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Mayor Rick Adams called the regular meeting of the Township of Bass River Commission to order on July 13, 2026 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.

Mr. Bourguignon moved, second by Mrs. Allen that the minutes of the meetings of June 8, 2026 be approved. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

Mrs. Allen read the Court Report and Code Enforcement Report for June 2026 a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office for public inspection.

RESOLUTION #58-26

**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 #58-26 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

RESOLUTION #59-26

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE
AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2026 ADOPTED BUDGET**

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that Resolution #59-26 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

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RESOLUTION #60-26

**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 THE SERVICES OF
THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS AND
DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING**

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that Resolution #60-26 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

RESOLUTION #61-26

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW
JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A
CONTRACT RENEWING MEMBERSHIP IN THE
BURLINGTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT
INSURANCE FUND**

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that Resolution #61-26 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

RESOLUTION #62-26

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER,
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW
JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF
LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE 2026-2027 LICENSING
YEAR**

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that Resolution #62-26 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commission.

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ORDINANCE #4 OF 2026

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 17.04.030 "INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS" TO DEFINE THE TERM "DATA CENTER" AND CHAPTER 17.24 "SPECIAL USE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS" TO ADD CHAPTER 17.24.150 "DATA CENTERS"

Mrs. Allen moved, second by Mr. Bourguignon that the meeting be opened for public comment on Ordinance #4 of 2026. So moved.

Leo Assur, 106 North Maple Avenue, asked what is the thoughts of the Commission, do we not want Data Centers in the township?

Kathleen McKiernan West Greenbush Road stated the Data Centers put a strain on our water supply because of the consumption a Data Center needs, so she glad we are pursuing the ordinance.

Township Solicitor stated it is not that the Commissioners are against Data Centers, but more on the infrastructure they need in order to operate, and that Bass River Township cannot fulfill the need for that type of infrastructure.

There being no further questions or comments on Ordinance #4 of 2026, Mr. Adams moved, second by Mrs. Allen that the public comment on this ordinance be closed. It was so moved.

Mrs. Allen moves, second by Mr. Adams that Ordinance #4 of 2026 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.

Mayor Adams thanked Theresa Cramer for all her help with decorating the town and the Burlington County Engineer Department for their study on Route 670; which has determined the speed limit will be dropped from Route 9 to around 108 North Maple Avenue and at the intersection of Leektown Road, there will be flashing stop signs on both sides fully funded by the County.

Mr. Bourguignon thanked Emergency Services because they have had some interesting calls this last month; he then stated the Park is almost complete but there is some punch list items that need to be handled before final payment is released and lastly people need to stop bring their animals to the park.

Township Solicitor advised the governing body that the US Fish and Wildlife would like the town to do the survey work for the properties that were recently purchased by them, but they would pay for the surveys; therefore she is contacting Frank Little to get that process

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going. Lastly, there has been a settlement agreement between the township and Mathis Construction, so she would like a Resolution by title authorizing the signing of the settlement agreement for this evening

RESOLUTION #63-26

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS
RIVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF
BASS RIVER AND MATHIS CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY, INC.**

Mr. Adams moved, second by Mrs. Allen that Resolution #63-26 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Commissioners.

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

Leo Assur 106 North Maple Avenue stated he feels people are speeding less on Route 679 now because of the presents of the State Police.

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 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK**

Approved:

**WILLIAM "RICK" ADAMS
MAYOR**