

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2011**

Mayor Cope called the regular meeting of the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners to order at 7:30 p.m. Present at meeting were: Commissioner T. Richard Bethea and Commissioner Gary Smith. Also present Township Clerk Amanda Somes and Solicitor Peter Lange. Members of the public were present at this meeting. Absent was Mayor Deborah Buzby-Cope.

FLAG SALUTE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the regular meeting of January 3, 2011, were presented to the Board for review with copies available for public. The motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bethea to approve minutes as submitted by the Clerk. Votes: Cope -Absent, Bethea -Yes, Smith-Yes. Minutes hereby approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST:

The motion was made by Commissioner Bethea to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$606,163.31. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve bills for payment. Votes: Cope -Absent, Bethea -Yes, Smith-Yes. All present in favor and bills were ordered paid.

BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCOUNT	11311	13559.58
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GANNETT NEWSPAPERS	13919	106.00
MAILFINANCE	13920	585.00
SOUTH JERSEY WATER TEST	13921	1230.00
A T & T	13922	30.60
BASS RIVER BD OF ED	13923	99238.58
NEW GRETNA VOL. FIRE CO.	13924	22633.30
Q C LABS	13925	54.10
A T & T	13926	121.48
VERIZON	13927	582.90
TRANSFORMATION ENTERPRISES	13928	4327.00
A.C. MOORE, INC.	13929	28.57
ACUA	13930	608.00
BURL CO TREAS, LANDFILL	13931	3153.52
VERIZON	13932	375.47
FLEET FUELING	13933	869.07
A T & T	13934	66.09
PINELAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST	13935	177707.58
MODERN GAS CO	13936	506.21
VERIZON WIRELESS	13937	199.56
ADVANTAGE CARD	13938	80.00
ANIMAL CAPTURE & CONTROL	13939	936.00
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	13940	2893.50

ATLANTIC CO. FIRE ACADEMY	13941	40.00
BENNETT BATTERIES LLC	13942	397.60
BF MOLZ	13943	45.74
BURL CO ESTC - BCIT	13944	110.00
BURL CO MUN CLERKS ASSN	13945	25.00
BURL CO TREAS, LANDFILL	13946	3311.70
BURL CO TREASURER	13947	196919.51
BURLCO JIF	13948	29536.00
C & M CONSTRUCTION & SUPPLY, L	13949	1920.00
CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	13950	528.20
CHRISTOPHER NORMAN, ESQ.	13951	300.00
COMCAST	13952	95.19
CONWAY AUTOMOTIVE	13953	78.92
COURIER TIMES, INC.	13954	63.92
CRAMER'S AUTO RECYCLING, INC.	13955	20.00
DAVE'S SEPTIC	13956	255.00
DEER PARK - NESTLE WATERS	13957	10.92
ESI EQUIPMENT INC	13958	1445.00
FIRE APPARATUS REPAIR, INC.	13959	719.00
GANN LAW BOOKS	13960	141.50
GRETNA GREEN LANDSCAPING	13961	1080.00
HOME DEPOT	13962	10.96
HSBS BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	13963	126.59
JERRY'S DIESEL & TRUCK REPAIR	13964	5382.40
KEVIN S. QUINLAN	13965	500.00
KLUK CONSULTANTS	13966	1955.94
MONOC EDUCATION CENTER	13967	1650.00
MOTOROLA C/O WIRELESS ELECTRON	13968	95.00
MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOC. OF NJ	13969	250.00
MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOC. OF N.	13970	100.00
MUNICIPAL CODE CORPORATION	13971	529.70
MUNIDEX INC	13972	5195.20
NAT ALEXANDER CO., INC.	13973	17.56
PETER C. LANGE	13974	1239.61
POMONA OIL CO	13975	2482.94
RUSSELL P. CHERKOS ESQ.	13976	1500.00
THE PRESS OF ATLANTIC CITY	13977	92.47
TRANSFORMATION ENTERPRISES	13978	3533.00
TREASURER STATE OF NEW JERSEY	13979	100.00
TROPHIES UNLIMITED	13980	36.00
W.B. MASON COMPANY	13981	336.95

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from NJ DOT notifying Bass River Township of award of 2011 Municipal Aid Program in the amount of \$200,000.00 for West Road.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2011-23

PROCLAMATION

The motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bethea to approve Resolution 2011-23. Votes: Cope–Absent, Bethea -Yes, Smith-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2011-23 was approved.

PROCLAMATION

RESOLUTION 2011-23

WHEREAS, the citizens of Bass River Township stand firmly committed to the promoting of reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, Bass River Township has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principal that educational investment is the key to the community's well-being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, NEA's Read Across America, a national celebration of reading, will be conducted in March 2, 2011, which would have been the 107th birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss; and

WHEREAS, Read Across America-NJ is being conducted statewide by the New Jersey Education Association, in partnership with the New Jersey League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Library Association and their local affiliates across the state to promote reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River calls on the citizens of Bass River Township to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 2, 2011;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body enthusiastically endorses NEA's Read Across America and Read Across America-NJ, and recommits our community to engage in programs and activities to make American's children the best readers in the world.

RESOLUTION 2011-24

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BURLINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. ,
DIVISION OF MOSQUITO CONTROL TO PERFORM AERIAL
APPLICATIONS FOR 2011**

The motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bethea to approve Resolution 2011-24. Votes: Cope–Absent, Bethea -Yes, Smith-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2011-24 was approved.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR
AERIAL MOSQUITO CONTROL**

RESOLUTION 2011-24

On behalf of the Bass River Township, I hereby authorize the Burlington County Health Department – Division of Mosquito Control to perform aerial applications of pesticides for mosquito control over Bass River Township during 2011. Areas to be treated contain populations of mosquitoes that are considered a nuisance, a health hazard, or both.

It is my understanding that all insecticides and aircraft to be used are those approved for aerial application by both State and Federal Governments. I also understand that applications will be made by helicopter or airplane by licensed commercial applicator(s) contracted by the Division of Mosquito Control.

Prior to performing aerial applications over Bass River Township, The Burlington County Health Department – Division of Mosquito Control will notify Burlington County Central Communications.

The authorization is in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration regulations and must be renewed annually.

RESOLUTION 2011-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2010 APPRIORATIONS RESERVE BUDGET TRANSFER

The motion was made by Commissioner Bethea, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution 2011-25. Votes: Cope–Absent, Bethea -Yes, Smith-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2011-25 was approved.

2010 Appropriation Reserve Budget Transfer

FROM:

<i>Financial Adm. S&W</i>	<i>\$ 3,000.00</i>
<i>Collection of Taxes S&W</i>	<i>\$ 1,000.00</i>
<i>Tax Assessment S&W</i>	<i>\$2,000.00</i>
<i>UCC S&W</i>	<i>\$1,800.00</i>
<i>Unemployment Compensation</i>	<i>\$ 400.00</i>
<i>Convenience Center S&W</i>	<i>\$5,400.00</i>
<i>Sewer O/E</i>	<i>\$2,700.00</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$ 16,300.00</i>

TO:

<i>Legal Services O/E</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>Streets & Roads O/E</i>	<i>\$9,700.00</i>
<i>Convenience Center O/E</i>	<i>\$5,400.00</i>
<i>Dog Regulation O/E</i>	<i>\$ 200.00</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$ 16,300.00</i>

RESOLUTION 2011-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS FOR BLOCK 8.D, LOT 20—5698D ROUTE 9

The motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bethea to approve Resolution 2011-26. Votes: Cope–Absent, Bethea -Yes, Smith-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2011-26 was approved.

RESOLUTION 2011-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer of the Township of Bass River has inspected the project located at Block 8.D, Lot 20 and recommends the release of the balance of escrow funds on deposit with Bass River Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bass River is hereby authorized to refund the balance of escrow monies in the amount of \$529.00 TO: George McGeoch, Allen's Dock, Inc., P.O. Box 15, New Gretna, New Jersey 08224.

RESOLUTION 2011-27

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH BURLINGTON COUNTY FOR SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING SERVICES FOR 2011

The motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bethea to approve Resolution 2011-27. Votes: Cope–Absent, Bethea -Yes, Smith-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2011-27 was approved.

RESOLUTION 2011-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS FOR SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING CONTRACTS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2011 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011

BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey to authorize an agreement with Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders for Solid Waste/Recycling Contracts for the Period January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is in the best interest of the Township of Bass River that the Agreement entitled "Municipal Solid Waste Service Contract", a copy of which is on file at the Municipal Clerk's Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Township of Bass River shall enter into the Agreement with the County of Burlington mentioned with all supplements and agreements thereto. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the agreement on behalf of the Township of Bass River and affix thereunto the Official Township Seal.

RESOLUTION 2011-28

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ADDENDUM OF THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LITTLE EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

The motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bethea to approve Resolution 2011-28. Votes: Cope–Absent, Bethea -Yes, Smith-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2011-28 was approved.

RESOLUTION 2011-28

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ADDENDUM TO THE SHARED
SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR FOR
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River and the Township of Little Egg Harbor, pursuant to the Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., entered into a Shared Services Agreement for Construction Services, authorized by the Township of Bass River by Resolution 2010-93; and

WHEREAS, it was understood that this agreement would be subject to approval from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Codes and Standards; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Codes and Standards, reviewed said agreement and indicated that two amendments were required; namely, that the agreement be for a term of four (4) years in accordance with the Uniform Construction code and that both municipalities adopt the same fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, said amendments are required for approval of the Shared Services Agreement by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Codes and Standards; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the governing body to authorize the execution of an Addendum to the shared Services Agreement with the Township of Little Egg Harbor for Construction Services.

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

- 1. That the governing body does hereby authorize the execution of an Addendum to the Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Little Egg Harbor for Construction Services, in accordance with the terms of this resolution, attached hereto as Schedule A. The form of said agreement is subject to the approval of the Township Attorney and the Department of Community Affairs.*
- 2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the Township Clerk to attest to the Addendum to the Shared Services Agreement, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.*
- 3. That said Addendum shall be subject to the approval, by resolution, of the Township of Little Egg Harbor.*
- 4. That a copy of the agreement referenced herein shall be kept on file and made available for public inspection at the Township Clerk's Office during normal business hours.*
- 5. That a certified copy of this resolution, together with a copy of the Addendum to the agreement, shall be forwarded to the Mayor of Bass River Township, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bass River, the Mayor of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, the Township Administrator of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, the Clerk of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, the Township Attorney of Little Egg Harbor, and the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Codes and Standards.*

RESOLUTION 2011-29

SALARY RESOLUTION

The motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bethea to approve Resolution 2011-29. Votes: Cope–Absent, Bethea -Yes, Smith-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2011-29 was approved.

RESOLUTION 2011-29

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RATES FOR THE 2011 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 7th day of February 2011, that the following pay rate is hereby established for the 2011 calendar year and set as follows pursuant to Salary Ordinance:

OFFICE/EMPLOYEE	SALARY
<i>Department of Public Affairs & Safety Municipal Court</i>	
<i>Sicheri, Adolph Municipal Court Judge Effective: January 1, 2011</i>	\$31,001.40

RESOLUTION 2011-30

A Resolution of Bass River Township Establishing a Mileage Rate for Reimbursement of Travel Expenses by Employees

The motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bethea to approve Resolution 2011-30. Votes: Cope–Absent, Bethea -Yes, Smith-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2011-30 was approved.

***Bass River Township Resolution 2011-30
A Resolution of Bass River Township Establishing a Mileage Rate for Reimbursement of Travel Expenses by Employees***

WHEREAS, from time to time, Bass River Township requests that authorized employees utilize their personal vehicles on Township business; and

WHEREAS, Bass River Township has in the past compensated such employees for the use of their private motor vehicles based on a mileage rate; and

WHEREAS, the Bass River Township Commissioners believe it is in the best interests of Bass River Township to formalize such a policy in the interest of avoiding the necessity for publicly owned vehicles and in order to avoid other expenses associated with transportation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners that the Township does hereby establish a reimbursement rate for authorized travel by Township employees at a rate of \$.40 per mile for all miles traveled in service of Bass River Township. In order for reimbursement to be paid to a Township employee, it is necessary for the employee to obtain pre-authorization for incurring mileage expenses and further necessary for the employee to submit a written voucher to the Township's Chief Financial Officer for approval of said reimbursement.

Approved by the Board of Commissioners on February 7, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance for Adoption of a fee for cleanup costs of hazardous materials containment. Some samples were provided and discussed. Solicitor to draft an ordinance for first reading on March 7th regular meeting.

REPORTS:

The following reports were noted:

Report of Solicitor
Report of Municipal Court
Report of Safety Coordinator
Report of the Governing Body Members

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was open for public comment at 7:55 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Mayor Bethea.

Mrs. R. Bourguignon asked about Farmland Assessment on properties in the township. 62 Acre piece of land assessed farm and wished some explanation how the assessment is reached. Commissioner Bethea noted that tress and woodland—farm assessed—must be maintained. If an individual is getting farmland and woodland assessed they should be getting woodland permits. A plan must be prepared by a forester and fees paid. Mrs. R. Bourguignon feels this is not right and perhaps IRS should get involved. It was agreed that the state statute should be revised.

Mr. Aaronson—Route 542 believes a public relations firm would be helpful to build momentum to our legal fight against the state with regard to PILOT funds. Feels there is an abuse of this farmland assessment and feels our Assessor should look into this matter further. Perhaps a report every month from Mr. Renwick would be helpful. Block 50 Lot 3 is 3 acres of farm assessment and not qualified for. Commissioner Bethea will talk

to Mr. Renwick and ask him to attend and meeting to help explain the process under the law as it may be applied.

Commissioner Bethea noted that NJGEOWEB on the web has properties being moved. Township is to inquire why and how maps are wrong.

Mr. Aaronson asked about a violations being issued for the sign on Route 9 at the old New Gretna House Property. Solicitor indicated that any violations written would be zoning violations and would be brought to our municipal court to be heard.

Mr. Aaronson noted he reviewed a copy of the shared services agreement for construction services with Little Egg Harbor. Liability is still included, scheduling conflicts with township officials, records to be maintained in Bass River Township. Those lose of local control continues to be a concern.

Mr. Assur requested the field across the street be named after Franklin Gray. Commissioners thought this was an excellent thought.

Mr. L. Bourguignon asked if the natural gas line would be extended through town in hopes of attracting more businesses into the town.

Being no further comments the motion to close the public portion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bethea. All in favor and public comment was closed at 9:15 p.m.

Being no further business to come before the Board the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bethea. All in favor and meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Amanda S. Somes, RMC
Township Clerk

Deborah Buzby-Cope, Mayor