

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the regular meeting of September 14, 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-Abstain, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. Majority in favor and minutes of the September 14, 2015 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 \$229,010.85. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve bills for payment. Votes: Cope –Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and bills were ordered paid.

US BANK CUST FOR PC5 STERLING	TTL REDEMPTION #15-00001	\$	7,805.11
US BANK CUST FOR PC5 STERLING	PREMIUM ON TTL #15-00001	\$	1,500.00
A.F.D. TITLE COMPANY, INC.	IN-REM FORCLOSURE	\$	240.00
ANIMAL CAPTURE & CONTROL	3RD QTR. ANIMAL CONTROL	\$	930.00
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	PARTIAL ELECTRICITY SEPT. 2015	\$	198.32
A T & T	COURT & MUNI ALL IN ONE AUG. 2015	\$	535.43
BASS RIVER BD OF ED	LOCAL SCHOOL TAX 10/6/15	\$	118,921.00
BEACONS	ORDINANCE 2015-03	\$	37.87
BELLIA TECH, LLC	SOFTWARE INSTALL	\$	80.00
BURLINGTON COUNTY BCIT	COURSES	\$	485.00

BURL CO TREAS, LANDFILL	TIPPING FEES SEPT. 2015	\$	3,661.88
CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	SEPT. 2015 PAYROLL	\$	236.00
COMCAST	SERVICE 9/19/15 - 10/18/15	\$	107.95
CRAMER'S AUTO RECYCLING, INC. READYREFRESH BY NESTLE	METAL RECYCLING	\$	498.00
GEORGE EMMER	SERVICE 8/15/15 - 9/14/15	\$	18.25
GROVER ELECTRIC	CONFLICT PD 9/28/15	\$	500.00
HAMILTON FIRE & SAFETY EQUIP.	ELECTRIC WORK FOR OAK LN PK	\$	10,760.00
HANDS PATIO & GARDEN CENTER HERMAN'S TRUCKING, INC.	HYDROTEST INSPECTION	\$	312.00
JERSEY SHORE RESTROOMS, LLC	NEW GRETNA "WOODS IN THE PARK"	\$	425.88
KEVIN S. QUINLAN	SCREENING HAULINGS	\$	429.30
KLINE CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.	PORT A POTS 10/2015	\$	170.00
KLUK CONSULTANTS	SEPT. 2015 PROSECUTIONS	\$	1,400.00
LIBERTY PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS	PEDESTRIAN PATH NMA PARK	\$	39,000.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	ENGINEERING SEPT. 2015	\$	2,702.50
NEW HOPE CRUSHED STONE NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS	WEAR MATTS NMA PARK	\$	462.50
NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	PARTS BACK HOE	\$	56.92
OFFICE BASICS, INC PEGGY BECK	SCREENINGS	\$	208.17
PETER C. LANGE	SERVICE 8/11/15 - 9/10/15	\$	176.10
RICHARD IRETON	NJLM CONFERENCE 2015	\$	275.00
SOUTH SHORE TOWING, INC.	SUPPLIES	\$	240.80
STEINER LAW OFFICE, P.C.	BANK MILEAGE	\$	28.56
TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY	LEGAL SERVICES 7 & 8/2015	\$	5,126.00
GROFF TRACTOR NEW JERSEY LLC	3RD QTR. MILEAGE	\$	49.60
TUCKERTON BOROUGH	TANKER TOWING	\$	1,000.00
VERIZON	CONFLICT PD 9/28/15	\$	500.00
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT	2ND QTR. MARRIAGE LIC. FEE	\$	50.00
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT	TRACTOR PARTS	\$	72.96
HASLER, INC.	DEBRIS DISPOSAL SHARED SERVICES	\$	88.00
	MUNI & COURT PHONES SEPT. 2015	\$	642.95
	PAYROLL 9/17/15	\$	14,205.24
	PAYROLL 9/30/15	\$	14,326.40
	SEPT. 2015 POSTAGE	\$	547.16
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>229,010.85</b>

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 upon first reading by title only. The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Ordinance 2015-04 upon first reading by title only. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Ordinance 2015-04 was hereby approved upon first reading by title only with second reading and public hearing scheduled for the November regular meeting.

***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 2015-79**

**TAX OFFICE RESOLUTION**

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2015-79. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2015-79 was hereby approved.

**RESOLUTION 2015-79**

*WHEREAS, the amount of \$7,805.11 has been received by the Tax Collector for redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #15-00001 on Block 7 Lot 21 assessed to Joan L. Allen; and*

*WHEREAS \$7,805.11 is the correct amount to redeem;*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of Bass River cut a check for \$7805.11 for redemption plus a check for \$1,500.00 for premium .*

**RESOLUTION 2015-80**

**A RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RATES FOR THE 2015 CALENDAR YEAR FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER**

The motion was made by Deputy Mayor Capriglione, seconded by Mayor Cope to approve Resolution 2015-80. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2015-80 was hereby approved.

**RESOLUTION 2015-**

**A RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RATES FOR THE 2015 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 meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015 that the following pay rate is hereby established for the 2015 calendar year and set as follows pursuant to Salary Ordinance:

<b>OFFICE/EMPLOYEE NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>SALARY</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS &amp; PROPERTY</b>		
Bourguignon, Robert <i>Effective September 14, 2015</i>	Laborer	\$9.00/hour
Ford, Rick <i>Effective September 14, 2015</i>	Laborer	\$10.00/hour

**RESOLUTION 2015-81**

**AUTHORIZING DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE**

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2015-81. Votes: Cope—Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2015-81 was hereby approved.

**RESOLUTION 2015-81**

**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 90-15 dated December 21, 1990 covering premises commonly known and referred to as Block 77, Lot 12 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 90-15.

**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 2015-82**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF NJ DOT GRANT FOR  
STAGE ROAD**

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2015-82. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2015-82 was hereby approved.

**RESOLUTION 2015-82**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND  
EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF STAGE ROAD PROJECT**

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of Bass River Township formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2016-Bass River Township-00433 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Bass River Township.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Bass River Township and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.*

**RESOLUTION 2015-83**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITIZENS, RESIDENTS, AND VISITORS  
OF BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP TO END HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING  
AT 9:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2015 AND TO KEEP THEIR  
CHILDREN BELOW THE AGE OF 18 INDOORS AFTER 9:00 P.M. ON  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2015 “MISCHIEF NIGHT”**

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2015-83. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2015-83 was hereby approved.

**RESOLUTION 2015-83**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITIZENS, RESIDENTS, AND VISITORS OF BASS RIVER  
TOWNSHIP TO END HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING AT 9:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 31, 2015 AND TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN BELOW THE AGE OF 18 INDOORS  
AFTER 9:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2015 “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 5<sup>TH</sup> day of October, 2015, that the citizens, residents, and visitors of Bass River Township be requested to end their trick-or-treating at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2015, 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 Friday, October 30, 2015 "Mischief Night".*

### **RESOLUTION 2015-84**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION TO BURLINGTON COUNTY FOR FINAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR PARK GRANT**

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2015-84. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2015-84 was hereby approved.

### **RESOLUTION 2015-84**

*WHEREAS, in 2013, the Township of Bass River received a Municipal Park Development Grant from the County of Burlington in the amount of \$141,000.00 for North Maple Avenue Municipal Park; and*

*WHEREAS, various contracts was solicited and bid and were awarded to various contractors for work to be funded by the Municipal Park Development Grant; and*

*WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, Kris Kluk did inspect and certify completion of the work required by the contract awarded to various and has recommended that final payment be made to the contractor(s); and certifies that the work was completed in substantial conformance with the scope of work associated with the 2013 Burlington County Park Development Grant; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Township Clerk is hereby authorized to submit the necessary documents to the County of Burlington for the final reimbursement under the grant in the amount of \$141,000.00.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor and Commissioner reviewed the Best Practices Work Sheet. Copies were made available for public review and comment. No comments were heard concerning the Best Practices Work Sheet. Clerk submitted work sheet to DCA as directed.

## REPORTS:

The following reports were noted.

Report of Solicitor  
Safety Coordinator's Report  
Other Reports

## PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was open for public comment at 7:24 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All present in favor.

C. Bitzberger asked if the Board was going to adopt a resolution opposing the Wharton State Forest Map Plan. Mayor said the Commissioners need more information on the matter before making a decision on whether to support a resolution or not.

L. Assur asked how the Commissioners would adopt a resolution opposing the map when Wharton is not in this town. Mayor said that it does affect people from this town because it affects hunters, kayakers; so forth that live in this town.

C. Bitzberger said the Environmental Commission sent a letter to the Board of Commissioners about various issues in the township. She wanted to know if the Township is going to pass a resolution opposing the natural gas transportation pipelines that will be going through Burlington County. Mayor said that more information is needed on this topic before the Board will consider a resolution. She noted the Pipeline is not going through Bass River Township.

C. Bitzberger said the beautification committee decided they will no longer put flags up on Route 9 and will only put them on the bridge on Route 9. They would like to get a better quality of flags. Would also like the township to consider season Christmas Banners. 24 Banners for Route 9. She also requested the porta potty at the playground be moved to another location. Would also like to plant one tree on the playground somewhere this coming year.

W. Aaronson commented on the reassessment of Viking and asked where the Board of Commissioners are in this process. He feels it is an urgent issue. Mayor said the assessor is going to put a report together by December 1. Mr. Aaronson feels it should be an outside 3<sup>rd</sup> party assessor doing the assessment because he feels the township assessor is not qualified to assess such a facility. Deputy Mayor Capriglione suggests that we find out if we can legally do an assessment on just one property individually and what it would cost. Only then will the Board decide if this is feasible.

Mr. Garrison said he agrees to get the information first and then find out if this is possible then discuss the matter once the facts are received.

C. Bitzberger said she feels that revenues are the problem and need to be increased. Mayor said the Board is looking into increasing revenues by foreclosing on properties and thereby gaining some revenues.

M. Assur asked why the township is paying out of county for school taxes.

W. Aaronson asked how it was derived to give an employee \$10 and hour. He feels it is not enough.

W. Aaronson thinks a town wide total reassessment should be considered.

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 8:44 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 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Amanda S. Somes, RMC  
Township Clerk

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