

SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

Mayor Rick Adams called the regular meeting of the Township of Bass River Commission to order on September 9, 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.

Mr. Bourguignon moved, second by Mrs. Allen that the minutes of the meetings of August 12, 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”

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that Ordinance 2024-7 be opened to the public. It was so moved.

There being no comments or questions, Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that the public hearing of this ordinance be closed. So moved.

Mr. Adams moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that Ordinance 2024-7 be approved on second and final reading. It was so moved by the following vote: Yes-Allen, Bourguignon, Adams; No – none; Abstain – none; Absent – none.

Mrs. Allen read the Court Report for the month of August; a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk’s Office for public inspection.

RESOLUTION #75-24

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 #75-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

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Mr. Bourguignon gave an update on the following; the maintenance building was painted and looks good, Asplundh will be in town cutting back trees that are near the power lines, South Maple Avenue paving is getting done properly and if anyone has questions on whether he is certified to operate fire vehicles, emergency vehicles, respond to emergency he has them all and is willing to show them for anyone asking.

Mayor Adams stated he was in contact with Congressman VanDrew regarding the electric bill increases and he is hoping to have the Congressman at a meeting in the near future, but he is working on the rate increase. Mayor Adams is also looking to have a fall festival at the park on North Maple Avenue on October 19, 2024, more details will follow at the next meeting.

He also stated zoning applications and construction permit applications will be available at the town hall for those that can't make it to Tuckerton.

RESOLUTION #76-24

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS
RIVER TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR
EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT**

Mr. Adams moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that Resolution #76-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

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

Howard Rothchild, had hoped the Township would see some cost savings from the purchase of a new backhoe, but the bills for trash collection is going up is there a certain reason why?

Mayor Adams stated the bid was awarded just recently and the cost to transport and rental of the dumpsters has gone up from the bid from years back.

Ashley Cramer, asked why the price so high is since half the residents pay for private trash collection.

Mayor Adams stated the employees are policing the dump and not allowing certain things to dump in the yard, but the price that was award a few years back was a lot less than the most recent bid and prices for everything has gone up.

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There was a question on the amount of tickets issued on Route 9 versus the parkways, and the following individuals spoke on why it may not be working having all the State Troopers on Route 9 and why it is working, but the discussion went on with the outcome of getting the information as to what tickets are route 9 and what are parkway and that the State Troopers will continue to the job that they have been doing:

Bill Erreson Carol Bitzburger
Karen Belk
Pam Heinrichs

Mayor Adams stated there was a question at the last meeting regarding fire mutual aid, so he asked Fire Chief Tom Wetmore who was in attendance to give the public some answers. Chief Wetmore explained there is a mutual aid in place 6:00 am to 6:00 pm with West Tuckerton for all calls, for a structure fire West Tuckerton, Lower Bank and Green Bank all are hit out to the call together. He further stated that New Gretna Fire Department has met all standards that they were made aware of and at this time there is no issues.

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 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK**

Approved:

**WILLIAM "RICK" ADAMS
MAYOR**