

JUNE 9, 2025

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

Mayor Adams moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that the minutes of the meeting of May 12, 2025 be approved. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

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

RESOLUTION #59-25

**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 #48-25, authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$616,817.53 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Commission.

RESOLUTION #60-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS
RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, EXTENDING THE GRACE PERIOD
FOR THE 2025 THIRD QUARTER TAXES**

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mayor Adams, that Resolution #60-25, be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commissioners.

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RESOLUTION #61-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW
JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF
OUTSTANDING CHECKS**

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mayor Adams that Resolution #61-25 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

RESOLUTION #62-25

**AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER 2025
YEAR MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY THE INSERTION
OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND
APPROPRIATION FROM THE STATE OF CLEAN
COMMUNITIES GRANT**

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mayor Adams that Resolution #62-25 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

RESOLUTION #63-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW
JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TX COLLECTOR TO
CANCEL TAX BALANCES LESS THEN \$10.00 FOR
2024 AND 2025**

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mayor Adams that Resolution #63-25 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

RESOLUTION #64-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW
JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF
LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE 2025-2026 LICENSING
YEAR**

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Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mayor Adams that Resolution #64-25 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

RESOLUTION #65-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW
JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR
MUNICIPAL PARK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TO
THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mayor Adams that Resolution #65-25 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

ORDINANCE #4 OF 2025

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 8.20 OF
THE TOWNSHIP CODE, ENTITLED "NUISANCE" TO ADD SECTION 8.20.101
ENTITLED "BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS."**

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mayor Adams that Ordinance #4 of 2025 approved on first reading and scheduling second reading for July 14, 2025. It was so approved by the following vote: Yes- Allen, Bourguignon, Adams, No – none, Abstain – none, Absent – none.

ORDINANCE #5 OF 2025

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 8.20 OF
THE TOWNSHIP CODE, ENTITLED "NUISANCE" TO ADOPT AND CREATE
SECTION 8.20.102 ENTITLED "THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE CODE"**

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mayor Adams that Ordinance #5 of 2025 approved on first reading and scheduling second reading for July 14, 2025. It was so approved by the following vote: Yes- Allen, Bourguignon, Adams, No – none, Abstain – none, Absent – none.

ORDINANCE #6 OF 2025

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 8.20 OF
THE TOWNSHIP CODE, ENTITLED "NUISANCE" TO ADOPT AND CREATE
SECTION 8.20.103 ENTITLED "STORAGE ON PROPERTY."**

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Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mayor Adams that Ordinance #46 of 2025 approved on first reading and scheduling second reading for July 14, 2025. It was so approved by the following vote: Yes- Allen, Bourguignon, Adams, No – none, Abstain – none, Absent – none.

ORDINANCE #7 OF 2025

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER AUTHORIZING THE REVISION OF TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION DATE FROM MAY TO NOVEMBER

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mayor Adams that Ordinance #7 of 2025 approved on first reading and scheduling second reading for July 14, 2025. It was so approved by the following vote: Yes- Allen, Bourguignon, Adams, No – none, Abstain – none, Absent – none.

Mayor Adams announced the Township Tax Sale will be June 27, 2025 and he wanted to thank Pinelands Regional Woodshop Classes, Home Depot and the volunteers for helping with the little libraries located around town.

Mr. Bourguignon stating he is getting prices together to apply for a grant from Burlington County to compete the playground.

Solicitor Report: Ms. O'Connor is still working on contracts for the sale of land owned by the township that has been recently sold.

Mayor Adams moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that the meeting be opened to the public portion of the meeting at 7:20pm. It was so moved.

Jack McKiernan, 31 East Greenbush Road asked what the ordinances are regarding and what are they changing.

Mrs. Gleghorn explained the ordinance are mostly for property maintenance, which is already on the current code book, but these ordinance makes it easier for the code enforcement officer to do his job properly.

Carol Bitzburger, Goldecker Road asked if anything has been done about the violations occurring specifically at the intersection of Leektown Road and Route 542; the stop sign is not being followed and the police should really be there to enforce the issue.

Mayor Adams stated he believed there were multiple violations issued for that issue.

Jim – Veterans Museum announced there will be a Jeep Show on October 4, 2025 at the museum property and a Fall Festival on October 11, 2025

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Pat Spagnola, 424 Stage Road wanted to thank the New Gretna Fire Department for the celebration of life for Tom Cramer (his father-in-law) that was held in their building and how much they helped with the event.

Kevin Groff, 105 North Maple Avenue stated he received a notice from the Burlington County Health Department that someone within his property location had a well test positive for lead in the water and asked if there is anything the township knew about this.

He was informed that the township was not notified of anything, but if someone is selling a home around him and resale certification is needed which requires a well to be tested and the County is required to notify neighbors in the event they want to get their wells tested.

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 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK**

Approved:

**WILLIAM "RICK" ADAMS
MAYOR**