

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016**

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 and Deputy Mayor Nick Capriglione. Also present Township Clerk Amanda Somes, Township and Solicitor Joanne O'Connor. Members of the public were present at this meeting. Absent: Commissioner Louis Bourguignon

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Cope led the flag salute and read the sunshine statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the regular meeting of April 4, 2016 were presented to the Board for review. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mayor Cope and seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Absent. All present in favor and minutes of the April 4, 2016 regular meeting were hereby approved.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The motion was made by Mayor Cope to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$364,951.08. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve bills for payment. Votes: Cope –Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Absent. All present in favor and bills were ordered paid.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

AIR & GAS TECHNOLOGIES	ANNUAL SERVICE CONTRACT	\$	1,243.50
ALENCO FENCE	FENCE REPAIR	\$	1,005.00
AMANDA SOMES	REIM. PARKING	\$	20.00
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	ELECTRICITY APRIL 2016	\$	1,365.47
A T & T	COURT & MUNI. APRIL 2016 ALL IN ONE	\$	408.21
A T & T	ISDN LINE MARCH 2016	\$	60.68
BASS RIVER BD OF ED	LOCAL SCHOOL TAX 5/3/16	\$	118,921.00
BELLIA TECH, LLC	COMPUTER SERVICE	\$	117.70
BRITTON INDUSTRIES	PLAY GROUND MULCH NMA	\$	735.00
BURL CO TREAS, LANDFILL	APRIL 2016 TIPPING FEES	\$	3,298.69
BURL CO TREASURER	2ND QTR TAXES & SALT USAGE	\$	186,209.50

CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	APRIL 2016 PAYROLL SERVICES	\$	222.00
CHRISTOPHER NORMAN, ESQ.	PLANNING BD. MTG. 4/21/16	\$	300.00
DAVE'S SEPTIC	PUMP OUT 102 JERICO RD.	\$	400.00
READYREFRESH BY NESTLE	SERVICE 3/15/16 - 4/14/16	\$	22.96
FIREFIGHTER ONE LLC	FIRE COMPANY EQUIPMENT	\$	4,443.51
GRAMCO BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS	CD'S	\$	199.00
HP INC.	COMPUTER UPGRADES	\$	956.00
JERSEY SHORE RESTROOMS, LLC	PORT A POTS 4/15/16 - 5/12/16	\$	170.00
KEVIN S. QUINLAN	APRIL 2016 PROSECUTIONS	\$	2,250.00
KLUK CONSULTANTS	ENGINEERING SERVICES APRIL 2016	\$	2,535.00
LIBERTY PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS	SWING MATS	\$	232.50
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	ASSESSOR STAMP & COLLECTOR ENV.	\$	302.50
NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS	\$	60.70
NEW GRETNA POSTMASTER	YEARLY FEE BOX 214	\$	48.00
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS	NATURAL GAS 3/9/16 - 4/12/16	\$	378.27
NJEPA	EMG. MGMT. CLASS - DAVID COPE	\$	135.00
OFFICE BASICS, INC	HOUSE KEEPING & OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$	411.96
PEGGY BECK	APRIL 2016 MILEAGE	\$	86.64
RICHARD IRETON	1ST QTR. MILEAGE	\$	63.20
RUMPF REID & DOLCY	PUBLIC DEFENDER 4/11/16	\$	500.00
STATE OF NJ DIV EMPLOYER ACCTS	1ST QTR REIM. BILLING	\$	259.62
THOMAS HOWLEY	TIRE DAMAGES	\$	112.45
TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN	SUPPLIES	\$	164.89
TRANSFORMATION ENTERPRISES	MARCH 2016 ROLL-OFF	\$	5,050.00
GROFF TRACTOR NEW JERSEY LLC	HOSE	\$	32.75
UNIVERSAL COMPUTING SERVICES	MESSAGE MAILERS / NOTICES	\$	267.70
VERIZON	COURT & MUNI. PHONES APRIL 2016	\$	1,002.44
WEX BANK	FUEL MARCH 2016	\$	407.77
WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP, INC	FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$	1,067.56
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCOUNT	PAYROLL 4/14/16	\$	13,969.93
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCOUNT	PAYROLL 4/28/16	\$	14,769.31
HASLER, INC.	APRIL 2016 POSTAGE	\$	744.67
	TOTAL	\$	364,951.08

RESOLUTION 2016-36

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BASS RIVER
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN
RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE OF ROBYN FIRTH TO THE TOWNSHIP
OF BASS RIVER AND THE TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE**

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2016-36. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Absent. All present in favor and Resolution 2016-36 was hereby approved.

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WHEREAS, Robyn Firth has served diligently and successfully as the tax clerk for the Township of Bass River for the past twenty one (21) years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Firth has always worked tirelessly to advance the interest of the Township and the Bass River Tax Office; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Firth has been a valuable team member in providing support guidance and assistance to the tax office; and

WHEREAS, the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners is desirous of recognizing Mrs. Robyn Firth for her outstanding public service.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

The Bass River Township Board of Commissioners does hereby express its sincere appreciation for the twenty one (21) years of public service of Mrs. Robyn Firth and her dedication to the duties and responsibilities of the Bass River Township Tax Office and for her distinguished service as the tax clerk for the Township of Bass River. Thank you Robyn!

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-37

**A RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR SOLID WASTE
COLLECTION SERVICES PURSUANT TO
N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1**

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2016-37. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Absent. All present in favor and Resolution 2016-37 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2016-37

**A RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES
PURSUANT TO
N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1**

WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River entered into a contract with Transformation Enterprises for the collection and disposal of trash and garbage which is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the contract, the Township of Bass River and Transformation Enterprises have the option to renew the terms of the contract for an additional year period; and

WHEREAS, the Township Commissioners and Transformation Enterprises have agreed to the terms of a one year renewal period; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have determined that sufficient funds are available in accordance with the costs of the contract for a renewal of one year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the contract for solid waste collection and disposal services between the Township of Bass River and Transformation Enterprises is hereby renewed for a period of one (1) year commencing on June 1, 2016, and ending on May 31, 2017 for the following proposal:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Units</i>	<i>Bid Price</i>
	<i>Option 1</i>		
<i>1</i>	<i>One pickup per round trip</i>	<i>Lump Sum</i>	<i>\$525.00</i>
	<i>Option 2</i>		
<i>1</i>	<i>One pickup per round trip</i>	<i>Lump Sum</i>	<i>\$535.00</i>

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-38

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR
TO REFUND A CERTAIN OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES
PAID FOR THE PREMISES LOCATED AT BLOCK 6, LOT 9
ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER**

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2016-38. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Absent. All present in favor and Resolution 2016-38 was hereby approved.

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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, is in receipt of a request from the Municipal Tax Collector of the Township of Bass River for a Resolution authorizing a refund of \$ 70.91 to Albert Russo, Standing Chapter 13 Trustee; and

WHEREAS, in October 2015, Albert Russo as Standing Chapter 13 Trustee paid \$70.91 as part of the Chapter 13 Plan for Block 6, Lot 9, creating an overpayment of \$ 70.91; and

WHEREAS, Block 6, Lot 9 is owned by John & Edith Vanaman; and

WHEREAS, after due deliberation and consultation with the Township Tax Collector, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey has determined that it is appropriate to authorize a refund of \$ 70.91 to Albert Russo, Standing Chapter 13 Trustee.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the sum of \$ 70.91 be and hereby is authorized to be refunded to:*

*Albert Russo
Standing Chapter 13 Trustee
CN 4853
Trenton, NJ 08650; and*

OLD BUSINESS:

The New Gretna Volunteer Fire Company reported that letters have been sent to parties involved in the dispute with the Fire Company. No letters have been issued to the township, however, as requested. Solicitor requested a letter to the township stating that issues have been addressed according to the fire company's by-laws. Chief Wetmore said it will be done at the next regular meeting of the fire company.

Solicitor noted that according to research she has found out there is a possibility of having an Environmental Committee that would not have to adhere to the Sunshine Law.

REPORTS:

The following reports were noted.

Report of Solicitor
Report of Municipal Court
Report of Dog Registrar

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was open for public comment at 7:13 p.m. upon a motion by Mayor Cope, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All present in favor.

Chief Wetmore spoke on the topic of the hazardous cleanup ordinance that was discussed at the previous meeting. He said DEP will be called automatically for anything of 50 gallons. If your insurance company does not pay, you will be billed. Solicitor noted that what the ordinance is doing is giving the fire company the avenue to bill out to retrieve funds. Deputy Mayor Capriglione noted for the record that no bass river residents would be billed. Even inadvertently. Fire Company and Chief agreed.

C. Bitzberger asked how problems being brought up at town meetings are being resolved with the fire company. Solicitor noted this would be ruled by the fire company's by-laws.

C. Bitzberger asked if salaries would be increased over the next 3 years. Deputy Mayor said that the goal would be to decrease the amount of debris being brought into the transfer station by individuals not authorized and allow for more funds into the budget.

C. Bitzberger asked how much the municipal election is costing. The estimated cost is anywhere from \$900 to \$1500.

W. Aaronson asked the fire department who cleaned up hazmat situations previously. Chief Wetmore said it would depend on the amount. Mr. Aaronson does not want to see our fire company spending their time and efforts cleaning up these sorts of accidents.

W. Aaronson asked what the issue is with a resident complaint on Amasa Landing Road. Solicitor said it was a neighbor dispute and Code Enforcement has been looking into the complaint.

B. Worst asked if the mosquito division can put some information on the website.

W. Aaronson questions Assessor Jay Renwick about campgrounds and the individuals living there year round. Clerk said that some are grandfathered in and pay a monthly fee for these units.

C. Bitzberger thanked the township for the pipe repair on Goldecker Road.

Be no further comments, the motion to close the public portion was made by Deputy Mayor Capriglione, seconded by Mayor Cope. All present in favor and public portion was closed at 7:53 p.m.

Being no further business to come before the Board the motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Mayor Capriglione, seconded by Mayor Cope. All present in favor and meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Amanda S. Somes, RMC
Township Clerk
