

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 4, 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 March 2, 2015 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-Abstain, Bourguignon-Yes. Majority in favor and minutes of the March 2, 2015 regular meeting were hereby approved.

Minutes of the regular meeting of April 6, 2015 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-Abstain, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. Majority in favor and minutes of the April 6, 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 \$436,353.72. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve bills for payment. Votes: Cope –Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and bills were ordered paid.

ACE OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT 3	MOWER BLADES	\$	31.68
AIR & GAS TECHNOLOGIES	ANNUAL SERVICE CONTRACT	\$	1,243.50
AMABC	2015 DUES	\$	150.00
AMANDA SOMES	MARCH 2015 MILEAGE	\$	32.00
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	ELECTRICITY MAR/APRIL 2015	\$	2,301.47
A T & T	COURT & MUNI ALL IN ONE	\$	482.67
A T & T	ISDN LINE MARCH 2015	\$	50.56
BASS RIVER BD OF ED	LOCAL SCHOOL TAX 5/5/15	\$	112,213.75
BEACONS	ORD 2015-02, SLAE TX CERT.	\$	475.10
BURLINGTON COUNTY BCIT	TRAINING	\$	250.00
BURL CO TREAS, LANDFILL	TIPPING FEES APRIL 2015	\$	4,430.37
BURL CO TREASURER	SALT USAGE & 2ND QTR TAXES	\$	170,101.15

CAM CO.	LOADER REPAIR	\$	195.04
CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	APRIL 2015 PAYROLL	\$	244.70
C & D SALES	PW T-SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS	\$	255.80
CHRISTOPHER NORMAN, ESQ.	PLAN. BD. WORK	\$	72.50
COMCAST	SERVICE 4/19 - 5/18	\$	107.95
DANIEL VERDINE	REIMBURSE FOR PARTS	\$	54.01
DEER PARK DIRECT	SERVICE 3/15/15 - 4/14/15	\$	45.47
ECONO SIGNS	SIGNAGE & SUPPLIES	\$	148.00
FIRE APPARATUS REPAIR, INC.	SERVICING 4216 TRUCK	\$	10,018.98
FLOWERS BY P.J.	ARRANGEMENT SOMES	\$	100.00
HOME DEPOT	PARTS	\$	45.14
JEREMY PRICE	PUBLIC DEFENDER 4/27/15	\$	500.00
JERSEY SHORE RESTROOMS, LLC	PORT A POT CS 4/17 - 5/14	\$	85.00
KATHLEEN HOFFMAN	TONNAGE REPORT	\$	50.00
KEVIN S. QUINLAN	PROSECUTION MARCH & APRIL 2015	\$	2,800.00
KLUK CONSULTANTS	ENGINEERING APRIL 2015	\$	4,093.75
LANGUAGE SERVICES ASSOCIATES	TELEPHONIC CHARGES MARCH 2015	\$	25.20
NEW GRETNA POSTMASTER	YEARLY FEE PO BOX 214	\$	48.00
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS	PW BUILDING	\$	225.92
OFFICE BASICS, INC	HOUSE KEEPING SUPPLIES & PAPER	\$	176.03
PEGGY BECK	BANK TRIPS APRIL 2015	\$	53.04
PINELANDS JULY 4TH CELEBRATION	FIREWORKS DONATION	\$	500.00
RODIO TRACTOR SALES, INC.	TRACTOR REPAIR	\$	165.37
SAFEGUARD BUSINESS SYSTEMS	CHECK REORDER	\$	166.26
SHUPPER-BRICKLE EQUIPMENT CO,	TURN KEY PARTS & SERVICE	\$	489.00
STATE OF NJ DIV EMPLOYER ACCTS	1ST QTR. REIMBURSEMENT BILLING	\$	921.24
SUBURBAN PROPANE - 2115	HEATINPROPANE DELIVERY 4/23/15	\$	418.06
THE EXIT LIGHT CO., INC.	BATTERIES	\$	59.00
TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN	BOOTS & TURN PLUG	\$	104.28
TRANSFORMATION ENTERPRISES	MARCH 2015 ROLL-OFF	\$	3,355.00
TRICO EQUIPMENT	PARTS FOR CASE LOADER	\$	709.70
UNIVERSAL COMPUTING SERVICES	MESSAGE / MAILERS	\$	263.20
US BANK CUST PROCAP II	TITLEIN REDEMPT. 13-00002	\$	84,399.70
VERIZON	COURT & MUNI PHONES MAR/APRIL 2015	\$	945.24
WEX BANK	MAR. 2015 FUEL	\$	728.92
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT.	4/21/15 PAYROLL	\$	14,376.45
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT.	4/30/15 PAYROLL	\$	16,700.33
HASLER, INC.	POSTAGE APRIL 2015	\$	945.19
	TOTAL	\$	436,353.72

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2015-44

TAX OFFICE RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2015-45

TAX OFFICE RESOLUTION

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolutions 2015-44 and 2015-45. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolutions 2015-44 and 2015-45 were hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2015-44

WHEREAS, the amount of \$84,399.70 has been received by the Tax Collector for redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #13-00002 on Block 67 Lot 22 assessed to Buttonwood Inc.; and

WHEREAS \$84,399.70 is the correct amount to redeem;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CFO is authorized to cut a check in the amount of \$84,399.70 to U.S. Bank Cust Pro Cap II, U.S. Bank TLSG, 50 S. 16th St. Philadelphia, PA 19102.

RESOLUTION 2015-45

WHEREAS, the amount of \$560.64 has been received by the Tax Collector for redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #14-00009 on Block 63 Lot 18 assessed to Buttonwood Inc.; and

WHEREAS \$560.64 is the correct amount to redeem;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk of Bass River sign off on the certificate held by Bass River Township.

RESOLUTION 2015-46

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #11-00003

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2015-46. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2015-46 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-46

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #11-00003

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, there has been public advertisement for bids and the Township Clerk has received and

opened bids on April 22, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of selling municipal delinquencies through December 31, 2014, in a manner prescribed by N.J.S.A. 54:5-113 and 54:5-113.5; and

***WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54:5-113 authorizes the assignment by a municipality of tax sale certificates for the full amount of the certificate, including subsequent municipal taxes and other municipal charges; and*

***WHEREAS**, Timothy Bush has presented an offer to purchase, by assignment, Certificate of Sale # 11-00003 which was issued by the Township of Bass River at a tax sale held on December _01_, 2011 on Block 53, Lot 2 in the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, New Jersey and assessed to Kathleen R. McClellan in the amount of \$29,365.87. The full amount due and owing under Certificate #11-00003 is in the amount of \$31,145.63 which includes all subsequent municipal taxes and other municipal charges.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Bass River Board of Commissioners authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the necessary assignment document to effect assignment of tax sale certificate #11-00003 to Timothy Bush.*

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

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on May 4, 2015.

RESOLUTION 2015-48

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #14-00001

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2015-47. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2015-47 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-47

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #14-00001

***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**, there has been public advertisement for bids and the Township Clerk has received and opened bids on April 22, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of selling municipal delinquencies through December 31, 2014, in a manner prescribed by N.J.S.A. 54:5-113 and 54:5-113.5; and*

***WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54:5-113 authorizes the assignment by a municipality of tax sale certificates for the full amount of the certificate, including subsequent municipal taxes and other municipal charges; and*

***WHEREAS**, Leonid and Marian Assur have presented an offer to purchase, by assignment, Certificate of Sale # 14-00001 which was issued by the Township of Bass River at a tax sale held on December 04, 2014 on Block 5, Lot 6 in the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, New Jersey and assessed to Patrick Princiotti in the amount of \$5,440.82. The full amount due and owing under Certificate #14-00001 is in the amount of \$8,000.00 which includes all subsequent municipal taxes and other municipal charges.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Bass River Board of Commissioners authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the necessary assignment document to effect assignment of tax sale certificate #14-00001 to Leonid and Marian Assur.*

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

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on May 4, 2015.

RESOLUTION 2015-48

A RESOLUTION OF BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ENERGY GENERATION SERVICES FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2015-48. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2015-48 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2015-48

A RESOLUTION OF BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ENERGY GENERATION SERVICES FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

WHEREAS, the Bass River Township has determined to move forward with the EMEX Reverse Auction in order procure electricity for the Township of Bass River; and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c. 30) (the “Act”) authorizes the purchase of energy generation service for public use through the use of an online auction service; and

WHEREAS, the Bass River Township will utilize the online auction services of EMEX, LLC, an approved vendor pursuant to the Act, waiver number EMEX LLC-1, located at www.energymarketexchange.com; and

WHEREAS, EMEX, LLC is compensated for all services rendered through the participating supplier that a contract is awarded to; and

WHEREAS, the auction will be conducted pursuant to the Act; and be it

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of the within Resolution be forwarded by the Township Clerk to EMEX, LLC.

RESOLUTION 2015-49

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RATES FOR THE 2015 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 2015-49. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2015-49 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2015-49

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RATES FOR THE 2015 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 the 4th day of May 2015 that the following pay rate is hereby established for the 2015 calendar year and set as follows pursuant to Salary Ordinance. All salaries shall be paid retroactive to January 1, 2015 unless otherwise noted:

OFFICE/EMPLOYEE		SALARY
NAME	TITLE	
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND FINANCE		
Brower, Eileen	Clerk	11.68/hour
Brower, Eileen	Administrative Assistant	4246.06/year
Buzby-Cope, Deborah	Mayor	4698.12/year
Eliason-Ash, Linda	Tax Collector	8077.94/year
Firth, Robyn	Clerk	15.99/hour
Godfrey, Elizabeth	Planning Board Clerk	3637.92/year
Godfrey, Elizabeth	Tax Assessor Clerk	6820.98/year
Godfrey, Elizabeth	Clerk	15.30/hour
Renwick, James	Tax Assessor	15642.12/year
Somes, Amanda S.	Municipal Clerk	54656.42/year
Somes, Amanda S.	Administrative Assistant	5910.84/year
Somes, Amanda S.	Municipal Alliance Coord.	1000/year
Stanley, Albert	Chief Financial Officer	11730.16/year
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & PROPERTY		
Capriglione, Nicholas	Deputy Mayor	4160.60/year
Ford, Richard	Laborer	9.18/hour
Cramer, Charlie	Laborer	11.49/hour
Lavenberg, Mark	Waste Water Operator	3800/year
Munson, Sue	Laborer	12.04/hour
Potter, Steve	Waterfront Manager	612/year
Raff, Edger	Foreman	14.00/hour
Verdine, Daniel	Lead Laborer	10.00/hour
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY		
Beck, Peggy	Court Administrator	46607.34/year
Bourguignon, Louis	Commissioner	4160.60/year
Firth, Jeff	Clerk/Dog Clinic	75.00/day
Firth, Robyn	Dog Registrar	350/year
Fitzgerald, Mike	Emergency Management Coord.	600/year
Godfrey, Elizabeth	Clerk/Dog Clinic	75.00/day
Griffiths, Helen	Court Clerk/Recorder	13.26/hour
McKernan, Kathleen	Court Clerk/Typist	11.88/hour
Munson, Sue	Zoning Secretary	12.04/hour
Nino, Michael	Court Bailiff	198.46/court day
Raff, Marion	Deputy Court Administrator	27326.26/year
Scurman, Jim	Deputy Zoning Officer	1500/year
Scurman, Jim	Code Enforcement Officer	3500/year
Sicheri, Adolph	Municipal Court Judge	24801.12/year

OLD BUSINESS:

Bids for the Auction of the tax sale certificates were received and 2 awarded. Other bids received were below value. The motion was made by Deputy Mayor Capriglione, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to reject those bids received below value. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor and Commissioners have instructed the Solicitor to proceed with plans for an in-rem foreclosure on properties the township holds liens on.

REPORTS:

The following reports were noted.

Report of Solicitor
Report of Municipal Court
Safety Coordinators Report
Other Reports

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was open for public comment at 7:51 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All present in favor.

H. Rothschild commented on the State Park Property at Ballinger's Creek adjacent to his property. He said that individuals are going in at night and partying until all hours. He is requesting the State Police or Park Police patrol better or to gate the property.

W. Aaronson asked what was going on at Job's Creek on Route 9. Mayor commented the DEP has contracted for removal of debris in wetlands from Sandy. She will stop and talk with someone on site to see if more debris removal can be done in other areas.

W. Aaronson asked about the liens being sold and how that works. Solicitor O'Connor said the liens are sold at tax sale and once redeemed the town will reimburse the payment to the lien holder that has paid for the lien.

L. Assure asked if individuals that purchase these properties sold at lien turn around and sell to the state. Yes, that is a possibility.

H. Rothschild commented that he had a visit today from the Code Enforcement Official and he asked if any complaint forms are used for filing of complaints. Yes, the township prefers complaints to be in written form.

L. Assure said he believes that some of the codes and ordinances are outdated and should be reviewed.

K. Foder asked if the lots that were sold from Smith Realty are grandfathered in. Solicitor will look into the matter.

Chief Wetmore of the Fire Company requested the Township come up with money to purchase air packs. Deputy Mayor Capriglione requested further information and prices be provided. Jamie Smith agreed to provide more information. Chief Wetmore requested the fire company budget be increased. It was noted that Viking Yacht donated \$10,000 to the fire company.

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 8:39 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 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Amanda S. Somes, RMC
Township Clerk
