

***MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012***

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: Mayor Deborah Buzby-Cope, Commissioner T. Richard Bethea and Commissioner Gary Smith. Also present Township Clerk Amanda Somes and Solicitor. Members of the public were present at this meeting.

**FLAG SALUTE**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 5, 2012 were presented to the Board for Approval. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Bethea, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Votes: Cope-Yes, Bethea-Yes, Smith-Yes. All in favor and minutes were hereby approved as submitted.

Minutes of the Executive Session of March 5, 2012 were presented to the Board for Approval. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bethea. Votes: Cope-Yes, Bethea-Yes, Smith-Yes. All in favor and minutes were hereby approved as submitted.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 19 2012 were presented to the Board for Approval. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Bethea, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Votes: Cope-Yes, Bethea-Yes, Smith-Yes. All in favor and minutes were hereby approved as submitted.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 2, 2012 were presented to the Board for Approval. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Cope. Votes: Cope-Yes, Bethea-Yes, Smith-Yes. All in favor and minutes were hereby approved as submitted.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 16, 2012 were presented to the Board for Approval. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Bethea, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Votes: Cope-Yes, Bethea-Yes, Smith-Yes. All in favor and minutes were hereby approved as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST:**

The motion was made by Commissioner Bethea to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$549,969.45. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve bills for payment. Votes: Cope –Yes, Bethea-Yes, Smith-Yes. All present in favor and bills were ordered paid.

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
Lauren Nicole	-440.00	Park Brochure
Financial Management	-882.00	Review Courses for Joseph Gross
Bass River Bd. Of Ed.	101223.33	April 18, 2012
AT & T	36.57	ISDN Line—March 2012
AT & T	159.31	Long Distance All in One
New Gretna	44.00	Court PO Box Rental 1 year
AT & T	80.04	March 2012 All in One
Fleet Fueling	507.96	Fuel Charges 3/5-3/29/12
Verizon	542.44	March 2012
Verizon	343.36	Court Phones
Walmart #1921	558.85	Media Equipment
Walmart #1921	22.00	Price Difference For Cart
Verizon Wireless	204.74	Wireless Phones 3/13-4/12/12
Trish Home Center	111.96	Community Service Supplies
Burlington Co. Treasurer	182580.30	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2012 County, Library
Burlington Co. Treasurer	114.98	Salt Usage February 2012
Amanda Somes	34.00	Mileage Municipal Alliance Meeting
Anchor Appliance Inc.	2300.00	Sanyo Heat & Air Unit
Animal Capture &	930.00	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2012 Animal Control
Atlantic City Electric	2478.36	April 2012 Electricity
Beacons	134.02	Special Meeting 4/16/12
Burl. Co. Mun. Ct. Adm.	320.00	2 Conference Registrations June
Burl. Co. Treasurer	4265.98	Tipping Fee April 2012
Burlington County	30.00	Animal Care & Treatment March 2012
CASA Payroll	306.70	Payroll 4/2, 4/16, 4/30/12
Christopher Norman	1619.50	Planning Board Meeting 4/19/12
Citta, Halzapfel &	500.00	Conflict Prosecutor 4/30/12
Comcast	102.20	Service 4/19-5/18/12
Conway Automotive	17.00	Parts
Dave's Septic	510.00	Port a Pots—Conv. Center & Park
Deer Park—Nestle	12.92	Billing Period 3/15-4/14/12
Defender Emergency	1795.11	Vehicle 4216 & 4211 Repairs
Emergency Medical	108.35	Exam Gloves
Financial Management	463.00	CMFO Exam Review—Joseph Gross
Flowers by P.J.	82.00	Funeral Basket—Dillon
Grand Hotel	266.00	2 Nights Spring Conference
Grover Electric	2156.00	Electrical Work at Park
Kluk Consultants	9218.08	Various Invoices 4/13/12
Life Savers, Inc.	195.44	Adult Pads & Battery
MGS Propane	234.31	Propane Delivery 4/20/12
Michael Hogan	10,000.00	Signage for Park
Ocean Business	125.00	Type Writer Repair
Office Basics, Inc.	597.04	Office Supplies
Peggy Beck	180.46	Recertification Fee
Peter Lange	5166.00	February 2012 Legal Services
Pinelands Regional	154594.18	5/8/12 School Tax Levy
Richard Ireton	48.00	Mileage 3/20-4/30/12

Russell Cherkos	1500.00	Prosecution Services 4/16,
The Press of	81.07	BRT Resident Notice
Transformation	9920.00	Roll-Off Service April 2012
Treasurer State of	75.00	Marriage License Fees Oct., Nov.
TREC	18.60	Voting Authority Pads
Trish Home Center	95.43	Supplies
Universal Computing	251.50	Message Mailers
W.B. Mason Company	170.62	Office Supplies
Wireless Electronics	161.00	Battery Packs & Charger
Great Bay Regional	13000.00	2012 Contribution
Bass River Payroll	13906.97	Payroll 4/5/12
Bass River Payroll	13147.66	Payroll 4/19/12
Bass River Payroll	13644.11	Payroll 5/3/12
<b><u>TOTAL BILLS:</u></b>	<b><u>549969.45</u></b>	

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION 2012-45**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FULL REINSTATEMENT AND PERMANENT OPEN SPACE PILOT FUNDING**

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bethea to approve Resolution 2012-45. Votes: Cope–Yes, Bethea -Yes, Smith-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2012-45 was hereby approved.

**RESOLUTION 2012-45**

***A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FULL REINSTATEMENT AND PERMANENT OPEN SPACE PILOT FUNDING***

*WHEREAS, the preservation of Open Space benefits all New Jersey citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, it does, however, impose costs on the citizens of the host municipality; denying them the economic, budgetary and property tax rate benefits of a developed ratable and*

*WHEREAS, in recognition of these facts, the State of New Jersey has pledged to provide host municipalities with Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOTs); and*

*WHEREAS, these PILOTs then, serve two crucial public policy purposes; first, providing property tax relief, and second, promoting environmental protection; and*

*WHEREAS, in recognition of those dual benefits, and of the lost opportunity costs imposed on the host municipalities a long line of Governors, Legislatures and Commissioners of Environmental Protection have seen the fairness of consistently making the promised Payment In Lieu of Taxes; and*

*WHEREAS, the policy has been ratified by the citizens of New Jersey, who have, consistently, approved ballot questions that would provide funding to meeting Open Space PILOT needs; and*

*WHEREAS, the municipalities that host preserved Open Spaces tend to be less populous, and more extensive, than the average New Jersey municipality; yet they, too, will need to serve their citizens within the constraints of the 2% levy cap; and*

*WHEREAS, in recent budgetary years, State policy makers have made immediate cuts in PILOT funding; and*

*WHEREAS, these cuts have had devastating budgetary impacts on the residents of host municipalities; and*

*WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River believe that these cuts have unfairly damaged host municipalities and urge State policy makers to correct this unfairness and fully reinstate and permanently fund Open Space PILOT funding.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Bass River does, hereby, call on all State policy makers to reaffirm their commitment to property tax relief, environmental protection and fiscal fairness by reversing the decision to cut Open Space PILOT funding and support the full reinstatement and permanent funding of PILOT Open Space Funding; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Christie, Lieutenant Governor Guadagno, Environmental Protection Commissioner Bob Marten, Community Affairs Commissioner Richard E. Constable III, State Assembly and Legislative Representatives of the Township of Bass River and to the New Jersey League of Municipalities.*

#### **RESOLUTION 2012-46**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL PARK GRANT**

The motion was made by Commissioner Bethea, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution 2012-46. Votes: Cope–Yes, Bethea -Yes, Smith-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2012-46 was hereby approved.

#### **RESOLUTION 2012-46**

*WHEREAS, the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders has approved the Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”) and established a Municipal Park Development Program (“Program”) to provide grant funds in connection with municipal acquisition of lands for County park, recreation, conservation and farmland preservation purposes, as well as for municipal public park and recreation development purposes; and*

*WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Bass River Township desires to obtain County Municipal Park Development Program funds in the amount of \$138,897.00 to fund North Maple Park, North Maple and Cemetery Lane, Block 54, Lot 3.01; and*

*WHEREAS, the total cost of the project including all matching funds is estimated to be \$138,897.00; and*

*WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River is the owner of and controls the project site.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River that:*

1. *The Township Engineer, Kris Kluk, Ph.D., P.E., is authorized to make an application to the County of Burlington for Municipal Park Development Program Funds, (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required for the Municipal Park Development Program and (c) act as the municipal contact person and correspondent of the above named municipality;*
2. *The Township of Bass River is committed to this project and will provide the balance of funding necessary to complete the In the form of non-county matching funds as required in the Policy and Procedures Manual for the Program; and*
3. *If awarded a grant by the County of Burlington under the Municipal; Park Development Program, the municipality will use the approved funds in accordance with the Municipal Park Development Program Policy and Procedure Manual, and applicable federal, state, and local government rules, regulations and statutes thereto; and*
4. *The Township Engineer, Kris Kluk, Ph.D., P.E., is hereby authorized to sign and execute any required documents, agreements, and amendments thereto with the County of Burlington for the approved funds; and*
5. *The resolution shall take effect immediately.*

**RESOLUTION 2012-47**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JARROD MILLER DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER FOR THE REMAINDER OF YEAR 2012**

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution 2012-47. Votes: Cope–Yes, Bethea -Yes, Smith-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2012-47 was hereby approved.

**RESOLUTION 2012-47**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JARROD MILLER DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER FOR THE REMAINDER OF YEAR 2012**

*WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator;*

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

*Jarrold Miller is appointed Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator of the Township of Bass River affective March 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012.*

**RESOLUTION 2012-48**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TURNOVER OF UNCASHED FUNDS FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT—GENERAL FUND**

**RESOLUTION 2012-49**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TURNOVER OF UNCASHED FUNDS  
FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT—BAIL ACCOUNT**

The motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bethea to approve Resolution 2012-48 and Resolution 2012-49 Votes: Cope–Yes, Bethea -Yes, Smith-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2012-48 and Resolution 2012-49 were hereby approved.

GENERAL ACCOUNT #4751622526

<i>Check</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
110	1.00	Amber Jones	3/8/2011
118	2.00	Jeffrey R. Ravasio	4/7/2011
122	2.00	Catherine Tyler	5/12/2011
136	1.00	Tara Irons	7/14/2011
141	1.00	Marcio Gomez	8/15/2011
<b><u>TOTAL:</u></b>	<b><u>\$7.00</u></b>		

BAIL ACCOUNT #4751622513

<i>Check</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
247	1.00	David Sanford, Jr.	5/18/2011
311	5.00	Katie M. Lapp	7/13/2011
359	1.00	John M. Burns	9/12/2011
379	1.00	Pablo Benjamin	9/19/2011
381	1.00	Venkata N. Kurapati	9/19/2011
<b><u>TOTAL:</u></b>	<b><u>\$9.00</u></b>		

**RESOLUTION 2012-50**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN  
ADDENDUM/RENEWAL LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BASS RIVER  
TOWNSHIP AND JERSEY SHORE LIVE STEAM ORGANIZATION, T/A THE  
TUCKERTON RAILROAD AND STEAMSHIP COMPANY TO PERMIT THE  
USE OF A PORTION OF THE BASS RIVER MUNICIPAL PARK**

The motion was made by Commissioner Bethea, seconded by Commissioner Smith to table approval of Resolution 2012-50. Votes: Cope–Yes, Bethea -Yes, Smith-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2012-50 was hereby ordered tabled.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

List of Correspondence was provided to the board with copies available for the public. List included the following:

1. Letter from NJLM—Restoration of Municipal Property Tax Relief Funding
2. Editorial from Burlington County Times regarding Energy Tax Receipt Revenues

3. March 2012 Report of NJ State Police—Tuckerton Station
4. Letter from NJ DOT—2012 Municipal Aid Program—Grant for Resurfacing of Chips Folly Road

OLD BUSINESS:

Certification of School Taxes were noted:

Pinelands Regional	= 2012	\$960,052.97
Bass River Elem.	= 2012	\$1,239,074.00

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Junkyard License Renewal and Public Hearing—Kaszuba’s Junkyard:  
The motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bethea to Open the public hearing of the renewal of the license for Kaszuba’s. All in favor. Comments: None. Being no comments heard, the motion to close the public hearing was made by Commissioner Bethea, seconded by Commissioner Smith to close the public hearing. All in favor. The motion to approve the 2012 license for Kaszuba’s Junkyard was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bethea. Votes: Cope-Yes, Bethea-Yes, Smith-Yes. All in favor and License was hereby renewed for Kaszuba’s Junkyard for 2012.
2. Campground License Renewal:
  - a. Timberline Lake Campground
  - b. Pilgrim Lake Campground
  - c. Arrowhead CampgroundThe motion was made to approve campgrounds a, b and c by Commissioner Bethea, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Votes: Cope-Yes, Bethea-Yes, Smith-Yes. All in favor and campground licenses were hereby renewed for campground a, b and c for 2012.

REPORTS:

The following reports were noted.

Report of Solicitor  
Report of Municipal Court  
Dog Report  
Report of Safety Coordinator  
Report of State Police—Tuckerton Station for March 2012  
Report of the Governing Body Members

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Cope presented Commissioners Bethea and Smith with plaques honoring their years of service to Bass River Township.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was open for public comment at 8:16 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bethea. All in favor.

Ms. Robyn Firth thanked outgoing Commissioners for their service and wished them continued success.

Mr. Leo Assur thanked outgoing Commissioners for their efforts and supports Mayor Cope and the new Commissioners.

Ms. Helen Adams said that recent fundraisers and Bass River Elementary School have been successful and the school deserves the credit.

Mr. Bill Aaronson thanked outgoing Commissioners and appreciates service to the community. Asked for clarification about the subdivision the solicitor had commented on and location. Commissioner Bethea said it was where the leach field is in Offshore Manor and explained the process was completed in 1987. Cell Tower lease brought to light that the subdivision was never recorded with the County. All paperwork is now completed and filed accordingly.

Mr. Tim Lovingham thanked the Commissioners for the last 5 years of work done at the Park. He thanked Commissioner Bethea for coming out every Saturday to work. Thanked Mayor Cope for doing a special functions with the youth and for further obtaining funds for the park.

Ms. Terry Ford thanked Commissioners' Bethea and Smith for all their service to the community and wished Mayor Cope success in the municipal election on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Nancy McCarten asked where we stand on the discussions about using the Elementary School as an emergency shelter. Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, Jarrod Miller commented that it is an ongoing issue and one he is working on. Mayor said the efforts to obtain a generator are continuing.

Mrs. Kay Dolch agrees with Mrs. McCarten. We should go to this school during an emergency and not have to go to Little Egg Harbor and would like more effort put into obtaining a generator.

Mr. Woodley Shuff thanked Commissioners' Bethea and Smith for all the help and work put in.

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 8:47 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 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Amanda S. Somes, RMC  
Township Clerk

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Deborah Buzby-Cope, Mayor