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Mayor Rick Adams called the regular meeting of the Township of Bass River Commission to order on August 12, 2024 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 Jane Allen, Deputy Mayor Louis Bourguignon and Mayor Rick Adams.

Mayor Adams led the salute to the flag and asked for a moment of silence for Steve Eigenter.

Mr. Bourguignon moved, second by Mrs. Allen that the minutes of the meetings of July 8, 2024 be approved. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

ORDINANCE 2024-7

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER ESTABLISHING A CODE IN THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT”

Mr. Adams moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that Ordinance 2024-7 be re-introduced on first reading and schedule second reading for September 9, 2024. It was so moved by the following vote: Yes-Allen, Bourguignon, Adams; No – none; Abstain – none; Absent – none.

RESOLUTION #72-24

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

Mr. Bourguignon moved, second by Mrs. Allen that Resolution #72-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

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RESOLUTION #73-24

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF
BIDS FOR THE SALE OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL
VEHICLES VIA GOV DEALS ONLINE AUCTION
SALES**

Mr. Bourguignon moved, second by Mrs. Allen that Resolution #73-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

RESOLUTION #74-24

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS
RIVER TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING THE MEL
JOINT INSURANCE FUND VOLUNTEER HAND
BOOK**

Mr. Adams moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that Resolution #74-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

Mr. Bourguignon moved, second by Mr. Adams that the commissioners approve the renewal of the junkyard license for 2024-2025 for Cramer's Recycling Center. It was so oved the unanimous consent.

Mr. Bourguignon advised the public that South Maple Avenue just has the base coat done right now, there is electrical work being done for the well at the North Maple Avenue Park and on August 27, 2024 Hope One Mobile Unit is coming to New Gretna.

Township Solicitor gave updates on Verizon telephone poles and the court ruling on paying property taxes to Municipalities which was in favor of the towns receiving that funding and she is working on the in-rem foreclosures for the town as there is some new regulations for notifications.

Mr. Bourguignon moved, second by Mr. Adams that the meeting be opened to the public portion of the meeting. It was so moved.

Chris Naples, 21 Teaberry Lane, asked what are the policies and/or procedures for the Commissioners and how complaints and/or issues with property owners are handled. He is aware of two incidents that occurred recently where the commissioners stopped work from being done and he would and the property owners would like some clarification and possibility can he sit down with the Commissioners and develop a plan

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to handle the codes for the township based off of the policies in place since we do not have full-time officials.

The Mayor explained details on how the new tree ordinance came into effect and the town is working on getting the proper policies in place and as Commissioners they have the duties to make sure codes are followed within the township. However he has no problem sitting with anyone to discuss anything.

M/M Schools 159 Leektown Road, asked if police will be present at County road 679 and Leektown Road with the new construction happening as that intersection is already a problem now.

Mayor Adams stated yes he has been in contact with the State Police and there will be flashing speed signs on North Maple Avenue as well, County is working on this with the township it just takes a little bit of time.

Ashley Cramer, Adams Avenue asked who owns the fire company and what is the rules and regulations on the operations of the fire equipment and lastly who oversees the fire company and whether those rules are being followed.

Mrs. Gleghorn explained the fire department is an independent entity the township cannot be involved in the day to day operations, we just hack with funding, insurance and equipment that is needed, the State of New Jersey DCA, Division of Fire Safety is the oversight for fire departments they have standards that have to be met by the department and if they are not, the DFS does meet the department.

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

Mr. Bourguignon moved, second by Mr. Adams that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK**

Approved:

**WILLIAM "RICK" ADAMS
MAYOR**