

OCTOBER 15, 2024

Mayor Rick Adams called the regular meeting of the Township of Bass River Commission to order on October 15, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act were complied with as notice was published to the *Courier Post* 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.

Mayor Adams wanted to acknowledge Carol Bitzberger, Diane Naylor and Theresa Cramer for their work with the scarecrow challenge in the township and thanked them for doing such a wonderful thing to bring the town together.

Mr. Bourguignon moved, second by Mrs. Allen that the minutes of the meetings of September 9, 2024 be approved. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

ORDINANCE #8 OF 2024

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 5.16.030 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, ENTITLED “CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY FOR RENTAL UNITS” SO AS TO ESTABLISH A NEW CHAPTER ENTITLED “CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL FOR RENTAL AND RESALE DWELLINGS”

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that Ordinance 2024-8 be approved on first reading and scheduling second reading for November 12, 2024. It was so moved by the following vote: Yes-Allen, Bourguignon, Adams; No – none; Abstain – none; Absent – none.

ORDINANCE #9 OF 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 15.04 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, ENTITLED “STATE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODES”.

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Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that Ordinance 2024-9 be approved on first reading and scheduling second reading for November 12, 2024. It was so moved by the following vote: Yes-Allen, Bourguignon, Adams; No – none; Abstain – none; Absent – none.

ORDINANCE #10 OF 2024

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER AMENDING TITLE 13, CHAPTER 13.04 OFFSHORE MANOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that Ordinance 2024-10 be approved on first reading and scheduling second reading for November 12, 2024. It was so moved by the following vote: Yes-Allen, Bourguignon, Adams; No – none; Abstain – none; Absent – none.

RESOLUTION #77-24

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

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that Resolution #77-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

RESOLUTION #78-24

AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER 2024 YEAR MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MUNICIPAL AID FUNDS FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND FISCAL YEAR 2023

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that Resolution #78-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

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RESOLUTION #79-24

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF
CERTAIN TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTIES
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a) OF THE
LOCAL LANDS AND BUILDING LAW**

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that Resolution #79-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

Mrs. Allen read the Court Report for September 2024 a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office for public inspection. She also went on to announce the New Gretna Fire Department holds its monthly meetings on the second Monday of every month at 7:00 pm, they are always looking for volunteers so please come out to their meetings. The fire department is also doing a coin drop on October 10, 2024 and a pocket book bingo March 2025.

Mayor Adams updated the public with regards to the Construction Office and Assessor Office and how the new construction is being handled with new assessed values and he asked if anyone is interested in becoming a member of the Planning/Zoning Board please contact him.

Mr. Bourguignon thanked the Clerk's Office and Office of Emergency Management for all their help with the town. He also said the County has been very involved with town and thanked them for all their assistance.

Mr. Bourguignon moved, second by Mrs. Allen that the hours for trick-or-treating will be October 31, 2024 from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm. It was so moved by the unanimous consent.

Solicitor's Report:

There is a plan to meet with the Planning/Zoning attorney to discuss the revising the zoning ordinance to include Cannabis regulations on retail and she also still working with the electric company.

Mrs. Gleghorn explained that the township completed its Best Practice Inventory and that we will receive the full amount of State aid.

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

Diane Naylor 111 North Maple Avenue, asked if someone could contact to the State Troopers to help with the traffic on North Maple for Halloween night.

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Dudley Lewis Jersey Shore Steam Railroad Association, stated they concur with the town and will not allow overnight guests to stay on the property especially after this last overnight with cub scouts.

Jack McKernan, asked that someone work on getting the dispatch to understand the difference between West Greenbush and East Greenbush.

Howard Rothchild, cannot understand why the County would not leave one lane open when working on the bridge and he would like to see maybe a grant for charging stations for electric vehicles for the township.

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 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK**

Approved:

**WILLIAM "RICK" ADAMS
MAYOR**