

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, JULY 2, 2012**

Mayor Cope called the regular meeting of the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. Present at meeting were: Mayor Deborah Buzby-Cope, Deputy Mayor Nick Capriglione and Commissioner Louis Bourguignon. Also present Township Clerk Amanda Somes and Solicitor Joanne O'Connor. 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 June 4, 2012 were presented to the Board for Approval. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and minutes were hereby approved as submitted.

Minutes of the Executive Session of June 4, 2012 were presented to the Board for Approval. It was noted that the minutes should be corrected to say "Offer" and not "office". With correction noted by Clerk, the motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Mayor Cope. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and minutes were hereby approved as corrected.

APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST:

The motion was made by Mayor Cope to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$254,912.62. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve bills for payment. Votes: Cope -Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and bills were ordered paid.

ESI EQUIPMENT INC	14748	-573.00
EMPIRE TAX FUND, LLL	14772	4471.55
EMPIRE TAX FUND, LLL	14773	4449.04
EMPIRE TAX FUND, LLL	14774	4415.12
EMPIRE TAX FUND, LLL	14775	4509.24
EMPIRE TAX FUND, LLL	14776	4494.19
EMPIRE TAX FUND, LLL	14777	4471.55
PINELANDS JULY 4TH CELEBRATION	14778	500.00
MICHELE A SEES	14779	75.00
BETTY JEAN KEUFER	14780	75.00
A T & T	14781	98.26
BASS RIVER BD OF ED	14782	101223.37
A T & T	14783	212.84
A T & T	14784	79.15
FLEET FUELING	14785	540.09
VERIZON	14786	315.17
VERIZON	14787	588.95

GRETNA GREEN LANDSCAPING	14788	395.00
GRETNA GREEN LANDSCAPING	14789	395.00
4IMPRINT	14790	327.14
ACE OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT 3	14791	799.98
ACUA	14792	519.00
ALLUS INC	14793	205.00
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	14794	2210.98
BEACONS	14795	86.92
BLUE STAR OF NJ	14796	126.00
BURL CO TREAS, LANDFILL	14797	4607.21
BURLINGTON CO ASSESSORS ASSN	14798	150.00
CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	14799	233.70
CHRISTOPHER NORMAN, ESQ.	14800	174.00
COMCAST	14801	102.20
CONWAY AUTOMOTIVE	14802	68.57
DAVE'S SEPTIC	14803	395.00
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, IN	14804	429.95
GERALD A. BARRETT LLC	14805	45887.00
GRETNA GREEN LANDSCAPING	14806	7470.00
HOME DEPOT	14807	125.26
IPM INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT	14808	85.00
JERRY'S DIESEL & TRUCK REPAIR	14809	848.93
KEVIN S. QUINLAN	14810	500.00
MAILFINANCE	14811	585.00
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	14812	286.00
MUNIDEX INC	14813	6713.21
OFFICE BASICS, INC	14814	181.16
ORIENTAL TRADING	14815	524.00
PEGGY BECK	14816	51.23
Q C LABS	14817	62.00
R.R. PORTER	14818	2775.00
RICHARD IRETON	14819	90.40
RUSSELL P. CHERKOS ESQ.	14820	2250.00
S & S	14821	204.92
STAPLES INC	14822	302.87
THE FOUR C SONS	14823	318.33
THE PRESS OF ATLANTIC CITY	14824	13.11
TOMASELLA'S FIRE PROTECTION IN	14825	219.00
TRANSFORMATION ENTERPRISES	14826	11160.00
TRISH HOME CENTER	14827	20.73
UNIVERSAL COMPUTING SERVICES	14828	251.50
VERIZON WIRELESS	14829	139.12
W.B. MASON COMPANY	14830	120.72
WAWA STORE #978	14831	260.00
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCOUNT	61412	17701.17
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCOUNT	62812	14595.79

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE 2012-05

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF A PORTION OF THE PREMISES KNOWN AS “BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL PARK” BLOCK 56, LOT 50A AND 51 TO THE JERSEY SHORE LIVE STEAM ORGANIZATION, TRADING AS THE TUCKERTON RAILROAD AND STEAMSHIP COMPANY, A NEW JERSEY NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

Mayor Cope read Ordinance 2012-05 by title. Upon the motion by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione Ordinance 2012-05 was approved and meeting was open for public hearing. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. Comments: Mr. Leo Assur asked for more information regarding the park and if the trails are available at this time. Yes, they are. Bathrooms or meeting hall? Yes, bathrooms and possible meeting hall in the future. Mr. Rick Steele asked if any more money was available for any other park in the township. Mayor commented yes, across the street a park has been proposed to the County for funding. Mr. Steele asked if all 65 acres of the park are for the railroad. Mayor Commented no. Trails are available for public access and trails are also shared. Mr. Assur asked if horses are permitted. Mayor commented yes and added that cleanup of glass in ongoing. Being no further public comment the motion to close the public portion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All in favor and meeting was closed for public comment. The motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-05 was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Ordinance 2012-05 was hereby adopted.

ORDINANCE 2012 – 05

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF A PORTION OF THE PREMISES KNOWN AS “BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL PARK” BLOCK 56, LOT 50A AND 51 TO THE JERSEY SHORE LIVE STEAM ORGANIZATION, TRADING AS THE TUCKERTON RAILROAD AND STEAMSHIP COMPANY, A NEW JERSEY NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River as follows:

WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River is the owner of Block 56, Lot 50A and Lot 51; and

WHEREAS, this property is not needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14(c) permits the leasing of Township property to a non-profit corporation or association for public purpose without the necessity of public bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River previously entered into a lease agreement with the Jersey Shore Live Steam Organization, trading as the Tuckerton Railroad and Steamship Company, a New Jersey Non-Profit Corporation dated April 16, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River and Tuckerton Railroad wish to continue to provide such activities within the community to promote learning and participation by the general public in the historical operation of live model steam engine trains; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River believes that this activity will inure to the general benefit of the residents of the Township of Bass River as well as those of the surrounding townships;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a finding is made by the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners that the approval of this Ordinance pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14(c) will be in the best interest of the residents of the Township of Bass River.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Bass River to authorize the continued leasing of a portion of Block 56, Lots 50A and 51 to Jersey Shore Live Steam Organization, trading as the Tuckerton Railroad and Steamship Company for an additional term of five (5) years for consideration of \$1.00. This lease is subject to the execution of an appropriate form of lease between the Township and Jersey Shore Live Steam Organization, trading as the Tuckerton Railroad and Steamship Company.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jersey Shore Live Steam Organization, trading as the Tuckerton Railroad and Steamship Company, shall annually submit a report to the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River setting out the use for which the leasehold was put during each year, the activities of the lessee undertaken in furtherance of the public purpose for which the leasehold is being granted, the approximate value or cost, if any, of such activities in furtherance of such purpose, and an affirmation of the continued tax exempt status of the non-profit corporation pursuant to both State and Federal law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED that the Mayor and Clerk shall be authorized to execute the appropriate form of Lease in this matter.

ALL OF WHICH IS ADOPTED this 4th day of June, 2012, by the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners.

ORDINANCE 2012-06
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY RANGES, WAGES, AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY”

Mayor Cope read Ordinance 2012-06 by title. Upon the motion by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione Ordinance 2012-06 was approved and meeting was open for public hearing. All in favor. Comments: None. Being no public comments, the motion to close the public portion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All in favor and meeting was closed for public comment. The motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-06 was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Ordinance 2012-06 was hereby adopted.

ORDINANCE 2012-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY RANGES, WAGES, AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, in the County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey.

SECTION 1: That the salary ranges are hereby set forth as follows:

<u>TITLE</u>		<u>SALARY RANGE</u>
BURLCO JIF FUND COMMISSIONER	Per Annum	\$1.00 - \$5.00

RESOLUTION 2012-65

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RATES FOR THE 2012 CALENDAR YEAR FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2012-65. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione -Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2012-65 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2012-65

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RATES FOR THE 2012 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 2nd day of July 2012 that the following pay rate is hereby established for the 2012 calendar year and set as follows pursuant to Salary Ordinance:

OFFICE/EMPLOYEE NAME	TITLE	SALARY
CLEAN COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & PROPERTY		
<i>Verdine, Daniel</i>	<i>Laborer</i>	<i>7.25/hour</i>

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND FINANCE

Bethea, T. Richard *BURLCO JIF Fund Commissioner 5.00/year*

RESOLUTION 2012-66

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUESTING THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES GRANT PERMISSION TO APPROVE THE INCREASE OF AN ITEM OF SPECIAL REVENUE IN THE 2012 BUDGET ENTITLED “ALCOHOL EDUCATION AND REHAB FUND” IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1618.89

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2012-66. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione -Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2012-66 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2012-66

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUESTING THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES GRANT PERMISSION TO APPROVE THE INCREASE OF AN ITEM OF SPECIAL REVENUE IN THE 2012 BUDGET ENTITLED “ALCOHOL EDUCATION AND REHAB FUND” IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1618.89

WHEREAS, NJS 40A-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the increase of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the increase of an

item of revenue in the budget of the year 2012 in the sum of \$1618.89; which item is now available as a revenue for the Alcohol Education Rehab Fund pursuant to the provisions of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$1618.89 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of the Alcohol Education Rehab Fund.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

1. Letter from Pinelands Commission granting extension to Bass River Township until October 19, 2012 to pass ordinance for cluster development, wetlands management and forestry CMP amendment.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Junkyard License Renewal and Public Hearing—Cramer’s Junkyard:

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to open the public hearing of the renewal of the license for Cramer’s. All in favor. Comments: None. Being no comments heard, the motion to close the public hearing was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to close the public hearing. All in favor. It was noted at this time the water test results were discussed. Mr. Cramer stated the lab was to be out on 7/3 to retest well. The motion to continue the public hearing on the 2012 license for Cramer’s Junkyard was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and public hearing was hereby continued for Cramer’s Junkyard.

REPORTS:

The following reports were noted.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was open for public comment at 8:02 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All in favor.

Mr. Leo Assur inquired about the roof at the old mosquito commission shop? Deputy Mayor Capriglione said he would look into it.

Mr. Mark Healy inquired about the letter he submitted to the Planning Board and Environmental Commission. Solicitor was instructed to look at letter and past correspondence and get back to Mr. Healy.

Ms. Carol Bitzberger inquired about same letter.

Mr. Leo Assur inquired about same letter. Deputy Mayor Capriglione noted the issues are being addressed and this is all being done correctly.

Mr. Ken Rose asked for Code Enforcement/Zoning Enforcement to attend a meeting.

Mr. Peter Stemmer asked if there were plans to cut grass at property located at Adams Avenue and North Maple. Mayor stated that yes that was done.

Ms. Carol Bitzberger inquired about a Planning Board issue and how one would get someone to look into something. How a complaint would be handled. Mayor stated complaint forms are available for use.

Mr. Leo Assur asked if Code Enforcement Officer could attend town meeting to address issues.

Ms. Carol Bitzberger asked is the name is included on the complaint form. Mayor stated that yes, it would be public information.

Mr. Ken Rose asked about Planning Board appointments. Mayor stated that Mayor and one Commissioner sits on the Board. Anything related to zoning issues, they must recuse themselves on the matter. Mayor stated appointments are made by the Mayor and appointments for class 4 members are for 4 years.

Ms. April Dolch?(Rose) asked if the township could pursue having an ethics committee.

Being no further comments the motion to close the public portion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All in favor and public comment was closed at 8:40 p.m.

Being no further business to come before the Board the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All in favor and meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Amanda S. Somes, RMC
Township Clerk

Deborah Buzby-Cope, Mayor