

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 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, Commissioner Louis Bourguignon and Deputy Mayor Nick Capriglione. Also present Township Clerk Amanda Somes and Township 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 September 12, 2016 were presented to the Board for review. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Bourguignon and seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. Minutes of the August 1, 2016 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 \$205,174.67. 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.

AMANDA SOMES	MILEAGE, TRAINING & JIF	\$	57.60
ANIMAL CAPTURE & CONTROL	ANIMAL CONTROL 3RD QTR 2016	\$	936.00
ANTHONY JIORLE	TTL REDEMPTION #13-00001	\$	20,200.00
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	ELECTRICITY SEPT. 2016	\$	2,111.26
A T & T	ALL IN ONE AUG. 2016	\$	594.32
A T & T	ISDN LINE AUGUST 2016	\$	40.71
BASS RIVER BD OF ED	LOCAL SCHOOL TAX 10/6/16	\$	123,217.00
BURL CO TREAS, LANDFILL	SEPT. 2016 TIPPING FEES	\$	2,838.60
BURLINGTON COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER	CARE & TREATMENT OF ANIMALS	\$	60.00
CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	SEPT. 2016 PAYROLL	\$	243.00
CITTA, HALZAPFEL & ZABARSKY	CONFLICT PROSECUTION 9/26/16	\$	500.00
CLAYTON BLOCK	PARKING BUMPERS	\$	198.00
COMCAST	SERVICE 9/19/16 - 10/18/16	\$	119.45
FIRE APPARATUS REPAIR, INC.	REPAIRS TRUCK 4211	\$	6,591.78
GREAT BAY REGIONAL EMS	4TH QTR DONATION 2016	\$	2,500.00
HERMN'S TRUCKING, INC.	STONE HAULING	\$	239.12
JERSEY SHORE RESTROOMS, LLC	PORT A POTS	\$	170.00

KEVIN S. QUINLAN	SEPT. 2016 PROSECUTIONS	\$	1,500.00
KLUK CONSULTANTS	ENGINEERING SEPT. 2016	\$	5,554.50
LORCO PETROLEUM SERVICES	USED OIL REMOVAL	\$	105.00
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	MUNI. PERMIT LABELS	\$	253.00
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS	NATURAL GAS 8/112 - 9/13	\$	183.59
NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	NJSLOM REGISTRATIONS	\$	110.00
OFFICE BASICS, INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$	517.19
PARKERTOWN CAR CARE	TRACTOR TIRE REPAIR & VALVE	\$	320.50
PEGGY BECK	BANK MILEAGE & SUPPLY REIM.	\$	48.96
PETER C. LANGE	LEGAL SERVICES JULY 2016	\$	1,741.50
Q C LABS / EUROFINs	WATER TEST	\$	94.00
RICHARD IRETON	MILEAGE 3RD QTR.	\$	41.60
RUMPH REID & DOLCY	PUBLIC DEFENDER 9/19/16	\$	500.00
THE EXIT LIGHT CO., INC.	BATTERY	\$	19.00
TREAS STATE NJ DEP REVENUE	GENERATOR AIR PERMIT	\$	820.00
UNIVERSAL COMPUTING SERVICES	MESSAGE/MAILERS & RIBBON	\$	189.50
VERIZON	COURT & MUNI PHONES AUG/SEPT	\$	990.84
WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP, INC	PRICE ADJUSTMENT TO PO 16-00452	\$	27.59
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL 9/15/16	\$	15,401.89
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL 9/29/16	\$	15,573.62
HASLER, INC.	POSTAGE SEPT. 2016	\$	565.55
	TOTAL	\$	205,174.67

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-62

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITIZENS, RESIDENTS, AND VISITORS OF BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP TO END HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING AT 9:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2016 AND TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN BELOW THE AGE OF 18 INDOORS AFTER 9:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016 “MISCHIEF NIGHT”

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2016-62. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione–Yes, Bourguignon–Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2016-62 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 regular meeting held on the 3rd day of October, 2016, that the citizens, residents, and visitors of Bass River Township be requested to end their trick-or-treating at 9:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31, 2016, 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 Sunday, October 30, 2016 "Mischief Night".

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-63

AUTHORIZING DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2016-63. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2016-63 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2016-63

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 the following tax sale certificate numbers covering the following premises commonly known and referred to on the municipal tax map then in use, as follows;

<i>Certificate Number</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>Lot</i>
608	56	21
709	63	34
763	63	51
814	63	54
09-00012	63	57
686	63	59

735	77	56
800	78	27
766	78	31
211	103	187
702	103	197
212	103	211
721	115	15.B
466	115	29

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 for each of the aforementioned Certificates.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-64

AUTHORIZING THE TURNOVER OF UNCASHED FUNDS FOR BASS RIVER MUNICIPAL COURT BAIL ACCOUNT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$12.00

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2016-64. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2016-63 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-65

AUTHORIZING THE TURNOVER OF UNCASHED FUNDS FOR BASS RIVER MUNICIPAL COURT GENERAL ACCOUNT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$7.00

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2016-65. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2016-65 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-66

AUTHORIZING THE TURNOVER OF UNCASHED FUNDS FOR WOODLAND TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COURT GENERAL ACCOUNT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$3.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-67

**AUTHORIZING THE TURNOVER OF UNCASHED FUNDS FOR
WOODLAND TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COURT BAIL ACCOUNT IN
THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$16.00**

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2016-66 and 2016-67. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2016-66 and 2016-67 were hereby approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-68

SALARY RESOLUTION

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2016-68. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2016-68 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2016-68

**A RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RATES FOR THE 2016
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 3rd day of October 2016 that the following pay rate is hereby established for the 2016 calendar year and set as follows pursuant to Salary Ordinance.

OFFICE/EMPLOYEE NAME	TITLE	SALARY
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE & FINANCE		
<i>Godfrey, Elizabeth</i>	<i>Administrative Assistant/Tax Office</i>	<i>\$10,000/year</i>

Prorated to April 1, 2016

OLD BUSINESS:

Household Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 15th from 8-10 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Best Practices Questionnaire was completed and filed with the State DCA by the Clerk. A copy is available at this meeting for public inspection. Also, Mayor Cope summarized the questionnaire for the public and noted a copy will be posted on the township's website.

REPORTS:

The following reports were noted.

Solicitors Report
Report of Municipal Court
Report of Safety Coordinator

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was open for public comment at 7:25 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All present in favor.

M. Assur commented on the state \$.23 gas tax increase and the idea that the funds are going to fund restoration of a light house in Salam county are upsetting to her.

C. Bitzberger commented the new welcome signs in town look great. She also asked if there was any feedback on the new Pinelands Scenic Byways signs in town. Mayor said yes and all feedback so far was positive.

W. Aaronson questioned the tax sale certificates and the sale of the land. Solicitor said the township is waiting for the final judgment from the County and then the land will be owned by the township at that point.

W. Aaronson asked if the Commissioners made any consideration in the matter of the Environmental Commission. Solicitor said we need to have a minimum of 5 members for the Environmental Commission. This is what the state law requires. Further consideration on the matter is ongoing.

C. Bitzberger commented on the referendum question for the Pinelands School improvements. She asked what is the consensus and feedback. Commissioner Bourguignon feels the State should pay for the repairs as needed and not put in additions to the project at the expense of the tax payers. Ms. Bitzberger feels the commissioners should meet with members of the Pinelands Board of Education to discuss along with members of Little Egg, Tuckerton and Eaglewood Townships.

Be no further comments, the motion to close the public portion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All present in favor and public portion was closed at 7:59 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 present in favor and meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Amanda S. Somes, RMC

Township Clerk
