

At 5:00 p.m. the Regular Meeting of the Alloway Township Finance Committee was called to order by K. Myrle Patrick, Mayor. The meeting was advertised in the South Jersey Times in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

The flag salute was led by Mayor Patrick.

Roll Call - Present: Morgan, Reilly, Patrick

Absent:

Municipal Clerk, Charlet Cheeseman and Marie Stout, CFO/Treasurer were also in attendance.

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There being no one in the audience, a motion was made by Reilly and seconded by Morgan to close Public Session.

Vote: All in favor

CFO Stout distributed the Bill List, Summary Budget Status Report and the Treasurer's Report. They were reviewed by the Committee. CFO Stout questioned if the excavating project at the lake access was done, as she was still holding onto their payment. Mayor Patrick replied it was completed during the week of August 20th. The CFO asked Committeeman Morgan to advise the Public Works Foreman that the Public Works account is 89% expended, which is high. Then Stout asked permission from the Committee to reimburse a Public Works employee for purchasing sunscreen and bug spray. It was the consensus of the Committee to reimburse the employee. Stout stated the Public Works Foreman can utilize the Safety funds for purchasing items such as eye wash, sunscreen, and bug spray. She informed the Committee the Safety Fund money (\$3,000) needs to be used by October 31st each year. Committeeman Morgan said he will explain this to the Foreman. Clerk Cheeseman told the Committee that she and CFO Stout met with the Health Insurance Agent who explained the renewal rates for the State Health Plan and the current Health Plan. Discussion ensued and it was the consensus of the Committee to renew the current policy. Mayor Patrick instructed the Clerk to keep this item on the agenda for consideration. CFO Stout told the Committee she received reimbursements for soft costs on 3 farms and will give Committeewoman Reilly the information. With there being no questions or comments, the approval sheet for the Bill List was signed.

The draft agenda for the September 17, 2018 Township Committee meeting was distributed by the Clerk. Discussion ensued regarding the letter the Clerk received from the Superintendent of the Alloway Township School requesting participation in the schools "Key Communicators" Group. It was the consensus of the Committee that Mayor Patrick serves on the schools committee. All other agenda item was discussed briefly.

Clerk Cheeseman updated the Committee regarding the following Ordinances: Noise, Animal, Peddling/Soliciting, Temporary Trailer Housing and Housing Ordinance. A draft of the Housing Ordinance is being prepared by the Planning Board Solicitor. The other Ordinances except for the Peddling/Soliciting Ordinance need to be reviewed more thoroughly by the Committee. The Mayor instructed the Clerk to place the Peddling/Soliciting Ordinance on the agenda for Introduction.

Clerk Cheeseman informed the Committee that the CPWM Certification expired June, 2018. Clerk contacted the DCA. The DCA explained how the Committee needs to proceed. Discussion ensued.

Discussion ensued regarding the Bellwether Behavioral Health home located on Telegraph Road. Committeewoman Reilly stated that after inspections were made at some of their other locations, Governor Phil Murphy's administration has gotten involved and wants the violations corrected and has stopped new admissions. The problems involve safety and staffing issues. Committeeman Morgan stated there seems to be more people there than intended. Mayor Patrick said the code official should look into this matter.

Committeeman Morgan said he was approached by a resident in the Holly Hills development regarding convicted sex offenders. Discussion ensued and the Committee will find out if the Township is responsible for informing the residents.

Next, Committeeman Morgan stated a resident asked him why the county doesn't have crosswalks at the intersections of County roads #540 and 581. Mayor Patrick stated we can ask the County Engineer. Along the same topic, Clerk Cheeseman stated Resolution #18-87 whereby the Township Committee formally requests the County to install Flashing Radar Speed Limit Signs on County roads #540 and 581 and the Township Committees interest in the County's offer to enter into a "Shared Services Agreement" is on the agenda for consideration. Discussion ensued.

Then Clerk Cheeseman informed the Committee that the Clerk's office is still receiving completed broadband surveys. Committeeman Morgan asked the Clerk what is the process. She said, a BFRR application is mailed out to the resident if the resident indicates they would like to find out if they qualify. At this time, Theodore Baker, Cumberland County Counsel, who is acting as the lead agency for the municipalities in handling this matter, has received numerous applications and expects more. The Township needs to have 35 qualified applicants in order to be eligible.

Cheeseman then told the Committee the phone lines in the Municipal, Fire House and the O.E.M. buildings were switched over from Copper to Fiber. The Public Works Garage and the Ambulance Hall may be done next quarter. The X-tel representative will notify the Clerk.

Mayor Patrick stated he received concerns regarding the safety of children walking behind vehicles parked at the Post Office on School Lane. The Mayor instructed Clerk Cheeseman to prepare a letter to the Superintendent of the Alloway Township School, so the school can address this concern. Mayor Patrick stated, the children should walk on the opposite side of that road which has a sidewalk.

The Committee members noted that they have received positive comments regarding the speed bumps placed on E. Canal Street. There were 3 speed bumps placed along the street with signage posted at each one. A couple of the residents would even like 2 more placed on the street. Clerk Cheeseman stated the final results of the speed bump survey was 23-yes/8-no.

Discussion ensued regarding property maintenance. Committeewoman Reilly said the grass was cut at the house on E. Main Street. Committeeman Morgan stated that the property and carport at house on S. Greenwich Street is in the process of being cleaned up.

Committeewoman Reilly told the Clerk she will contact Lt. Quirk and find out if he can attend the upcoming meeting.

Lastly, in following up with a request made by a resident to the Township Committee at the August meeting, the resident asked the Committee to place a Non-Binding Referendum on the General Election Ballot in November for starting a Police Force in Alloway Township. Clerk Cheeseman stated the County needs the question 81 days prior to the election. Therefore, the deadline was mid-August. Discussion ensued.

It was the consensus of the Committee that all agenda items listed remain on the agenda for consideration at the September 20, 2018 meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion by Reilly, seconded by Morgan, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlet Cheeseman, RMC, Municipal Clerk