

A Special Meeting of the Alloway Township Committee was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor P. Ed McKelvey in the Alloway Township Municipal Building with the following present: Mayor P. Ed McKelvey, Deputy Mayor K. Myrle Patrick, Committeewoman Beth F. Reilly, and Municipal Clerk, Charlet Cheeseman.

Mayor McKelvey announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the Township Clerk on November 22, 2017 with Notice of Special Meeting of the Alloway Township Committee being posted on the bulletin board in the Alloway Post Office, electronically mailed to the South Jersey Times and the Elmer Times, and posted on the Township's website.

Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

PUBLIC SESSION

On motion by Patrick, seconded by Reilly, the public session was opened.

Douglas Atwell, 249 Friesburg Road stated he attended the meeting to find out what the Committees views were on the Cumberland County SPCA matter. He said he found out that the CCSPCA was closing down from an article in the newspaper and then information circulating on social media. It is his opinion that it should not be the local government's responsibility to take care of resolving this matter. He said if it comes down to it, each municipality should handle their own animals. Committeewoman Reilly stated she attended a meeting on Monday, November 20, 2017 where Township Representatives from municipalities that currently contract with the CCSPCA were there. The Cumberland County Freeholders, Administrator and Counsel were there, as well as, other representatives. She said they were informed that each municipality is legally required to have an animal shelter. She said the SPCA's budget is based primarily on donations and bequests and that \$665,000.00 is needed for 2018 in order to keep the shelter opened. She said 3 options were reviewed during the meeting, but no permanent solution was made at the meeting. She said the representatives asked the municipal representatives to provide a letter of support for keeping the SPCA opened and those letters would be brought to the Statehouse on Monday, December 4, 2017. Discussions ensued and it was the consensus of the Township Committee that the CCSPCA remains open; but with no financial obligations by the Township. Mayor McKelvey called for a motion.

Motion was made by Reilly, seconded by Patrick.

Vote: All in favor

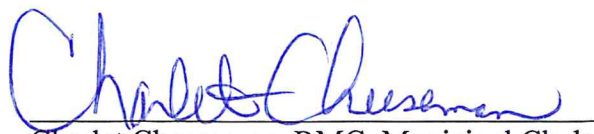
Mayor then directed Clerk to provide support letter to the requestor.

Mayor McKelvey seeing no one else wishing to speak asked for a motion to close the public session. On motion by Patrick, seconded by Reilly, public session was closed.

Vote: All in favor

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion by Patrick, seconded by Reilly, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Charlet Cheeseman, RMC, Municipal Clerk