

SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

Mayor Rick Adams called the regular meeting of the Township of Bass River Commission to order on September 8, 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.

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that the minutes of the meeting of August 11, 2025 be approved. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

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

RESOLUTION #74-25

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 #74-25, authorizing payment of claims for \$216,690.25 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Commission.

RESOLUTION #75-25

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO ARAWAK PAVING CO., INC. FOR THE 2024 ROAD PROJECT-RIVERSIDE DRIVE AND THE 2025 ROAD PROJECT-ADAMS AVENUE

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mayor Adams, that Resolution #75-25, be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commissioners.

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RESOLUTION #76-25

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN A MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH PARTICIPATING UNITS

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon, that Resolution #76-25, be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commissioners.

ORDINANCE #9 of 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER AMENDING REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING TITLE 5 OF THE BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP CODE, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mr. Adams that Ordinance #9 of 2025 be approved on first reading and schedule second reading for October 14, 2025. It was so moved by the following vote: Yes – Allen, Bourguignon, Adams; No – none; Abstain – none; Abstain – none.

Solicitor O'Connor stated the Ordinance pertains to short-term rentals which is less than 30 days; which is now being prohibited in the Township.

RESOLUTION #77-25

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 #77-25 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

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

Josh 5658 Route 9, asked if there was a curfew for the township and stated there is issues with traffic on Route 9 during the bus pick up and drop off and asked the Police to continue to be a presence on Route 9.

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There is a curfew in the Township and it is 10:00 pm anyone under the age of 18 years of age.

Maryann Assur 106 North Maple Avenue, asked that the police watch that people do not pass the bus on Route 9.

Ashley Cramer 5 Adams Avenue stated she spoke to the Code Enforcement Officer regarding the right-of-way and her posts has to be removed or relocated three feet from the roadway, she understands the rules, but is everyone else following those rules or is it just her?

Joe Ventresca, Code Enforcement Officer stated he only works off complaints only and if there is an issue/violation he does give notification to rectify the situation before a violation is issued. With this issue, it is structures in the ground within 3 feet the structures just have to move a few inches to comply with the Township Code.

Stacey Turlish asked if there is a difference in a tax rate when a home turns into a commercial property.

Ms. Gleghorn explained the tax rate is the same for all properties in the township; it is the assessment that is different for a home and for commercial properties.

Diane Naylor 111 North Maple Avenue, asked what would be a cost for an animal hospital that the town has to pay.

When Animal Control captures an animal and something has to be done with that animal, sometimes there is a cost from a hospital.

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 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK**

**WILLIAM "RICK" ADAMS
MAYOR**