

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 McKelvey, 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 shared that in reviewing the Tax Collectors current report, the tax collection rate for 2020 is a little higher than this time last year...it is at 93.23%. This is really good. Mayor McKelvey noted that there are good employees working here. With no one having questions or comments regarding the bill list, the bill list was approved as follows:

Motion by: Patrick Seconded by: Morgan

Vote: All in favor

Deputy Mayor Patrick expressed his concerns regarding the future of the Alloway Volunteer Ambulance Corp. Mayor McKelvey and Committeeman Morgan were in agreement. Mayor McKelvey will contact members of the Ambulance and Fire Companies.

Discussion ensued regarding the AirVac Sewer Trailer. Deputy Mayor Patrick said that the entity that is interested in it said the equipment is to their satisfaction and they will prepare the paperwork.

Discussion ensued regarding the States 2021 revised budget shifting \$12 million from the Recycling Fund and \$10 million of Clean Communities monies to the State Park Department budget.

Deputy Mayor Patrick shared information that the Public Works Manager/Sewer Operator Micklasavage provided to him regarding the increase of the electric bills for the sewer plant which was brought to the Committees attention by CFO/Treasurer Stout last month. He explained that August had a 60,000-gallon increase, which caused the vacuum pump to run 31.6 hours more and the sewer pumps to run 2.1 hours more. He also said Ranch Hopes usage decreased by 27,000 gallons from July to August. Mayor McKelvey stated the pits need to be looked at to see where all of this water is coming from. It could be from more people being at home and the excessive rainfall this summer. He stated it also could be from sump pumps that are still connected into their sewer line and were probably running constantly. Mayor Mckelvey said we need to stay on top of this and find out if Ranch Hopes usage is or is not part of the Townships total.

Mayor McKelvey acknowledged that this is CFO/Treasurer Stouts last meeting. The Township Committee thanked her for everything she has done and they will miss her. Mayor McKelvey said they are very fortunate to have had her and owe her a lot. She said Alloway has a good team and it has been a pleasure.

In response to the Township's advertisement for a CMFO/QPA, Personnel Chairman, Mayor McKelvey recommended to the Township Committee to hire Elizabeth Pigliacelli to fill the position of CMFO/QPA. Additionally, Ms. Pigliacelli recommended to the Committee to hire Lois Yarrington as Treasurer. He asked for the Committee to consider both of these recommendations. Deputy Mayor Patrick and Committeeman Morgan both agreed with the recommendations made for CMFO/QPA and Treasurer. Therefore, Mayor McKelvey instructed CFO/Treasurer Stout to help Clerk/Administrator Cheeseman prepare the Salary Ordinance for the upcoming meeting.

Motion by: Patrick Seconded by: Morgan

Vote: All in favor

There were no questions regarding other items on the agenda.

The Committee members had no revisions for the August meeting minutes or the Board of Health minutes from the June meeting.

Clerk/Administrator Cheeseman informed the Committee that the Township Engineer made the determination of the EDU Appeal request on property known as B-63, 1-28.01. She added that the Engineer copied the determination letter to the Tax Collector, Township Solicitor and the Zoning Code Official. The Engineer made a condition to the approval, whereas, the Zoning Code Official will be the point of record and will make sure it is not being used when events are held at the property, A Resolution will be prepared by the Tax Collector for Octobers meeting. Also, the Committee received a letter from the President of the Fire Company in which the members requested the Township Public Works Department to handle getting the cistern back in operation. The Fire Company has the materials at the Fire House. Discussion ensued. Mayor McKelvey stated it will be handled either by the Public Works Department or the Township Committee.

Discussion ensued about Trick or Treating this year. It was the consensus of the Township Committee that this year's Halloween in Alloway Township remain the same as it has always been in past years and that the lights will be illuminated in the Village from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm.

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 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlet Cheeseman, RMC, Municipal Clerk