

BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
September 11th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Deborah Buzby-Cope called the regular meeting of the Township Commission to order on September 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Roll Call; the following Commissioners were in attendance Mayor Deborah Buzby-Cope. Deputy Mayor Louis Bourguignon, Commissioner Nicholas Capriglione, Solicitor O'Connor, Jenny Gleghorn RMC, and Mari Ann Capriglione Deputy Municipal Clerk.

Mayor Cope led the Flag Salute and requested a moment of silence for Gerald "Jerry" Hubbs, Nancy McCarten, and Ray Connelly Also remembered was September 11th, 2001- 9/11 (Patriot Day) – Senator Stanfield

Approval of Minutes of August 7th, 2023, moved by the Deputy Mayor second by Commissioner Capriglione all voted in favor

Mayor Cope introduced and presented Senator Gene Stanfield, Senator Chris Connors, and Assemblywoman Dianne Gove, with appreciation retirement plaques, on behalf of the Residents of Bass River Township. Also in attendance were Assemblyman Brian Rumpf and Assemblyman Brandon Umba.

ORDINANCE #8-2023 provides for the acquisition of a Back loader in and for the Township of Bass River and appropriating \$150,000 therefore, and providing for the issuance of \$142,500 in Bonds or Notes of the Township to finance the same. Second Reading Public Hearing There was a discussion and the Bond monies were approved. Motion Deputy Mayor Second Commissioner Capriglione. All voted in favor.

Howard Rothschild gave his objections to the town's purchasing a new backhoe instead of a used one. He stated that our equipment undertakes a lot of abuse from the Public Works department. And cited the Township Pickup truck as a prime example.

Jenny Gleghorn explained that this Ordinance is not to purchase a particular piece of equipment but gives the Township the mechanism to purchase, be it new or used. The Commissioner's vote is to adopt a new line item in the Bass River Capital Budget in order to purchase something.

Commissioner Capriglione explained that when it comes to purchasing used equipment the problem with used is fatigue. He is concerned that the town may have become penny-wise and

Jenny Gleghorn provided the Contact person's cell number so Residents can call to report Flooding, drainage, or a deer Carcass. 609 588-6213

Josh Collins inquired about having his drains cleaned Mayor Cope explained that Route 9 is a State Road and it is the state's responsibility to maintain them.

There were many questions and concerns about the operation of the Convenience Center and the handling of dump stickers. One Resident complained about Tom's Retreat and the amount of garbage he brings to the Landfill.

With no more discussion, Deputy Mayor Bourguignon made a motion to close, Commissioner Capriglione second all-voted in favor.

Adjournment: 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Mari Ann Capriglione
DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK