

FEBRUARY 6th, 2023

Mayor Deborah Buzby- Cope called the regular Meeting of the Township of Bass River Commission to order on February 6th, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

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

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

Mayor Cope led the Flag Salute and asked that all phones be silenced, and we hold a minute of silence for Barbara Schmutz and Barbara Bebe, who had recently passed away. Mayor Cope then asked for all to be seated.

Deputy Mayor Bourguignon moved the January 9th 2023 meeting minutes; second by Commissioner Capriglione. The Minutes were approved unanimously by the consent of the Commission.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE #2023-01 TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A 40A:4-5-14) SECOND READING. PUBLIC HEARING, no discussion needed. Moved by Commissioner Capriglione, second by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon, all voted in favor.

ORDINANCE# 3 OF 2023: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15, BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION ORDINANCE, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Second reading-Public Hearing for numbering of buildings. Ordinance# 3 is to revise Title 15 into Title 15.1.3 All the Chapters purpose is to require the clear display of authorized and assigned house or building numbers on every building fronting on any street in the Township of Bass River for 911 and Emergency Purposes

ORDINANCE# 4 of 2023 Second Reading-Public Hearing. Is amending Title 15 Buildings and Construction to add to Title 15 Buildings and Constructing CHAPTER 15.114 SMOKE, FIRE, AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS Bass River Township. The States Regulations require that Bass

River Township provide a Certificate of Compliance for smoke Detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and also provide a portable fire extinguisher upon resale of property. Solicitor O'Connor explained that we are basically updating our ordinance to match what the State is requiring. Public Hearing, Second reading March 6th at 7:00pm

The meeting welcomed two assemblymen from the 8th District. Mayor Cope introduced them as Assemblymen Michael Torrissi Jr. and Brandon E. Umba both Republicans from Burlington County. The residents of Bass River engaged in lively conversation with both assemblymen.

There were many poignant topics discussed. Education for our children, to our States new bill that will charge \$195.00 for a permit to allow entrance into Wharton State Forest.

Commissioner Capriglione asked about reinstating the school report card and Deputy Mayor Bourguignon asked about grants that are being offered by the county. Mr. Van Orden expressed his concern that his grandchildren's parents moved them to South Carolina when they found out about sex education being taught in New Jersey's schools. Assemblyman Umba explained that he created a new concept for sex education that allows educational packets to go home with parents and gives them the responsibility for the education their own children.

The assemblymen bid the residents goodnight and Mayor Cope welcomed Ely Bech, who was carrying pizza and beer into the meeting. He introduced himself as the new owner of the Bass River Elementary School, and answered questions about his purchase. At one point in the conversation he offered the township permission to use the school as an emergency center.

ORDINANCE: # 5 OF 2023 Public Hearing Last month- there was an overhaul presented to our Zoning Ordinance. It was also introduced on the Bass River Township Web Site, with the changes to it done in color. A Public Hearing was held on this and it has been referred to the Planning Board. Under New Jersey Statute, they have 35 days to Review it, comment on it and get it back for the next Commissioners Meeting as to any suggestions or amendments that they have. Mayor Cope hopes it will finally be adopted at the March 6th meeting. Commissioner Capriglione opened the Public Hearing; Deputy Mayor Bourguignon second. All were in favor and Mayor Cope asked for questions, there were none. With no discussion Deputy Mayor Bourguignon motioned to close, Commissioner Capriglione second all were in favor.

RESOLUTIONS: # of 2023 THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADJUSTING THE SALARY FOR LARA BEDNARCZYK VIOLATIONS CLERK Moved by Mayor Cope second by Commissioner Capriglione all voted in favor.

RESOLUTION: # of 2023, PAYMENT OF CLAIMS: BILLS \$398,851.23 Mayor Cope Moved
Deputy Mayor Bourguignon second, all voted in favor.

REPORTS:

SOLICITOR:

JoAnne O'Connor, our Solicitor met with Lou Antabelli the owner of Buttonwood, to discuss the problems that have been going on between himself and his renters. It appears that the he has been making improvements which if taken into account by a renter's board would be considered capital gains. He has also agreed to supply dumpsters for the residents to use quarterly. Taking in the fact that many residents were part of a group of tenants that took Mr. Antabelli to court and won their suit to keep their rent frozen for years, the Commissioners of Bass River have voted not to create a renter's board within the township. Mr. Antabelli is also in the process of putting up a sign for 911 emergency purposes.

COURT REPORT: The Municipal Court Report is on file in the Municipal Clerks Office. Commissioner Capriglione was thanking the State Troopers for keeping speeding traffic under control and in the process making needed drug stops.

Deputy Mayor Bourguignon thanked Leo Assure for creating a special part for a piece of Township equipment, Cramer's for picking up metal and Howard Rothschild and Charlie Cramer for cleaning up the Transfer Station.

PUBLIC PORTION: 7:45: Motion to open by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon, second by Commissioner Capriglione all in favor.

Mr. Van Orden inquired as to what Buttonwood is, and Mayor Cope explained it is a Trailer Park that was once owned by the Monahan Family.

Ashley Cramer asked when there would be progress repairing her road. Mayor discussed different processes for repair they can try. And Charlie Cramer explained the different materials they can use.

With that there were no more questions Deputy Mayor Bourguignon, moved to close seconded by Commissioner Capriglione, all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm