

Bass River Township Planning Board

April 21, 2016

The regular meeting of the Bass River Township Planning board was held on April 21, 2016 in the Municipal Building and was called to order at 7:05 PM. The meeting was opened with the flag salute. In accordance with the Sunshine Law, notice of the meeting was posted in The Beacon and the Atlantic City Press.

Planning Board members present were: Mrs. Cope, Mr. Bourguignon, Mr. Hazard, Mrs. Ruffo, Mr. Mathis, and Mr. Steele.

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 21, 2016 were available for the board and the public. A motion to approve minutes was made Mrs. Ruffo and was seconded by Mr. Hazard. All were in favor and said minutes were approved.

Correspondence: There was a correspondence list that the Chairman read and correspondence was available for review.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: Informal discussion with Burlington County for tower construction on an existing tower adjacent to the old Mosquito Commission garage. This meeting was done as an informational and courtesy meeting for the Planning/Zoning Board, as no township approvals are required.

Carl Buck was the first person to speak regarding this 911 Communications program and the Cellular tower.

Dominick Vellecko spoke next- he is from V-Comm. This is a Capital project. They are running out of space on the existing tower they are using – which is at the State Police barracks on the Garden State Parkway. They are proposing to put it at the Mosquito Commission property. It will be 260’ high. He had a drawing showing placement of generator, propane tanks, tower, etc. There will be a battery back up system too. This new system will provide 100% coverage and will be much more dependable than the system that is in place now- for emergency situations.

There will be additional panels placed on the tower for co -locators or updating if necessary down the road.

The Mayor questioned if our existing radios (fire department) would work or will we need new ones. We need new radios. Mayor Cope then asked if the County could possibly provide the Township with new radios. There is not a plan in place yet to do something like that, however it is a few steps down the road- so it may change.

NJ State police and NJ Transit have expressed interest. The county will maintain the grounds.

Monitoring of the station will be minimal- maybe once every month or two.

A very important thing that this will do- it provide that all first responders radios will work together- all connected.

They are bidding on several components of this job now- and hope that maybe later summer or fall is when the construction could begin. It should take 6-9 months to get it built.

Any detriments? EMF? No- it is going to be 260 feet in the air. It will be way below what the FCC mandates anyway.

Any issues with the bombing range? This is not an issue.

7:29 Hearing open to the public- N/A

The board discussed a few things including the land owned by the Township that had been previously approved for a subdivision. This is still at the Township attorney's office being reviewed.

7:40- Being no other business at this time -A motion was made by Mr. Steele to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mr. Hazard.. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Godfrey
Planning Board Secretary