

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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 and Commissioner Louis Bourguignon. Also present Township Clerk Amanda Somes and Solicitor Joanne O'Connor. Members of the public were present at this meeting. Absent: Deputy Mayor Nicholas Capriglione

FLAG SALUTE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the regular meeting of September 11, 2017 were presented to the Board for review. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Mayor Cope. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Absent, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and minutes of the September 11, 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 \$448,327.16. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve bills for payment. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Absent, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and bills were ordered paid.

ACADEMY SECURITY	ALARM MONITORING 3RD QTR.	\$ 87.00
ACE OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT	TRIGGER ASSEMBLY	\$ 79.32
ACUA	WATER TESTING	\$ 431.25
AFD TITLE COMPANY	TITLE WORK	\$ 2,860.00
AMANDA SOMES	MILEAGE & NOTARY REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 79.00
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	ELECTRICITY JULY/AUGUST 2017	\$ 2,540.08
A T & T	ALL IN ONE JULY 2017	\$ 273.54
BASS RIVER BD OF ED	LOCAL SCHOOL TAX 9/12/17	\$ 123,725.00
BAYSHORE CENTER AT BIVALVE	AJ MEERWALD SAIL	\$ 825.00
BELLIA TECH, LLC	PC SERVICE & PRINTER	\$ 567.17
BURL CO TREAS, LANDFILL	AUGUST 2017 TIPPING FEES	\$ 4,020.81
BURLINGTON COUNTY TREASURER	3RD QTR. TAXES	\$ 160,653.9

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CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	AUGUST 2017 PAYROLL SERVICES	\$ 227.00
CHERRY VALLEY TRACTOR	PARTS	\$ 97.51
CINTAS COMCA ST	UNIFORMS SERVICING	\$ 378.39
	SERVICE 8/19/17 - 9/18/17	\$ 105.00
CRAMER'S AUTO RECYCLING DANTE GUZZI ENGINEERING ASSOC.	SMALL TRAILER	\$ 200.00
	ENGINEERING SERVICES	\$ 7,970.02
DAVE'S SEPTIC	PUMP OUTS & REPAIRS	\$ 300.00
DAVE'S SEPTIC READYREFRESH BY NESTLE	LEACHFIELD WORK	\$ 1,125.00
	SERVICE 7/1/17 - 7/31/17	\$ 34.73
EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC. GOLDENBERG MACKLER SAYEGH	TAX BILLS	\$ 319.39
	AUG. 2017 SERVICES - FORCLOSURES	\$ 7,295.10
GROVER ELECTRIC	TRAILER PROP. 5576 RTE 9	\$ 5,539.00
HOME DEPOT	SUPPLIES	\$ 989.48
IPM INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT	QUARTERLY SERVICE	\$ 85.00
JERSEY SHORE RESTROOMS, LLC	PORT A POTS 9/1/17 - 9/28/17	\$ 170.00
KEVIN S. QUINLAN LAWYERS DIRY & MANUAL	AUGUST 2017 PROSECUTIONS	\$ 1,600.00
	LDMR REFERENCE 2019 - NO DIARY	\$ 102.00
MAILFINANCE	LEASE 6/12/17 - 9/11/17	\$ 552.00
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	TAX COLLECTOR ENVELOPES & NOTARY STAMP	\$ 313.00
MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOC. OF NJ	MUNI. CLERK DUES	\$ 75.00
MUNICIPAL CODE CORPORATION	WEB HOSTING 8/1/17 - 7/31/18	\$ 200.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS	\$ 148.15
NEOPOST USA INC.	POSTAGE STRIPS	\$ 36.75
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS	NATURAL GAS	\$
	7/13/17 - 8/11/17 6/14/17 - 7/13/17	\$ 188.53
OFFICE BASICS, INC. PEGGY BECK	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 337.95
	BANK MILEAGE AUGUST 2017	\$ 61.20
PETER C. LANGE	JUNE 2017 LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 3,622.50
PINELANDS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	REGIONAL SCHOOL TAX 9/15/17	\$ 0
Q C LABS / EUROFINs	WATER TESTING	\$ 94.00
RUMPH REID & DOLCY	PUBLIC DEFENDER 8/7/17	\$ 750.00
SAFEGUARD BUSINESS SYSTEMS	DEVELOPER'S ESCROW CHECKS	\$ 82.77
SOUTH JERSEY	3D QTR. WATER TESTING	\$

WATER TEST		1,375.00
		\$
TIPS HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	112.00
		\$
TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN	SHOP SUPPLIES	188.00
TRANSFORMATION		\$
ENTERPRISES	AUGUST 2017 ROLL-OFF	4,990.00
TSRC,		\$
INC.	LASER JET, TRAY & FEEDER	535.00
VERIZON		\$
	COURT & MUNI. PHONES AUGUST 2017	924.22
WEX		\$
BANK	FUEL JULY & AUGUST 2017	1,758.49
		\$
WILLIAM CURTAIN	REIMBURSEMENT - WEB SITE 2YRS.	159.00
BASS RIVER		\$
PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL 8/17/17	15,883.29
BASS RIVER		\$
PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL 8/31/17	16,048.93
HASLER,		\$
INC.	POSTAGE AUGUST 2017	861.21
		\$
	TOTAL	566,903.6
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ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2017-69

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

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2017-69. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione–Absent, Bourguignon–Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2017-69 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2017-69

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 2nd day of October 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 WORKS & PROPERTY		
<i>Williams, Dave</i>	<i>Foreman</i>	<i>\$15.00/hour</i>
<i>Affective October 1, 2017</i>		

Iverson, Brandon Lead Laborer \$12.00/hour
Affective October 1, 2017

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & SAFETY

Griffiths, Helen Deputy Court Administrator \$28,826.26/year
Affective October 1, 2017

D'Adamo, Dawn Court Clerk \$11.00/hour
Affective October 1, 2017

RESOLUTION 2017-70

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2017-70. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Absent, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2017-70 was hereby approved.

Resolution 2017-70

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, a duplicate payment of taxes occurred on two properties located on Block 7 and 54, Lots 21 & 44 for the third quarter 2017 installment to the Tax Collector's office and created an overpayment on both properties.

WHEREAS, The payer of the duplicate payments is requesting a refund of the duplicate payments and should be refunded to the payer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Bass River, county of Burlington that it authorizes the Tax Collector and Finance Office to refund the said overpayments to the payer Empire Tax Fund VIII LLC in the amount of \$3,143.44 for the two properties:

Block 7 Lot 21	\$1,556.49
Block 54 Lot 44	\$1,586.95

RESOLUTION 2017-71

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITIZENS, RESIDENTS, AND VISITORS OF BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP TO END HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING AT 9:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2017 AND TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN BELOW THE AGE OF 18 INDOORS AFTER 9:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2017 "MISCHIEF NIGHT"

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Mayor Cope to approve Resolution 2017-71. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Absent, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2017-71 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2017-71

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITIZENS, RESIDENTS, AND VISITORS OF BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP TO END HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING AT 9:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY,

**OCTOBER 31, 2017 AND TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN BELOW THE AGE OF 18 INDOORS
AFTER 9:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2017 "MISCHIEF NIGHT"**

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 regular meeting held on the 2nd day of October, 2017, that the citizens, residents, and visitors of Bass River Township be requested to end their trick-or-treating at 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31, 2017, 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 Monday, October 30, 2017 "Mischief Night".

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

REPORTS:

The following reports were noted.

Report of Solicitor
Municipal Court Report
Safety Coordinator's Report

Chief Tom Wetmore of the New Gretna Volunteer Company was asked if he wished to give a report. Chief Wetmore was upset the township has not done anything to provide the fire company with funds for or purchased of air packs. He said that he has been coming to these meeting for 5 years stating that we need to get air packs because at the end of 2017 the current air packs will no longer be compliance and will not be able to be used. He stated that the township has done nothing to assist in the purchase of these air packs. He said that dealing with the township is the Fire Company's biggest hurdle. Chief Wetmore stated that the township surplus according to a website was up to \$400,000.00 and can't understand why the township can't help. Mayor Cope said that there are 4 air packs being ordered by the township. The payment is included on the bills

list this evening. Chief feels 4 air packs do nothing to help them. Mayor and Commissioner Bourguignon could not understand where exactly the Chief has obtained his surplus figures. Mayor attempted to explain the budget process and that the figure quoted was not accurate due to the fact that out of the surplus, bills must be paid. Fire Company feels the township has ignored them.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was open for public comment at 7:40 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Mayor Cope. All present in favor.

L. Assur asked what the cost of air packs are. \$70,000 for all packs was the answer.

M. Assur feels that what every the fire company needs they should receive or there will be no fire company.

W. Aaronson said that it is the job of the Commissioners of the Township to provide what the fire company needs in the best interest and wellbeing of the public.

Reporter from the Pinelands Tribune asked what the surplus was and what does the Board feel would be a solution. Mayor said the CFO would be the best one to answer this question. Mayor said that she will meet with the Fire Company after their meeting to determine what the fire company can afford.

W. Aaronson called for a total revaluation of the Township.

W. Aaronson asked for more detail regarding the 5 pieces of property the township owns and was talking about auctioning off. Mayor provided further explanation.

Be no further comments, the motion to close the public portion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Mayor Cope. All in favor and public portion was closed at 8:15 p.m.

Being no further business to come before the Board the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Mayor Cope. All in favor and meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda S. Somes, RMC Township Clerk