

## **Minutes for Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 7:00 p.m. at the Bass River Township Building- Regular Meeting.**

Mayor Cope called the regular meeting of the Township Commission to order on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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

The following were in attendance: Mayor Cope, Commissioner Nicholas Capriglione, Deputy Mayor Louis Bourguignon, Solicitor O'Connor, and Deputy Clerk Mari Ann Capriglione.

Mayor Cope led the Flag Salute and read the Open Public Meetings Act,

She also called for a Roll Call: Mayor Cope, Deputy Mayor Bourguignon, and Commissioner Capriglione were all in attendance.

The Minutes of October 12, and the Special Meeting minutes of October 2nd, were introduced by Mayor Cope and moved by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon, Commissioner Capriglione seconded. The Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Resolution #68-2023 was introduced; the payment of Claims was in the amount of \$415,656.33.

Motion to approve by Mayor Cope Second by Commissioner Capriglione all voted in favor.

Ordinance# 2023 an Ordinance of the Township of Bass River. Amending Title 5, Business Licenses and Regulations of Bass River Codes. There was a discussion and the Ordinance was tabled by the Commission until a later date.

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution #69-2023 of the Township of Bass River Township Commissioners

In recognition of the service of Planning Board Chairman Russell Bien.

Mayor Cope thanked Mr. Bien for his years of service as Planning Board Chairman and presented him with a plaque of appreciation.

Resolution # 70-2023 of Bass River Township for a contact person for the Employment Practices Liability Attorney Consultation Service for the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

With no discussion, Mayor Cope moved to appoint Mari Ann Capriglione and Jenny Gleghorn as Liaisons to the Fund. All voted in favor.

Resolution: # 73-2023 of the Township of Bass River requesting a 3-month extension of time to award a Construction Contract for the FY2022 Municipal Aid Grant Funded Project. The Commission wanted to be sure it wasn't the second time the Resolution was being heard so a motion was made by Mayor Cope to remove it from the Agenda. Second by Commissioner Capriglione. All voted in favor.

Reports:

Solicitor O'Connor explained what Ordinance # 2023 contained and that the goal of the Ordinance was to allow vendors to have food trucks on private business properties.

Law and Public Safety: Commissioner Capriglione  
Bass River Municipal Court took in: \$10,188.26  
Bass River Realized: \$2,240.70

Washington Township took in: \$1,917.70  
Washington Township realized: \$439.12

Public works: Deputy Mayor Bourguignon discussed the progress being made on the Convenience Center. He explained that the Township has finally disposed of all logs and stumps required by the DEP to be removed. The Deputy Mayor also announced that the Convenience Center hours would be changed from closing time at 5:00 pm to 4:45 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 3:00 pm to 2:45 pm. on Saturdays.

Public Forum:

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Bourguignon seconded by Commissioner Capriglione to open to the public, at 8:00 pm

Commissioner Capriglione and Deputy Mayor Bourguignon opened the forum by emphasizing the importance of the Residents in need, to utilize the Social Services that Burlington County now offers them, every last Wednesday of the month, before the Township loses them. Commissioner Capriglione reminded the Residents that the Hope One Trailer would be arriving in Bass River Township on November 28<sup>th</sup> from the hours of 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

A resident asked where the Trailer would be parked. Commissioner Bourguignon explained it would be parked in the Township Parking Lot across from the Township Building.

Mayor Cope added that we also have the Meals on Wheels program and that they deliver 5 days worth of nutritious meals to seniors over 60 years of age weekly.

One of the Residents asked if Hope One was only available to New Gretna residents. It was explained to her it was open to everyone no matter where they were from.

With there being no more questions the Deputy Mayor made a motion to close the public portion Commissioner Capriglione seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm