

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2012
BASS RIVER SCHOOL**

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

FLAG SALUTE

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

Mayor Cope made an opening statement—Ordinances 2012-01, 02, and 03 where all withdrawn at the February 6th regular meeting. Mayor Cope further explained the intent behind the formulation of these ordinances.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was open for public comment at 7:15 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Mayor Cope.

The following individuals where heard:

Andrew Assur—Opposing Ordinances

Chris Naples—Opposing Ordinances

Louis Martinak—Opposing Ordinances

James O’Brian—Opposing Ordinances

Andy Anderson—Opposing Ordinances

Helen Zelski—Opposing Ordinances-- but requests no resignation of officials. Requests more information.

Cindy Ruffo—Comments on Township Website

Rick Adams—Comments to State Police regarding recent burglaries in the township

Marion Assur—suggests to starting an ethics board in the town and revamping of township ordinances

Leo Assur—Code Enforcement—requests more training and commented on apparent selective enforcement. He suggested change of form of government and add more members

Debbie Osser—requests more information notifying of township events

Commissioner Gary Smith read a portion of an email received address to the Commissioners from Township Solicitor. Commissioner Smith taking offense to wording of email with regard to Mr. Assur.

Mr. Leo Assur requested clarification on emails and noting that these emails will have repercussions.

Mr. Fred Quigley commented on lumping business owners in town with drug owners—Solicitor Lange stated that this was not the intent.

Rich Adams—would like to clean up route 9 and noted Mr. Assur did great job cleaning up on his property.

Chris Naples—requested cause for these ordinances to be proposed and requested resignation of township attorney.

Jane Allen—she continues to have issues with violation and drugs on her block and would like to see further enforcement and action.

John Waldrop—people came together at this meeting to come up with creative ideas.

James O’Brian—asked for justification of the proposed ordinances.

Louis Bourguignon—First Aid Issue has been resolved and the fire company will receive \$50,000 from the settlement.

Ann Rodgers—we are a community and have a right to know if there is a met lab in our community. Governing Body is looking out for our best interests and we need to be responsible for each other.

Jim Faulkenburg—we all need to look out for each other as a community.

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 9:00 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 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Amanda S. Somes, RMC
Township Clerk

Deborah Buzby-Cope, Mayor