

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021**

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: Commissioner Capriglione, Deputy Mayor Louis Bourguignon, and Mayor Deborah Buzby-Cope. Also present: Solicitor JoAnne O'Connor and Acting Clerk Elizabeth Godfrey. Members of the public were present at this meeting.

FLAG SALUTE

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

A moment of silence was held for both Lily Rose Cramer and Sam Scanella

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the regular meeting of September 13, 2021 were presented to the Board for review. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon, seconded by Commissioner Capriglione. Votes: Cope-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. Capriglione-Yes. Minutes of the September 13, 2021 regular meeting were hereby approved.

BILLS LIST:

The motion was made by Mayor Cope to approve payment of the bills in the amount of **\$403,212.25** -Yes, Bourguignon-Yes, Capriglione- All in favor and bills were ordered paid.

1.	CORELOGIC TAX SERVICES	BLOCK 31 LOT 59 OVERPAYMENT	\$	767.83
2.	CORELOGIC TAX SERVICES	BLOCK 31A LOT 3 OVERPAYMENT	\$	903.63
3.	ACCSES NJ	JANITORIAL SERVICES	\$	250.96
4.	ACE OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT 3	PARTS INV. #255218	\$	66.87
5.	ANIMAL CAPTURE & CONTROL	3RD QTR 2021 ANIMAL CONTROL	\$	960.00
6.	ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	AUG/SEPT 2021 ELECTRICITY	\$	231.13
7.	AUTO ZONE, INC.	PARTS	\$	49.04
8.	BASS RIVER BD. OF ED.	JULY, AUG., SEPT., & OCT. 2021 LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	\$	368,960.00
9.	BURL CO TREAS, LANDFILL	TIPPING FEES 9/2021	\$	5,230.38
10.	CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	PAYROLL SERVICE #19	\$	139.00
11.	CHARLIE'S AUTO COLLISION	BALANCE ON REPAIR #6512	\$	200.00

12.	CINTAS	SUPPLIES	\$	155.78
13.	COMCAST	SERVICE 9/23 - 10/22	\$	129.66
14.	COUNTY OF BURLINGTON	ANNUAL FIRE HOUSE SOFTWARE FEE	\$	930.00
15.	DAVE'S SEPTIC	SERVICE 310 ASH RD.	\$	295.00
16.	DEBORAH NIXON	JIF MASSAGES	\$	500.00
17.	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	ELECTRICITY 9/2021	\$	1,656.12
18.	EDMUNDS GOVTECH	TAX BILLS #21-IN4140	\$	338.00
19.	ELIZABETH GODFREY	REIMBURSEMENT FOR ZOOM	\$	15.98
20.	FIREHOUSE DELI	FLU/COVID EVENT SUPPLIES	\$	160.00
21.	GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS	JUNE, JULY AUG., & SEPT. 2021	\$	504.09
22.	GROVER ELECTRIC	REPAIRS	\$	465.00
23.	KEVIN S. QUINLAN	SEPT. 2021 PROSECUTIONS	\$	1,600.00
24.	MGMT OPERATIONS SERVICES	TRAILER LICENSE PLATE	\$	11.00
25.	MR. BOB'S	PORT A POTS 9/10/21 - 10/7/21	\$	536.80
26.	NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS	\$	107.83
27.	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.	INK CARTRIDGE POSTAGE METER	\$	194.91
28.	NJ NATURAL GAS CO.	NATURAL GAS 8/12 - 9/13	\$	93.04
29.	NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	REGISTRATION FEES	\$	300.00
30.	NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	NJLM MAYORS LUNCHEON	\$	40.00
31.	OFFICE BASICS, INC.	OFFICE & HOUSEKEEPING SUPPLIES	\$	97.58
32.	PEGGY BECK	BANK MILEAGE SEPT. 2021	\$	61.20
33.	READYREFRESH BY NESTLE	SERVICE AUGUST 2021	\$	35.89
34.	RUMPF REID & DOLCY	PUBLIC DEFENDER 9/13/21	\$	750.00
35.	TUCKERTON BOROUGH	BRUSH BOX 9/9/21	\$	54.00
36.	VERIZON	PHONES AUG / SEPT 2021	\$	669.64
37.	VERIZON	COMMISSIONER IPADS	\$	120.03
38.	VERIZON WIRELESS	C. CRAMER CELL 8/2021	\$	41.39
39.	WEX BANK	FUEL SEPT. 2021	\$	784.82
40.	BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL 9/23/21	\$	14,780.80
41.	HASLER, INC.	POSTAGE SEPTEMBER 2021	\$	24.85

TOTAL **\$ 403,212.25**

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2021-63

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOND COUNSEL

The motion was made by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon, Seconded by Commissioner Capriglione to approve Resolution 2021-63. Votes: Cope- Yes, Bourguignon- Yes, Capriglione- Yes. All were in favor and Resolution 2021-63 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2021-63

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTING BOND COUNSEL

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the services of a law firm to serve as Bond Counsel for the Township of Bass River; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contract for "professional services" without competitive bids and the resulting contract be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts law further requires that a Notice of the award of the contract be printed as a legal advertisement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River this 4th day of October, 2021, as follows:

1. The law firm DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole and Giblin, LLP of Teaneck, New Jersey be and the same is hereby appointed as Bond Counsel for the Township of Bass River. The appointment is for a term to expire on December 31, 2021.

2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because said contract encompasses a professional service recognized and regulated by law.

3. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement for Services with DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole and Giblin, LLP.

4. Notice of this action shall be published once as a legal advertisement in the official newspaper of the Township of Bass River within ten days of its adoption.

RESOLUTION 2021-64

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OUT OF ESCROW ACCOUNTS.

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A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OUT OF ESCROW ACCOUNTS

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Bass River Township is required to collect escrow fees from developers for projects within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the following attached developers have paid said fees; and

WHEREAS, the applications have been finalized and final notification has been published. The excess funds remaining are the interest balances due back to the Township

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Bass River that the above referenced amount be refunded for reasons set forth that the Chief Financial Officer cancels interest and forward to the Township.

AT&T Wireless	\$1.75
Emma Graff	\$2.47
Victoria L Impellizeri	\$1.97
Bass River Escrow Agent Account	\$0.50
John Muldoon	\$4.67
Gina Caruso	\$1.27
Viking Yacht	\$26.44
New Gretna Development	\$8.12

Down to Earth Landscaping	\$17.87
Viking Yacht II	\$4.51
Sprint Spectrum	\$4.93
Dr. Robert Young DMD	\$4.15
Francis Heofling	\$4.01
Reliance Const MGT	\$12.26
EREH LLC	\$5.27
Bruce Tatum	\$0.72
Timberline Lake	\$1.77
Danella Line Services Co. Inc.	\$1.28
Michael Jillson	\$2.59
Mathis Construction	\$3.88
Michael J. Moore	\$0.24
Georgine L Bartlett	\$0.09
Viking Yacht Company	\$2.59
Viking Yacht	\$1.19
Mary J. Delois	\$1.83
Viking Yacht	\$16.66
Viking Yacht	\$10.33
Thomas Gormley	\$1.32
William T Trapp	\$0.90
Caldwell Marine International	\$2.26
Ronald Risten	\$1.19
Theresa Marotta	\$0.62
David Schlick	\$0.02
Total	\$149.67

REPORTS:

1. Solicitor's Report- the Solicitor informed everyone that Dan Guzzi has retired- we will now be using John Hess and Joe Gray from CME associates- who have merged with Guzzi engineering.
2. Commissioner Capriglione went over the Court report and the Animal Control report.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was discussion of early voting and the dates. Bass River Township was not selected to have early voting. Election day is November 2, 2021.

Deputy Mayor Bourguignon wanted to make an announcement thanking the New Gretna Fire Department and the NJ State police for their involvement involving a fall victim on 10/2/2021.

He also wanted it known that the Amasa Landing Ramp is all finished and ready to go.

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

The meeting was open for public comment at 7:08 PM upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon seconded by Commissioner Capriglione. All present in favor.

Kevin Foder- questioned if Bond Council writes grants. Questioned why is it ok that LEH Police dropped people off at the park here in New Gretna. NJSP will address this.

Evan Manaresi questioned if maybe the fee for a cannabis micro business can be addressed.

Carol Bitzberger commended William Sedlak on the wonderful job he is doing at the Transfer Station. She asked if he could become full time. She also questioned the amount of DUI's in the town and was reminded that Bass River always has the Garden State Parkway.

Tom Williams asked about fee changes with some ordinances.

Being no further comments, the motion to close the public portion was made by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon, seconded by Commissioner Capriglione. All in favor and the public portion was closed at 7:25 p.m.

At the time, Deputy Mayor Bourguignon mentioned that resident Bert Courtney was interested in the law regarding in ground oil tanks. Solicitor O'Connor said that it is not regulated. Mr. Courtney stated he read differently. He went on to state this house (neighbor) has no permits, CO's etc. He mentioned mold in the basement, cameras pointed in their windows, no privacy. The Township Clerk is going to request the file from Little Egg Harbor. Mr. Courtney stated we need to stop the LLC's from buying property here.

Being no further business to come before the Board the motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon, seconded by Commissioner Capriglione. All in favor and meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Godfrey
Acting Township Clerk