

Due to the current situation of the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19), this meeting was held telephonically.

At 5:00 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.

Roll Call - Present: Morgan, Patrick, McKelvey  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator, Charlet Cheeseman and CFO/Treasurer, Marie Stout was also in attendance.

PUBLIC SESSION

On motion by Patrick, seconded by Morgan, the public session was opened and Mayor McKelvey called for any questions or comments from the public.

Vote: All in favor

Mayor McKelvey asked if there was anyone from the public that would like to speak. No one responded, therefore, Mayor McKelvey asked for a motion to close the public session. On motion by Patrick, seconded by Morgan, public session was closed.

Vote: All in favor

Mayor McKelvey asked if each committee member had sufficient time to review the bill list. Each member stated they did. CFO/Treasurer Stout asked for approval to add invoices from Comcast and Atlantic City Electric to the bill list. The Committee was in agreement to add them to June's bill list. Committeeman Morgan asked if switching to Voorhees Animal Shelter was working in our advantage, CFO/Treasurer Stout responded it definitely has been a cost savings. With no one having questions or comments regarding the bill list, the bill list was approved as follows:

Mayor McKelvey asked for a Motion. Motion by: Patrick, Seconded by Morgan

Vote: All in favor

Mayor McKelvey reviewed the finance items placed on the upcoming meeting agenda.  
-Salary Ordinance: Discussion ensued and the Committee was in agreement to re-visit next year.  
-Dog License Fee: The Committee was in agreement to keep the fees the same.  
-Landfill Well Monitoring Services: Discussion ensued and the Township Engineer will look into why there was a big increase for the services and will also request a quote from another company.  
-2020 Oil & Stone Road Project: Discussion ensued and the Committee was in agreement to "table" adopting the Capital Ordinance at this time.

Discussion ensued regarding the request of 2 properties on Paradise Road. It was the consensus of the Committee to accept the offer and instructed Clerk Cheeseman to take steps to move forward with the process. Discussion ensued regarding the request of property on Alloway-Friesburg Road. It was the consensus of the Committee to deny this request at this time as the lot is almost 6 acres and they want to look into what happened to the HOA for Alloway Woods.

Discussion ensued regarding the correspondence from NJ Conservation Foundation requesting whether or not the Township would want a future right-of-way plotted for Ernest Garton and Cobbs Mill Roads. The Committee members decided it is not needed.

There were no questions regarding other items on the agenda.

The Committee members had no revisions for March's Board of Health reorganization meeting minutes and May's meeting minutes.

Mayor McKelvey stated he received a request from the Tax Collector to provide security and separation from the public for when the Municipal Building reopens. He said all of the doors in the municipal building are alike. He explained his idea to help improve the current problem with the open areas in the offices and asked if anyone had any other idea. No one else had a suggestion. Mayor McKelvey stated this idea would be the most economical to the Township. He spoke to the Fire Marshall and Township's Code Official and neither foresee an issue. Mayor McKelvey said he would be willing do the work. He will alter the existing doors with glass, shelf and a closeable slot for papers to get passed through and the Township would only need to cover the costs of the materials. Although the FEMA Grant program in conjunction with the COVID-19 situation, would reimburse the Township 75%, it would take time to obtain quotes and the 25% would still be too much money for the Township right now. Also, temporarily a glass shield would be placed on the counter in the Clerk's Office. Clerk Cheeseman said she has been receiving updated guidelines from JIF explaining procedures for when government entities re-open. The Township will need to conform to the CDC guidelines and recommendations. The Committee members agreed that these steps need to be taken.

Deputy Mayor Patrick, as liaison for the Board of Recreation Commissioners discussed with the Committee ongoing issues down at the Lake Access. He said it has been packed with people. The public isn't being destructive, but trash is overflowing and is being placed on the ground by the cans. 3 more open weave trashcans with a big lid is being suggested. CFO/Treasurer Stout said that they can be purchased through the Clean Communities Grant. Also, a new bigger drop box for the daily boat ramp fees is needed and can be purchased with BRC funds. Committeeman Morgan shared that about week a half ago kids were at the Dam area and the State Police came and gave them a warning. The JIF agent suggested new signs be placed and recommends if anyone sees someone jumping from the spillway to contact the police immediately, as that is very dangerous. Deputy Mayor Patrick said there isn't a sign along the berm on the Dam.

Lastly, Clerk Cheeseman said she received a request from the Alcoholic Beverage Control for the Township and State Police to endorse a COVID-19 Expansion of Premises Permit to Alloway Wines & Liquor, Inc. t/a Alloway Village Inn. On motion by Patrick, seconded by Morgan the Township Committee instructed the Clerk to endorse the permit application for approval.

Vote: All in favor

Mayor McKelvey asked the Committeemen if they had anything else to add and Committeeman Morgan and Deputy Mayor Patrick responded no.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion by Patrick, seconded by Morgan, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlet Cheeseman, RMC, Municipal Clerk