

At 5:05 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 Municipal Clerk/Administrator Charlet Cheeseman, Treasurer Lois Yarrington and CFO/QPA Elizabeth Pigliacelli

PUBLIC SESSION:

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

Vote: All in favor

Debbie Dilks, Craig Kane and Frank Ponti, members of the Environment Commission attended the meeting as they were surprised to learn that the Township Committee was thinking of dissolving the Commission. The members stated the following about the Environmental Commission: it is a tool the Township can use, the Commission works with the school to encourage children to learn about environmental topics, the Commission provides value to the community. Additionally, the Commission updates the E.R.I. (Environmental Resource Inventory) which is used by the Planning Board, Agricultural Advisory Committee and the Township Committee to assist with identifying environmentally sensitive lands and plants. Cheryl Reardon, Project Director from ANJEC (Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions) stated when Cobbs Mill Estates was in the development stage, the Environmental Commission had input and used the E.R.I. for environmental impacts. She also explained the benefits of the ANJEC membership. Marilyn Patterson commented that the Commission is an asset.

In response, Mayor McKelvey stated he contacted surrounding municipalities and found out there are only 1 of 6 municipalities that has an Environmental Commission. Therefore, he felt Alloway didn't need it. However, he was impressed by the passion expressed by the members. Committeeman Morgan, Environmental Commission Liaison shared he doesn't want to dissolve the Commission. He said there is always good attendance at their meetings and the members take it seriously. The Township Committee made it clear that they want the community to be able to come to the Commission and that the Commission should not go after them. The members agreed. Mayor McKelvey thanked the members for attending the meeting. He learned a great deal from having this discussion.

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

Vote: All in favor

The Township Committee discussed the following with the CFO, Treasurer and Clerk:

Adoption of the 2023 Budget; Oil & Stone Program; Tier A Stormwater Grant Offer; Mold evaluation in the Tax Assessor/Planning Board Office; 2023 Dog Licenses issued were 100 less than in 2022; Farmland Preservation Plan approved on 4-12-23 by the Planning Board; Quinton needs a new sewer pump for pump #2 and Alloway's portion will be \$1,250.

UPDATES:

Clerk Cheeseman reviewed the following updates: 2023 Agreement with ERI for E-Waste remain at \$0.00 for pickups; Wheel Chair Lifts repaired; Sewer Connection Agreement was drafted by the Solicitor between Dirty Jersey Tavern and Alloway Township and after review the Committee directed Clerk Cheeseman to ask Solicitor to add to it.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. "Traffic Study" in center of town: No update
2. Solid Waste Hauling & Disposal: Committee feels this will take more than a year to put into place
3. Host Community Benefits: County resolution was received where the calculation was changed to yearly instead of at the end of the 3rd year.....still negotiating
4. Pump Station (front access): Working on acquiring property or obtaining a 20' ROW
5. B-4, L-1 Penton Station Road: Waiting for response from the Mannington Township Mayor

CORRESPONDENCE/DISCUSSION:

1. NJ SADC: ROW Inquiry Farmland Preservation, Block 105, Lot 3 & Block 103, Lot 15 (Committee supports the effort to preserve this farm)
2. Alloway Twp. Fire Co. Motorist Solicitation Application: Approved
3. Request to hold a swim/run event at Alloway Lake: Consensus was "No"
4. Fishing Tournament Application for October, 2023: Approved
5. Resident asking the Committee to place a question on 2023 General Election Ballot regarding establishing a police department in Alloway: Consensus was "No"
6. Submission of 2022 Stormwater Tier B Educational Activities
7. Salem County Multi-Jurisdictional/Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: Per Township OEM, Mayor McKelvey needs to read information about the plan update during the upcoming regular meeting
8. Salem County Engineers Office: Procedure for requesting truck traffic control signage and speed restrictions on county roads
9. Alloway UMC requesting closure of Church Street for a summer block party: Approved

AGENDA REVIEW: April 20, 2023

The Committee members had no revisions for March's meeting minutes. Clerk Cheeseman reviewed the items on the upcoming meeting agenda. A brief discussion ensued regarding the DPW summer hours and the Committee approved the hours beginning May 1.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion by Morgan, seconded by Leady, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlet Cheeseman, RMC, Municipal Clerk