

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019**

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 February 4, 2019 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-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. Minutes of the February 4, 2019 regular meeting were hereby approved.

Minutes of the executive session of February 4, 2019 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-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. Minutes of the February 4, 2019 executive session were hereby approved.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The motion was made by Mayor Cope to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$201,181.93. 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.

ACADEMY SECURITY	ALARM MONITORING 3/1 - 5/31	\$ 87.00
ACE OUTDOOR POWER EQUIP.3	SUPPLIES	\$ 141.11
ACUA	WATER TESTING	\$ 471.05
A.F.D. TITLE COMPANY, INC.	TITLE WORK	\$ 780.00
AMANDA SOMES	JIF MEETING MILEAGE	\$ 64.00
AMANDA SOMES	REIM. PICTURE TOWN HALL	\$ 23.99
ARTCRAFT SIGN STUDIO	REPLACEMENT SIGN	\$ 620.00
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	ELECTRICITY JAN/FEB 2019	\$ 2,767.75
A T & T	ALL IN ONE JAN. 2019	\$ 60.88
BASS RIVER BD OF ED	LOCAL SCHOOL TAX 3/6/19	\$ 126,200.00

BASS RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	BRES YEAR BOOK AD 2019	\$ 90.00
BELLIA TECH, LLC	TECH SUPPORT JAN. 2019	\$ 69.38
BURLINGTON COUNTY BCIT	TRAINING SAFETY OFFICER	\$ 30.00
BURL CO TREAS, LANDFILL	TIPPING FEES FEB. 2019	\$ 3,748.50
CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	FEB. 2019 PAYROLL	\$ 239.00
CHRIS NORMAN, ESQ.	MASTER PLAN WORK	\$ 449.50
CINTAS	SUPPLIES SERVICE 2/19/19 - 3/18/19	\$ 144.92
COMCAST READYREFRESH BY NESTLE	SERVICE JAN. 2019	\$ 108.00
FIRE APPARATUS REPAIR, INC.	REPAIRS INV. #14655	\$ 20.77
FIREFLOW SERVICES, INC.	HOSE TESTING	\$ 855.92
GANN LAW BOOKS	NJ 2019 POLICE MANUAL UPCHARGE	\$ 1,208.00
GOLDENBERG MACKLER SAYEGH	TTL WORK	\$ 5.00
HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON, P.C.	PROGRESS BILLING AUDIT 2018 PORT A POT OAK LANE 2/15/19 - 3/14/19	\$ 459.93
JERSEY SHORE RESTROOMS, LLC		\$ 8,000.00
KEVIN S. QUINLAN	FEB. 2019 PROSECUTIONS	\$ 85.00
LANGUAGE SERVICES	SERVICES JAN. 2019	\$ 1,600.00
LOCKING SECURITY MAILBOX LLC	LOCK BOX WITH KEY	\$ 10.50
MAILFINANCE	LEASE 12/12 - 3/11	\$ 251.99
MICROSYSTEMS-NJ.COM, LLC	ASSESSOR SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE	\$ 552.00
MR. BOB'S	PORT A POTS 1/29/19 - 2/25/19	\$ 1,400.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS	PARTS NATURAL GAS 1/11/19 - 2/13/19	\$ 236.80
OFFICE BASICS, INC. PEGGY BECK	OFFICE & HOUSEKEEPING SUPPLIES BANK MILEAGE FEB. 2019	\$ 21.99
PETER C. LANGE	LEGAL SERVICES NOV., DEC. & JAN.	\$ 936.09
RUMPF REID & DOLCY	PUBLIC DEFENDER 1/7/19 & 2/11/19	\$ 234.93
SJCAA	2019 MEMBER DUES	\$ 61.20
S&J DIESEL REPAIR LLC	REPAIRS 2001 F550	\$ 7,056.00
TRANSFORMATION ENTERPRISES	JAN. 2019 ROLL-OFF STORM WATER DRAIN REPAIRS AT BRES	\$ 1,500.00
TUCKERTON BOROUGH		\$ 45.00
UNIVERSAL COMPUTING SERVICES	MESSAGE/MAILERS, NOTICES	\$ 237.58
VERIZON	PHONES JAN/FEB 2019	\$ 5,215.00
		\$ 548.00
		\$ 284.48
		\$ 733.63

VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL CRAMER 1/24 - 2/23	\$ 42.21
WALMART COMMUNITY/SYNCB	SUPPLIES	\$ 7.70
WEX BANK	FUEL JAN. 2019	\$ 1,429.00
BASS RIVER PAYROLL		\$
ACCT	PAYROLL 2/14/19	15,543.60
BASS RIVER PAYROLL		\$
ACCT	PAYROLL 2/28/19	15,871.83
HASLER, INC.	FEB. 2019 POSTAGE	\$ 632.70
	TOTAL	\$ 201,181.93

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2019-25

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTIES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a) OF THE LOCAL LANDS AND BUILDINGS LAW

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2019-25. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2019-25 was hereby approved.

BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION 2019-25

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTIES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a) OF THE LOCAL LANDS AND BUILDINGS LAW

WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River is the owner of certain lands within the Township which were acquired through the In-Rem foreclosure process; and

WHEREAS, the Township Commissioners have determined that these properties are not needed for public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Properties were listed for public auction pursuant to the provisions of New Jersey Local Finance Notice 2008-9 and N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River received bids for the sale of certain pieces of property listed for public auction.

WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River has accepted submitted bids for the sale of certain property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the below bids for the purchase of certain property are accepted:

Block 56 Lot 21 Bid amount: \$2,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract for the sale of land, as well as any other related documents necessary and incidental to the sale of property.

RESOLUTION 2019-26

AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2019 TEMPORARY BUDGET

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2019-26. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2019-26 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2019-26

AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2019 TEMPORARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-19 provided that the governing body shall make appropriations to provide for the period between the beginning of the fiscal year and the adoption of the budget and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this resolution is prior to April 30 of the 2019 budget year; and

WHEREAS, the total of the attached temporary appropriations do not exceed 35% total of all budget appropriations of the preceding (2018) year budget less appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, deferred charges and capital improvement fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following temporary budget be approved for the Township of Medford Current Fund Budget Appropriations:

<i>Account Description</i>	<i>Account Number</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>9-01-20-130-002</i>	<i>Financial Admin OE</i>	<i>2,000.00</i>
<i>9-01-20-135-002</i>	<i>Audit Services</i>	<i>8,000.00</i>
<i>9-01-20-142-002</i>	<i>Liquidation of TTL & Forc</i>	<i>1,000.00</i>
<i>9-01-20-150-002</i>	<i>Tax Assessment OE</i>	<i>1,400.00</i>
<i>9-01-20-155-002</i>	<i>Legal Services OE</i>	<i>8,000.00</i>
<i>9-01-21-180-002</i>	<i>Planning Board OE</i>	<i>1,000.00</i>
<i>9-01-23-225-002</i>	<i>Unemployment Compensation</i>	<i>300.00</i>
<i>9-01-31-460-002</i>	<i>Gasoline</i>	<i>1,000.00</i>
<i>9-01-43-490-002</i>	<i>Municipal Court OE</i>	<i>8,000.00</i>
<i>Total Current Fund Appropriations</i>		<i>\$30,700</i>

RESOLUTION 2019-27

**Awarding Contract for the Amasa Landing Road Boat Ramp Phase II
Project in the Township of Bass River, Burlington County, New
Jersey**

The motion was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione to approve Resolution 2019-27. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2019-27 was hereby approved.

TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER

Resolution 2019-27

*Awarding Contract for the Amasa Landing Road Boat Ramp Phase II Project in the Township of
Bass River, Burlington County, New Jersey*

WHEREAS, *the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River have received sealed proposals for the furnishing and installation of a concrete cable boat ramp for the Amasa Landing Road Boat Ramp project in the Township of Bass River, Burlington County, New Jersey; and*

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 states that a contract, the cost of which would exceed \$17,500.00 in a fiscal year, shall be awarded only after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore; and*

WHEREAS, *there has been public advertisement for bids and the Township Clerk has received and opened bids on February 27, 2019 for the purpose of awarding a contract for the aforementioned boat ramp installation at Amasa Landing Road; and*

WHEREAS, *the Township’s engineer and Township solicitor have reviewed the bids and determined the three (3) lowest bids to be in conformance with the bid specifications and has advised that a certain entity is the lowest qualified responsible bidder for said contract and has recommended that the Municipality award said contract or reject the bids within sixty (60) days as required by N.J.S.A. 10A: 11-4; and*

WHEREAS, *the Township’s Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are sufficient funds available for the purpose of awarding a contract to said entity and his certification being attached hereto and made a part hereof.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, as follows:*

1. *That the Chief Financial Officer has declared that there are sufficient funds available for the aforesaid purpose, and that the Board of Commissioners hereby directs that the hereinafter expenditure be charged against such funds.*
2. *That the Board of Commissioners, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that Ramson, Inc. d/b/a ATLANTIC MARINE CONSTRUCTION, located at P.O. Box 924, Cape May Court House, NJ is the lowest qualified bidder for the aforementioned contract and hereby awards a contract to Ramson d/b/a Atlantic Marine Construction for the aforesaid purpose in the amount of Ninety One Thousand Five Hundred (\$91,500.00) Dollars in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Bid Proposal, the Notice to Bidders and Specifications, copies of which are on file in the Office of the Township Clerk and available for public inspection during regular business hours.*

3. *That the award to Ramson, Inc., d/b/a Atlantic Marine Construction, is consistent with the legal requirements of the lowest responsible bidder, which conforms, to all specification requirements and applicable statutory provisions.*
4. *That the Board of Commissioners hereby directs the Township Clerk to return the bid securities to the unsuccessful bidders in accordance with NJSA 40A: 11-4.*
5. *That the Board of Commissioners does hereby direct the Township Mayor and Clerk to execute any contract documents which are necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution which shall be prepared by or reviewed by the Office of the Township Attorney.*

RESOLUTION 2019-28

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED STATE ACTION TO CLEARCUT TREES AT THE FIRE TOWER LOCATED ON EAST GREENBUSH ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2019-27. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2019-27 was hereby approved.

BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED STATE ACTION TO CLEARCUT TREES AT THE FIRE TOWER LOCATED ON EAST GREENBUSH ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER

WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River Board of Commissioners has been notified by the State of New Jersey Forest Fire Service (NJFFS) that the State Department of Environmental protection will be resubmitting the application to the Pinelands Commission for the proposed clear-cutting of more than sixteen (16) acres of trees located at and near the fire tower on East Greenbush Road (known as clear cutting); and

WHEREAS, there are alternatives available to clear cutting the trees, by way of newer technology such as digital cameras, global positioning systems and drones; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds that this State action could result in significant administrative and undue safety burdens on the Township; and

WHEREAS, the proposed clear cutting could pose a risk to residents of Bass River Township and property and will result in an unsightly general appearance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River that the New Jersey Forest Fire Service is strongly urged to reject the proposed action to clear

cut trees near the Fire tower located at East Greenbush Road, in the Township of Bass River.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey Forest Fire Service for its records.

REPORTS:

The following reports were noted.

Report of Solicitor

Report of Municipal Court

Mr. Williams provided a verbal report with regard to Pinelands Regional HS

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 present in favor.

Mr. Carl Swanseen asked about the movement of the preservation line for the pinelands. Mayor said it was submitted as part of the master plan to the Pinelands Commission.

Mr. Carl Swanseen said the Forest Fire Service has said that the Fire Towers are reportedly good forever. The other idea would be to move the fire tower which would cost approximately \$70,000. This may be an additional option for them consider.

Mike Fitzgerald of the New Gretna Fire Company said on March 30th there will be a large drill in town. This will include a lot of apparatus from other towns.

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 8:10 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The motion to enter into executive session was made by Commissioner Bourguignon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Capriglione. All in favor and Board went into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. and entered regular session at 8:28 p.m.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., it is necessary to convene an executive session to discuss items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b), specifically:

1. Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiation, Personnel matters and the Attorney-Client Privilege

a. Squad 85

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is anticipated that the deliberation conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Governing Body that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality and if not then legally privileged.

ACTION TAKEN UPON ENTERING BACK INTO REGULAR MEETING:

None

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 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Amanda S. Somes, RMC
Township Clerk