

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**

Deputy Mayor Capriglione called the regular meeting of the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. Present at meeting were: 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. Absent: Mayor Deborah Buzby-Cope

FLAG SALUTE

Deputy Mayor Capriglione led the flag salute and read the sunshine statement.

Deputy Mayor Capriglione directed people that had arrived for a Q & A with Parks and Forest and DEP to move outside to the pavilion across the street at the park. He noted the crowd was over 100 people and there was no room for this meeting with the Parks and Forest to be conducted safely within the Township Building. Furthermore, he noted that the conduct of the regular township business at the regular meeting must be conducted. He invited anyone to remain if they wished to address the Board during the public comment session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the regular meeting of August 3, 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-Absent, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and minutes of the August 3, 2015 regular meeting were hereby approved.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$623,186.00. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve bills for payment. Votes: Cope –Absent, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and bills were ordered paid.

BURL CO TREASURER	3RD QTR 2015 TAXES	\$	197,682.22
360 CAPITAL LLC	REFUND OVERPYMT TAX SALE	\$	50.00
ACADEMY SECURITY	INSPECTION, DETECTORS & ALARM SERV.	\$	523.00
ACUA	WATER TESTING	\$	521.86
A.F.D. TITLE COMPANY, INC.	IN-REM FORECLOSURES	\$	830.00
ALLIED HAND DRYER	HAND DRYERS	\$	282.00
AMANDA SOMES	BANK TRIPS	\$	28.00
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	ELECTRICITY JULY/AUG 2015	\$	5,235.09

A T & T	ALL IN ONE JULY 2015	\$	564.22
A T & T	JULY & AUG. ISDN LINE	\$	81.02
BASS RIVER BD OF ED	LOCAL SCHOOL TAX 9/15/15	\$	118,921.00
BEACONS	PRO. APPT. & ORDINANCE 2015-03	\$	89.00
BURL CO TREAS, LANDFILL	TIPPING FEES AUGUST 2015	\$	3,181.20
BURL CO TREASURER	2015 PRIMARY ELECTION COST	\$	618.79
BURLINGTON COUNTY CLERK	RECORD CERTIFICATES	\$	16.00
CAM CO.	BACK HOE PARTS	\$	142.44
CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	AUG 2015 PAYROLL SERVICE 7/19/15 -	\$	349.50
COMCAST	8/18/15	\$	107.95
CRAMER'S AUTO RECYCLING, INC. READYREFRESH BY NESTLE	STEERING COLUMN F450 SERVICE 7/15/15 - 8/14/15	\$	200.00
GENERAC	BALANCE INSTALLS 11 NMA & TOWN HALL SUPPLIES FOR TOWN HALL	\$	16,700.00
GEORGE SENN COMPNAV, INC GREAT BAY REGIONAL EMS	CONTRIBUTION #1	\$	7,000.00
HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON, P.C.	USER FRIENDLY BUDGET	\$	545.00
HOME DEPOT	SUPPLIES	\$	559.96
IPM INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT	QTRLY SERVICE & COURT TREATMENT	\$	170.00
JERSEY SHORE RESTROOMS, LLC	PORT A POTS 9/4/15 - 10/1/15 RADIATOR REPAIR	\$	170.00
JIM'S RADIATOR SERVICE	TRACTOR	\$	105.00
KEVIN S. QUINLAN	AUG. 2015 PROSECUTION	\$	1,400.00
KLUK CONSULTANTS	ENGINEERING JULY 2015	\$	5,624.50
KOWALSKI TIRE	JUNK TIRE PICK UP	\$	300.00
LANGUAGE SERVICES ASSOCIATES	TELEPHONIC CHRGS. JULY & AUG. 2015	\$	128.10
LIBERTY PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS	EQUIPMENT & MULCH	\$	12,826.17
MAILFINANCE	LEASE 6/12/15 - 9/11/15	\$	570.00
MUNICIPAL CODE CORPORATION	ANNUAL WEB HOSTING	\$	200.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS NEW JERSEY CONF MAYORS	PARTS NJCM 2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$	598.52
NEW JERSEY DIV OF ABC NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS	LIQ. LIC. RENEWALS PW & MUNI. BLDGS	\$	9.00
OFFICE BASICS, INC PEGGY BECK	OFFICE SUPPLIES MILEAGE & STATE MEETING	\$	124.64
PETER C. LANGE	LEGAL SERVICES JUNE 2015	\$	78.96
PINELANDS REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST.	REGIONAL SCHOOL TAX 9/15/15	\$	3,111.00
QC LABS R. J. TWITCHELL & CO., INC.	WATER TESTING COMPACTOR REPAIRS	\$	101.50
ROBT. C. SHINN RECYCLING CTR.	CO-MINGLE CONTAINERS	\$	2,797.91
RODIO TRACTOR SALES, INC.	TRACTOR PARTS	\$	600.00
		\$	557.50

RUMPF REID & DOLCY	PROSECUTION 8/17/15	\$	500.00
SAFE ID CARD SYSTEMS, INC.	ID CARD SADOLSKY	\$	15.00
SINKS N MORE	PORTABLE TOILET SINKS OAK LANE PK.	\$	6,554.00
SOUTH JERSEY WATER TEST	WATER TESTING	\$	1,155.00
STATE OF NJ DIV EMPLOYER ACCTS	ANNUAL ASSESSMENT	\$	143.30
THE PRESS OF ATLANTIC CITY	TAX SALE ADS	\$	205.01
TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN	SUPPLIES	\$	749.01
TRANSFORMATION ENTERPRISES	AUGUST 2015 ROLL-OFF	\$	4,040.00
TSRC, INC.	SERVER PACKAGE	\$	2,905.00
UNIVERSAL COMPUTING SERVICES	MESSAGE / MAILERS	\$	263.20
US BANK CUST FOR PC5 STERLING	4 OVER PYMT REFUNDS & TTL REDEMP.	\$	977.33
VERIZON	MUNI & COURT PHONES	\$	1,260.84
WAWA STORE #978	SAFETY AWARD GIFT CARDS	\$	270.00
WEX BANK	JULY & AUG. FUEL CHARGES	\$	1,812.70
WILLIAM CURTAIN	2 YR WEEBLY PRO SITE	\$	159.00
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT	8/20/15 PAYROLL	\$	14,693.59
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT	9/3/15 PAYROLL	\$	18,508.23
HASLER, INC.	AUGUST POSTAGE 2015	\$	960.21
TOTAL		\$	623,186.00

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE 2015-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8.21, ENTITLED “ABANDONED PROPERTY” OF THE “BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES” ADDING A NEW SECTION TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF VACANT AND ABANDONED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN FORECLOSURE BY CREDITORS

Deputy Mayor Capriglione read Ordinance 2015-03 by title. The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Ordinance 2015-03 and to open the meeting for public comment on Ordinance 2015-03. Votes: Cope-Absent, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and meeting was open for public. Comments: W. Aaronson asked if this ordinance would give teeth to force banks to take responsibility on property. Deputy Mayor said yes it would. Being no further comments the motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2015-03 was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All present in favor and public portion was closed. The motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-03 was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. Votes: Cope-Absent, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-03

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8.21, ENTITLED "ABANDONED PROPERTY" OF THE
"BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES" ADDING A NEW SECTION TO
ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF VACANT AND ABANDONED
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN FORECLOSURE BY CREDITORS**

WHEREAS, mortgage foreclosures often result in the abandonment and neglect of residential properties; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.12s, authorizes municipalities to adopt ordinances for the purpose of regulating the care, maintenance, security and upkeep of the exterior of vacant and abandoned residential properties for which a creditor has filed an action to foreclose; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the Township of Bass River to establish standards for the maintenance of those properties and to enforce those standards of maintenance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. The Bass River Township Code of Ordinances are hereby amended by the addition of a new section to Chapter 8.21, Abandon Property, to read as follows:

Maintenance of Vacant and Abandoned Residential Properties in Foreclosure:

a. *Definitions*

1. "Creditor" means a State chartered bank, savings bank, savings and loan association or credit union, any person or entity required to be licensed under the provisions of the "New Jersey Residential Mortgage Act," P.L. 2009, c.53 (C.17:11C-51 et seq.), any foreclosing entity subject to the provisions of C.46:10B-51 (P.L. 2008, c. 127, Sec. 17, as amended from time to time and any entity acting on behalf of the creditor named in the debt obligation including, but not limited to, servicers.
2. "Vacant and Abandoned" residential property means, consistent with section 1 of P.L. 2010, c.70 (N.J.S.A. 2A:50-73), residential real estate, where a notice of violation has been issued pursuant to subsection b. of section 1 of N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.12s. Residential property shall further be deemed Vacant and Abandoned where a mortgaged property is not occupied by a mortgagor or tenant and at least two of the following conditions exist:
 - (a) overgrown or neglected vegetation;
 - (b) the accumulation of newspapers, circulars, flyers or mail on the property;
 - (c) disconnected gas, electric, or water utility services to the property;
 - (d) the accumulation of hazardous, noxious, or unhealthy substances or materials on the property;
 - (e) the accumulation of junk, litter, trash or debris on the property;
 - (f) the absence of window treatments such as blinds, curtains or shutters;
 - (g) the absence of furnishings and personal items;
 - (h) statements of neighbors, association management, delivery persons, or government employees indicating that the residence is vacant and abandoned;
 - (i) windows or entrances to the property that are boarded up or closed off or multiple window panes that are damaged, broken and unrepaired;
 - (j) doors to the property that are smashed through, broken off, unhinged, or continuously unlocked;
 - (k) a risk to the health, safety or welfare of the public, or any adjoining or adjacent property owners, exists due to acts of vandalism, loitering, criminal conduct, or the physical destruction or deterioration of the property;

- (l) an uncorrected violation of a municipal building, housing, or similar code during the preceding year, or an order by municipal authorities declaring the property to be unfit for occupancy and to remain vacant and unoccupied;*
- (m) the mortgagee or other authorized party has secured or winterized the property due to the property being deemed vacant and unprotected or in danger of freezing;*
- (n) a written statement issued by any mortgagor expressing the clear intent of all mortgagors to abandon the property;*
- (o) any other reasonable indicia of abandonment.*

b. Creditor Responsibility for Vacant and Abandoned Properties

1. A Creditor which has previously filed or a Creditor upon filing a summons and complaint in an action to foreclose on a residential property within the Township is and shall be immediately responsible for the care, maintenance, security and upkeep of the exterior of the property after the property becomes Vacant and Abandoned as defined in this Section.

2. Where a Creditor is located out-of-state, the Creditor shall be responsible for appointing an in-State representative or agent to act on the Creditor's behalf for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of Paragraph b. 1 of this Section. Notice of said representative or agent shall be provided to the municipal clerk pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection a. of section 17 of P.L.2008, c. 127 (N.J.S.A. 46:10B-51) or within ten days of the adoption of this Ordinance whichever is later.

c. Notice

1. The enforcement officers designated in this Section shall be authorized to issue a notice to a Creditor that has filed a summons and complaint in an action to foreclose on a residential property within the Township if the enforcement officer determines that the Creditor has violated this Section by failing to provide for the care, maintenance, security, and upkeep of the exterior of a Vacant and Abandoned property. Where a Creditor is an out-of-State Creditor, the notice shall be issued to the representative or agent that has been identified by the Creditor pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection a. of section 17 of P.L.2008, c. 127 (N.J.S.A. 46:10B-51) or thereafter in accordance with the requirements hereof.

2. The notice referenced in this Section shall require the Creditor to correct the violation(s) within 30 days of receipt of the notice, or within 10 days of receipt of the notice if the violation presents an imminent threat to public health and safety.

3. The issuance of a notice pursuant to this Section shall constitute proof that a residential property is Vacant and Abandoned for the purposes of this Section.

d. Enforcement Officers

The duty of administering and enforcing the provisions of this Section is conferred upon the construction official, zoning officer, code enforcement officer, health officer and any other duly appointed representatives.

e. Violations and Penalties

1. A Creditor subject to this Section that is found by the municipal court of the Township, or by any other court of competent jurisdiction, to be in violation of the requirement to correct a care, maintenance, security, or upkeep violation cited in a notice issued pursuant to this Section shall be subject to a fine of \$1,500 for each day of the violation. Any fines imposed pursuant to this paragraph shall commence 31 days following

the receipt of the notice, except if the violation presents an imminent risk to public health and safety, in which case any fines shall commence 11 days following receipt of the notice.

2. An out-of-state Creditor subject to this Section that is found by the municipal court of the Township, or by any other court of competent jurisdiction, to be in violation of the requirement to appoint an in-State representative or agent pursuant to this Section shall be subject to a fine of \$2,500 for each day of the violation. Any fines imposed on a Creditor for the failure to appoint an in-State representative or agent shall commence on the day after the 10-day period set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection a. of section 17 of P.L.2008, c. 127 (N.J.S.A. 46:10B-51) for providing notice to the municipal clerk that a summons and complaint in an action to foreclose on a mortgage has been served or on the eleventh day after the effective date of this Ordinance whichever is later.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect 10 days after final passage and publication according to law.

RESOLUTION 2015-74

TAX OFFICE RESOLUTION

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2015-74. Votes: Cope–Absent, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2015-74 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2015--74

WHEREAS, the amount of \$777.33 has been received by the Tax Collector for redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #14-00004 on Block 63 Lot 52 assessed to Scott Sebastinas; and

WHEREAS \$777.33 is the correct amount to redeem;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CFO of Bass River Township is authorized to cut a check in the amount of \$777.33 to US Bank Cust/PC5 Sterling National , 50 S. 16th St., Suite 2050, Phila., PA 19102.

RESOLUTION 2015-75

TAX OFFICE RESOLUTION

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2015-75. Votes: Cope–Absent, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2015-75 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2015- 75

WHEREAS there was an error in the advertising amount for the 2015 tax sale; and

WHEREAS each property was overcharged fifty dollars (\$50.00) to lien holders, the Tax Collector requests a refund of overpayment;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to refund \$200.00 to ProCapital,V and \$50.00 to 360 Capital, LLC .

RESOLUTION 2015-76

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE #0301-33-002-009

The motion was made by Deputy Mayor Capriglione, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2015-76. Votes: Cope–Absent, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2015-76 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2015-76

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE #0301-33-002-009

WHEREAS, the Viking Beverage, LLC, T/A Breezes on the Bass River, made application for renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License #0301-33-002-009 with the full municipal fee of \$2176.00 and additional fee of \$200.00 made payable to the New Jersey State Alcoholic Beverage Control at the regular meeting of the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners held on the 14th day of September 2015; and,

WHEREAS, no objections were filed with the Clerk and no objections filed at this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said license #0301-33-002-009 Plenary Retail Consumption License be renewed for the year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk, Amanda S. Somes, RMC, is hereby authorized to issue, sign and deliver said license.

RESOLUTION 2015-77

A RESOLUTION APPROVING NEW JERSEY TRANSIT BUS STOPS ALONG US ROUTE 9, BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2015-77. Votes: Cope–Absent, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2015-77 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2015-77

TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER

COUNTY OF BURLINGTON

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING NEW JERSEY TRANSIT BUS STOPS
ALONG US ROUTE 9, BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, there is a desire by the Township of Bass River to create bus stops along Highway US Route 9

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, New Jersey, that the following described locations are designated as bus stops:

Along Route US 9 (New York Road), northbound on the easterly side thereof at:

Old New York Road—(near side) NJ Transit #14128

Beginning at the prolongation of the southerly curb line of Old New York Road and extending 105 feet southerly therefrom.

Teaberry Lane—(near side) NJ transit #14130

Beginning at the southerly curb line of Teaberry Lane and extending 105 feet southerly therefrom.

Maple Avenue—(far side)

Beginning at the northerly curb line of Maple Avenue and extending 185 feet northerly therefrom.

East Greenbush Road (CR 654)—(near side) NJ Transit #14132

Beginning at the prolongation of the southerly curb line of East Green Bush Road and extending 105 feet southerly therefrom.

Ash Road—(far side) NJ Transit #14133

Beginning at the prolongation of the northerly curb line of Ash Road and extending 100 feet northerly therefrom.

Along Route US 9 (New York Road), southbound on the westerly side thereof at:

Ash Road—(far side) NJ Transit #14134

Beginning at the southerly curb line of Ash Road and extending 100 feet southerly therefrom.

Viking Yacht Access Road—(far side) NJ Transit D#14135

Beginning at the prolongation of the southerly curb line of Viking Yacht Access Road and extending 100 feet southerly therefrom.

Maple Avenue (CR 679)—(far side)

Beginning at the southerly curb line of Maple Avenue and extending 100 feet southerly therefrom.

Oak Avenue—(far side) NJ Transit #14137

Beginning at the southerly curb line of Oak Avenue and extending 100 feet southerly therefrom.

Old New York Road—(far side) NJ Transit #14139

Beginning at the southerly curb line of Old New York Road and extending 100 feet southerly therefrom.

Repealer Clause:

The Township of Bass River concurs that all former Bus Stops/Traffic Regulations in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution be rescinded upon approval of the Traffic Regulation Order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River will enforce the needed traffic regulations governing the aforementioned bus stops location and provide the necessary police security to ensure the safety of the traveling public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect upon approval of the Commissioner of Transportation as provided by law.

RESOLUTION 2015-78

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF 2015 MUNICIPAL PARK GRANT TO BURLINGTON COUNTY

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2015-78. Votes: Cope–Absent, Capriglione–Yes, Bourguignon–Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2015-78 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2015-78

WHEREAS, the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders has approved the Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”) and established a Municipal Park Development Program (“Program”) to provide grant funds in connection with municipal acquisition of lands for County park, recreation, conservation and farmland preservation purposes, as well as for municipal public park and recreation development purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Bass River Township desires to obtain County Municipal Park Development Program funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 to fund Amasa Landing Park, Amasa Landing Road, New Gretna, NJ, and Oak Avenue Park—Phase III, 10 Oak Avenue—Phase III, New Gretna, NJ; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the project including all matching funds is estimated to be \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River is the owner of and controls the project site.

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

- 1. The Township Engineer, Kris Kluk, Ph.D., P.E., is authorized to make an application to the County of Burlington for Municipal Park Development Program Funds, (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required for the Municipal Park Development Program and (c) act as the municipal contact person and correspondent of the above named municipality;*
- 2. The Township of Bass River is committed to this project and will provide the balance of funding necessary to complete the In the form of non-county matching funds as required in the Policy and Procedures Manual for the Program; and*
- 3. If awarded a grant by the County of Burlington under the Municipal; Park Development Program, the municipality will use the approved funds in accordance with the Municipal Park Development*

Program Policy and Procedure Manual, and applicable federal, state, and local government rules, regulations and statutes thereto; and

4. *The Township Engineer, Kris Kluk, Ph.D., P.E., is hereby authorized to sign and execute any required documents, agreements, and amendments thereto with the County of Burlington for the approved funds; and*

5. *The resolution shall take effect immediately.*

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Cramer's Junkyard License Renewal: The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to open the meeting for public comment on the renewal of Cramer's Junkyard License. All present in favor. Comments: C. Bitzberger noted that clean up in area in front of the fence has been done. However, the number of cars on adjacent properties is still a problem. Mr. Cramer said it may be his personal vehicles. W. Aaronson said that he appreciates the cleanup work being done there. Being no further comments, the motion to close the public hearing on Cramer's Junkyard License was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. The motion to approve the license for Crammers was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. Votes: Cope-Absent, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and license was hereby renewed.

REPORTS:

The following reports were noted.

Report of Solicitor
Report of Municipal Court
Other Reports

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was open for public comment at 7:57 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All present in favor.

Members of a Gun Club talked about the need for access to Wharton State Forest and objects to any closures. He stated that Issue is not access the issue is enforcement. Active enforcement is required...not closure of access to the forest.

Bay view Gun Club asked if anyone from DEP or the governor's Office were supposed to be present. Deputy Mayor Capriglione said that is possible they are speaking with people at the park pavilion.

MCI Motorcycle Club representative said he feels the issue going on in the forest is manipulation of grant money by the forest personnel.

Joe Springer from Southampton Township said the fact is that roads have been closed that were accessible roads for years. He assesses that they have shut down 80% of the roads.

Mike Welbert from Warren Grove feels there are lies being told about the grant.

Mark Farrow from Stafford said the 1% of the individuals using the forest are doing damage to the forest. However, 99% of the rest do good for the forest.

Resident of Off Shore Manor commented on taxes and the letter he received in the mail from a committee about Viking not paying their fair share.

W. Aaronson said he was the author of the flier that was distributed. After meeting with various township officials and there is a problem with Viking's Assessment. Town has not had a total revaluation in over 25 years. Met with the Tax Assessor and asked if he did a new assessment on Viking Yacht and he was told that this has not yet been completed. Deputy Mayor said that improvements are made and taxes should go up. He will request the facts. Mr. Aaronson said the law is very clear as to how to assess a manufacturing facility. As a follow-up, Deputy Mayor Capriglione read an email received written by tax Assessor giving an update on inspections. Mr. Aaronson would request an outside appraisal of the entire facility. Also, he would request the Township do a total revaluation. B. Wurst said he is very proud that Viking is built here in New Gretna. He is not happy with the traffic at 4 p.m. or the smell of styrene gas. C. Ruffo said she saw the marina and the plant prior to Viking taking ownership and it was a dump. Viking has turned this facility into a beautiful booming facility contributing to the Township. Viking has contributed \$100,000 to the school and \$50,000 to the local fire company. C. Bitzberger said that Viking giving \$100,000 to the school is like her saying that she gave the school \$100.

M. Marmaduke from Galloway asked the Board to pass a resolution to halt the State Park Map as it is.

B. Van Orden asked when the tax rate would come down. Feels someone has to rain it in.

C. Bitzberger said that if the Township gets an outside appraiser for Viking, please get one from out of State.

B. Van Orden stresses that people should stand together and attend school board meetings or township meetings.

T. Tally asked the township to adopt a resolution regarding the map program of Wharton State Forest.

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 8:57 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to enter into executive session. All in favor and the Board entered into Executive Session at 8:58 p.m.

*RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12*

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., it is necessary to convene an executive session to discuss items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b), specifically:

1. *Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiation, and the Attorney-Client Privilege*
 - a. *Environmental Commission*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is anticipated that the deliberation conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Governing Body that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality and if not then legally privileged.

ACTION TAKEN UPON ENTERING BACK INTO REGULAR MEETING:

No Action Taken

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 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Amanda S. Somes, RMC
Township Clerk
