

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 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 November 5, 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 Commissioner Bourguignon to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$316,513.91. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve bills for payment. Votes: Cope –Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and bills were ordered paid.

R.R. PORTER	14818	-2775.00
NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	15009	-65.00
ESI EQUIPMENT INC	15025	119.80
A T & T	15026	39.70
BASS RIVER BD OF ED	15027	103247.83
PINELAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST	15028	151971.42
A T & T	15029	75.67
A T & T	15030	163.17
ACADEMY SECURITY	15031	60.00
AMANDA SOMES	15032	48.00
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	15033	4143.09
BURLINGTON COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER	15034	120.00
CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	15035	211.90
COMCAST	15036	102.20
DAVE'S SEPTIC	15037	340.00
EAGLESWOOD TWP.	15038	1000.00
EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES	15039	14660.00
EXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	15040	575.79
FIREFIGHTER ONE LLC	15041	558.00
FLEET FUELING	15042	999.46
GEORGE EMMER	15043	500.00
JERRY'S DIESEL & TRUCK REPAIR	15044	1683.51
KEVIN S. QUINLAN	15045	1000.00
LANGUAGE SERVICES ASSOCIATES	15046	12.60

MAILFINANCE	15047	570.00
MCAA OF NJ	15048	45.00
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	15049	313.00
MGS PROPANE	15050	152.16
MUNIDEX INC	15051	1659.86
NEW GRETNA VOL. FIRE CO.	15052	40.00
NJ DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY	15053	148.00
NJ LOGO WEAR	15054	54.47
OFFICE BASICS, INC	15055	344.54
PEGGY BECK	15056	516.32
POSTER COMPLIANCE CENTER	15057	69.00
RUSSELL P. CHERKOS ESQ.	15058	2250.00
SJCAA	15059	45.00
VERIZON	15060	568.15
VERIZON	15061	370.46
VERIZON WIRELESS	15062	134.56
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCOUNT	111512	16783.00
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCOUNT	112912	13658.25

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter received by Clerk to Deputy Mayor Capriglione was provided to Board for review.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE 2012-08
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS
RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW
JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR MUNICIPAL PARK
IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER RELATED
EXPENSES IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS
RIVER AND APPROPRIATING \$155,000
THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE
ISSUANCE OF \$147,250 IN BONDS OR NOTES TO
FINANCE THE SAME**

Mayor Cope read Ordinance 2012-08 by title. The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon and seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Ordinance 2012-08 upon second reading and open for public hearing. Comments heard: A question from a resident on what this ordinance was for. Mayor explained the intent of this ordinance would be to borrow money from our surplus to pay for outstanding professional fees not covered by the Park Grants such as engineering fees. The majority of the bond will be covered by the grant. Being no further comments, the motion to close the public hearing and to adopt Ordinance 2012-08 was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Ordinance 2012-08 was hereby approved.

ORDINANCE 2012-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR MUNICIPAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER RELATED EXPENSES IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER AND APPROPRIATING \$155,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$147,250 IN BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE SAME

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The several improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, in the COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, New Jersey (the "Township") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriations made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$155,000 including the aggregate sum of \$7,750 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments or otherwise provided for hereunder, negotiable bonds or notes are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$147,250 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds or notes, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds or notes are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefore, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

(a) (1) Purpose: Municipal Park Improvements

<u>Appropriation and Estimated Cost:</u>	\$ 155,000.00
<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes:</u>	\$ 147,250.00
<u>Period or Average Period of Usefulness:</u>	15 years
<u>Amount of Down Payment:</u>	\$ 7,750.00

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the several improvements or purposes is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the several improvements or purposes is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefore.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8(a). The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time, at not less than par and accrued interest, at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The capital budget (or temporary capital budget as applicable) of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. In the event of any such inconsistency and amendment, the resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget (or amended temporary capital budget as applicable) and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The several improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are improvements or purposes the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the costs thereof have been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the several improvements or purposes, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, computed on the basis of the respective amounts or obligations authorized for each improvement or purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 15.0 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$147,250.00 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$1,500 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the several improvements or purposes.

(e) The Township reasonably expects to commence the acquisition and/or construction of the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof, and to advance all or a portion of the costs in respect thereof, prior to the issuance of bonds or notes hereunder. To the extent such costs are advanced, the Township further reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures from the proceeds of the bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance, in an aggregate amount not to exceed the amount of bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof.

Section 7. Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 8. The full faith and credit of the Township is hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 9. The Township hereby covenants to take any action necessary or refrain from taking such action in order to preserve the tax-exempt status of the bonds and notes authorized hereunder as is or may be required under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder (the "Code"), including compliance with the Code with regard to the use, expenditure, investment, timely reporting and rebate of investment earnings as may be required thereunder.

Section 10. To the extent that any previous ordinance or resolution is inconsistent herewith or contradictory hereto, said ordinance or resolution is hereby repealed or amended to the extent necessary to make it consistent herewith.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

RESOLUTION 2012-90

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP PLANNING/ZONING BOARD FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2013

RESOLUTION 2012-90

BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP PLANNING/ZONING BOARD FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2013

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the "Annual Notice" Annual Schedule of Meetings for the Bass River Township Planning/Zoning Board of shall be reflected on the following schedule.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall transmit the Annual Schedule of Meetings to the Township's Official Newspapers, post a copy of said schedule on the Township bulletin board, and make copies available to the public for a fee.

On the following dates the Bass River Township Planning/Zoning Board of shall conduct official public meetings for the year 2013. Said meetings shall be held in the Township Municipal Building, 3 North Maple Avenue, New Gretna, New Jersey and shall commence at 7:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING DATES:

January 17th(Reorganization), February 21st, March 21st, April 18th, May 16th, June 20th, July 18th, August 15th, September 19th, October 17th, November 21st, December 19th, 2012

RESOLUTION 2012-91

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP ENVIROMENTAL COMMISSION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2013

RESOLUTION 2012-91

BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP ENVIROMENTAL COMMISSION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2013

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the "Annual Notice" Annual Schedule of Meetings for the Bass River Township Environmental Commission shall be reflected on the following schedule.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall transmit the Annual Schedule of Meetings to the Township's Official Newspapers, post a copy of said schedule on the Township bulletin board, and make copies available to the public for a fee.

- *President's Day* *Monday, February 18th*
- *Good Friday* *Friday, March 29th*
- *Memorial Day* *Monday, May 27th*
- *Independence Day* *Thursday, July 4th*
- *Labor Day* *Monday, September 2nd*
- *Columbus Day* *Monday, October 14th*
- *Veterans Day* *Monday, November 11th*
- *Thanksgiving Day* *Thursday, November 28th*
- *Day After Thanksgiving* *Friday, November 29th*
- *Christmas Day* *Wednesday, December 25th*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Township Offices and the Convenience Center is hereby closed on the aforementioned holidays for employees pursuant to Bass River Township Policy.

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolutions 2012-90, 2012-91, 2012-92 and 2012-93. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolutions 2012-90, 2012-91, 2012-21 and 2012-93 were hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2012-94

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFERS BETWEEN BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS DURING THE LAST TWO MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR AND THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THE ENSUING YEAR

The motion was made by Deputy Mayor Capriglione, seconded by Mayor Cope to approve Resolution 2012-94. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2012-94 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-94

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFERS BETWEEN BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS DURING THE LAST TWO MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR AND THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THE ENSUING YEAR.

WHEREAS, transfers are permitted between budget appropriations during the last two months for the fiscal year, and the first three months of the ensuing year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body, Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, New Jersey; that transfers between 2012 Budget Appropriations are made as follows:

<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
<i>Liability Insurance</i>	<i>\$1,250.00</i>	
<i>Municipal Prosecutor O.E.</i>	<hr style="width: 50px; margin: 0 auto;"/>	<u><i>\$ 1,250.00</i></u>
	<i>\$1,250.00</i>	<i>\$ 1,250.00</i>

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

- 1. That the Governing Body hereby authorizes the necessary transfers for the year 2012.*
- 2. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be kept on file at the Municipal Clerk's office and be forwarded to the Township's Certified Municipal Finance Officer.*

RESOLUTION 2012-95

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO EMPLOYEES FOR OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2012-95. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2012-95 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2012-95

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO EMPLOYEES FOR OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES

***WHEREAS**, from time to time Township Employees pay at their own expense equipment utilized to perform their duties for Bass River Township; and*

***WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners to reimburse for some of these expenses.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the CFO of the Township of Bass River is hereby directed to make payment to the following for expenses incurred for 2012*

<i>PEGGY BECK</i>	
<i>Municipal Court O/E</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the CFO for proper execution.*

RESOLUTION 2012-96

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS FOR MAINTENANCE FEES FOR 99 JERICHO ROAD (BLOCK 31, LOT 10.01)

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2012-96. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2012-96 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-96

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS FOR MAINTENANCE FEES FOR 99 JERICO ROAD (BLOCK 31, LOT 10.01)

WHEREAS, the owners, Kevin and Barbara Foder, of property located at 99 Jericho Road, Block 31, Lot 10.01, have found the maintenance fees imposed by ordinance to be a financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has made a recommendation to the Township Clerk to establish a payment plan for Mr. & Mrs. Foder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River in the County of Burlington that the Board of Commissioner that:

- 1. The maintenance fees for 99 Jericho Road be paid over a period of time.*
- 2. The first installment amount of \$120.00 is due no later than February 15th, 2013.*
- 3. Thereafter, the balance of \$20.00 shall be paid monthly to the Township Clerk no later than the 15th day of the month until the total amount of \$345.00 has been paid in full.*
- 4. In the event an installment amount has not been paid by the 15th day of the month, said payment will be considered delinquent and the total outstanding balance plus any outstanding interest, shall become due immediately. If said amount is not immediately paid, the property shall become subject to tax sale.*
- 5. A certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. & Mrs. Foder and the Tax Collector of Bass River Township.*

RESOLUTION 2012-97

A RESOLUTION WAIVING VARIOUS MUNICIPAL FEES TO REPAIR PROPERTY DAMAGE FROM SUPER STORM SANDY

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Mayor Cope to approve Resolution 2012-97. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Abstain, Bourguignon-Yes. Majority in favor and Resolution 2012-97 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2012-97

A RESOLUTION WAIVING VARIOUS MUNICIPAL FEES TO REPAIR PROPERTY DAMAGE FROM SUPER STORM SANDY

WHEREAS, beginning on October 28, 2012, and continuing through October 30, 2012, Super Storm Sandy struck the state of New Jersey with high winds and torrential rains; and

WHEREAS, Sandy produced unprecedented severe weather conditions, including enormous storm surges and devastating flooding; and

WHEREAS, Sandy has caused over seven million dollars in property damage to the Township of Bass River; and

WHEREAS, the Bass River Township Commissioners believe that it is necessary to take action to help the citizens of the Township with the financial strain of the devastation from Sandy; and

WHEREAS, many property owners in the Township of Bass River have experienced substantial damage as a result of Super Storm Sandy; and

WHEREAS, many property owners will need to obtain permits and inspections to repair the damage caused by Super Storm Sandy; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will waive its State permit surcharge fees pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.19(b) if the Township waives its municipal fees for permits and inspections to repair damage from Super Storm Sandy; and

WHEREAS, many property owners will also need to pay fees relative to zoning, to repair damage sustained from Super Storm Sandy; and

WHEREAS, the waiver of fees would only apply to the repair of storm damaged structures and not to the fees associated with the replacement of demolished structures; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River wishes to memorialize the waiver of Township fees for permits and inspections of emergency repair damage from Super Storm Sandy upon proof from the property owner or its designee that the repair work is related to damage from Super Storm Sandy, which will also permit the waiver of the State permit surcharge fees. Waiver of these fees shall be effective from October 31, 2012 until January 7, 2013.

WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River wishes to memorialize the waiver of Township fees relative to zoning procedures upon proof from the property owner or its designee that the work is related to Super Storm Sandy. Waiver of these fees shall be effective from October 31, 2012 to January 7, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. That the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Construction Official to waive the Bass River Township fees for permits and inspections to repair damage from Super Storm Sandy upon proof from the property owner or its designee that the repair is related to damage caused by Super Storm Sandy. This waiver of fees for permits and inspections shall be effective from October 31, 2012 to January 7, 2013.

2. That the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Township Zoning office to waive fees relative to zoning procedures upon proof from the property owner or its designee that the work to be performed is related to damage caused by Super Storm Sandy. This waiver of fees shall be effective from October 31, 2012 to January 7, 2013.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Bass River Township Board of Commissions held on the 3rd day of December, 2012.

RESOLUTION 2012-98

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BY LAWS OF THE BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2012-98. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2012-98 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2012-98

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BY LAWS OF THE BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCAGA), the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program and the Drug Enforcement Demand Reduction Fund (DEDR) were established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:2BB-1 and N.J.S.A. 2C:35-15; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River Board of Commissioners further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River is a member of the GCAGA through the Bass River Township Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Alliance Program Guidelines require that the Municipal Alliance Committee adopt Bylaws governing the organization; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, were duly adopted by the Bass River Township Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed the adopted Bylaws.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River that the current Bylaws of the Bass River Township Municipal Alliance Committee be and are hereby adopted and incorporated herein.

RESOLUTION 2012-99

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY OPPOSING S-2/A-1171

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2012-99. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione–Yes, Bourguignon–Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2012-99 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2012-99

A Resolution of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey Opposing S-2/A-1171

WHEREAS, S-2/A-1171 are meant to promote the more effective operation of local government and sharing of services among local units and

WHEREAS, initially S-2 removed or reduced many of the roadblocks that increase the costs of shared services – things like terminal leave, pay, civil service mandates, employee tenure requirements – many of the original provisions in the bill could reduce the costs and hurdles to shared services and consolidations, produce municipal savings and promote relief for our taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the recent amendments to S-2 removed many of the labor provisions that would have given municipalities tools to implement a shared service without the time consuming hurdles that diminished the savings and will now discourage shared services from a municipalities' perspective by continuing the hindrances imposed by Civil Service; and

WHEREAS, the amendments removed not only the preamble language that the bill would "supersedes existing Civil Service and tenure provisions" but also removed the suspension of Civil Service rules regarding layoff, transfer, seniority, testing, bumping rights and tenure; and

WHEREAS, the amendments would now require that any non civil service municipality who has a shared service agreement with civil service municipality serving as the Lead Agency be brought into the civil service system, thus expanding the civil service system; and

***WHEREAS**, the amendments would require that municipalities entering into the shared service agreement be subject to civil service rules and collective bargaining agreements for determining which employee stays, protects the seniority provisions removing management prerogative on retaining the best qualified and most efficient work force; and*

***WHEREAS**, the amendments would require that any contractual provision dispute be settled by mediation, or if necessary, arbitration which will impede the process from moving expeditiously and will not result in cost savings, which will likely result in mediation and arbitration becoming the norm thus leading to delays and additional cost; and*

***WHEREAS**, S-2 would, on the one hand, allow the voters to express their will; but on the other hand, inform those voters that they will lose their State Aid if their will does not comport with that of a majority of the appointed members of the Local Unit, Realignment and Consolidation Commissioner, (LUARCC); and*

***WHEREAS**, while we appreciate the consideration and acceptance of the amendments that would clarify the process, on balance, the benefits of those amendments are outweighed by the loss of the suspension of the Civil Service rules and regulations; and*

***WHEREAS**, S-2/A-1171 is based on the misconception that municipalities do not share services when in fact shared Services are not a new concept to municipalities, dating back well before the Interlocal Services Act of 1973;and*

***WHEREAS**, S-2/A-1171 is also based on the misconception that that smaller governments are less efficient and effective than larger ones, an assumption that is necessarily the case and contrary to lessons learned from recent events in which the municipal elected officials and professional were very effective in pooling their resources and responding quickly; and*

***WHEREAS**, there is no overnight cure to our property tax crisis and Shared services, consolidation or other cost saving measures are long-term actions where benefits/savings may not be seen for a number of years down the road;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the Township of Bass River, in the County of Burlington strongly opposes S-2/A-1171 not only on the issue of the voter penalty but on the loss of the Civil Service reform; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that S-2/A-1171 be reviewed by the Red Tape Review Commission, which has tirelessly worked to remove government hurdles, and the Civil Service Commission before the bill proceeds to ensure that the proposed amendments do not create additional Civil Service burdens and hurdles that further impede shared services and drive up cost; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, our State Legislators and the League of Municipalities.*

RESOLUTION 2012-100

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FULL REINSTATEMENT AND PERMANENT OPEN SPACE PILOT FUNDING

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2012-100. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2012-100 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2012-100

**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 Payments 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 Payments 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 meet 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 Bass River Township 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, BUT 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 Martin, Community Affairs Commissioner Richard E. Constable III, (our State Senator LoBiondo, our Representative in the General Assembly Lautenberg and Mendendez,) to the representatives of the (Legislators of your district) and to the New Jersey Leagues of Municipalities

RESOLUTION 2012-101

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR BASS
RIVER TOWNSHIP, BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, DATED
DECEMBER 2012**

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2012-101. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2012-101 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2012-101

***RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP,
BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, DATED DECEMBER 2012***

WHEREAS, the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners, pursuant to the recommendation of the Township Engineer, find that there is a need to modify the Bass River Township Zoning Map as it currently exists to incorporate zoning changes that have occurred; and

WHEREAS, the Bass River Township Engineer, Kluk Consultants, reviewed the Township of Bass River's Zoning Map and made required amendments thereto and has recommended the Zoning Map attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Commissioners have expressed support for the adoption of the revised Zoning Map prepared by Kluk Consultants, dated December, 2012 entitle Official Zoning Map for Bass River Township Burlington County, New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners that the Official Zoning Map dated December, 2012, prepared by Kluk Consultants, is hereby adopted as the official Zoning Map of the Township of Bass River.

REPORTS:

The following reports were noted.

Report of Solicitor

Report of Municipal Court

Dog Report

Report of Safety Coordinator

Mayor Cope thanked the Burlington County Board of Freeholders for providing the dumpsters and the Burlington County Board of Health for the water testing.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Cope presented several members of the public with special certificates of appreciation for volunteer work done during the year on behalf of the township and the residents.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was open for public comment at 7:45 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All in favor.

Mr. L. Assur thanked the officials for all the efforts during the storm.

Mrs. R. Bourguignon thanked Mayor for all the efforts during the storm.

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 portion was closed at 7:57 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 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Amanda S. Somes, RMC
Township Clerk

Deborah Buzby-Cope, Mayor