

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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 Nicholas 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 September 10, 2012 were presented to the Board for Approval. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All in favor and minutes were hereby approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST:

The motion was made by Mayor Cope to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$312,977.31. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve bills for payment. Votes: Cope –Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and bills were ordered paid.

MICHAEL HOGAN PHOTOGRAPHY	14708	-10000.00
HOME DEPOT	14912	-44.03
BASS RIVER BD OF ED	14934	103247.83
BURL CO TREASURER	14935	176705.38
A T & T	14936	174.25
A T & T	14937	246.11
A T & T	14938	78.16
ACE OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT 3	14939	44.35
ACUA	14940	519.00
AMANDA SOMES	14941	112.00
BAYSHORE DISCOVERY PROJECT	14942	725.00
BEACONS	14943	256.44
BURL CO TREAS, LANDFILL	14944	3928.14
CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	14945	121.70
CHRISTOPHER NORMAN, ESQ.	14946	300.00
COMCAST	14947	102.20
CONWAY AUTOMOTIVE	14948	82.45
DEER PARK - NESTLE WATERS	14949	19.00
DEFENDER EMERGENCY PRODUCTS	14950	1415.00
ECONO SIGNS	14951	28.72
FLEET FUELING	14952	400.67
KOWALSKI TIRE	14953	300.00
LANGUAGE SERVICES ASSOCIATES	14954	71.40
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	14955	59.00

NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	14956	150.00
OFFICE BASICS, INC	14957	793.66
PEGGY BECK	14958	42.38
Q C LABS	14959	62.00
RICHARD IRETON	14960	133.40
RUSSELL P. CHERKOS ESQ.	14961	2250.00
S T ASSOCIATES	14962	6985.00
SOUTH JERSEY WATER TEST	14963	1155.00
THOMAS CREATIVE APPAREL. INC	14964	175.75
TRANSFORMATION ENTERPRISES	14965	6063.00
TREASURER STATE OF NEW JERSEY	14966	175.00
TREASURER, PINELANDS MUNICIPAL	14967	100.00
TRISH HOME CENTER	14968	7.99
UNIVERSAL COMPUTING SERVICES	14969	255.20
VERIZON	14970	584.22
VERIZON	14971	342.52
VERIZON WIRELESS	14972	134.24
W.B. MASON COMPANY	14973	122.09
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCOUNT	92012	14553.09

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter of resignation by K. McKernan-Emergency Management Coordinator, Effective October 15, 2012.

Letter of retirement by M. Winterberg-Municipal Court Clerk, Effective December 1, 2012.

Flu Shot schedule from Burlington County made available for public.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2012-78

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING THE CERTIFIED COSTS OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PERFORMED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER ON BLOCK 4.A, LOT 19, AS A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT THE LIEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 8.20 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2012-78. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione -Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2012-78 was hereby approved.

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WHEREAS, Chapter 8.20 of the Municipal code of the Township of Bass River provides that the owner or tenant of lands, or the agent of such premises, within the Township is required to removed or cause to be removed from such lands any brush, weeds, dead and dying trees, stumps, roots, obnoxious growths, filth, garbage, trash and debris which is or may become dangerous to life or health or might tend to extend a conflagration in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Code further provides that if after inspection by the Code Enforcement officer any such lands are deemed to be in violation of Chapter 8.20, the Township Clerk shall notify the owner, tenant or agent of the lands in question to remedy such violations within ten (10) days after receipt of notice to do so. Said notice shall be made upon the owner, tenant or agent of any such lands by letter to his or her last known address; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Code Further provides that if the owner, tenant or agent to whom notice of violation sent, neglects or refuses to abate or remedy the violation within ten (10) days after notice thereof, the Code Enforcement officer or his or her designated agent shall cause the violation to be abated and remedied and certify the costs thereof to the Borough Council which, after examination of the certificate and determination of its accuracy, shall cause the costs to be charged against the lot or land on which the violations exists. The amount so charged shall become a lien upon the lot or land and shall be added to and become and form part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon the lot or land, the same to bear interest at the same rate as taxes and to be collected as provided by R.S. 40:48-2.14, and enforced by the same officers responsible for the collection of taxes and in the same manner as taxes; and

WHEREAS, after inspection, the Township's Code Enforcement officer has determined Block 4.A, Lot 19, as shown on the tax map of the Township of Bass River, currently known as (address) 2050 Route 542, Renzulli (Owner) is in violation of Chapter 8.20 of the Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, notice has been provided to the assessed owner of the said property in accordance with Chapter 8.20 of the Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the assessed owner to whom notice of violation was sent, neglected or refused to abate or remedy the violation within ten (10) days after notice thereof, causing the violation on said property to be abated and remedied by the Township of Bass River, and the costs associated therewith to be certified to the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has examined the certification of costs and finds same to accurate.

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 costs incurred by the Township to remedy and abate the violations on Block 4.A, Lot 19, commonly referred to as (address) 2050 Route 542, as determined by the Code Enforcement Officer, and the costs of which having been certified to the governing body and upon examination thereof found to be accurate, are hereby charged against said property and shall become a lien upon same. The certified lien amount is \$400.00.*
- 2. That said lien shall be added to and become and form a part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon said property, and that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to collect same in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 8.20 of the Municipal Code.*
- 3. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Municipal Clerk to the Code Enforcement Officer and Tax Collector of the Township of Bass River.*

RESOLUTION 2012-79

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITIZENS, RESIDENTS, AND VISITORS OF BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP TO END HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING AT 9:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2012 AND TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN BELOW THE AGE OF 18 INDOORS AFTER 9:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2012 “MISCHIEF NIGHT”

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2012-79. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione -Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2012-79 was hereby approved.

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WHEREAS, in the Township of Bass River past experience has shown that at the Halloween season vandalism has, upon occasion, become a problem effecting the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Township of Bass River have from time to time at the festive Halloween season been harassed by pranks which, though starting as innocent fun, developed into more serious problems; and

WHEREAS, Halloween occurs at a season of the year when darkness settles on the community early in the evening; and

WHEREAS, having small children running through the municipality and on the streets thereof during hours of darkness creates a safety hazard to the children as well as to other users of the streets and highways; and

WHEREAS, the convenience of the citizens of the municipality must be weighed and balanced.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 regular meeting held on the 1st day of October, 2012, that the citizens, residents, and visitors of Bass River Township be requested to end their trick-or-treating at 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 2012, and thereafter to show their cooperation with this request by no longer keeping their Halloween decorations and lights displayed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that parents are requested to keep their children below the age of 18 indoors after 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 “Mischief Night”.

RESOLUTION 2012-80

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TURNOVER OF UNCASHED FUNDS FOR BASS RIVER MUNICIPAL COURT—BAIL ACCOUNT TOTAL \$152.00

RESOLUTION 2012-81

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TURNOVER OF UNCASHED FUNDS
FOR BASS RIVER MUNICIPAL COURT—GENERAL ACCOUNT TOTAL \$5.00**

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolutions 2012-80 and 2012-81. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolutions 2012-80 and 2012-81 were hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2012-80

*Bail Account #*****22513*

<i>Check #363</i>	<i>\$150.00</i>	<i>Lun S. Li</i>	<i>9/12/2011</i>
<i>Check #440</i>	<i>\$1.00</i>	<i>Olga A. Simons</i>	<i>11/17/2011</i>
<i>Check #487</i>	<i>\$1.00</i>	<i>Edward A. Smith</i>	<i>1/30/2012</i>

Note: If persons come forward, they can receive the funds by making application to the Township.

RESOLUTION 2012-81

*Bail Account #*****22526*

<i>Check #145</i>	<i>\$1.00</i>	<i>Janice O'Brien</i>	<i>9/15/2011</i>
<i>Check #156</i>	<i>\$1.00</i>	<i>Crystal Scott</i>	<i>10/14/2011</i>
<i>Check #167</i>	<i>\$2.00</i>	<i>Michael Fenerstein</i>	<i>12/16/2011</i>
<i>Check #168</i>	<i>\$1.00</i>	<i>Lisa Brown</i>	<i>12/16/2011</i>

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OLD BUSINESS:

Burlington County Wastewater Management Plan was referred to the Township Solicitor for follow-up action. Solicitor O'Connor noted that the plan is now referred to Township Engineer, Kris Kluk to make sure it conforms to the master plan.

Junkyard Ordinance. Solicitor O'Connor will make a revision to the code preparing an amendment ordinance and move the application date to July 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

Best Practices Worksheet as prepared by Clerk for CY 2012 was reviewed by the Governing Body and noted for the public.

Senior Luncheon is scheduled for October 26th at the Grapevine.

REPORTS:

The following reports were noted.

Report of Solicitor
Report of Municipal Court
Dog Report

Report of State Police for the Month of August

Report of Safety Coordinator

Report of the Governing Body Members—Deputy Mayor Capriglione looked into the generator at the school. The engine is seized and is being worked on. It may take up to one year to make further repairs and attempt to save engine. If it can't be repaired then other options to be sought.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was open for public comment at 8:20 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All in favor.

Mrs. N. McCarten asked if a CERT Program course can be done here.

Mr. H. Bourguignon asked about funding for the park. Mayor stated that the parks are being funded by two different park grants awarded by Burlington County.

Mr. H. Rothschild asked if we need a quote for painting that the girl that painted the wall at the old Sims Mansion may be interested.

Mrs. N. McCarten wants something more attractive at the intersection of Route 9. This is private property.

Mr. B. Aaronson inquired about the New Gretna House sign. He noted it was ruled an illegal by a previous solicitor. Solicitor O'Connor to revisit the subject.

Mr. B. Aaronson asked why we are changing the Junkyard License application due date. Mayor stated it was being changed for water testing purposes and to include reference to the State Fire Code Inspections.

Mr. B. Aaronson commented on the Governor's push for shared services. Mr. Aaronson would like to see more caution with loss of local control.

Mr. R. Steele asked how much is the Township saving for construction services. Mayor will get the information. That information was not available at this moment.

Mr. K. Rose asked about the sign ordinance. In 1997 he went before the board and there was a sign ordinance.

Mr. R. Ireton stated that he believes that it was because the sign was grandfathered and painted it was allowed. However, if he tried to rent it out or repaint it that would be a change of use—referring to the New Gretna House sign.

Mr. B. Aaronson suggested going to the Pinelands Commission and requesting they change the zoning of the township center out of Pinelands Village Zone.

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 9:18 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 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Amanda S. Somes, RMC
Township Clerk

Deborah Buzby-Cope, Mayor