MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021

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. <u>Please note:</u> Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, this month's Township Meeting is being conducted telephonically.

FLAG SALUTE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the regular meeting of January 4, 2021 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 January 4, 2021 regular meeting were hereby approved.

BILLS LIST:

The motion was made by Mayor Cope to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$376816.40. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Capriglione to approve bills for payment. Votes: Cope –Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and bills were ordered paid.

		\$
ALBERTSONS / SAFEWAY	MTG SUPPLIES	266.07
		\$
AMANDA SOMES	REIMBURSE FOR ZOOM MEETING PROGRAM	15.98
_		\$
ANIMAL CAPTURE & CONTROL	4TH QTR 2020 ANIMAL CONTROL	960.00
		\$
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	ELECTRICITY 1/2021	3,186.40
		\$
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	STREET LIGHT	860.00
		\$
A T & T	ALL IN ONE DEC. 2020	43.05
		\$
ATLANTIC MARINE CONSTRUCTION	BOAT RAMP	2,000.00
		\$
BAGEL GOURMET	SANDWICH TRAY FOR MEETING	60.00
	LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	\$
BASS RIVER BD OF ED	2/1/21	96,407.08
		\$
BELLIA TECH, LLC	TECH SUPPORT DEC. 2020	395.99
		\$
BURL CO TREAS, LANDFILL	TIPPING FEES 12/2020	5,908.12
		\$
BURL CO TREASURER	1ST QTR 2021 COUNTY TAXES	171,683.92

		\$
BURL CO TREASURER	ADDED & OMITTED ASSESSMENTS	10,797.59 \$
BURLCOJIF	1ST INSTALL LIABILITY & WORKMENS COMP.	22,641.00
CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	PAYROLLS #1 & #2	\$ 284.00
CENTRAL JERSEY EQUIPMENT	PARTS	\$ 596.17
CINTAS	SUPPLIES	\$ 117.79
COMCAST	SERVICE 12/23/20 - 1/22/21	\$ 89.62
COMCAST	SERVICE 1/23/21-2/22/21	\$ 236.55
DANTE GUZZI ENGINEERING ASSOC.	ZONING REVIEWS	\$ 150.00
DAVE'S SEPTIC	PUMP OUT 331 ASH RD.	\$ 350.00
DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	ELECTRICITY 1/2021	\$ 2,198.10
FIREFLOW SERVICES INC.	TESTING #3151	\$ 1,956.40
GANN LAW BOOKS	2021 NJ POLICE MANUAL	\$ 98.00
GANNETT NJ NEWSPAPERS	NOTICE & RESOLUTIONS	\$ 124.91
GOLDENBERG MACKLER SAYEGH	TTL WORK	\$ 1,051.10
GRAMCO BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS	RECORDING SUPPORT	\$ 1,495.00 \$
GROVER ELECTRIC	VOLTAGE THERMOSTAT	325.00
HOME DEPOT	SUPPLIES	\$ 1,227.75
KEVIN S. QUINLAN	JANUARY 2021 PROSECUTIONS	\$ 1,600.00
LANGUAGE SERVICES ASSOCIATES	LANGUAGE SERVICES	\$ 58.80
LIONETTI ASSOCIATES	USED OIL & WATER REMOVAL	\$ 270.00 \$
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	2021 DOG TAGS	\$ 265.00 \$
MR. BOB'S	PORT A POTS 1/1/21 - 1/28/21	5 560.68 \$
NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS	NATURAL GAS 12/15 - 1/12	\$ 1,080.14 \$
NEW JERSEY PLANNING OFFICIALS	PLANNING BD. TRAINING	\$ 85.00 \$
NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	JOB POSTING - TAX CLERK	115.00
OFFICE BASICS, INC.	OFFICE & HOUSEKEEPING SUPPLIES	\$ 341.79
PEGGY BECK	BANK MILEAGE JAN. 2021	\$ 57.12
PINELANDS MUNICPAL COUNCIL	ANNUAL DUES	\$ 100.00 \$
PLATT B& RISO, P.C.	GENERAL FILE 20-0034	300.00
PLATT B& RISO, P.C.	REX ESCROW POSTER COMPLIANCE	\$ 832.00 \$
POSTER COMPLIANCE CENTER	2021	67.95
RUMPF REID & DOLCY	JAN. 2021 PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$ 750.00 \$
SOUTH JERSEY WATER TEST	WATER TESTING	ş 2,750.00

TOTAL	\$ 376,816.40
POSTAGE DEC. 2020	283.45
PAYROLL 1/28/21	15,413.96 \$
PAYROLL 1/14/21	14,970.17 \$
SENSOR REPLACEMENT	\$ 238.45 \$
FUEL JANUARY 2021	\$ 585.70 \$
C. CRAMER CELL 12/24-1/23	\$ 41.33
PHONES DEC. 2020	\$ 621.55
DEC. 2020 ROLL-OFF	\$ 6,375.00
TRAILER - FIRE CO.	\$ 1,307.28
NOTICES	\$ 131.80
REIMBURSEMENT BILLING	\$ 1,656.67
CHAIRS	\$ 431.97
	REIMBURSEMENT BILLING NOTICES TRAILER - FIRE CO. DEC. 2020 ROLL-OFF PHONES DEC. 2020 C. CRAMER CELL 12/24-1/23 FUEL JANUARY 2021 SENSOR REPLACEMENT PAYROLL 1/14/21 PAYROLL 1/28/21 POSTAGE DEC. 2020

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01

CALENDAR YEAR 2021

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40a: 4-45-14)

Deputy Mayor Bourguignon made the motion to approve Ordinance 2021-01 upon second reading. Commissioner Capriglione seconded the motion. Public comments: none. Being no public comment the motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-01 was made by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon and seconded by Commissioner Capriglione. Votes: Cope-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes, Capriglione-Yes. All in favor and Ordinance 2021-01 was hereby adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01

CALENDAR YEAR 2021

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.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% 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 appropriations and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, Township Council of the Township of Bass River in the County of Burlington finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2021 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Township Council hereby determines that a one percent (1%) increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$_11,294.36_____ in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, members of council 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 Township Council 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 2021 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 \$_39,530.26____ and that the CY 2021 municipal budget for the Township of Bass River be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, 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 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 on file with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR LAND USE APPLICATIONS.

Mayor Cope made the motion to approve Ordinance 2021-02 upon second reading. Deputy Mayor Bourguignon seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 2021-02. The Public comments: none. Votes: Cope-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes, Capriglione-Yes. All in favor and Ordinance 2021-02 was hereby adopted.

Ordinance 2021-02

An Ordinance of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Amending the Fee Schedule for Land Use Applications.

Whereas, there is a need to amend and raise fees for certain applications, and permits administered by the Township; and

Whereas, the cost to the Township of administering said applications and permits should be reflected in the charges paid by the public;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that:

CHAPTER 3.08 FEE SCHEDULE FOR LAND USE APPLICATIONS

SECTION 3.08.010 – Established is hereby amended as and incorporated herein as follows:

Filing fee for all applications reviewed by the Township Engineer pursuant to Chapter 17 Section 17.32.080(B) \$75.00

Be it further Resolved that

CHAPTER 17.32 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

SECTION 17.32.040(C) is hereby amended to read as follows:

C. Except as provided otherwise in <u>Section 17.32.050</u>, conditional uses, and <u>17.32.060</u>, site plan approval, a zoning permit shall be granted or refused by the zoning officer within ten (10) days after he or she shall have received an application complete in all respects, together with any required fee as included in <u>Section 3.08.010</u>.

ORDINANCE 2021-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY RANGES, WAGES, AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY"

Mayor Cope made the motion to introduce Ordinance 2021-03 upon first reading by title. Deputy Mayor Bourguignon seconded by motion. Public hearing to be held at the March regular meeting. Votes: Cope-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes, Capriglione-Yes. All in favor and Ordinance 2021-03 was hereby approved upon first reading by title.

ORDINANCE 2021-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY RANGES, WAGES, AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, in the County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey.

SECTION 1: That the salary ranges are hereby set forth as follows:

<u>TITLE</u>		SALARY RANGE
Administrative Assistant	Per Annum	4000 – 15,000
Acting Municipal Clerk	Per Annum	45000 - 65000
Bailiff	Per Court Day	200 - 500
Chief Financial Officer	Per Annum	7000 - 20000
Clerk/Typist	Per Hour	12.00 - 20.00
Code Enforcement Official	Per Annum	3000 - 10000
Commissioner	Per Annum	3000 - 7000
Court Clerk/Typist	Per Hour	12.00 - 20.00
Deputy Court Administrator	Per Annum	45000 - 72000
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics	Per Annum	200 - 500
Dog Registrar	Per Annum	200 -500
Emergency Management Coordinator	Per Annum	500 - 1000
Equipment Operator	Per Hour	12.00 - 20.00
Foreman	Per Hour	12.00 - 20.00
Laborer	Per Hour	12.00 - 20.00
Lead Laborer	Per Hour	12.00 - 20.00
Mayor	Per Annum	3000 - 6000
Mechanic	Per Hour	12.00 - 20.00
Municipal Clerk	Per Annum	45000 - 70000
Municipal Court Administrator	Per Annum	45000 - 65000
Municipal Court Judge	Per Annum	25000 - 70000
Planning Board Secretary	Per Annum	2000 - 5000
Secretary	Per Annum	12.00 - 20.00
Special Court Deputy	Per Hour	12.00 - 20.00
Tax Assessor	Per Annum	10000 - 25000
Tax Assessor's Assistant	Per Annum	3000 - 10000
Tax Collector	Per Annum	5000 - 15000
Treasurer	Per Annum	5000 - 20000
Waste Water Operator	Per Annum	2000 - 5000
Waterfront Manager	Per Annum	500 - 800
Zoning Enforcement Officer	Per Annum	2000 – 7000
Deputy Zoning Enforcement Officer	Per Annum	1500 - 5000
QPA	Per Annum	1000 - 5000

RESOLUTION 2021-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES 826 & 92-21

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Capriglione to approve Resolution 2021-21. Votes: Cope—Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2021-21 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2021- 21

WHEREAS, the property known as Block 62 Lot 4 at Hammonton Road had existing Tax Sale Certificates 826 & 92-21and;

WHEREAS, the existing tax sale certificates are no longer found on record and;

WHEREAS, the existing tax sale certificates are hereby cancelled;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Sale Certificates 826 & 92-21 on Block 62 Lot 4 at Hammonton Road are hereby cancelled.

RESOLUTION 2021-22

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RATES FOR THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Commissioner Capriglione to approve Resolution 2021-22. Votes: Cope—Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2021-22 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2021-22

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RATES FOR THE 2021 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 regular meeting held on the 1st day of February, 2021 that the following pay rate is hereby established for the 2021 calendar year and set as follows pursuant to Salary Ordinance.

OFFICE/EMPLOYEE SALARY

NAME TITLE

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND FINANCE

Laura Moyer Secretary/Clerk \$12.00/hour

Elizabeth Godfrey Acting Municipal Clerk/Registrar of V.S. \$49,000/year

Effective March 1, 2021

RESOLUTION 2021-23 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELIZABETH GODFREY AS ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER

The motion was made by Mayor Cope, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2021-23. Votes: Cope—Yes, Capriglione-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes. All in favor and Resolution 2021-23 was hereby approved.

TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-23

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELIZABETH GODFREY AS ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that Elizabeth Godfrey be and hereby is appointed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133 as the Acting Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bass River for a one-year (1) term commencing on March 1, 2021 and continuing through February 28, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be submitted as may be required to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on February 1, 2021.

PROCLAMATION:

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BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

In honor of Amanda "Mandy" Somes upon the occasion of her retirement effective March 1, 2021:

WHEREAS, the Office of Municipal clerk is a time honored and vital part of local government; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens of the Township of Bass River, the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners and agencies of government at all levels; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Somes has been an invaluable asset to the Township of Bass River since her appointment as Municipal Clerk over twenty-five (25) years ago; and

WHEREAS, Mandy has discharged her duty with great care, professionalism and passion for the Township of Bass River; and

WHEREAS, her rich background, history of accomplishment and unfettered dedication to her profession and the Township itself has made her an invaluable resource and advisor to members of the Township's elected officials, its Professionals and all Township Boards; and

WHEREAS during her twenty-five years of service Mandy has worked tirelessly to elevate the professionalism and performance of the Municipal Clerk's office and in turn, the Township; and

WHEREAS, Mandy has been a guiding force in the administration of the Township in order to ensure and promote the continued beauty and livability of the Township we all love; and

WHEREAS, all during the course of her duty, Mandy has consistently been a warm and caring person who has been in the forefront of celebrating important milestones for the Township and her co-workers and has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Township's employees; and

WHEREAS, Mandy's friends and colleagues will miss her hard work and her leadership on behalf of the Township and will really miss her smile, her energy and her happy outlook that have so often buoyed the spirits of everyone whom she has come into contact;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Bass River that the Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and thank Amanda Somes for her professional and personal dedication to Bass River Township on the occasion of her retirement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and acting Municipal Clerk shall attest to and affix the seal of the Township to this Proclamation and transmit an official copy to Amanda Somes.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Proclamation duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River at its regular meeting held on February 1, 2021

REPORTS:

The following reports were noted and provided:

- 1. Solicitors Report
- 2. Municipal Court Report

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.

- C. Bitzberger questioning ramp at Amasa Landing and who is paying for the repairs. Mayor stated it is grant funding and it is actually a floating dock.
- C. Bitzberger asked about zoning maps with the Pinelands Commission- the Mayor stated that she is continuing to work with the Township Engineer.
- C. Bitzberger asked if Bass River Township has ever given a business or developer a tax abatement. The Mayor said she would need to contact the Tax Assessor.

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 7:25 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 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted Elizabeth Godfrey, Acting Township Clerk

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