

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

The September meeting of the Bass River Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 0714.

Helen Hazard read the "Sunshine Law" in conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

A roll call was taken and it showed that Helen Hazard, Paul Chandler, Jarrod Miller, Edward Truitt, Henry Gomez, Carol Bitzberger, Ken Rose and Henry Bourguignon were present.

The minutes of the August 8, 2012 meeting were read by Ms. Hazard. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Mr. Gomez and seconded by Mr. Chandler. The motion was carried and the minutes were approved as written. A copy of said minutes is on file.

The meeting then moved on to correspondence. Ms. Hazard read a letter from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") dated August 9, 2012 regarding the opportunity for public comment on the NJDEP's intent to approve an Air Pollution Control Operating Permit Renewal for Viking Yachts.

Ms. Bitzberger inquired of the other members of the Commission about whether or not there was ever an issue in the past with the issuance of the Air Pollution Control Operating Permit to Viking Yachts. The members of the Commission were unaware of any previous issues with the issuance of same.

Mr. Miller commented that the deadline to respond to the letter was September 10, 2012 and had already expired at the time it was presented to the Commission. Mr. Miller suggested that the Commission implement a means to disburse time sensitive information amongst the Commission members prior to the next scheduled meeting, such as email. Ms. Hazard agreed and it was decided that Mr. Miller would be responsible for disbursing any such correspondence via email in the future.

Ms. Hazard then read a letter dated August 13, 2012 from the NJDEP regarding a suspected hazardous substance discharge notification, Case Number 12-08-12-1208-53. The letter indicated that 275 gallons of heating oil had leaked from an above ground tank at 81 North Maple Avenue. A discussion was held and it was determined that the Commission would continue to monitor the situation.

The meeting next moved to old business, of which there was none.

In the area of new business, Ms. Bitzberger inquired about membership in the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions ("ANJEC"). Ms. Hazard indicated that the Township Committee allocates funds for the Environmental Commission members' membership in the ANJEC.

Ms. Bitzberger also suggested that the Commission begin the process of planning some community events that will help to promote the environment within the community. Mr. Rose indicated that the Commission should look to other municipalities' Environmental Commissions for some guidance on potential projects.

The meeting was then opened to the public and a member agreed that it would be great for the Commission to attempt environment related projects within the community. The member provided the Commission with websites for ideas.

There was no further public comment and a motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 0800 by Mr. Truitt and was seconded by Mr. Gomez. The motion carried and the meeting stood adjourned.

I hereby certify these minutes to be true.

Jarrod Miller