

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 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.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Tax Assessor Jay Renwick was present at the meeting to help answer questions regarding the reassessment of Viking Yacht Company. Mayor opened the meeting for questions for Mr. Renwick. Mr. Aaronson questioned Mr. Renwick reporting of square footage of the facility. Mr. Aaronson has an article that states that Viking Yacht is 850,000 square feet. Mr. Renwick asked what article he was referring to and if he could obtain a copy. Mr. Aaronson said it was in a Viking Yacht Magazine. Mayor Cope requested a copy of this article be provided to the Clerk to be sent out to the Governing Body. Mr. Aaronson feels a third source of numbers for the assessment should be sought. Solicitor O'Connor sought prices a third party and the prices are \$15,000 for the appraisal but not including costs to attend court if appeals are filed. \$30,000 from a firm in Voorhees which would include court if appeals are filed. Mayor said that Jay is due to give a report by December 1.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the regular meeting of October 5, 2015 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. All in favor and minutes of the October 5, 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 \$571,927.43. 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.

A.F.D. TITLE COMPANY, INC.	TITLE LIQUIDATIONS	\$	1,530.00
ARTCRAFT DESIGN STUDIO	SIGNS FOR OAK LN PK	\$	3,180.00
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	ELECTRICITY SEPT/OCT 2015	\$	2,821.61
A T & T	OCT. ALL IN ONE MUNI & COURT	\$	439.84

A T & T	ISDN LINE OCT. 2015	\$	41.22
			118,921.0
BASS RIVER BD OF ED	LOCAL SCHOOL TAX 11/3/15	\$	0
BEACONS	ORD 2015-04 INTRO	\$	43.72
BILLMARK PLUMBING & HEATING	HEATER & INSTALL PW BUILDING	\$	4,200.00
BURLINGTON COUNTY BCIT	COURSE 6112 - R. GROFF	\$	30.00
BURL CO TREAS, LANDFILL	TIPPING FEES OCT. 2015	\$	5,004.35
			197,682.2
BURL CO TREASURER	4TH QTR 2015 COUNTY TAXES	\$	1
BURLINGTON COUNTY CLERK	RECORD CERT. TWP. LIEN	\$	8.00
CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	OCT 2015 PAYROLL SERVICES	\$	237.20
COMCAST	SERVICE 10/19 - 11/18	\$	107.95
CONNER STRONG COMPANIES, INC.	RENEWAL ACCIDENT & HEALTH	\$	2,216.00
READYREFRESH BY NESTLE	SERVICE 9/15/15 - 10/14/15	\$	30.21
DISPLAY SALES	POW FLAGS	\$	177.00
THE EXIT LIGHT CO., INC.	EXIT LIGHT	\$	24.00
EXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	SOFTWARE ASSURANCE	\$	715.00
GEORGE EMMER	CONFLICT PD 10/26/15	\$	500.00
HERMAN'S TRUCKING, INC.	HAULING STONE OAK LN PK	\$	229.33
HOME DEPOT	SUPPLIES	\$	922.81
JERSEY SHORE RESTROOMS, LLC	NOV 2015 PORT A POTS	\$	170.00
KEVIN S. QUINLAN	OCT 2015 PROSECUTIONS & DWI	\$	1,700.00
KLUK CONSULTANTS	ENGINEERING SEPT. 2015	\$	3,998.00
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS	SEPT/OCT 2015	\$	201.91
NORTHEAST REMSCO CONST.	RETURN SECURITY DEPOSIT 4 FRONT LOAD	\$	1,200.00
OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING CENTER	DUMPSTERS	\$	1,888.32
OFFICE BASICS, INC	HOUSE KEEPING SUPPLIES & PAPER	\$	283.13
PEGGY BECK	OCT. 2015 BANK TRIPS	\$	53.04
			183,708.0
PINELANDS REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST	REG. SCHOOL TAX 11/3/15	\$	0
STAPLES INC.	NEW TIME CLOCK PW	\$	260.98
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	SUBSCRIPTION NJ RULES 2016	\$	92.50
TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN	PARTS DUMP TRUCK	\$	78.99
TRANSFORMATION ENTERPRISES	SEPT. 2015 ROLL-OFF	\$	4,750.00
TRAPROCK INDUSTRIES	STONE FOR OAK LN PARK	\$	374.17
TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY	BFCE REG. RENEWAL FEE	\$	148.00
UNIVERSAL COMPUTING SERVICES	MESSAGE/MAILERS & RIBBON	\$	314.04
VERIZON	COURT & MUNI PHONES OCT. 2015	\$	938.94
WEX BANK	FUEL SEPT/OCT 2015	\$	595.40
WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP, INC	LICENSE PLATE QUOTE	\$	250.00
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCOUNT	PAYROLL 10/15/15	\$	14,921.52
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCOUNT	PAYROLL 10/29/15	\$	16,402.04
HASLER, INC.	POSTAGE OCT. 2015	\$	537.00

TOTAL \$ 571,927.4  
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ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

**ORDINANCE 2015-04**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8.09 OF THE BASS RIVER  
TOWNSHIP CODE TO INCLUDE MITIGATION RATES FOR  
EMERGENCY AND FIRE SERVICES**

Mayor Cope read Ordinance 2015-04 by title. The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Ordinance 2015-04 and open the meeting for public comment on Ordinance 2015-04. Comments: Mr. Curtain commented on the does not clarify that the insurance company is being billed. It would suggest that individuals would be billed if no insurance information was received. Mr. Aaronson feels that it will be a mistake to adopt as is and feels it may affect the contribution to the companies by tax payers. Being no further comments the motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2015-04 was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. The motion to table adoption of Ordinance 2015-04 was made by Deputy Mayor Capriglione, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon. Votes Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Ordinance 2015-04 was tabled.

***BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE NO. 2015-04***

***ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8.09 OF THE BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP CODE TO  
INCLUDE MITIGATION RATES FOR EMERGENCY AND FIRE SERVICES***

***Section 1. Purpose & Authority.*** Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-1 and 40:49-2, the Township of Bass River hereby amends Chapter 8.09 of the Bass River Code to add Section 8.09.020, "Mitigation Rates." The purpose of the amendment is for the New Gretna Volunteer Fire Company to implement a fair and equitable procedure by which to collect mitigation rates in certain circumstances.

***Section 2. Findings.*** The emergency services response activity to incidents continues to increase each year. Department of Environmental Protection and Homeland Security requirements for equipment and training create additional demands on all operational aspects of the services of the Fire Company.

The Fire Company has investigated different methods to maintain a high level of quality of emergency and non-emergency service capability throughout times of constantly increasing service demands. Maintaining an effective response by the fire company decreases the costs of incidents to insurance carriers, businesses, and individuals through timely and effective management of emergency situations, saving lives and reducing property and environmental damage.

The Fire Company desires to implement a fair and equitable procedure by which to collect mitigation rates and shall establish a billing system in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and guidelines.

***Section 3. Mitigation Rates.*** Chapter 8.09 of the Bass River Code is amended to add Section 8.09.020, "Mitigation Rates," to read as follows:

(a) *The Fire Company shall initiate mitigation rates for the delivery of emergency and non-emergency services by the fire company for personnel, supplies, and equipment to the scene of emergency and non-emergency incidents as listed in the Mitigation Appendix adopted with this ordinance. The Mitigation Appendix shall be kept on file with the Township Clerk. The mitigation rates shall be based on actual costs of services and that which is usual, customary, and reasonable, which may include any services, personnel, supplies, and equipment and with baselines established by necessary addendums to the Mitigation Appendix. Labor is not a part of these mitigation rates.*

(b) *A claim for mitigation rates shall be served on the responsible party through their insurance carrier, if any. If there is no carrier, the responsible party shall be served directly. The Township and Mayor shall be copied on all mitigation rate claims, and each claim shall be reported to the Governing Body.*

(c) *The Fire Company may from time to time amend, revoke, or add rules and regulations to the Mitigation Appendix to the extent consistent with this ordinance. Any such rules or amendments shall be filed with the Township Clerk, who shall notify the Governing Body.*

(d) *The Governing Body may cancel any mitigation rate for a responsible party on 5 days notice to the Fire Department.*

**Section 4. Repealer.** *All prior ordinances that are inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed. All ordinances are hereby amended to be consistent with this ordinance and all ordinances, including this one, shall be construed consistent with the express purpose of this ordinance.*

**Section 5. Savings and Construction.** *This ordinance shall be construed consistent with the purpose stated in section 1 hereof. Any ambiguities in this ordinance shall be construed in accordance with the purpose of this ordinance. If any part of this ordinance is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall be saved to the full extent possible. This ordinance repeals provisions of the Township Code only where stated herein; otherwise this ordinance is amendatory and supplementary to existing provision of the Township Code.*

**Section 6. Codification.** *This ordinance shall be codified as Section 8.09.020, "Mitigation Rates," Chapter 8.09 of the Bass River Township Code.*

**Section 7. Effective Date.** *This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and publication of notice of adoption as provided by law.*

**EXHIBIT A  
MITIGATION RATES  
BASED ON PER HOUR**

**MOTOR VEHICLE INCIDENTS**

**Level 1 - \$435.00**

*Provide hazardous materials assessment and scene stabilization. This will be the most common "billing level". This occurs almost every time the fire company responds to an accident / incident.*

**Level 2 - \$495.00**

*Includes Level 1 services as well as clean up and material used (sorbents) for hazardous fluid clean up and disposal. We will bill at this level if the fire company has to clean up any gasoline or other automotive fluids that are spilled as a result of the accident / incident.*

**Level 3 – CAR FIRE - \$605.00**

*Provide scene safety, fire suppression, breathing air, rescue tools, hand tools, hose, tip use, foam, structure protection, and clean up gasoline or other automotive fluids that are spilled as a result of the accident / incident.*

**Level 4 - \$1,800.00**

*Includes Level 1 & 2 services as well as extrication (heavy rescue tools, ropes, airbags, cribbing etc.). We will bill at this level if the fire company has to free/remove anyone from the vehicle(s) using any equipment. We will not bill at this level if the patient is simply unconscious and fire department is able to open the door to access the patient. This level is to be billed only if equipment is deployed.*

**Level 5 - \$2,200.00**

*Includes Levels 1, 2, & 4 services as well as Air Care (multi-engine company response, mutual aid, helicopter). We will bill at this level any time a helicopter is utilized to transport the patient(s).*

**Level 6**

**Itemized Response:** *You have the option to bill each incident as an independent event with custom mitigation rates, for each incident using, itemized rates deemed usual, customary and reasonable (UCR). These incidents will be billed, itemized per apparatus, per personnel, plus products and equipment used.*

**HAZMAT**

**Level 1 - \$700.00**

**Basic Response:** *Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, set-up and command.*

**Level 2 - \$2,500.00**

**Intermediate Response:** *Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, hazmat certified team and appropriate equipment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, set-up and command, Level A or B suit donning, breathing air and detection equipment. Set-up and removal of decon center.*

**Level 3 - \$5,900.00**

**Advanced Response:** *Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, hazmat certified team and appropriate equipment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, first responder set-up and command, Level A or B suit donning, breathing air and detection equipment and robot deployment. Set-up and removal of decon center, detection equipment, recovery and identification of material. Disposal and environment clean up. Includes above in addition to any disposal rates of material and contaminated equipment and material used at scene. Includes 3 hours of on scene time - each additional hour @ \$300.00 per HAZMAT team.*

**PIPELINE INCIDENTS / POWER LINE INCIDENTS**

**(Includes, but not limited to: Gas, Sewer, Septic to Sewer, and Water Pipelines)**

**Level 1 - \$400.00**

**Basic Response:** *Claim will include engine response and first responder assignment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, first responder set-up and command. Includes inspection without damage or breakage.*

**Level 2 - \$1,000.00**

**Intermediate Response:** *Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, and appropriate equipment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, first responder set-up and command. May include HAZMAT team, Level A or B suit donning, breathing air and detection equipment. Supervise and/or assist pipeline repair.*

**Level 3- Itemized Claim Charges**

**Advanced Response:** *Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, and appropriate equipment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, first responder set-up and command. May include HAZMAT team, Level A or B suit donning, breathing air and detection equipment. Supervise and/or assist pipeline repair of intermediate to major pipeline damage. May include set-up and removal of decon center, detection, recovery and identification of material. Disposal and environment clean up.*

**FIRE INVESTIGATION**

**Fire Investigation Team - \$275.00 per hour.**

**Includes:**

- Scene Safety
- Investigation
- Source Identification
- K-9/ Arson Dog Unit
- Identification Equipment
- Mobile Detection Unit
- Fire Report

*The claim begins when the Fire Investigator responds to the incident and is billed for logged time only.*

## **FIRES**

**Assignment - \$400.00 per hour, per engine / \$500.00 per hour, per truck**

**Includes:**

- Scene Safety
- Investigation
- Fire / Hazard Control

*This will be the most common “billing level”. This occurs almost every time the fire company responds to an incident.*

**OPTIONAL: fire company has the option to bill each fire as an independent event with custom mitigation rates. Itemized, per person, at various pay levels and for itemized products use.**

## **WATER INCIDENTS**

### **Level 1**

**Basic Response:** Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, first responder set-up and command, scene safety and investigation (including possible patient contact, hazard control). This will be the most common “billing level”. This occurs almost every time the fire department responds to a water incident.

**Billed at \$400 plus \$50 per hour, per rescue person.**

### **Level 2**

**Intermediate Response:** Includes Level 1 services as well as clean up and material used (sorbents), minor hazardous clean up and disposal. We will bill at this level if the fire company has to clean up small amounts of gasoline or other fluids that are spilled as a result of the incident.

**Billed at \$800 plus \$50 per hour, per rescue person.**

### **Level 3**

**Advanced Response:** Includes Level 1 and Level 2 services as well as D.A.R.T. activation, donning breathing apparatus and detection equipment. Set up and removal of decon center, detection equipment, recovery and identification of material. Disposal and environment clean up. Includes above in addition to any disposal rates of material and contaminated equipment and material used at scene.

**Billed at \$2,000 plus \$50 per hour per rescue person, plus \$100 per hour per HAZMAT team member.**

### **Level 4**

**Itemized Response:** You have the option to bill each incident as an independent event with custom mitigation rates for each incident using itemized rates deemed usual, customary and reasonable (UCR). These incidents will be billed, itemized, per trained rescue person, plus rescue products used.

## **BACK COUNTRY OR SPECIAL RESCUE**

**Itemized Response:** Each incident will be billed with custom mitigation rates deemed usual, customary and reasonable (UCR). These incidents will be billed, itemized per apparatus per hour, per trained rescue person per hour, plus rescue products used.

**Minimum billed \$400 for the first response vehicle plus \$50 per rescue person. Additional rates of \$400 per hour per response vehicle and \$50 per hour per rescue person.**

**CHIEF RESPONSE**

*This includes the set-up of Command, and providing direction of the incident. This could include operations, safety, and administration of the incident.*

**Billed at \$250 per hour.**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Engine billed at \$400 per hour.**

**Truck billed at \$500 per hour.**

**Miscellaneous equipment billed at \$300.**

**MITIGATION RATE NOTES**

*The mitigation rates above are average “billing levels”, and are typical for the incident responses listed, however, when a claim is submitted, it will be itemized and based on the actual services provided.*

*These average mitigation rates were determined by itemizing costs for a typical run (from the time a fire apparatus leaves the station until it returns to the station) and are based on the actual costs, using amortized schedules for apparatus (including useful life, equipment, repairs, and maintenance) and labor rates (an average department’s “actual personnel expense”).*

**FALSE ALARM BILLING RATES**

- (a) *The first false alarm within a twelve (12) month in a calendar year is free of charge.*
- (b) *The second (2<sup>nd</sup>) false alarm in a twelve (12) month calendar year is billed at \$100.00.*
- (c) *The third (3<sup>rd</sup>) false alarm in a twelve (12) month calendar year is billed at \$200.00.*
- (d) *The fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) through (6<sup>th</sup>) false alarms in a twelve month (12) calendar year are billed at \$300.00 per event not to exceed \$500.00 per calendar year.*

**RESOLUTION 2015-85**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FOR THE JOINT EMPLOYMENT OF A TAX ASSESSOR ASSISTANT PURSUANT TO THE INTERLOCAL SERVICES ACT N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et. seq.**

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2015-85. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2015-85 was hereby approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-85**

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**WHEREAS**, the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners recognizes the need to provide the residents of the Township with appropriate cost savings measures and the need to take advantage of opportunities to provide cost savings in the administration of local government services for the benefit of all residents; and

*WHEREAS, pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., any municipality of the State may enter into a contract with any other municipality for the joint provision of any service that any party to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and*

*WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River and Washington Township have previously entered into a Shared Services Agreement that covers this position. That agreement has expired and both Townships wish to continue the prior relationship for shared services by entering into this new Shared Services Agreement for the employment and cost sharing of an assistant to the tax assessor; and*

*WHEREAS, The Township of Bass River and Washington Township have negotiated the terms and conditions of an agreement for the provision of such services to Washington Township by the Township of Bass River as detailed in the attached Shared Services Agreement; and*

*WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River evidences its desire to enter into such Agreement through passage of this resolution; and*

*WHEREAS, the parties have agreed to participate in the Shared Services Agreement between the Townships and enter into the agreement establishing the respective rights and obligations of the parties regarding this Shared Services Agreement.*

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

- 1. The attached Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Bass River and Washington Township shall be effective according to its terms.*
- 2. The Mayor of the Township of Bass River is hereby authorized to sign, seal, execute and witness/attest the Agreement.*
- 3. The Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to take any action necessary to implement the terms of the Shared Services Agreement.*

### **RESOLUTION 2015-86**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER TO EXTEND THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON FOR THE SHARED USE OF PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT PURSUANT TO THE INTERLOCAL SERVICES ACT N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et. seq.**

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2015-86. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2015-86 was hereby approved.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-86**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER TO EXTEND THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON FOR THE SHARED USE OF PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT PURSUANT TO THE INTERLOCAL SERVICES ACT N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et. seq.**

*WHEREAS, the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners recognizes the need to provide the residents of the Township with appropriate cost savings measures and the need to take advantage of opportunities to provide cost savings in the administration of local government services for the benefit of all residents; and*

***WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., any municipality of the State may enter into a contract with any other municipality for the joint provision of any service that any party to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Township of Bass River and the Borough of Tuckerton have previously entered into a Shared Services Agreement that covers the shared use of public works equipment dated October 3, 2011. That agreement has expired and both the Township and the Borough wish to continue the prior relationship for shared services by entering into the new lease extension for the shared use of public works equipment; and*

***WHEREAS**, The Township of Bass River and Borough of Tuckerton have negotiated the terms and conditions of an agreement for the provision of such services as detailed in the attached Shared Services Agreement and lease extension; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Township of Bass River evidences its desire to enter into such Agreement through passage of this resolution; and*

***WHEREAS**, the parties have agreed to participate in the Shared Services Agreement between the Township and the Borough and enter into the agreement establishing the respective rights and obligations of the parties regarding this Shared Services Agreement.*

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

- 1. The attached Shared Services Agreement and lease extension between the Township of Bass River and the Borough of Tuckerton shall be effective according to its terms.*
- 2. The Mayor of the Township of Bass River is hereby authorized to sign, seal, execute and witness/attest the Agreement.*
- 3. The Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to take any action necessary to implement the terms of the Shared Services Agreement.*

### **RESOLUTION 2015-87**

### **AUTHORIZING DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE**

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2015-87. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2015-87 was hereby approved.

***TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER  
BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION 2015-87***

### **AUTHORIZING DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE**

***WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey are in receipt of a request from the Tax Collector of the Township of Bass River to issue a duplicate Tax Sale Certificate to the Township of Bass River, New Jersey; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector of the Township of Bass River has previously issued tax sale certificate number 00000461 dated 12/02/1967 covering premises commonly known and referred to as Block 31, Lot 3 as set out on the municipal tax map then in use; and*

***WHEREAS**, the original Tax Sale Certificates has been lost or otherwise misplaced; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector of the Township of Bass River has the authority pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1 to issue a duplicate Tax Sale Certificate with the consent, by resolution, of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners for the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey hereby gives consent to the Tax Collector of the Township of Bass River to issue a true duplicate original Tax Sale Certificate 00000461.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be attached to the duplicate certificate to be issued and that said duplicate certificate shall be stamped or otherwise have imprinted upon it the word "Duplicate" as required by law.*

#### REPORTS:

The following reports were noted.

Report of Solicitor  
Report of Municipal Court  
Safety Coordinator's Report  
Other Reports

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was open for public comment at 8:28 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All present in favor.

C. Bitzberger asked about the possibility of the Governing Body adopting the resolution opposing the Wharton State Forest Map Plan. Mayor said that there is an upcoming public meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup> in Hammonton. Solicitor noting that the map plan that was proposed previously has been scrapped.

C. Bitzberger asked why there does not seem to be a necessity to have an Environmental Commission. Commissioner Bourguignon said the purpose of the Environmental Commission was to be an advisory board and is no longer necessary due to the other agencies not overseeing environmental issues such as NJ DEP, Burlington County Health Department, Pinelands Commission and the EPA. Deputy Mayor Capriglione noted the Environmental Commissioner is being disbanded allowing members to serve on various community committees or clubs without fear of possible violations of the sunshine law and the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mr. Aaronson inquired about an OPRA request regarding the dumping and spreading of millings at the Township property on route 9. He feels the millings were used to fill in wetlands. Commissioner Bourguignon noted that the millings are not filling in wetlands but have been spread to allow for an adequate landing zone for emergency helicopters.

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 9:02 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 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Amanda S. Somes, RMC  
Township Clerk

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