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 designated newspapers in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

The flag salute was led by Mayor McKelvey.

Roll Call - Present: Morgan, Patrick, McKelvey

Municipal Clerk/Administrator, Charlet Cheeseman, CMFO/QPA, Bette Jo Pigliacelli, Township Treasurer, Lois Yarrington were 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

Fire Chief, John Mahala asked for details regarding the NFWF grant that was approved for installing a rain garden at the Fire House. Clerk Cheeseman explained. He plans to meet the Project Director Wednesday when surveys will be done. He also gave the Clerk a booklet from Provident Insurance which was received by the Fire Company regarding the Volunteers coverage. Clerk Cheeseman stated the policy will be renewed in June.

There being no further comments from the public, a motion was made by Patrick and seconded by Morgan to close Public Session.

Vote: All in favor

The Township Committee members reviewed the bill list and with no one having any questions, the approval sheet for the Bill List was signed.

Motion by: Patrick Seconded by: Morgan

Vote: All in favor

Discussion ensued regarding the 2022 Budget. CMFO Pigliacelli provided the Committee with certain documents they requested. After discussion, it was the consensus that the employees and committeemen receive 2% increase for year 2022. CMFO noted a 2% increase will not cause an increase in taxes. Committeeman Morgan asked the CMFO for her opinion regarding lowering the sewer this year. CMFO Pigliacelli explained the sewer budget was tight last year and although there currently is a surplus, there are other variables that the Township is unsure about right now. Mayor McKelvey reminded the Committee that Salem City may sell their water treatment system and if they do, it is unknown how that will affect the Township. After discussion, the Committee agreed to re-visit lowering the rents next year. CMFO stated that a resolution to transfer funds and a salary ordinance are being added to the upcoming agenda. She informed the Committee that the Introduction to the Budget will be on the March meeting agenda.

Additionally, the following was discussed: Wastewater Course for DPW employee, Driver History Reports, and CMFO waiting for proposal for banking services.

## Discussion/Correspondence:

- > NJDEP grant funding for publicly accessible EV Fast charging stations in municipalities: Topic was discussed. No action was taken at this time.
- ➤ Policies for Handbook: The Committee needs time to review. Clerk Cheeseman stated that as per the Township Solicitor, the Committee needs to make decisions.
- ➤ Upper Pittsgrove School Board resolution opposing the county-wide regional school district in Salem County: Discussion ensued and Mayor McKelvey will contact the Alloway School Board President, Mr. Morris.

- Fishing Tournament Request: Due to the uncertainty, it was the consensus of the Committee to ask the requestor to re-apply in June. Clerk Cheeseman will inform the requestor and will return the application and payment.
- Notification letter from the County Engineer: Approving "Time Limit" signs on Greenwich Street.
- > South Jersey Gas-Disconnection Notification Preference: It was the decision of the Committee not to receive a daily list.

The Committee members had no revisions for January's meeting minutes.

Clerk Cheeseman explained the Cyber Risk Management Plan's Tier 1, 2 & 3 resolutions. The checklists for each Tier were reviewed by the Township's IT Consultant and the requirements were met. This entitles the Township to a \$25,000 deductible.

Lastly, Clerk Cheeseman shared she was informed that the Salem Oak Seedling did not survive.

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