

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 2019**

In attendance: Mayor Deborah Buzby-Cope, Deputy Mayor Nick Capriglione, Commissioner Louis Bourguignon and Township Clerk Amanda Somes. Mayor Cope called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the flag salute.

RESOLUTION 2019-60

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITIZENS, RESIDENTS, AND VISITORS OF BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP TO END HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING AT 9:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2019 AND TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN BELOW THE AGE OF 18 INDOORS AFTER 9:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2019 “MISCHIEF NIGHT”

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2019-60. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2019-60 was hereby approved.

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WHEREAS, in the Township of Bass River past experience has shown that at the Halloween season vandalism has, upon occasion, become a problem effecting the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Township of Bass River have from time to time at the festive Halloween season been harassed by pranks which, though starting as innocent fun, developed into more serious problems; and

WHEREAS, Halloween occurs at a season of the year when darkness settles on the community early in the evening; and

WHEREAS, having small children running through the municipality and on the streets thereof during hours of darkness creates a safety hazard to the children as well as to other users of the streets and highways; and

WHEREAS, the convenience of the citizens of the municipality must be weighed and balanced.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 meeting held on the 16TH day of October, 2019, that the citizens, residents, and visitors of Bass River Township be requested to end their trick-or-treating at 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2019, and thereafter to show their cooperation with this request by no longer keeping their Halloween decorations and lights displayed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that parents are requested to keep their children below the age of 18 indoors after 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 “Mischief Night”.

No further business to come before the Board. Therefore, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Amanda S. Somes, RMC
Township Clerk
