

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: Leady, Morgan, McKelvey

Also in attendance was, Deputy Clerk Brittany Vanaman, CFO/QPA Elizabeth Pigliacelli and Treasurer Lois Yarrington, Fire Chief John Mahala

**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

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

Vote: All in favor

**FINANCE ITEMS:**

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 Deputy Clerk: 2023 Budget- Committeeman Morgan briefly discussed with Fire Chief Mahala that his budget for 2023 did increase by 9%. CFO said the Budget will be introduced at the March Meeting, Committee agreed the budget looked good; Planning Board Chair Request- Committee agreed and approved the Planning Board Secretary to take the Intro Course and if necessary, will revisit other courses available; Wheel Chair Lift quote was approved; Surveillance system door signs – Committee would like to follow up with the company that installed to find out if they offer the stickers for the doors. If not then quotes will be needed; ANJEC- Committee did not make a decision on renewing; Biennial Dam Inspection, Fralinger' s Proposal was approved; 2022 Franchise payments (Comcast & Verizon) - Committee acknowledged receipt of payments.

**UPDATES:**

Storage of Motor Oil - DPW will vacuum the tanks.

**CORRESPONDENCE/DISCUSSION:**

1. Renewal of 2023 Agreement with Magnum (E-Waste Contractor) –Magnum is still in negotiations, so they have not presented the township with the Agreement.
2. Notification of Daniel's Law – Appointments of "Redactor(s)" DCA is still working on the process; however, municipalities are to come up with their own system on how to handle internally with the Dept. Heads.

3. Ranch Hope: Committee Approved their request for Barricades on Camp Edge Rd & use of DPW parking lot for the NJICL Mountain Bike Race on March 31 (Setup Date) with the event date taking place on April 2.
4. NJ Agricultural email regarding new “Special Occasions” Law. – Per Committeeman Morgan this new law will allow preserved farms to use their lands up to 26 times a year for “Special Occasions such as weddings, parties, festivals, etc.
5. Email from resident – requested information regarding the process of a nonbinding referendum – in reference to” Establishing a Police Force”. Committeeman Leady requested information from the CFO on the effect of the Township “raising one million dollars hypothetically” to help fund a police force. CFO stated that in order to raise that amount of money the Township would need to increase the tax rate by .36 cents and that one million dollars would not be enough to fund a police force. If the Township wanted to raise 2 million it would need to raise taxes by .72 cents which would be a huge increase to the tax payers. The committee discussed whether this would be enough to cover the entire cost of funding a police force and agreed that this would barely cover salaries and equipment. The Committee then discussed the cost to have a nonbinding referendum done outside of the November election. CFO stated that she had another township do one and it cost \$50k dollars; however, she was unaware if there was a cost to have one added on the November Ballot. Mayor McKelvey did not believe it would cost anything additional, but more research on the matter would be done.

**AGENDA REVIEW: February 16, 2023**

The Committee members had no revisions for January’s meeting minutes. Deputy Clerk Vanaman 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 Leady, seconded by Morgan, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Vanaman, Deputy Clerk