug problem.

Mariah Capriglione believes that narcan is not a bad thing and that she had a friend sir come to the effects of drugs and we should not judge people so quickly.

S. Bourguignon said that she feeds the feral cats and has for years. She has taken cats in and has had them fixed and taken care of.

S. Totten said the cats are hers and she has given permission for the feeding of the cats. Mr. Kane has said nothing to her about a cat problem.

T. Kane said he has no problem with cats and has tried to take care of them over the years. Was upset because of the dog becoming sick. Feels feral cats are still a health issue.

C. Bitzberger feels Viking Yacht it way under assessed. She would like to see a revaluation of the entire town. Feral Cats should trap and release. Friends of Burlington County could assist.

H. Rothschild said Route 542 needs to be repaved.

K. Swanseen asked what the tax payer cost we pay to Pinelands. Tax Collector could check that out. Grades 7-12 student population and cost per pupal.

E. Bourguignon would like to try to get Natural Gas up 542.

Ashley Cramer thanked Clerk for pushing thru her natural gas install on Adams and Riverside Drive.

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 8:54 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 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Amanda S. Somes, RMC, Township Clerk