

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020**

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 Louis Bourguignon and Commissioner Nicholas Capriglione. Also present Township Clerk Amanda Somes and Solicitor Joanne O’Connor. Members of the public were present at this meeting. Please note: Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, this month’s Township Meeting is being conducted telephonically and live.

**FLAG SALUTE**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the regular meeting of September 14, 2020 were presented to the Board for review. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon, seconded by Commissioner Capriglione. Votes: Cope-Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. Minutes of the September 14, 2020 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 **\$160,500.89**. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon to approve bills for payment. Votes: Cope –Yes, Capriglione-Yes on all bills with exception of \$175.00 payable to NFPA--Abstain, Bourguignon-Yes on all bills with exception of \$35.72 payable to Sally Bourguignon--Abstain. All in favor and bills were ordered paid.

		\$
ACE OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT 3	SUPPLIES	1,058.52
		\$
AMANDA SOMES	REIMBURSE FOR ZOOM MEETING PROGRAM	15.98
		\$
ANIMAL CAPTURE & CONTROL	3RD QTR 2020 ANIMAL CONTROL	960.00
		\$
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	ELECTRICITY PARTIAL 9/2020	2,271.98
		\$
A T & T	ALL IN ONE AUG. 2020	64.08
		\$
BAGEL GOURMET	FOOD FOR FLU CLINIC	198.00
		\$
BASS RIVER BD OF ED	LOCAL SCHOOL TAX 10/5/20	96,407.08
		\$
BASS RIVER DISBURSEMENT ACCT	CLOSING ESCROWS	23,508.28
	TECH SUPPORT AUG.	\$
BELLIA TECH, LLC	2020	373.49
		\$
BURL CO TREAS, LANDFILL	TIPPING FEES SEPT. 2020	5,626.53
	TAX SALE CERTIFICATE	\$
BURLINGTON COUNTY CLERK	FILE	39.00
		\$
CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	#20 PAYROLL SERVICES	135.00

CINTAS	SUPPLIES	\$ 105.00
COMCAST	SERVICE 9/19/20 - 10/18/20	\$ 109.00
DANTE GUZZI ENGINEERING ASSOC.	REX ESCROW INV. #2009101	\$ 216.00
DANTE GUZZI ENGINEERING ASSOC.	ENGINEERING SERVICES	\$ 5,825.35
DAVE'S SEPTIC	PUMP OUT 320 ASH & LEACH FIELD	\$ 680.00
HOME DEPOT	SUPPLIES	\$ 256.02
KEVIN S. QUINLAN	SEPTEMBER 2020 PROSECUTIONS	\$ 1,600.00
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	COMMISSIONERS MIN. BOOKS	\$ 332.00
MR. BOB'S	PORT A POTS 9/16/20 - 10/7/20	\$ 461.80
NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS	\$ 41.01
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS	NATURAL GAS 8/10 - 9/11	\$ 102.00
NFPA	NFPA MEMBER RENEWAL	\$ 175.00
OFFICE BASICS, INC.	OFFICE & HOUSEKEEPING SUPPLIES	\$ 46.14
PEGGY BECK	BANK MILEAGE & SUPPLIES	\$ 55.18
RUMPF REID & DOLCY	PUBLIC DEFENDER 9/14/20	\$ 750.00
RUTGERS CTR FOR GOVT. SERVICES	REGISTRATION L. GODFREY	\$ 877.00
SALLY BOURGUIGNON	SUPPLIES FOR FLU CLINIC CAMER SERVICE 9/1 - 8/31	\$ 35.72
VECTOR SECURITY		\$ 127.95
VERIZON	PHONES AUG/SEPT 2020	\$ 534.32
WALMART COMMUNITY/SYNCB	SUPPLIES	\$ 245.33
WEX BANK	FUEL SEPTEMBER 2020	\$ 854.99
BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL 9/24/20 POSTAGE SEPTEMBER 2020	\$ 15,729.84
HASLER, INC.		\$ 683.30
	TOTAL	\$ 160,500.89

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION 2020-63**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITIZENS, RESIDENTS, AND VISITORS OF BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP TO END HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREATING AT 9:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2020 AND TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN BELOW THE AGE OF 18 INDOORS AFTER 9:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2020 "MISCHIEF NIGHT"**

The motion was made by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon, seconded by Commissioner Capriglione to approve Resolution 2020-63. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2020-63 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 meeting held on the 5<sup>TH</sup> day of October, 2020, that the citizens, residents, and visitors of Bass River Township be requested to end their trick-or-treating at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2020, 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 Friday, October 30, 2020 “Mischief Night”.*

**RESOLUTION 2020-64**

**AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THE AMASA LANDING ROAD BOAT RAMP  
FLOATING DOCK PROJECT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, BURLINGTON  
COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Capriglione to approve Resolution 2020-64. Votes: Cope–Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2020-64 was hereby approved.

**TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER  
Resolution 2020-64**

**AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THE AMASA LANDING ROAD BOAT RAMP FLOATING DOCK  
PROJECT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River have received a proposal for the furnishing and installation of a floating dock 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:11-12a authorizes the Township to contract with certain approved State of New Jersey vendors without the need for public advertising for bids and bidding therefore; and

**WHEREAS**, EZ Dock South, Inc. is an approved New Jersey State vendor under contract # 030117-LTS and has submitted a proposal for the furnishing and installation of the aforementioned floating dock; and

**WHEREAS**, conditioned upon the approval of the Township engineer, the Board of Commissioners will enter into a contract with EZ Dock South, Inc. for the furnishing and installation of a floating dock for the Amasa Landing Boat Ramp.

**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 Board of Commissioners hereby awards a contract to EZ Dock South, Inc. of 1300 Stagecoach Road, Ocean View, NJ 08230 for the aforesaid purpose in the amount of FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX and 75/100 (\$52,256.75) DOLLARS.
2. 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.

**REPORTS:**

The following reports were noted and provided:

- a. Solicitor's Report—It was reported that the block 31 bundle sale is having difficulty completing the sale due to the fact that it is difficult to get the title work done.

Block 37 Lot 18 and 19 sale. The bidder is requesting the price of the property be renegotiated. The property is not worth the asking price because with the setbacks, no development will be possible. The info will be sent to the Board.

- b. Municipal Court Report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The 2020 Best Practices Inventory was completed and submitted to the State. The Town scored 20.50=no aid withheld.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The meeting was open for public comment at 7:20 p.m. upon a motion by Deputy Mayor, Bourguignon seconded by Commissioner Capriglione. All present in favor.

Mrs. Assur asked about the upcoming election. The Clerk provided an explanation on the procedures that will be in place. Mrs. Assur asked if the Township would be acquiring the school building. Mayor said this is yet to be determined.

Mr. Swanssen said that at the last meeting Bass River BOE member stated that the Township would have to pay fair market value for the school. Mayor said this would have to be determined and decided upon. Mr. Swanssen is concerned over the census with regard to different zip codes. Mayor to follow up with County Rep. for the Census.

Be no further comments, the motion to close the public portion was made by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon, seconded by Commissioner Capriglione. All in favor and public portion was closed at 7:32 p.m.

Being no further business to come before the Board the motion to adjourn was made by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon, seconded by Commissioner Capriglione. All in favor and meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Amanda S. Somes, RMC, Township Clerk