

At 5 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, McKelvey

Absent: Leady (illness)

Also, in attendance was Municipal Clerk/Admin. Charlet Cheeseman, CFO/QPA Elizabeth Pigliacelli and Treasurer Lois Yarrington

**PRESENTATION:**

Julie Acton, Executive Director at the Salem County Improvement Authority (SCIA) and Susan Bestwick, Vice Chairperson of the Board attended the meeting pursuant to the Township Committees request. The renewal of the Host Community Benefit Agreement was discussed. Ms. Acton explained that the benefit rate is recalculated every 3 years and is based on whether or not there is an increase in SCIA's Tipping Fee for Waste Class Type 10 (Municipal, Commercial, Residential). Therefore, in recalculating, a 5.9% increase to the base host community benefit rate of \$2.69 results in a \$ .16 per ton increase to \$2.85. Ms. Bestwick and Ms. Acton answered all questions. They shared SCIA is looking into expansion for the landfill. They want to be proactive. She said the NJDEP and the Department of Health would approve the plans. She assured everyone they are only in the early stages of this process. There is 1 cell left which could last to year 2046. They invited the public and Committee members to attend their meetings. The Committee thanked them for attending the meeting.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

On motion by Morgan, seconded by McKelvey, 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 and Fire President, Chris Hagan handed out a list of all of their vehicles and a projected replacement date for each one. Chief Mahala reported they responded to 125 calls in 2022. He informed the Committee there are 2 vehicles that will turn 30 years old this year and have become less reliable to assist the community in an emergency. Therefore, on behalf of the Fire Company, they request the Township Committee consider purchasing a new Rescue Engine that would replace the 2 older ones. He said it takes approximately 2.5-3 years to build a new truck. He also informed the Committee they received a grant in the amount of \$76,000 which will be used for turnout gear and extra gloves etc. Additionally, Chief Mahala and President Hagan told the Committee the dollar amount spent in 2022 to run the Fire Department and requests an increase in the 2023 budget.

Mayor McKelvey responded to their truck request. He reminded them it was not too long ago that the Township paid off a truck. He expressed he is not comfortable with the Township having debt.

There being no further comments from the public, a motion was made by Morgan and seconded by McKelvey 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: Morgan Seconded by: McKelvey

Vote: All in favor

At this time the Township Committee discussed the following with the CFO, Treasurer and Clerk: 2023 Budget and Salary Ordinance; accepting the veterinarian quote for the rabies clinic; animal shelter contract, installation of the surveillance system; backup battery for the system was not approved as the Committee agreed is unnecessary since we have a generator; still waiting for the quote to repair the wheel chair lifts.

**CORRESPONDENCE/DISCUSSION:**

1. NJDEP Notification: Renewal of Tier A Stormwater Permit/Document Packet
2. County Engineer notification regarding the results of the traffic study done on Timberman Road. Based on the results of the traffic study, both the Salem County Public Works Committee and the County Engineer have determined that a reduction in speed is not warranted at this time. Additionally, in regards to the trash trucks and the litter being blown onto Timberman Road, the Engineer’s office will reach out to the Salem County Improvement Authority and ask that truckers be reminded they must cover their loads.
3. SADC Farmland Preservation Application B-114/L-6; B-116/L-1: After discussion, Mayor McKelvey instructed Clerk Cheeseman to place a motion on the upcoming meeting agenda to support it.
4. Proposal from Twp. Engineer for the resurfacing Pierson Rd.-Section IV. With NJ DOT not granting enough funds to complete this road, the Township Engineer will contact Mayor McKelvey to determine which section of road is to be completed. After discussion, the Committee only wants the Engineer to do what the grant funds will cover and the Township will have to apply for the 2023 aid when available.
5. 2023 PSEG Vegetation Maintenance for high wires: After discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee that it is not for the Township to decide, but instead it is the property owner that should be notified and for them to give permission to apply herbicide under the wires to control them from sprouting under the wires again.
6. JRP Oil Service: DPW Mgr. will vacuum the tanks to remove any slug & trash in bottles
7. RFP for Solid Waste & Disposal Services: Red Oak Disposal & Hauling Services was the only bid received. After reviewing the proposal, it was Motioned by Morgan, Seconded by McKelvey to renew for 1 year. Mayor McKelvey directed Clerk Cheeseman to add a Resolution to the upcoming meeting for consideration. Vote: All in favor: yes

**ORDINANCE REVIEW:**

1. Cat Issues: Examples of Feral Cat Ordinances were provided to the Committee to review. Discussion ensued; no decision was made.

**RESOLUTION REVIEW:**

1. Request to Township Committee from the Agricultural Advisory Board: In light that the State has the Agricultural Advisory as a “Committee” not a Board, they are requesting to be renamed to “Committee”. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to have Clerk Cheeseman place the Resolution on the upcoming meeting agenda for consideration.

The Committee members had no revisions for December’s meeting minutes. Clerk Cheeseman reviewed the items on the upcoming meeting agenda and there were no questions.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion by Morgan, seconded by McKelvey, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlet Cheeseman, RMC, Municipal Clerk