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Mayor Deborah Buzby Cope called the regular meeting of the Township of Bass River Commission to order on June 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act were complied with as notice was published to the *Beacon* and the *Atlantic City Press* stating the time, date and place of this meeting.

The following Commission Members were in attendance: Commissioner Nicolas Capriglione, Deputy Mayor Louis Bourguignon and Mayor Deborah Buzby Cope.

Mayor Cope led the salute to the flag and asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Paul Chandler a Planning Board member.

Mr. Bourguignon moved, second by Mr. Capriglione that the minutes of the meetings of May 2, 2022 be approved. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

ORDINANCE NO.2022-03

AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP CODE AT TITLE 5, BUSINESS LICENSING AND REGULATION, CHAPTER 5.12.030 TO EXPAND THE PERMITTED ISSUANCE OF CLASS "A" LIQUOR LICENSES FOR LIMITED BREWERIES, RESTRICTED BREWERIES (BREW PUBS), PLENARY WINERIES, FARM WINERIES AND INSTRUCTIONAL WINEMAKING FACILITIES

Mr. Bourguignon moved, second by Mr. Capriglione that the meeting be opened to the public hearing on Ordinance #2022-03. So moved.

Carol Beachburger asked what does this ordinance allow.

Township Solicitor explained this ordinance allows for the town to license those type of liquor license applications and permits them to operate within the jurisdiction of the township.

Leo Assur, 106 North Maple Ave, asked if the town would see some revenue from this.

It was explained there would be an annual license fee just like other liquor license facilities in town.

Marian Assur, 106 North Maple Ave, asked if this would affect home brewed wine.

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She was assured this would not affect them, it's for commercial sales.

There being no further questions or comments, Mr. Bourguignon moved, second by Mr. Capriglione that the public hearing be closed. So moved.

Mr. Bourguignon moved, second by Mr. Capriglione that Ordinance #2022-03 be approved on second and final reading. It was so moved by the following vote: Yes – Capriglione, Bourguignon, Cope; No – none; Abstain – none; Absent – none.

ORDINANCE NO.2022-04

AMENDING TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL TO ADD CHAPTER 2.02 DEPUTY CLERK

Mr. Bourguignon moved, second by Mr. Capriglione that the meeting be opened to the public hearing on Ordinance #2022-04. So moved.

There being no questions or comments, Mr. Bourguignon moved, second by Mr. Capriglione that the public hearing be closed. So moved.

Mrs. Cope moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that Ordinance #2022-04 be approved on second and final reading. It was so moved by the following vote: Yes – Capriglione, Bourguignon, Cope; No – none; Abstain – none; Absent – none.

RESOLUTION #2022-49

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RATES FOR THE 2022 CALENDAR YEAR FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER

Mrs. Cope moved, second by Mr. Capriglione that Resolution #2022-49 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

RESOLUTION #2022-50

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A CHAPTER 159 FOR THE FY 2022 CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT IN THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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Mrs. Cope moved, second by Mr. Capriglione that Resolution #2022-50 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

RESOLUTION #2022-51

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS
RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TURNOVER
OF UNCASHED COURT FUNDS**

Mrs. Cope moved, second by Mr. Capriglione that Resolution #2022-51 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

RESOLUTION #2022-52

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS
RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF
LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE 2022-2023
LICENSING YEAR**

Mr. Bourguignon moved, second by Mr. Capriglione that Resolution #2022-52 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

RESOLUTION #2022-53

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF
ANNUAL AUDIT RESOLUTION**

Mrs. Cope moved, second by Mr. Capriglione that Resolution #2022-53 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

RESOLUTION #2022-54

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS
RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF
CLAIMS**

Mrs. Cope moved, second by Mr. Capriglione that Resolution #2022-54 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

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Solicitors Report:

1. She is following up with Atlantic City Electric and a claim form for damage done to property within the township.
2. She has researched how the township would develop a rent control board especially for the issues that have been brought to the governing body's attention from Buttonwood Residents. She further explained how the Mayor and Commission members would do an ordinance appoint members to the board but it would all have to be approved by the State of New Jersey. However this does not affect the immediate concern of rent increases, but we are looking into what the town can do to help, but there is not a whole lot.

Mr. Capriglione read a copy of the court report, a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's office for public inspection.

Mr. Bourguignon announced under safety reports the town is looking to a put sign at the dock "Enter at your own risk" and reminded boaters of that.

Mr. Bourguignon moved, second by Mr. Capriglione to open up the meeting for a discussion on Cannabis Dispensary. It was so moved.

The following individuals spoke with regards to this subject, a true recording of the discussion is available for public inspection:

Leo Assur-106 North Maple Avenue
Jamie Curan
Evan Manerssi – 49 Ishmael Road
Marian Assur – 106 North Maple Avenue
Kevin Foder- 99 Jericho Road
Deborah Chan – 63 Chips Folly Road
Howard Ruth – 5692 Route 9
Joe Mono – 18 Old NY Road

Mr. Bourguignon moved, second by Mr. Capriglione that the public portion on the dispensary be closed. It was so moved.

A Buttonwood representative Jamie thanked the Mayor and Commissioners and the Township Solicitor for looking into the issue and researching what help they can give.

A few residents asked who development the map as to where the Gypsy Moth were getting sprayed.

Mayor Cope explained the County did a research and study on the troublesome areas and developed the map on the basis of those studies.

There being no further comments or questions, Mr. Bourguignon moved, second by Mr. Capriglione that the public portion of the meeting be closed. It was so moved.

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Mr. Bourguignon moved, second by Mr. Capriglione that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK**

Approved:

**SUSAN R. MARSHALL
MAYOR**