

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

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 August 5, 2019 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-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. Minutes of the August 5, 2019 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 \$887,071.17. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve bills for payment. Votes: Cope –Yes, Capriglione-Yes with exception to payment #1900499 payable to NFPA in the amount of \$179.00--Abstain, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and bills were ordered paid.

		\$
WEX BANK	FUEL INVOICE	122.90
	AMASA LANDING	\$
ATLANTIC MARINE CONSTRUCTION	PROJECT	94,499.99
		\$
4IMPRINT	SHIPPING LABELS	271.51
		\$
ACADEMY SECURITY	ALARM MONITORING 9/1/19 - 11/30/19	87.00
		\$
ACE OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT 3	PARTS	102.61
		\$
ACUA	WATER TESTING	471.05
		\$
ADOLPH P. SICHERI	DWI COURT 7/25/19	500.00
		\$
ANIMAL CAPTURE & CONTROL	2ND QTR. ANIMAL CONTROL	960.00
ARAWAK PAVING CO.,	CHIPS FOLLY ROAD	\$
INC.	RECON.	201,402.25
		\$
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	ELECTRICITY AUG. 2019	5,808.06
		\$
A T & T	ALL IN ONE JULY 2019	67.12
	LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	\$
BASS RIVER BD OF ED	9/9/19	130,452.50
		\$
BEACONS	PUBLIC NOTICES & RESOLUTION	136.38

BELLIA TECH, LLC	TECH SUPPORT JULY 2019	\$ 570.99
BILLMARK PLUMBING & HEATING LLC	SERVICE CALL 7/12/19	\$ 250.00
BURL CO TREAS, LANDFILL	TIPPING FEES AUGUST 2019	\$ 4,035.51
BURL CO TREASURER	3RD QTR. 2019 TAXES	\$ 180,839.30
CAM CO.	PARTS	\$ 113.47
CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	AUGUST 2019 PAYROLL	\$ 240.00
CENTRAL JERSEY EQUIPMENT	PARTS	\$ 128.60
CHRISTOPHER NORMAN, ESQ.	PLANNING BD. MTGS 8/7/19 & 9/4/19	\$ 600.00
CHRISTOPHER NORMAN, ESQ.	PHONE CONFERENCE 7/29/19	\$ 105.00
CINTAS	SUPPLIES	\$ 272.57
COMCAST	SERVICE 8/19/19 - 9/18/19	\$ 108.00
COPIERS PLUS	TONER & OVERAGE	\$ 394.87
DANTE GUZZI ENGINEERING ASSOC.	ENGINEERING SERVICES	\$ 11,898.45
DEBRA RUMPF	DWI COURT 7/25/19	\$ 300.00
READYFRESH BY NESTLE	SERVICE AUG. 2019	\$ 27.11
DOCUMENT CONCEPTS, INC.	MAILERS / NOTICES	\$ 247.00
EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC.	2019 TAX BILLING	\$ 348.26
THE EXIT LIGHT CO., INC.	BATTERIES	\$ 26.00
FILTER BUY GANNETT NJ NEWSPAPERS	FILTERS	\$ 41.96
	BACK INVOICES	\$ 723.56
GOLDENBERG MACKLER SAYEGH	FORCLOSURES	\$ 6,360.60
HELEN GRIFFITHS	DWI COURT 7/25/19	\$ 150.00
HELEN GRIFFITHS	MEETING MILEAGE	\$ 31.20
HOME DEPOT INTERSTATE MOBILE CARE	SUPPLIES	\$ 738.98
	RESP. FIT TESTS	\$ 612.00
IPM INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT	QUARTERLY SERVICE AUG. 2019	\$ 85.00
KEVIN S. QUINLAN	PROSECUTIONS	\$ 1,600.00
KEVIN S. QUINLAN	DWI COURT 7/25/19	\$ 400.00
KOWALSKI TIRE	TIRE MOUNTING	\$ 15.00
LANGUAGE SERVICES ASSOCIATES	SERVICES JULY 2019	\$ 23.10
LARA BEDNARCZYK LAWYERS DIARY & MANUAL	DWI COURT 7/25/19	\$ 120.00
	NJLDM REFERENCE 2020	\$ 108.00
MAILFINANCE	LEASE 6/12 - 9/11	\$

		552.00
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	MINUTE BOOK & ENVELOPES	\$ 515.50
MICHAEL NINO	DWI COURT 7/25/19	\$ 85.00
MR. BOB'S	PORT A POTS 8/13/19 - 9/9/19	\$ 396.74
MUNICIPAL CODE CORPORATION	CODE HOSTING 8/1/19 - 7/31/20	\$ 200.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS	\$ 11.61
NEOPOST USA INC	INK POSTAGE METER	\$ 195.12
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS	NATURAL GAS 7/17 - 8/12	\$ 167.58
NFPA	MEMBER RENEWAL	\$ 175.00
OFFICE BASICS, INC.	OFFICE & HOUSEKEEPING SUPPLIES	\$ 93.22
PEGGY BECK	BANK MILEAGE AUG. 2019	\$ 85.68
PEGGY BECK	DWI COURT 7/25/19	\$ 200.00
PINELANDS REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST	REGIONAL SCHOOL TAX 9/9/19	\$ 188,151.67
RUMPF REID & DOLCY	PUBLIC DEFENDER 8/5/19	\$ 750.00
SOUTH JERSEY WATER TEST	WATER TESTING	\$ 1,375.00
STEINER LAW OFFICE, P.C.	CONFLICT PD 8/5/19	\$ 500.00
TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN	SUPPLIES	\$ 196.33
TRANSFORMATION ENTERPRISES	COMPACT. RENTAL & 7/2019 ROLL-OVER	\$ 10,275.00
TREAS STATE NJ DEP REVENUE	TORCH PERMIT TYPE I	\$ 54.00
TREAS STATE NJ DEP REVENUE	NJPDES ANNUAL PERMIT	\$ 2,500.00
VAL-U AUTO PARTS	PARTS	\$ 37.52
VERIZON	PHONES JULY 2019	\$ 1,142.60
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL - C. CRAMER	\$ 42.50
WALMART COMMUNITY/SYNCB	SUPPLIES	\$ 142.68
WEX BANK	FUEL AUG. 2019	\$ 1,351.10
WILLIAM CURTAIN BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT	REIMB. WEB HOSTING	\$ 159.00
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL 8/15/19	\$ 15,409.23
HASLER, INC.	PAYROLL 8/29/19	\$ 15,338.09
	POSTAGE AUG. 2019	\$ 573.10
		\$
	TOTAL	887,071.17

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE 2019-03

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, GREEN ACRES PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b).

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Ordinance 2019-03 upon second reading by title and to open the meeting for public comment on Ordinance 2019-03. All in favor and meeting was open for public comment. Comments Heard: Mr. Swanseen asked for further clarification of the ordinance. Solicitor provided explanation. Ms. Bitzberger asked what the price is that is being paid to the Township. Mayor said it was \$1,000/acre. Ms. Bitzberger asked is the township would be getting in-lieu of taxes payments from the State. Mayor said this is something that we are constantly working on with the legislators to bring the PILOT funding back to %100. Mr. Aaronson asked the Township not to sell any more property to the State. Mr. Foder asked why the Township was selling properties to the State. Mayor said it is because these properties are not generating any tax payments. Therefore, it would be in our best interest to sell. There were no other interested parties bidding. Being no further comments, the motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2019-03 was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All in favor. The motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-03 was made by Commissioner Bourguignon and seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. Votes: Cope-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes, Capriglione-Yes. All in favor and Ordinance 2019-03 was hereby adopted.

ORDINANCE 2019 – 03

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, GREEN ACRES PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b).

WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River is the owner of certain property identified as follows:

Block 100, Lots 4, 5, 10, 164, 165, 171 and 172

Block 101, Lots 3, 7, 33, 43

Block 103, Lots 200 and 210

Block 120, Lots 16 and 19

Block 73, Lot 17

Block 96E, Lots 19, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 39, 40 and 41.

As identified on the Tax Map for the Township of Bass River; and

WHEREAS, this property is not needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b) permits the sale of Township property to a department of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program has made an offer to purchase the aforementioned property as evidenced by the correspondence attached hereto and incorporated herein as Schedule "A"; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township to sell the Property to the State of New Jersey in a manner set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a finding is made by the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners that the approval of this Ordinance pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14(b) will be in the best interest of the residents of the Township of Bass River.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Bass River to authorize the sale of the aforementioned property to the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program for the amount of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$139,500.00) DOLLARS

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED that the Mayor and Clerk shall be authorized to execute the appropriate contract documents for sale of this land to the State of New Jersey.

ALL OF WHICH IS ADOPTED this 5th day of August, 2019, by the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners.

RESOLUTION 2019-51

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR 2019 PARK GRANT FOR AMASA LANDING ROAD, PHASE III AND NORTH MAPLE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2019-51. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2019-51 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2019-51

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 Phase III, Amasa Landing Road, and North Maple Ave. Park Improvements-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 and the Township Clerk are 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 persons 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 Mayor and Clerk are 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.*

RESOLUTION 2019-52

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING THE CERTIFIED COSTS OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PERFORMED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER ON BLOCK 54, LOT 45, AS A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT THE LIEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 8.20 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2019-52. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2019-52 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2019-52

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING THE CERTIFIED COSTS OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PERFORMED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER ON BLOCK 54, LOT 45, AS A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT THE LIEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 8.20 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, Chapter 8.20 of the Municipal code of the Township of Bass River provides that the owner or tenant of lands, or the agent of such premises, within the Township is required to removed or cause to be removed from such lands any brush, weeds, dead and dying trees, stumps, roots, obnoxious growths, filth, garbage, trash and debris which is or may become dangerous to life or health or might tend to extend a conflagration in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Code further provides that if after inspection by the Code Enforcement officer any such lands are deemed to be in violation of Chapter 8.20, the Township Clerk shall notify the owner, tenant or agent of the lands in question to remedy such violations within ten (10) days after receipt of notice to do so. Said notice shall be made upon the owner, tenant or agent of any such lands by letter to his or her last known address; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Code Further provides that if the owner, tenant or agent to whom notice of violation sent, neglects or refuses to abate or remedy the violation within ten (10) days after notice thereof, the Code Enforcement officer or his or her designated agent shall cause the violation to be abated and remedied and certify the costs thereof to the Borough Council which, after examination of the certificate and determination of its accuracy, shall cause the costs to be charged against the lot or land on which the violations exists. The amount so charged shall become a lien upon the lot or land and shall be added to and become and form part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon the lot or land, the same to bear interest at the same rate as taxes and to be collected as provided by R.S. 40:48-2.14, and enforced by the same officers responsible for the collection of taxes and in the same manner as taxes; and

WHEREAS, after inspection, the Township's Code Enforcement officer has determined Block 54, Lot 45, as shown on the tax map of the Township of Bass River, currently known as (address) 5689 Route 9, and assessed to (owner) Shepard, Robert & Huntley, William, in violation of Chapter 8.20 of the Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, notice has been provided to the assessed owner of the said property in accordance with Chapter 8.20 of the Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the assessed owner to whom notice of violation was sent, neglected or refused to abate or remedy the violation within ten (10) days after notice thereof, causing the violation on said property to be abated and remedied by the Township of Bass River, and the costs associated therewith to be certified to the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has examined the certification of costs and finds same to accurate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as follows:

That the costs incurred by the Township to remedy and abate the violations on Block 54, Lot 45 commonly referred to as address 5689 Route 9 as determined by the Code Enforcement Officer, and the costs of \$400.59 of which having been certified to the governing body and upon examination thereof found to be accurate, are hereby charged against said property and shall become a lien upon same.

- 1. That said lien shall be added to and become and form a part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon said property, and that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to collect same in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 8.20 of the Municipal Code.*
- 2. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Municipal Clerk to the Code Enforcement Officer and Tax Collector of the Township of Bass River.*

RESOLUTION 2019-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUESTING THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES GRANT PERMISSION TO APPROVE THE INCREASE OF AN ITEM OF SPECIAL REVENUE IN THE 2019 BUDGET ENTITLED “NJDOT FY 2019 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM” IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2019-53. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2019-53 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2019-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUESTING THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES GRANT PERMISSION TO APPROVE THE INCREASE OF AN ITEM OF SPECIAL REVENUE IN THE 2019 BUDGET ENTITLED “NJDOT FY 2019 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM” IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000

WHEREAS, NJS 40A-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the increase of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the increase of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2019 in the sum of \$250,000; which item is now available as a revenue for the NJDOT FY 2019 Municipal Aid Program pursuant to the provisions of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$250,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of the NJDOT FY 2019 Municipal Aid Program.

RESOLUTION 2019-54

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN GENERAL CAPITAL ORDINANCE
BALANCES**

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2019-54. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2019-54 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2019-54

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN GENERAL CAPITAL ORDINANCE BALANCES**

WHEREAS, previously passed general capital ordinances are completed and;

WHEREAS, balances remaining on certain ordinances are no longer needed and can be cancelled and do not need to be funded and;

Whereas, the following ordinance balances can be cancelled;

<i>2008- Reconstruction of Various Streets</i>	<i>\$2,705.00</i>
<i>2012-07 Various Capital Improvements</i>	<i>\$3,757.00</i>
<i>2014-04 Generator for Public Shelter</i>	<i>\$23,841.00</i>

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, the Chief Financial Officer execute the cancellation of said ordinances in total amount of \$30,303.00.

RESOLUTION 2019-55

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TURNOVER OF UNCASHED FUNDS
FOR MUNICIPAL COURT BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP GENERAL ACCOUNT
\$37.00**

RESOLUTION 2019-56

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TURNOVER OF UNCASHED FUNDS
FOR MUNICIPAL COURT WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP GENERAL ACCOUNT
\$4.00**

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolutions 2019-55 and 2019-56. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes,

Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolutions 2019-55 and 2019-56 were hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2019-57

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RATES FOR THE 2019 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 2019-57. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2019-57 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2019-57

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RATES FOR THE 2019 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 the 9th day of September, 2019 that the following pay rate is hereby established for the 2019 calendar year and set as follows pursuant to Salary Ordinance. All salaries shall be paid retroactive to August 5, 2019 unless otherwise noted:

<i>OFFICE/EMPLOYEE NAME</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>SALARY</i>
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & PROPERTY		
<i>Cramer, Charlie</i>	<i>Lead Laborer</i>	<i>13.75/hour</i>
<i>Iverson, Brandon</i>	<i>Mechanic</i>	<i>12.70/hour</i>
<i>Oeser, Larry</i>	<i>Equipment Operator</i>	<i>11.00/hour</i>

RESOLUTION 2019-58

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUESTING REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS PARKS UNDER THE MUNICIPAL PARK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM 2014 and 2016 GRANT

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2019-58. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2019-58 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2019-58

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUESTING REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON FOR

**IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS PARKS UNDER THE MUNICIPAL PARK DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM 2014 and 2016 GRANT**

WHEREAS, in 2014 the Township of Bass River received a Municipal Park Development Grant from the County of Burlington in the amount of \$250,00.00 for Various Park Improvements—Park Development and;

WHEREAS, the improvements funded by the 2014 grant were completed in accordance with the scope of work for a total cost of \$217,458.07, leaving a balance of \$32,917.42; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the Township of Bass River received a Municipal Park Development Grant from the County of Burlington in the amount of \$85,000 for additional park improvements; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the Township of Bass River requested and received approval to use the balance of the 2014 Grant for its 2016 grant funded project; and

WHEREAS, a bid was solicited and a contract was awarded to various contractors including Atlantic Marine Construction for work to be funded by the Municipal Park Development Grant; and;

WHEREAS, the Township's Engineer, Dante Guzzi Engineering did inspect and certify completion of the work required by the contract awarded and has recommended that final payment be made to the contractor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey accepts the work under the contract awarded to Atlantic Marine Construction and certifies that the work was completed in substantial conformance with the scope of work associated with the 2014 and 2016 Burlington County Park Development Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 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 \$94,499.99.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amount of \$32,917.42 is to be paid from and, thereby, closing out the 2014 Municipal Park Improvement Grant. The amount of \$61,582.57 be paid from and, thereby, closing out the 2016 Municipal Park Improvement Grant.

REPORTS:

The following reports were noted.

Report of Solicitor
Report of Municipal Court

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was open for public comment at 7:45 p.m. upon a motion by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon. All in favor.

Mr. Rick Adams commented that it is very nice that some volunteers are cleaning up the school grounds and also the fire house. Asked why the people that work there take care of it? The fire company has a grounds committee. Why don't they use them?

Mr. Adams asked for an update on the ambulance coverage. Mayor said at this moment we have a contract with Quality. At this time there is no new information that has been received. Deputy Mayor Capriglione reported to Mr. Adams and the public on the July 24th meeting with Chief Wetmore and Chief Zimmerman of Squad 85. Issues were discussed with regard to having duty crew coverage and how some coverage problems might be worked out. Mr. Adams said there is no set fee schedule that Quality is billing. Deputy Mayor said that it would be simple if Squad 85 to just do what was promised. Township does not want to get rid of the Squad but at the same time until these matters are resolved, the Township must do what is best for the residents and provide dependable coverage.

Mr. Foder said this has been going on for years between the fire company and the Squad and butting heads. There needs to be a mediator there. Time and response is the issue. He continued...Sunday before Labor Day and called for Quality on the Parkway. Quality took 29 minutes to get to the scene. Why wasn't Squad 85 called out by central? He feels that the Board of Commissioners do not care about the opinion the residents.

Carol Nicolow asked about the demolition of the Rustic. She asked if there is going to be an attempt to take care of the rats. She claims they are coming from the old Rustic.

Mr. and Mrs. Courtney asked if they could cut the shrubs and overgrowth at the veteran's memorial at town hall. Board agreed.

Mr. Assur asked about an LRO and what it was. Solicitor said it is a Local Resource Officer...which is our engineer. Mr. Assur feels that someone from the Pinelands Commission should come to a township meeting.

Mr. Swanseen invited the Board to attend a community dinner at the Church.

Mr. Foder asked about the taxes being paid by the Mansion. The Mansion was purchased at \$800,000.00. Jay Renwick explained that they filed an appeal with him and he worked with them to reach a settlement and lowered the assessment. He gave them 3 years to finish and the property will be reassessed. However, they have not filed for permits. This is part of the agreement. Mr. Steele feels this may be a disturbing pattern.

Being 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 9:06 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 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Amanda S. Somes, RMC
Township Clerk