

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2017**

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

Deputy Mayor Capriglione led the flag salute and read the sunshine statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the regular meeting of July 10, 2017 were presented to the Board for review. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. Votes: Cope-Abstain, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and minutes of the July 10, 2017 regular meeting were hereby approved.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The motion was made by Mayor Cope to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$212,931.92. 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.

		\$
AK INDUSTRIES	FIBERGLASS LIDS	357.09
ATLANTIC CITY		\$
ELECTRIC	ELECTRICITY JUNE/JULY 2017	2,347.10
		\$
A T & T	ALL IN ONE JUNE 2017	390.91
		\$
		123,725.0
BASS RIVER BD OF ED	LOCAL SCHOOL TAX 8/7/17	0
		\$
BEACONS	PUBLIC NOTICE & ORDINANCE	68.60
		\$
BILMARK PLUMBING & HEATING	COOLING SYSTEM REPAIRS	328.51
BURL CO TREAS,		\$
LANDFILL	JULY 2017 TIPPING FEES	2,837.49
		\$
BURLINGTON COUNTY CLERK	ANNUAL SOFTWARE FEES FIRE CO.	930.00
		\$
BURLINGTON COUNTY CLERK	DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES	24.00
CASA PAYROLL		\$
SERVICES	JULY 2017 PAYROLL SERVICES	227.00
		\$
CAUSEWAY FORD	PARTS	140.80
		\$
CHRISTOPHER NORMAN, ESQ.	MTG. ATTENDANCE 7/20/17	300.00
CHRISTOPHER NORMAN, ESQ.	ALLEN'S DOCK RESERVE	\$

		1,002.50
		\$
CHRISTOPHER NORMAN, ESQ.	ESCROW	681.50
		\$
CINTAS	UNIFORMS SERVICING	433.70
		\$
COMCAST	SERVICE 7/19/17 - 8/18/17	105.00
DANTE GUZZI ENGINEERING ASSOC.	ENGINEERING SERVICES	4,589.93
DANTE GUZZI ENGINEERING ASSOC.	ESCROW	296.00
		\$
DAVE'S SEPTIC	PUMP OUTS & REPAIRS	1,450.00
READYREFRESH BY NESTLE	SERVICE 6/1/17 - 6/30/17	41.32
		\$
FIRE APPARATUS REPAIR, INC.	REPAIR TRUCKS	1,788.22
		\$
FIRE APPARATUS REPAIR, INC.	REPAIR TRUCKS	6,518.75
		\$
GOLDENBERG MACKLER SAYEGH GREAT BAY REGIONAL EMS	JULY 2017 SERVICES	1,416.49
		\$
	1ST 1/2 AID 2017	6,000.00
		\$
HOME DEPOT	SUPPLIES	390.38
		\$
JERSEY SHORE RESTROOMS, LLC JOHNSON & TOWERS INC.	PORT A POTS 8/4/17 - 8/31/17	170.00
		\$
	PARTS & REPAIRS TRUCK 4216	2,834.49
		\$
KEVIN S. QUINLAN	JULY 2017 PROSECUTIONS	2,400.00
		\$
KEYPORT ARMY NAVY	CLOTHING PUBLIC WORKS	1,055.72
		\$
LORCO PETROLEUM SERVICES	USED OIL REMOVAL	175.00
		\$
NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS	489.05
		\$
NEW JERSEY DIV ABC	LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL	9.00
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS	NATURAL GAS 6/14/17 - 5/12/17 - 6/14/17 7/13/17	\$
		183.68
		\$
OFFICE BASICS, INC. PARKERTOWN CAR CARE	OFFICE SUPPLIES	597.83
		\$
	TIRE REPAIR	45.09
		\$
PEGGY BECK	BANK MILEAGE JULY 2017	53.04
RUMPH REID & DOLCY	PUBLIC DEFENDER 7/10/17	750.00
SETON IDENTIFICATION PRODUCTS	PUBLIC WORKS SUPPLIES	42.05
SOUTH JERSEY WELL DRILLING CO.	WELL & HOLDING TANK	5,895.00
		\$
STAPLES INC	PRINTER - TIM LOVINGHAM	251.46
STATE OF NJ DIV EMPLOYER ACCTS	QRTY SHORTAGE, CURRENT ASSESSMENT & REIM.	3,387.79
		\$
TRANSFORMATION ENTERPRISES	JULY 2017 ROLL-OFF	3,880.00
		\$
TREAS STATE NJ DEP REVENUE TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	ANNUAL TORCH PERMIT	42.00
		\$
TUCKERTON BOROUGH	2ND QTR 2017 MARRIAGE LICENSES	25.00
		\$
	CAMERA & SEWER COSTS	119.00

UNIVERSAL COMPUTING SERVICES	MESSAGE / MAILERS	\$ 272.50
VERIZON	MUNI. PHONES JUNE 2017	\$ 633.72
VERIZON	CRAMER CELL	\$ 39.20
WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP	METER SERVICE PLANS	\$ 522.00
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL 7/20/17	\$ 16,136.15
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL 8/3/17	\$ 15,963.43
HASLER, INC.	POSTAGE JULY 2017	\$ 569.43
Total		\$ 212,931.92

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2017-62

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RATES FOR THE 2017 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 2017-62. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2017-62 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2017-62

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RATES FOR THE 2017 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 this 7th day of August 2017 that the following pay rate is hereby established for the 2017 calendar year and set as follows pursuant to Salary Ordinance.

OFFICE/EMPLOYEE NAME	TITLE	SALARY
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND FINANCE		
Stanley, Albert	QPA	\$1,000.00/Annum
<i>Affective August 1, 2017</i>		

RESOLUTION 2017-63

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IN REM FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2017-63. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and Resolution 2017-63 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2017-63

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IN REM FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River has appointed the law firm of Goldberg, Mackler of Northfield, New Jersey as In Rem Counsel under Resolution No 2015-52; and

WHEREAS, the Township has entered into an Agreement with Keith Bonchi, Esq. of Goldberg, Mackler to perform said In Rem services on behalf of the Township of Bass River; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners authorizes Keith Bonchi, Esq. of Goldberg, Mackler to begin In Rem foreclosure proceedings on the below listed properties:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Assessed to:</u>
50	2	Rauscher, Betty C. & Edward, h/w
63	34	Cramer, Estate of Joseph c/o Bourguignon UNKNOWN OWNER
76	4.E	Recon Investment Group, LLC
76	4.F	Bragg, Donald & Theresa; Recon Investment Group, LLC
77	56	Pfeuffer, Philip P. and Maria A. h/w
78	27	Shea, James c/o Heagney & Lennon Shea, James T.
103	187	Crawford, Robert
103	197	Logan, George
103	211	Crawford, Robert
115	29	Miller, Howard

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River that Keith Bonchi, Esq will proceed with the In Rem Foreclosure proceedings for the above captioned properties.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Junkyard License Renewal and Public Hearing—Cramer’s Junkyard.
The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to open meeting for public hearing on renew of license for Cramer’s Junkyard. All in favor and meeting was open for public comment. Comments heard: C. Bitzberger asked about the front of the junkyard and the cars in front of fence and on

side yard of Tom Cramer and of side yard of junkyard property. Deputy Mayor Capriglione said part of this location is not part of the license property and therefore not part of the renewal process. It is not part of the junkyard. It is part of the owners' private property. W. Aaronson said the adjacent property owned by Mr. Cramer is common ownership and should be cleaned up as with the junkyard in the spirit of complying with the law and the license should not be renewed under the current condition until owner brings properties into compliance with the ordinance. Mrs. Koteles said that the junkyard has been there since 1954 with no change. She added that this is a salvage yard. It's not going to be pretty. Solicitor said that all salvage-junk and rubbish must be behind fence of the junkyard property (licensed property). Ms. Bitzberger said she has been a resident of the town for 23 years and as you go by you look at it and it looks disastrous and you don't want to see a mess like that. She has been past other junkyards and they don't have things piled up outside the fence. Mayor requested that Mr. Cramer address the situation. He agreed. Ashley Quinn said the public should respect and appreciate this business. It's been a good business for many years. Mr. Aaronson said a bull dozer sitting in front of the wall for a long time. A trailer from Cummings Construction in front of the fence and a trailer full of cars in front of the fence. It is in violation of the current law and impacts property values of the township. The motion to close the public hearing was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All in favor and meeting was closed for public comment on junkyard license. The motion was made by Deputy Mayor Capriglione, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve the renewal of the junkyard license for Cramer's Junkyard on the condition the trailer for Cummings, trash, rubbish are removed and placed behind the fence. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and License was renewed for Cramer's with noted conditions.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Campground License Renewals:
 - a. AC North Campground
 - b. Pilgrim Lake Campground

The motion to approve licenses for the above-mentioned campgrounds was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All present in favor and licenses were hereby renewed.

2. Best Practices Work Sheet was made available for public and reviewed by the Board. Score was 92%. No state aid to be withheld. Copy of the work sheet would be available on the Township Website for review.

REPORTS:

The following reports were noted.

Report of Solicitor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was open for public comment at 7:57 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All present in favor.

Tom Williams the representative for Bass River to the Pinelands Regional BOE was available to take questions from the public. Ms. Assur asked about the referendum voting hours. Mr. Williams said it was advertised according to statute. Present at a meeting of the Township Board and mentioned it. Board of Elections follows state laws and it is not up to the BOE.

Mr. Aaronson asked if the referendum pass in Bass River Township. Mr. Williams said yes it did.

Deputy Mayor said it would have been more forthright to say that the tax increase for the project would be on top of the usual increase by the BOE for the cost of operations.

Ms. Lamson said the reflections garden at the park would be holding an annual fund raiser for Cancer called the Undies Walk. It would be held on the 26th and would cost a \$25.00 donation.

Mr. Assur commented on the financial woes in the township. Last month discussed addressing the Pinelands Commission regarding removing Bass River Township from the Pinelands Preservation Zone. Should not utilize the Parkway as a delineator. It should be moved further south. Some of the restrictions imposed by the Pinelands Commission should be removed.

Tom Williams on behalf of the Old Home Society thanked the Board for the donation of geraniums for the cemeteries in the Township for the veterans.

Carol Bitzberger said the campgrounds with permanent residents should be assessed. Mayor to discuss with Jay Renwick next week.

Ms. Bitzberger asked the Commissioners to look into minimum salary wage for DPW workers in the Township \$10-\$12.00 per hour to start. Has the Board made any further consideration on the matter? Mayor said not at this time.

Mr. Aaronson feels the township is under assessed and feels a town wide reassessment is needed.

Be 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 8:51 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 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Amanda S. Somes, RMC Township Clerk