

AUGUST 11, 2025

Mayor Rick Adams called the regular meeting of the Township of Bass River Commission to order on August 11, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act were complied with as notice was published to 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 in remembrance of Tom Turlish and Georgine Bartlett.

Mayor Adams moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that the minutes of the meeting of July 14, 2025 be approved. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

Mrs. Allen read the Court Report for July 2025 a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office for public inspection.

RESOLUTION #70-25

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

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mayor Adams that Resolution #70-25, authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$411,743.47 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Commission.

ORDINANCE #8 of 2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER TO U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(1).

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mr. Adams that Ordinance #8 of 2025 be approved on first reading and schedule second reading for September 8, 2025. It was so moved by the following vote: Yes – Allen, Bourguignon, Adams; No – none; Abstain – none; Abstain – none.

Mayor Adams welcomed the new clerk Heather Mitchell to Bass River Township, he than thanked Casey Raven for the flowers that were donated for the township.

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Mr. Bourguignon thanked the Public Works guys for the work being done at Off-Shore Manor, he further thanked all that were involved in the fire at Viking Yachts without the responders it would have been much worse.

Solicitor O'Connor stated there has been some complaints about Airbnb's in the township and since the town does not have anything on the code regarding these, she asked if the Commissioners would like her to draft an ordinance prohibiting them or allowing them. A discussion ensued amongst those in attendance and it was asked that she develop an ordinance for the next meeting prohibiting them.

RESOLUTION #71-25

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING LITIGATION COUNSEL

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mayor Adams, that Resolution #71-25, be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commissioners.

RESOLUTION #72-25

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON FOR CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS/911 CALL SERVICES

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mayor Adams that Resolution #72-25 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

RESOLUTION #73-25

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mayor Adams that Resolution #73-25 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

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The meeting was opened to the public for any objections to the renewal of the junkyard license; there were no objections.

Mayor Adams moved, second by Mrs. Allen that the Commissioners accept with regrets the resignation of Laura Moyer. It was so moved.

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

There was a lengthy discussion involving the public and the governing body regarding the new code enforcement ordinances and details on how the enforcement will be handled.

Bert Courtney Route 9 asked the Commissioners to look into Tri-Sate carting because of how they handle the trash collection in town. They do not clean up after themselves and something has to be done.

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

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mayor Adams that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK**

Approved:

**WILLIAM "RICK" ADAMS
MAYOR**