

At 5:05 p.m. the Regular Meeting of the Alloway Township Finance Committee was called to order by P. Ed McKelvey, Mayor. The meeting was advertised in the South Jersey Times and the Elmer Times in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

The flag salute was led by Mayor McKelvey

Roll Call - Present: Morgan, Patrick, McKelvey

Absent:

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

PUBLIC SESSION

Mayor McKelvey asked for a motion to open public session and anyone wishing to speak, should stand, approach the microphone, state their name and where they reside, and briefly in five (5) minutes or less state your comments to the Township Committee.

On motion by Patrick, seconded by Morgan, public session was opened.

Vote: All in favor

Mark Stecher and his son, Hyrum, Elkinton Road. Hyrum told the Committee he is a prospective Eagle Scout and would like to propose to the Township Committee a project he would like to do that would benefit the Township and Community. He distributed a handout to the Committee. He stated he would like to install a flag pole with a light at the Public Lake Access area. There would be an area of stones around it. He said he would be the lead person on the project. Mr. Stecher stated the Board of Recreation Commissioners is in favor of the project and now Hyrum is requesting approval from the Township Committee. The approximate cost for the materials is \$605.00. Mayor McKelvey told Hyrum he thinks it is a good idea, but the Committee needs to discuss the project further. Mayor McKelvey asked when does he need an answer from the Committee and Mr. Stecher said the Scout Council has a procedure, so the sooner the better. Mayor McKelvey stated the Committee will advise of their decision. If approved, it will be on the upcoming meeting agenda. Discussion ensued. Although, maintenance will be needed after the flag pole is installed in this area, it was the consensus of the Committee to support Hyrum on undertaking the project. It will definitely be a nice addition to the area. Therefore, Mayor McKelvey instructed Clerk Cheeseman to place on the upcoming meeting agenda for consideration.

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

Vote: All in favor

CFO/Treasurer, Stout distributed the Bill List, Current Fund/Sewer Budget Reports and Treasurer's Report. There being no questions or comments regarding the bill list, the approval sheet for the bill list was signed.

CFO/Treasurer Stout informed the Committee she spoke with the Township's Health Insurance Agent. She distributed the renewal comparison sheet to the Committee. She explained that the total premium is actually 1.5% less for the 2020 year. Discussion ensued and it was the consensus of the Committee to renew the current policy. Mayor McKelvey instructed the Clerk to keep this item on the agenda for consideration. CFO/Treasurer Stout

stated it has been recommended by the Township's IT Consultant that the Township purchase a new server. She said it would cost approximately \$6,000.00. The current one is 8 years old. She informed the Committee it would not be good for the Township if the server went down. Discussion ensued and it was the consensus of the Committee to approve the purchase as long as funds were available. She will advise the Committee if funds are available at September's Finance meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the Fire Company's request to the Township Committee for \$15,000.00 which would be used towards the purchase of new air tanks. CFO/Treasurer, Stout will look into the Township's finances and will advise the Committee at September's Finance meeting. Mayor McKelvey stated if the Township has the funds, then the Township Committee is willing to contribute the money to the Fire Company.

At this time, the draft agenda for the August 15, 2019 Township Committee meeting was distributed by Clerk Cheeseman. The Committee reviewed the items.

Clerk Cheeseman informed the Committee she received an email from a Census Bureau Representative. She explained the representative would like to attend a meeting to discuss how the Township can help with the 2020 census recruiting efforts. Discussion ensued and it was the consensus of the Committee to invite the representative to an upcoming meeting. Clerk Cheeseman will contact the representative.

Clerk Cheeseman stated she confirmed that Mr. Paul Forlenza, JIF Executive Director is attending the upcoming meeting.

No one had any questions regarding the agenda. Therefore, the items listed are to remain on the agenda for consideration.

Lastly, Mayor McKelvey informed Committeeman Morgan he spoke with the Township Engineer and Solicitor regarding the Township's interest in obtaining the easement on his property. (B-47, L-5). Discussion ensued. Committeeman Morgan stated he is in agreement that the Township obtain the easement. Mayor McKelvey said he will contact the Solicitor to prepare the paperwork.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion by Patrick, seconded by Morgan, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlet Cheeseman, RMC, Municipal Clerk