

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

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: 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 Thomas J. McDowell III

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the regular meeting of February 7, 2022 were presented to the Board for review. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Capriglione, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon. Votes: Cope-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes, Capriglione- Yes. All in favor and Minutes of the February 7, 2022 meeting were hereby approved.

BILLS LIST:

The motion was made by Mayor Cope to approve payment of the bills in the amount of **\$217,230.61**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Capriglione. Votes: Cope-Yes, Bourguignon-Yes, Capriglione –Yes. There was an amendment as Eastern Shore Carpentry purchase order should have stated public works roof repair and not town hall. All in favor and bills were ordered paid.

		\$	
1	ACCSES NJ	JANITORIAL SERVICES	250.96
		\$	
2	ACE OUTDOOR POWER EQUIP.	COMMERCIAL MOWER	7,069.00
		\$	
3	ACUA	WATER TESTING	500.56
		\$	
4	ADOLPH P. SICHERI	DWI SESSION 2/2/22	500.00
		\$	
5	ALBERTSONS / SAFEWAY	MEETING SUPPLIES	49.03
		\$	
6	AMANDA SOMES	SUBSTITUTE CLERK	136.50
		\$	
7	ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	JAN/FEB ELECTRICITY	5,290.73
		\$	
8	BASS RIVER BD. OF ED.	LOCAL SCHOOL TAX 3/7/22	92,240.00
		\$	
9	BELLIA TECH, LLC	TECH SUPPORT JAN. 2022	315.99
		\$	
10	BURL CO TREAS, LANDFILL	TIPPING FEES FEB. 2022	3,858.55
		\$	
11	CASA PAYROLL SERVICES	PAYROLL SERVICE #3 & #4	246.00
		\$	
12	CINTAS	SUPPLIES	227.32

13	COMCAST	SERVICE 1/23 - 3/22	\$ 262.52
14	COURIER TIMES	BOND ORDINANCE	\$ 62.78
15	CME ASSOCIATES	ENGINEERING SERVICES	\$ 15,097.50
16	DECOTTIS LLP	BOND ORDINANCE #249292	\$ 375.70
17	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	ELECTRICITY JAN/FEB	\$ 795.46
18	EASTERN SHORE CARPENTRY	REPAIR TOWN HALL ROOF	\$ 20,826.00
19	ELIZABETH GODFREY	REIMBURSEMENT ZOOM	\$ 15.98
20	FIRE APPARATUS REPAIR, INC.	FIRE CO. NV. #16627	\$ 1,818.50
21	GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS	INV. #549605869	\$ 378.44
22	HELEN GRIFFITHS	DWI SESSION 2/2/22	\$ 150.00
23	HOME DEPOT	SUPPLIES	\$ 333.26
24	KEVIN S. QUINLAN	DWI SESSION 2/2/22	\$ 400.00
25	LANGUAGE SERVICES ASSOCIATES	LANGUAGE SERVICES JAN & FEB 2022	\$ 193.20
26	LARA BEDNARCZYK	DWI SESSION 2/2/22	\$ 120.00
27	LIFE SAVERS, INC.	ELECTRODE PADS	\$ 111.04
28	MGL PRINTING	BUSINESS CARDS	\$ 266.00
29	MR. BOB'S	PORT A POTS 1/29/22 - 3/25/22	\$ 1,124.21
30	MUNICIPAL CODE CORP.	SUPPLEMENT #17	\$ 2,010.50
31	NAPA AUTO PARTS	PARTS	\$ 397.57
32	NJ NATURAL GAS CO.	NATURAL GAS 1/12/22 - 2/10/22	\$ 1,779.97
33	NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	2022 MEMBER DUES	\$ 295.00
34	OTC OF BURLINGTON COUNTY PEGGY	4 FRONTLOAD DUMPSTERS	\$ 7,053.00
35	BECK PEGGY	DWI SESSION 2/2/22	\$ 200.00
36	BECK	MILEAGE	\$ 65.28
37	PLATT LAW GROUP, P.C.	ESCROW FOR McGETTIGAN	\$ 96.00
38	PLATT LAW GROUP, P.C.	ESCROW FOR WALDROP	\$ 264.00
39	PLATT LAW GROUP, P.C.	GENERAL FILE	\$ 532.00
40	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	LEASING 12/21 - 6/11	\$ 1,053.66
41	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	QUARTERLY POSTAGE 2022	\$ 1,500.00
42	RUMPF REID & DOLCY SOUTH JERSEY WATER	PUBLIC DEFENDER 2/7/22	\$ 750.00
43	TEST	WATER TESTING	\$ 1,375.00
44	THE PRESS OF ATLANTIC CITY	NOTICES & RESOLUTIONS	\$ 111.20
45	TRANSFORMATION ENTERPRISES	JAN & FEB 2022 ROLL-OFF	\$ 11,910.00

46	VAL-U AUTO PARTS	FIRE CO. INV. #123160	\$ 363.96
47	VERIZON	PHONES JAN/FEB 2022	\$ 662.07
48	VERIZON	COMMISSIONER IPADS	\$ 120.03
49	WEX BANK	FUEL JAN/FEB 2022	\$ 1,367.15
50	WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP	FIRE COMPANY SUPPLIES	\$ 1,881.50
51	BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCOUNT	PAY #3 2/15/22	\$ 15,628.73
52	BASS RIVER PAYROLL ACCOUNT	PAY #4 2/24/22	\$ 14,798.76
		TOTAL	\$ 217,230.61

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 2022-02

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

ORDINANCE AMENDING BASS RIVER CODE CHAPTER 5.16 RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNITS.

The motion was made by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon to approve Ordinance 2022-02 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.

There were no public comments.

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

Votes: Cope- Yes, Bourguignon- Yes, Capriglione- Yes. All in favor and Ordinance 2022-02 was adopted.

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.

ALL OF WHICH IS ADOPTED this 7th day of February, 2022, by the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners.

RESOLUTION 2022-35

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The motion was made by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2022-35 and was seconded by Commissioner Capriglione. Votes: Cope- Yes, Bourguignon- Yes, Capriglione- Yes. All were in favor and Resolution 2022-35 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION NO 2022- 35

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER TO ENTER INTO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River (Sub-Grantee) has submitted an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Public Assistance and/or Hazard Mitigation Programs for presidentially declared major disasters, through the State of New Jersey, Office of Emergency Management (Grantee); and

WHEREAS, FEMA has determined that Bass River Township is eligible to apply for and/or receive FEMA funding under the Public Assistance and/or Hazard Mitigation programs; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bass River has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, as Grantee, as part of the application for Disaster Assistance.

WHEREAS the application will become effective and binding upon approval of a Project worksheet or Hazard Mitigation Grant; and

WHEREAS, the MOU authorizes the acceptance of mitigation funds and establishes the respective rights and obligations of the parties; and

WHEREAS, the proposed MOU has been reviewed by the Township Solicitor;

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

- 1. The attached MOU between the Township of Bass River and The State of New Jersey Office of Emergency Management shall be effective according to its terms.*
- 2. The Mayor of Bass River Township is 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 MOU.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management.

RESOLUTION 2022-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR GYPSY MOTH SUPPRESSION

The motion was made by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon to approve Resolution 2022-36 and was seconded by Commissioner Capriglione. Votes: Cope- Yes, Bourguignon- Yes, Capriglione- Yes. All were in favor and Resolution 2022-36 was hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 2022-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR GYPSY MOTH SUPPRESSION

WHEREAS, the Gypsy Moth Lymantria dispar, has been found heavily defoliating tree and plant growth in the Township of Bass River; and

WHEREAS, continued destruction of foliage may result in loss of valuable forest lands and trees; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Bass River has determined that a gypsy moth control program should be instituted with the State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture and that application for any Federal or State funds available be authorized.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bass River that the gypsy moth is declared to be a public nuisance and the protection of vegetation of plant life therefrom is deemed to be a subject matter of public welfare, and that all measures deemed necessary, in compliance with the State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture recommendations, is hereby authorized to suppress this forest and shade tree pest.

I, Elizabeth Godfrey, Clerk of the Township of Bass River, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the municipal governmental body at an open public meeting which was duly advertised to the citizens of the municipality in accordance with the law, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 4:7-39.

I also certify that the municipality has, or will comply with the notice provisions required by N.J.S.A. 4:7-39.

REPORTS:

Solicitor O'Connor- nothing to report- a quiet month

Municipal Court – consistent court numbers

Safety – trying to find FEMA reimbursement for COVID supplies

Other- Amasa Landing Road- paving project will be starting soon. Transfer Station will be purchasing 4 new dumpsters from the county as the existing ones are in disrepair.

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS: N/A

The meeting was open to the public at 7:08 PM upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon seconded by Commissioner Capriglione. All present in favor

Carol Bitzberger: Presented the Board and members of the public with a petition to sign about getting a Bass River resident on the Little Egg Harbor board of education- to represent the town and be a voting member.

Rebecca Simpkins stated that maybe a few towns could get together regarding the school board issue.

Kevin Foder stated all towns must be separate

Leo Assur stated the town should keep the school and not have any bidding

Robert and Vicky Haviland questioned the cannabis ordinance- is there right to farm in the residential zone.

Andrew ? Questioned if dispensaries are allowed yet.

Aaron Fritz- asked if Old New York Road would be able to have speed humps as people speed especially towards the end of the workday.

Kevin Foder asked about the gypsy moth treatment area. Map is on website

Karl Swanseen- asked if there were answers regarding the questions sent to the school board.

Leo Assur- mentioned tax revenue if the school sells

Kevin Foder asked the board if the answers came back good, would the town buy the school

Commissioner Capriglione mentioned the operating costs

Deputy Mayor Bourguignon stated that we have 62 students in the school, can we find out their performance.

Kevin Foder will check that out for the board.

Carol Bitzberger stated that we won't be able to get the students names.

Kevin Foder agreed, no names but we can get the grades.

A motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon at 7:40 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 were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Godfrey
Acting Municipal Clerk