

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, MARCH 6, 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, Township Engineer Dante Guzzi and Township Auditor Kevin Frenia. 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 6, 2017 were presented to the Board for review. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and minutes of the February 6, 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 \$234,623.75. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve bills for payment. Votes: Cope –Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and bills were ordered paid.

ACADEMY SECURITY	ALARM MONITORING	\$ 87.00
		\$
ACUA	WATER TESTING	431.25
		\$
ADVANTAGE CARD	PINELANDS MEETING SUPPLIES	116.52
		\$
A E STONE	COLD PATCH	298.50
		\$
AIR & GAS TECHNOLOGIES	ANNUAL SERVICE CONTRACT	1,271.50
		\$
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	ELECTRICITY FEB. 2017	2,675.18
		\$
A T & T	ALL IN ONE FEB. 2017	426.15
		\$
A T & T	ISDN LINE JAN. 2017	44.54
		\$
BASS RIVER BD OF ED	LOCAL SCHOOL TAX 3/8/17	123,216.00
		\$
BEACONS	PUBLIC NOTICE & CONTRACT AWARD	145.57
		\$
BELLIA TECH, LLC	TECH SUPPORT JAN. 2017	276.75
		\$
BURLINGTON COUNTY BCIT	FIRE COMPANY CLASS	55.00
		\$
BURL CO MUN CT ADM ASSN	BCMCAA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP	200.00

BURL CO TREAS, LANDFILL	FEB. 2017 TIPPING FEES	\$ 3,224.40
CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	FEB. 2017 PAYROLL	\$ 225.00
CENTRAL JERSEY EQUIPMENT	CHAIN SAW	\$ 280.00
COMCAST	SERVICE 2/19/17 - 3/18/17	\$ 109.95
COPY RITE PRINTING	2 PART INCIDENT FORMS	\$ 89.00
DANTE GUZZI ENGINEERING ASSOC.	ZONING REVIEWS & ENGINEERING SERVICES	\$ 8,624.81
READYREFRESH BY NESTLE	SERVICE 1/1/17 - 1/31/17	\$ 4.02
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS	EMS SUPPLIES	\$ 104.15
EMS CONSULTING SERVICES	EMT REFRESHER - C. SPRAGUE	\$ 100.00
FIRE APPARATUS REPAIR, INC.	FIRE INVOICE #12741	\$ 1,219.01
GARDEN DTATE INVESTMENTS	TAX SALE CERT. 12-00012	\$ 1,360.83
GEORGE EMMER	CONFLICT PD 2/27/17	\$ 500.00
HELEN GRIFFITHS	MILEAGE FOR CLASSES	\$ 276.00
HERMAN'S TRUCKING, INC.	STONE FOR PARK	\$ 239.78
HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON, P.C.	PROGRESS BILLING 2016 AUDIT	\$ 4,000.00
IPM INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT	QRTLTY SERVICE 2017	\$ 85.00
J.A. TREE SERVICE	EMERGENCY TREE REMOVAL	\$ 500.00
JERSEY SHORE RESTROOMS, LLC	PORT A POTS	\$ 170.00
KEVIN S. QUINLAN	FEB. 2016 PROSECUTIONS	\$ 1,600.00
KLUK CONSULTANTS	BALANCE PARK GRANT APPLICATION	\$ 497.50
LAERDAL	EMS SUPPLIES	\$ 406.85
MAILFINANCE	LEASE 12/12/16 - 3/16/17	\$ 552.00
MCANJ	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	\$ 310.00
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	BUSINESS CARDS - D. COPE	\$ 99.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	FIRE CO. PARTS	\$ 457.75
NEW JERSEY CONF. OF MAYORS	NJCM SPRING CONFERENCE	\$ 375.00
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS	NATURAL GAS 1/11 - 12/12 - 2/8 1/11	\$ 643.31
OFFICE BASICS, INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 534.15
PEGGY BECK	BANK MILEAGE	\$ 57.12
PETER C. LANGE	DEC. 2016 LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 3,834.00
RUMPH REID & DOLCY	PUBLIC DEFENDER 2/13/17	\$ 750.00
SJCAA	MEMBERSHIP DUES 2017	\$ 45.00
SOUTH JERSEY WATER TEST	WATER TESTS	\$ 1,375.00

STATE OF NJ DIV EMPLOYER ACCTS	REIMBURESMENT BILLING 4TH QTR	\$ 50.00
TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN	SUPPLIES	\$ 359.40
TRANSFORMATION ENTERPRISES	JAN. & FEB. 2017 ROLL-OFF	\$ 6,875.00
TRAPROCK INDUSTRIES	STONE FOR PARK	\$ 631.00
UNIVERSAL COMPUTING SERVICES	MESSAGE / MAILERS	\$ 272.50
US BANK CUST FOR PC5 STERLING	TAX SALE CERT. 15-00006	\$ 5,445.68
US BANK CUST FOR PC5 STERLING	PREMIUM ON TTL REDEMPTION	\$ 1,400.00
US BANK CUST / ACTLIEN HOLDING	LIEN REDEMPTION 15-00022	\$ 23,374.25
VERIZON	COURT & MUNI PHONES FEB. 2017	\$ 1,005.23
WEX BANK	FUEL JAN/FEB 2017	\$ 1,108.82
WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP, INC	FIRE EQUIPMENT & VESTS	\$ 850.00
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL 2/16/17	\$ 15,659.39
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL 3/6/17	\$ 15,186.16
HASLER, INC.	FEB. 2017 POSTAGE	\$ 513.73
	TOTAL	\$ 234,623.75

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2017-27

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IN REM FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2017-27. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2017-27 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2017-27

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IN REM FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River has appointed the law firm of Goldberg, Mackler of Northfield, New Jersey as In Rem Counsel under Resolution No 2015-52; and

WHEREAS, the Township has entered into an Agreement with Keith Bonchi, Esq. of Goldberg, Mackler to perform said In Rem services on behalf of the Township of Bass River; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners authorizes Keith Bonchi, Esq. of Goldberg, Mackler to begin In Rem foreclosure proceedings on the below listed properties:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Owner</u>
37	18	Ford, Robert, Jr. and Joanie h/w
38	3	Cattanach, John F. & Burkhardt ; Cattanach John F. & Burkhardt, William
40	3	Butensky, Howard; Butensky, Howard as Trustee; Butensky, Howard Trustee and Ravitz, Lawrence, Trustee
54	36	Fox Plumbing, Heating & Air- conditioning Corp.
56	21	Unknown Owner
57	1	Unknown Owner
63	51	Kaufman, Milton; Gasque, Peter P.
63	54	Cramer, William Estate of Lutz; Cramer, George L.
63	57	Triple I; Triple I and Company, A partnership by Vaughn, Wesley E. III, Watson M. Mark and Richenback, Edward, Partners, Individually, Jointly and Severally
78	31	McCarthy, John
103	185	Read, Sydney, Read Sydney, Jr.
115	15.B	Unknown Owner
115	17	Walker, Daniel
115	27.A	Unknown Owner

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River that the Keith Bonchi, Esq will proceed with the In Rem Foreclosure proceedings for the above captioned properties.

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River held on the 6th day of March 2017.

RESOLUTION 2017-28

TAX OFFICE RESOLUTION

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2017-28. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2017-28 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2017-28

WHEREAS, the amount of \$1360.83 has been received by the Tax Collector for redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #12-00012 on Block 31.E Lot 19 assessed to Patricia Gawronski; and

WHEREAS \$1360.83 is the correct amount to redeem;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of Bass River cut a check for \$1360.83. The check shall be made payable to the lien holder:

*Garden State Investment
6601 Ventnor Ave.
Suite 103
Ventnor, NJ 08406*

RESOLUTION 2017-29

TAX OFFICE RESOLUTION

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2017-29. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2017-29 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2017-29

WHEREAS, the amount of \$5445.68 has been received by the Tax Collector for redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #15-00006 on Block 59 Lot 3.A assessed to Deborah Anderson; and

WHEREAS \$5445.68 is the correct amount to redeem;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of Bass River cut a check for \$5445.68 along with an additional check for paid premium of \$1400.00. The check shall be made payable to the lien holder:

*US Bank Cust PC5 Sterling National
US Bank TLSG 50 S 16th Street
Suite 1950
Phila, Pa. 19102*

RESOLUTION 2017-30

TAX OFFICE RESOLUTION

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2017-30. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2017-30 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2017- 30

WHEREAS the Tax Office is in receipt of tax payment made on Block 60 Lot 5; and

WHEREAS there was an overpayment of \$4,021.68 due to Actlien Holding Inc.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to return \$4,021.68 to Actlien Holding Inc. 306 Fifth Avenue Floor 6, New York, NY 10001.

RESOLUTION 2017-31

SALARY RESOLUTION

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2017-31. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2017-31 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2017-31

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 6th day of March 2017 that the following pay rate is hereby established for the 2017 calendar year and set as follows pursuant to Salary Ordinance.

OFFICE/EMPLOYEE NAME	TITLE	SALARY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY MUNICIPAL COURT		
<i>D'Adamo, Dawn</i>	<i>Court Clerk</i>	<i>\$10.00/hour</i>

OLD BUSINESS:

Robert's Pond Berm Repair. Update was provided by Township Engineer Dan Guzzi reported that repairs to the berm are scheduled to commence this week, weather permitting.

NEW BUSINESS:

2017 Municipal Budget: The motion to introduce the budget by title was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Mayor Cope introduced the 2017 municipal budget by title. Township Auditor Kevin Frenia reported that there is no increase to the local purpose tax and the public hearing is scheduled for April 3 at 7 p.m. Mayor Cope made a motion to approve the budget upon introduction. Commissioner Bourguignon seconded the motion. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bouguignon-Yes. All in favor and 2017 budget was approved upon introduction by title.

REPORTS:

The following reports were noted.

Report of Solicitor
Report of Municipal Court
Report of Safety Coordinator

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was open for public comment at 7:44 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All present in favor.

C. Bitzberger reported for the Beautification Club and asked if the Club could plant a tree at the playground. No objections were heard.

C. Bitzberger requested more trash cans and would like to put recycle cans at the end of Amasa Landing Road and at the Bridge. Paint the green to symbolize recycling.

C. Bitzberger said she called animal control twice and never received a response.

C. Bitzberger requested an update on a question last month about Viking expansion. Commissioner Bourguignon said he looked into the matter and there is no further expansion taking place at this time.

G. Lamson concerned over the tires at the transfer station. Commissioner Bourguignon said that Cramer's junkyard will be taking some for \$2 each for the time being.

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 7:58 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. *New Gretna House Property*

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 Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All in favor and meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Amanda S. Somes, RMC
Township Clerk
