

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING OF TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014**

Mayor Cope called the special meeting of the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners to order at 6:00 p.m. Present at meeting were: Mayor Deborah Buzby-Cope and Commissioner Louis Bourguignon and Deputy Mayor Nicholas Capriglione. Also present was Clerk Amanda Somes and Township Auditor Kevin Frenia. Meeting was noticed in accordance with state statute; however, no public attended this meeting.

FLAG SALUTE

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 2014-03

CALENDAR YEAR 2014

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION
LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

Mayor Cope introduced Ordinance 2014-03 by Title only. The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Mayor Cope to approve Ordinance 2014-03 upon first reading by title only. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Ordinance 2014-03 was hereby approved upon first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be scheduled for the May regular meeting.

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CALENDAR YEAR 2014

***ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)***

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to .5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River in the County of Burlington finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2014 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby determines that a 3% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$ 27,953 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

***WHEREAS** the Board of Commissioners hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.*

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, in the County of Burlington, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2014 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Bass River shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$ 32,612, and that the CY 2014 municipal budget for the Township of Bass River be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,*

***BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,*

***BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,*

***BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.*

NEW BUSINESS:

2014 Municipal Budget:

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Mayor Cope to introduce the 2014 Municipal Budget by Title. Public hearing and possible adoption is scheduled for the July 7, 2014 regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and 2014 Municipal Budget was hereby approved by Title.

2014 Municipal Budget

of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington
for the fiscal year 2014.

Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2014	2013
1. Surplus	345,000	350,000
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	472,690	575,212
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	125,000	125,000
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	210,656	203,750
b) Minimum Library Tax	0	0
Tot Amt to be Raised by Taxes for Sup of Muni Bud	210,656	203,750
Total General Revenues	1,153,346	1,253,962

Summary of Appropriations	2014 Budget	Final 2013 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	370,247	370,300

Other Expenses	520,950	597,350
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	76,032	71,712
3. Capital Improvements	0	0
4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)	9,400	9,600
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	176,717	205,000
Total General Appropriations	1,153,346	1,253,962
Total Number of Employees		

Balance of Outstanding Debt		
	General	
Interest	0	
Principal	9,400	
Outstanding Balance	123,925	

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Township Council of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington on April 22, 2014.

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on June 2, 2013 at 7:00 o'clock PM at which time and place objections to the Budget and tax Resolution for the year 2014 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the budget are available in the office of the Township Clerk, Amanda Somes at the Municipal Building, 3 North Maple Avenue, New Gretna, NJ 08224 609-296-3337 during the hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The motion to open the meeting for public comment was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Mayor Cope. Being no public comment the motion to close the public portion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Mayor Cope. All in favor. Meeting was closed to the public.

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 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Amanda S. Somes, RMC
Township Clerk