

**MINUTES BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

Mayor Cope called the regular meeting of the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners to order at 7:02 p.m. Present at meeting were: Commissioner Capriglione, Deputy Mayor Louis Bourguignon, and Mayor Deborah Buzby-Cope. Also present: Solicitor JoAnne O'Connor and Acting Clerk Elizabeth Godfrey. Members of the public were present at this meeting.

FLAG SALUTE:

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

A moment of silence was held for Howard Ware, Steve Potter, Freddy King, Elmer Hall and Stanley Vodopija

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the regular meeting of January 3, 2022 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, Bourguignon-Yes, Capriglione- Yes. All in favor and Minutes of the January 3, 2022 meeting were hereby approved.

BILLS LIST:

The motion was made by Mayor Cope to approve payment of the bills in the amount of **\$390,965.86**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Capriglione. Votes: Cope-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes, Capriglione –Yes. All in favor and bills were ordered paid.

1	A-ACADEMY ANIMAL CONTROL	ANIMAL CONTROL 1/2022	\$ 320.00
2	ACCSES NJ	JANITORIAL SERVICES	\$ 250.96
3	ACE POWER SUPPLY	SALT SPREADER	\$ 4,777.00
4	AIR & GAS TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICE CONTRACT FOR FIRE CO.	\$ 1,385.00
5	ALBERTSONS / SAFEWAY	SUPPLIES FOR MTG	\$ 65.57
6	AMANDA SOMES	SUBSTITUTE CLERK	\$ 279.50
7	ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	DEC/JAN ELECTRICITY	\$ 3,294.88
8	AUTO ZONE, INC.	PARTS	\$ 108.89
9	BAGEL GOURMET	SUPPLIES PINELANDS MTG	\$ 90.00
10	BASS RIVER BD. OF ED.	LOCAL SCHOOL TAX 2/7/22	\$ 92,240.00
11	BELLIA TECH, LLC	TECH SUPPORT DEC. 2021	\$ 931.68
12	BURL CO MUN CT ADM ASSN	2022 MEMBERSHIP	\$ 200.00

13	BURL CO TREAS, LANDFILL	TIPPING FEES DEC. & JAN.	\$ 9,850.23
14	BURL CO TREASURER	2021 ADDED/OMITTED	\$ 696.41
15	BURL CO TREASURER	1ST QTR 2022 COUNTY TAXES	\$ 176,662.50
16	BURLCOJIF	LIABILITY	\$ 24,493.00
17	BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS	RECORDING SUPPORT	\$ 1,495.00
18	CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	PAYROLL SERVICE #1 & #2	\$ 294.00
19	CINTAS	SUPPLIES	\$ 289.48
20	COPIERS PLUS	TONER FOR COPY MACHINE	\$ 21.00
21	CME ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING SERVICES	\$ 7,573.86
22	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	ELECTRICITY DEC/JAN	\$ 592.23
23	ECONO SIGNS	STREET SIGNS	\$ 210.91
24	ELIZABETH GODFREY	REIMBURSEMENT ZOOM	\$ 15.98
25	GANN LAW BOOKS	2022 NJ POLICE MANUAL	\$ 102.00
26	GRETNA GREEN LANDSCAPING	SNOW REMOVAL 1/3, 1/7 & 1/29	\$ 7,440.00
27	HOME DEPOT	SUPPLIES	\$ 801.16
28	IPM INTEGRATED PEST MGMT.	QRTL SERVICE	\$ 85.00
29	JORDAN ADAMS	BACKHOE OPERATION 1/6/22	\$ 52.00
30	KEVIN S. QUINLAN	JAN. 2022 PROSECUTIONS	\$ 1,616.00
31	LANGUAGE SERVICES ASSOCIATES	LANGUAGE SERVICES 12/2021 STATE ASSOC.	\$ 29.40
32	MCAA OF NJ	MEMBERSHIP	\$ 50.00
33	MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	ADDRESS STAMP	\$ 52.00
34	MICROSYSTEMS-NJ.COM, LLC	ASSESSOR INVOICES	\$ 349.74
35	MONMOUTH TRUCK	SAM CUTTING EDGES	\$ 466.90
36	MR. BOB'S	PORT A POTS 1/1/22 - 1/28/22	\$ 582.21
37	MUNICIPAL RECORD SERVICE	SPECIAL COMPLAINTS	\$ 581.00
38	NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS	\$ 833.21
39	NEW GRETNA VOL. FIRE CO.	DONATION FROM 2021 NJCM ANNUAL	\$ 6,500.00
40	NEW JERSEY CONF. OF MAYORS	CONFERENCE	\$ 420.00
41	NJ NATURAL GAS CO.	NATURAL GAS 12/10/21 - 1/13/22	\$ 1,547.91
42	N.J. REGISTRAR'S ASSOC.	DUES	\$ 25.00
43	OFFICE BASICS	OFFICE & HOUSEKEEPING SUPPLIES	\$ 57.13
44	PEGGY BECK	MILEAGE	\$ 81.60
45	PINELANDS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL	ANNUAL DUES 2022	\$ 100.00

46	PLANET TECHNOLOGIES	2022 LICENSE RENEWAL	\$ 422.40
47	PLATT LAW GROUP, P.C.	GENERAL FILE	\$ 1,136.00
48	POSTER COMPLIANCE CENTER	POSTER COMPLIANCE 2022	\$ 67.95
49	READY REFRESH BY NESTLE	LAST INVOICE	\$ 2.99
50	RUMPF REID & DOLCY	PUBLIC DEFENDER 1/10/22	\$ 750.00
51	THE PRESS OF ATLANTIC CITY	ORDINANCE & NOTICE	\$ 68.00
52	TRANSFORMATION ENTERPRISES	DEC. 2021 ROLL-OFF	\$ 7,000.00
53	TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	4TH QTR 2021 MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$ 50.00
54	VECTOR SECURITY	BUILDING SECURITY & AGREEMENT	\$ 431.30
55	VERIZON	PHONES DEC/JAN	\$ 1,035.56
56	VERIZON	COMMISSIONER IPADS	\$ 120.03
57	WEX BANK	FUEL DEC... 2021	\$ 1,181.99
58	HASLER, INC.	POSTAGE DEC. 2021	\$ 280.50
59	HASLER, INC.	POSTAGE JAN. 2022	\$ 243.63
60	BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCOUNT	PAY #1 1/13/22	\$ 14,611.54
61	BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCOUNT	PAY #2 1/27/22	\$ 15,653.63
		TOTAL	\$ 390,965.86

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01

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

CALENDAR YEAR 2022

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

The motion was made by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon to approve Ordinance 2022-01 upon second reading. Commissioner Capriglione seconded the motion. Deputy Mayor Bourguignon made a motion to open the hearing to the public, Commissioner Capriglione seconded the motion.

- Public comments: Mr. Assur asked what the amount is that exceeded the Cap. There was no further public comments.

Deputy Mayor Bourguignon made a motion to close the hearing to the public and Commissioner Capriglione seconded the motion.

Votes: Cope- Yes, Bourguignon- Yes, Capriglione- Yes. All in favor and Ordinance 2022-01 was hereby adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01

CALENDAR YEAR 2022

**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 2022 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 \$ 11,309.80 _____ 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 2022 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 \$ 39,584.30 _____ and that the CY 2022 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 2202-02

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

**ORDINANCE AMENDING BASS RIVER CODE CHAPTER 5.06 –RESIDENTIAL
RENTAL UNITS- FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY**

Deputy Mayor Bourguignon made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-02 upon first reading by title and Commissioner Capriglione seconded the motion. Public hearing to be held on March 7, 2022 at the regular meeting. Votes: Cope- Yes, Bourguignon- Yes, Capriglione- Yes. All were in favor and Ordinance 2022-02 was approved by first reading by title.

**TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER
ORDINANCE 2022-02**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER AMENDING
BASS RIVER CODE CHAPTER 5.16 RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNITS**

WHEREAS, the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners finds that there is a need to modify the Bass River Township Code provisions as they currently exist under Chapter 5.16.020 of the revised Township Ordinances which are applicable to Registration of Residential Rental Units.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners that Bass River Township Code and specifically “Title 5, Chapter 5.16.020(c) is hereby amended to increase the registration fee from Twenty-Five (\$25.00) Dollars to Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars and to increase the additional rental unit fee from Fifteen (\$15.00) Dollars to Twenty-Five (\$25.00) Dollars.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency

RESOLUTION 2022-26

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

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE CLAIMS COORDINATOR FOR THE JIF

Mayor Cope made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-26 and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Capriglione. Votes: Cope-Yes, Bourguignon- Yes, Capriglione- Yes. All were in favor and Resolution 2022-26 was hereby approved.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-26

*WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River is a member of the **Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund**, hereinafter referred to as the **FUND**; and*

*WHEREAS, the **FUND** requires that in the manner generally prescribed by law, each member shall appoint a Claims Coordinator to coordinate and oversee the Member claims reporting and recordkeeping efforts, and act as a liaison between the municipality, the JIF Claims Administrator, and other outside agencies.*

*WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River recommends the appointment of Elizabeth Godfrey to serve as Claims Coordinator in accordance with the **FUND** Bylaws;*

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

- 1. That it does hereby appoint Elizabeth Godfrey as Municipal Claims Coordinator to Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.*
- 2. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Burlington County Joint Insurance Fund.*

RESOLUTION 2022-27

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

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING OEM AND DEPUTY OEM COORDINATORS

Mayor Cope made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-27 and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Capriglione. Votes: Cope-Yes, Bourguignon- Abstained,, Capriglione- Yes. All were in favor and Resolution 2022-27 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-27

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

WHEREAS, there exists a need for an Emergency Management Coordinator and a Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for the Township of Bass River;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Sally Bourguignon be and hereby is appointed Emergency Management Coordinator for a 3 year term that begins on January 1, 2022 and ends on December 31, 2024 and Louis Bourguignon be and hereby is appointed Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for a 3 year term that begins on January 1, 2022 and ends on December 31, 2024.

RESOLUTION 2022-28

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

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SAFETY COORDINATOR FOR THE JIF

A motion was made by Mayor Cope to approve Resolution 2022-28 and was seconded by Commissioner Capriglione. Votes- Cope- Yes, Bourguignon-Yes, Capriglione-Yes. All were in favor and Resolution 2022-28 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-28

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

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the, Township of Bass River to appoint, Amanda Somes as Safety Coordinator for the Township of Bass River.

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

1. *That Amanda Somes be appointed as Safety Coordinator for the term of one year, commencing, January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.*
2. *That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Burlington County Joint Insurance Fund.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-29

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

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER AND ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE JIF

A motion was made by Mayor Cope to approve Resolution 2022-29 and was seconded by Commissioner Capriglione. Votes- Cope- Yes, Bourguignon-Yes, Capriglione-Yes. All were in favor and Resolution 2022-29 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-29

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

***WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River to appoint James Renwick as Fund Commissioner and Amanda Somes as Alternate Fund Commissioner of the Burlington County JIF for the Township of Bass River.*

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

1. *That James Renwick be appointed as Fund Commissioner of the Burlington County JIF for the remainder of the term of one year, commencing, January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.*
2. *That Amanda Somes be appointed as Alternate Fund Commissioner of the Burlington County JIF for the term of one year, commencing, January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.*

That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Burlington County Joint Insurance Fund

RESOLUTION 2022-30

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN RIGGS
DISTLER AND BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2022-30 and was seconded by Mayor Cope. Votes- Cope- Yes, Bourguignon-Yes, Capriglione-Yes. All were in favor and Resolution 2022-30 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-30

N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14 and N.J.S.A. 40A:12-24 provide that a municipality may lease any lands or buildings or portions thereof not presently needed for public use to the person who will pay the highest rent therefore; and

WHEREAS, *the Township of Bass River owns certain property located at 5576 Route 9 in Bass River Township, also known on the Municipal Tax Map of the Township of Bass River, Burlington County, New Jersey as Block 3, Lot 2; and*

WHEREAS, *the Board of Commissioners have determined that this property is no longer needed for public use and may be leased; and*

WHEREAS, *there has been public advertisement for bids and the Township Clerk has received and opened bids on January 6, 2022 for the purpose of awarding a lease agreement for aforementioned property; and*

WHEREAS, *Riggs Distler & Co., Inc. was the highest and only bidder to submit a bid for leasing of the aforementioned property for a monthly rental fee of Seven Hundred (\$700.00) Dollars.*

WHEREAS, *the Township of Bass River would like to entered into a Lease Agreement with Riggs Distler & Co., Inc. for the leasing of the aforementioned Township property.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *by the Township of Bass River that:*

1. *The attached Lease Agreement between **BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP** and **RIGGS DISTLER & CO., INC.** shall be effective according to its terms.*
2. *The Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to take any action necessary to implement the terms of the Lease Agreement.*

RESOLUTION 2022-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AERIAL MOSQUITO CONTROL

A motion was made by Mayor Cope to approve Resolution 2022-31 and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon. Votes: Cope- Yes, Bourguignon- Yes, Capriglione- Yes. All were in favor and Resolution 2022-31 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-31

*On behalf of the Bass River Township, I hereby authorize the **Burlington County Department of Public Works – Division of Mosquito Control** to perform aerial applications of pesticides for mosquito control over Bass River Township during 2022. Areas to be treated contain populations of mosquitoes that are considered a nuisance, a health hazard, or both.*

It is my understanding that all insecticides and aircraft to be used are those approved for aerial application by both State and Federal Governments. I also understand that applications will be made by helicopter or airplane by licensed commercial applicator(s) contracted by the Division of Mosquito Control.

Prior to performing aerial applications over Bass River Township, The Burlington County Department of Public Works – Division of Mosquito Control will notify Burlington County Central Communications.

The authorization is in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration regulations and must be renewed annually.

RESOLUTION 2022-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF

THE 2022 RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2022-32 and was seconded by Commissioner Capriglione. Votes: Cope- Yes, Bourguignon-Yes, Capriglione-Yes. All were in favor and Resolution 2022-32 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-32

WHEREAS, *in accordance with the provisions of the Solid Waste Management Act N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1, et seq., the County of Burlington has developed, implemented and financed a solid waste and recycling system for the disposal or recycling of solid waste; and*

WHEREAS, *the County of Burlington provides for the use of the recycling system, by Townships within the geographic boundaries of Burlington County, through the disposal or processing of solid waste, recyclables and other waste collected by or on behalf of the Townships; and*

WHEREAS, *the Township of Bass River wishes to continue its participation and use of this system as is evidenced by the passage of this Resolution; and*

WHEREAS, *the parties have agreed to participate in the Recycling and Solid Waste Services Agreement and wish to establish the terms and conditions of their respective rights and obligations under the Agreement.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River that:*

- 1. The attached Agreement between the County and the Township of Bass River shall be effective according to its terms.*
- 2. The Mayor and Clerk of Bass River Township are hereby authorized to sign, seal, execute and witness/attest the Agreement.*
- 3. The Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to take any action necessary to implement the terms of the Recycling and Solid Waste Services Agreement*

RESOLUTION 2022-33

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF
BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THE
AMASA LANDING ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

A motion was made by Mayor Cope to approve Resolution 2022-33 and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon. Votes: Cope- Yes, Bourguignon- Yes, Capriglione- Yes. All were in favor and Resolution 2022-33 was hereby approved.

WHEREAS, *the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River has received sealed bid proposals for the Amasa Landing Road reconstruction 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 Engineer received and opened bids on December 8, 2021 for the purpose of awarding a contract for the aforementioned road reconstruction of Amasa Landing Road; and*

WHEREAS, *the Township's engineer and Township solicitor have reviewed the bids and determined the two (2) lowest bids to be in conformance with the bid specifications and have 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 award of contract is contingent upon receipt of DOT FY 2020 Grant and receipt of DOT FY 2021 Grant.*

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, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that Arawak Paving Co., Inc, located at 7503 Weymouth Road, Hammonton, NJ is the lowest qualified bidder for the aforementioned contract and hereby awards a contract to Arawak Paving Co., Inc. for the aforesaid purpose in the amount of THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED (\$361,900.00) DOLLARS, which includes Base Bid #1, in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred (\$228,900.00) Dollars which is contingent upon DOT FY 2020 Grant receipt and Base Bid #2 in the amount of One Hundred Thirty Three Thousand (\$133,000.00) Dollars. Said bid is 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.*

2. *That the award to Arawak Paving Co., Inc., is consistent with the legal requirements of the lowest responsible bidder, which conforms, to all specification requirements and applicable statutory provisions.*
3. *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.*
4. *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 2022-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JOINING IN THE PINELANDS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2022-01 EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR RESTORATION OF FULL FUNDING OF PILOT PAYMENTS UNDER THE GARDEN STATE PRESERVATION TRUST ACT

A motion was made by Mayor Cope to approve Resolution 2022-34 and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon. Votes: Cope- Yes, Bourguignon-Yes, Capriglione-Yes. All were in favor and Resolution 2022-34 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-34

WHEREAS, *the Pinelands Municipal Council represents fifty-three (53) municipalities within the State-designated Pinelands area, and its primary function is to address various issues facing the municipalities within the group; and*

WHEREAS, *Bass River Township is a member municipality of the Pinelands Municipal Council; and*

WHEREAS, *over the course of the last decade, these municipalities have seen a loss of payments for State or conservancy-owned acreage under the payments in lieu of taxes program set forth in the Garden State Preservation Trust Act; and*

***WHEREAS**, by Resolution 2022-01 adopted on January 26, 2022 (a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference), the Pinelands Municipal Council expressed gratitude to the Governor and Legislature of the State of New Jersey for the restoration of full funding of the payment in lieu of taxes program that occurred in the 2021 State Budget; and*

***WHEREAS**, Bass River Township desires to formally join in the gratitude expressed by Pinelands Municipal Council Resolution 2022-01, as well express its continued request that this full funding remain in place as set forth in the Garden State Preservation Act; and*

***WHEREAS**, just as the loss of this funding had an appreciable impact on Bass River Township's local budget, the restoration of the funding has likewise had a significant impact to the benefit of our local budget and our residents.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bass River does hereby formally join in support of Pinelands Municipal Council Resolution 2022-01, adopted on January 26, 2022, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted by the Municipal Clerk to the Governor and our State Legislators.*

REPORTS:

Solicitor O'Connor – Working on getting the Maintenance bond for Ishmael Road from George Kurtz.

Regarding Cannabis dispensaries: She spoke with a consultant who works across the country - helping people getting their licenses. Retail and Cultivation are the most disputed. He stated all dispensaries have security, cameras and are required to have an adequate number of parking spaces. He stated that if you have a retail license in NJ you can also provide delivery- which can cut down on traffic. Solicitor O'Connor will continue to follow up.

Zoning Ordinance- still working with the Engineer who is still working with the Pinelands Commission.

Storm water regulations have been amended, towns will have to amend also.

Opioid Settlement – since we are under 10,000 residents, there is not a direct share but it will hopefully increase what the county will receive.

Court report: Commissioner Capriglione went over the numbers for the courts.

Deputy Mayor Bourguignon- wants to thank Volunteers that help out the township: Rick Adams, Jordan Adams, Howard Rothschild and our Public Works worker- Brandon Iverson. They worked all night plowing and had the roads cleared by 2:00 PM. Also wanted to thank Chuck Uhl from the Galloway Ambulance squad for staging an ambulance in the firehouse all

night. Chief Wetmore and staff who have already had 40 calls this year. Thanked the Mayor for the new salt spreader.

Deputy Mayor also asked if we can implement something asking people to keep cars off the road when there is snow predicted.

The Tax Assessor is the one to ask if you are questioning an assessment- not anyone else.

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS: Complaints of any nature are to be made in writing. That way we can keep track and have a paper trail of what actions were taken.

The meeting was open for public comment at 7:25 PM upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon seconded by Commissioner Capriglione. All present in favor.

Chief Wetmore expressed his gratitude and complimented Galloway EMS on the way they are handling calls in our township. He stated they are faster than Squad 85 was.

Leo Assur wanted to open a discussion about the school being up for auction. He stated that there has to be other options. He thinks it's worth taking a risk to try to do something. The auction ends on March 3rd.

Tim Lovingham mentioned that he had spoken with the Dudley Lewis-who was previously the Mayor in Washington Township about how they handled the situation with the school out there.

Suggestions: antique stores, displaying Frank Sinatra's Lionel train set, municipal offices, special events, senior center, daycare center.

Mr. Capriglione stated that the school has asbestos, visible mold, underground oil tank- how is the soil quality, and the air quality?

Mr. Bourguignon stated the financial end of this- it's not feasible for the town.

Mr. Capriglione stated we have been asking for information from the Board of Education and have not gotten any answers.

Kevin Foder- stated the school is for sale “as is”. People have known for a year and no one has come to a school board meeting. He stated that he will get the answers for the Commissioners. He asked for a list and said he will get the answers at the meeting on the 22nd.

He also asked if we could look into water and sewer for the town- with the Infrastructure money that is available.

Mayor Cope stated she has been to many meeting regarding this.

Mr. Lovingham stated he is available to help the town on a volunteer basis.

Someone questioned the operating costs of the school. Mr. Capriglione stated they are in excess of 30 thousand per month.

Mayor Cope stated the word is out and different people have been inquiring about the school.

Mr. Foder stated we could knock a wall down and keep the firetrucks in there.

Mr. Assur questioned how many rental properties are in town. He wasn't sure if increasing the rental registration fee was a good idea with all of the rising costs in the world.

Mr. Foder questioned if the town had ever looked in to having trash pickup. They mayor let him know that we just recently looked in to it and the cost was very high.

Mr. Bourguignon stated we would still need to keep the transfer station anyway.

Evan Manaresi- ATCs can apply for a conversion – He is currently just waiting for answers. He was also happy to hear that the town is discussing retail for cannabis.

Mr. Foder stated that there was an armed robbery at the Firehouse deli and the State Police responded very quickly.

A motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon at 8:05 PM and was seconded by Commissioner Capriglione. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

Being no further business to come before the Board, the motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon and was seconded by Mayor Cope. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Acting Municipal Clerk

