

The Regular Meeting of the Alloway Township Committee met in the Auditorium of the Municipal Building on January 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor P. Ed McKelvey presided. Mayor McKelvey called the meeting to order and stated that the meeting was transmitted to the Township designated newspapers in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reverend Dave Field, Pastor, Truth Bible Church, opened the meeting in prayer.

Roll Call - Present: Leady, Morgan, McKelvey
Municipal Clerk, Charlet Cheeseman was also in attendance.

MINUTES

Minutes of the following meetings were reviewed by the Committee. Motion was made by Morgan, seconded by McKelvey, to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes.

December 12, 2022 - Finance

December 15, 2022 - Regular

Roll call vote: Morgan-yes, McKelvey-yes Motion carried

Abstained: Leady

BILLS

On motion by Leady, seconded by Morgan, the attached bill list was approved by the Finance Committee on January 17, 2023 and was ordered paid.

Roll call vote: Leady-yes, Morgan-yes, McKelvey-yes Motion carried

PUBLIC SESSION

Mayor McKelvey asked for a motion to open public session and anyone wishing to speak, state their name and where they reside, and briefly in three (3) minutes or less state your comments to the Township Committee.

On motion by Leady, seconded by Morgan, public session was opened.

Vote: All in favor

Biff Crossley, resident and member of the Alloway Fire Company, asked for an update in regards to the County approving 4-Way Stop Signs at the main intersection in town. Mayor McKelvey replied the Committee has not heard anything from the County.

David Weihe, 43 Kerlin Road, expressed he was very upset and wanted clarity on why the Construction/Housing/Zoning Code Official told the realtor of a prospective buyer that the property was unbuildable and would have to get a variance; however, didn't offer the variance option to his contractor when the contractor came in for a demo permit. Discussion ensued. Mayor McKelvey shared that in order to build on a substandard lot, the buyer needs to go in front of the Planning Board and told Mr. Weihe this doesn't mean that a variance cannot be obtained. Mayor McKelvey told Mr. Weihe he would also like to speak to the Code Official.

Bill Peacock, 456 Friesburg-Aldine Road distributed handouts to the Committee titled "Legal Age In New Jersey". He stated there has been a lot of dirt bike/motorcycle activity on roads such as Alloway-Aldine, Watsons Mill and Remsterville Roads. He said someone is going to get hurt, as they ride them in the wrong lane. He said the police have enough to handle, but we need law. He suggested everyone start contacting the top officials at the State level, since that is where the laws come from. Discussion ensued regarding police protection in Alloway Township. Mayor McKelvey shared that a NJSP officer told the Committee they now have 2 men to cover 3 municipalities and Alloway is one of the three, so the public should see more presence of them. Mayor McKelvey agreed we need law and order back. He said this is not a new topic. He asked the Lower Alloway Creek Committee if they would be interested in a shared service with Alloway and their Committee said no. He has also inquired about the cost to have a police department and was told it would be millions of dollars just to have a station and then there's the cost of equipment, salaries and insurance. He said it would cost more than double our budget.

Joe Quather, 61 E. Main Street voiced his concerns regarding police protection in Alloway. He reminded the Committee he asked them a few years ago to place a non-binding referendum on the ballot to find out whether or not residents are or are not in favor of pursuing a police force. He said the Committee at that time decided not to pursue it. He said the community is growing. He added the Borough of Elmer has a police force and doesn't understand why we can't pursue it. He requested the Committee find out what funding is available from the State for start-up costs for regionalization. Mayor McKelvey responded he obtained the figures from professionals. He stated he is not against law enforcement and is pro law enforcement, but believes you can either afford it or cannot afford it.

At this time the Committee updated the public on the Paradise Road-Spillway Drive matter and said the Township Solicitor will not have any update until after the court date of January 25, 2023.

Mayor McKelvey asked if there was anyone else from the public that would like to speak.

Mayor McKelvey seeing no one wishing to speak asked for a motion to close the public session. On motion by Leady, seconded by Morgan, public session was closed.
Vote: All in favor

Mayor McKelvey announced that the Township Committee will be voting and adopting Resolutions 23-25 through 23-30 by Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

- 23-25: Appointing Personnel to the Pilesgrove Joint Municipal Court
- 23-26: Authorizing Transfer of Appropriation Reserves
- 23-27: Awarding Contract for Animal Shelter Services for Year 2023
- 23-28: Renaming the Agricultural Advisory Board to the Agricultural Advisory Committee
- 23-29: Amending Appointment to the Planning Board
- 23-30: Awarding 1 Yr. Contract to Red Oak Disposal Service, Inc. for Solid Waste & Recycling Hauling Services

A motion was made by Committeeman Leady and seconded by Committeeman Morgan to vote by Consent Agenda on Resolutions No. 23-25 through 23-30.
Roll Call: Leady-yes, Morgan-yes, McKelvey-yes Motion carried

A motion was made by Committeeman Leady and seconded by Committeeman Morgan to adopt by Consent Agenda Resolutions No. 23-25 through 23-30.
Roll Call: Leady-yes, Morgan-yes, McKelvey-yes Motion carried

TO ACCEPT AND FILE 2023 SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE ALLOWAY AMBULANCE CORPS AND THE ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY

On motion by Patrick, seconded by Morgan, the 2023 Slate of Officers for the Alloway Township Ambulance Corps and the Alloway Township Fire Company were accepted as submitted.
Vote: All in favor

SUPPORTING STATE PURCHASE OF FARMLAND EASEMENT (Van Meter Farm)

On motion by Morgan, seconded by Leady, the Township Committee supported the purchase of the Van Meter Farm and Mayor McKelvey will sign form.
Vote: All in favor Motion carried

APPROVING N.J. STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR EARL M. RENTZ, JR.

On motion by Leady, seconded by Morgan, Fire Company member, Earl M. Rentz, Jr. application for a N.J. State Firemen's Association Membership, as requested by the Local Relief Secretary, Gary Remster, was approved as submitted.
Vote: All in favor Motion carried

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 553
AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY RANGES FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALLOWAY IN THE COUNTY OF SALEM

On motion by Leady, seconded by Morgan, Ordinance No. 553 (copy attached) was introduced and given its first reading. On motion by Patrick, seconded by Morgan, the public hearing on the ordinance will be held on February 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. and the Clerk was directed to publish the ordinance summary with notice of hearing.

Roll call vote: Leady-yes, Morgan-yes, McKelvey-yes Motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committeeman Morgan reported as follows:

- < Environmental Commission: Held Reorganization meeting; Renee Waters is now the Chair; Discussed Paradise Lake matters.
- < Agricultural Board: Held Reorganization meeting; Informed of a new State Bill which should help in preserving farms; they are actively accepting applications.

Deputy Mayor Leady reported as follows:

- < Steering Committee: Discussed plans for the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony; Doug Chapman will handle “Flags for Forgotten Soldiers”. Flags will be staked in the front of the municipal building and he is hoping to have a speaker.
- < Public Works: Progress of the electric operating gate at the lake entrance; Rebuilding the platform that the recycling bins sit on at the convenience center; Maintenance and repair work is being done on the mowing equipment to be ready for Spring mowing.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor McKelvey shared it is time to renew the Host Community Benefits Agreement with the Salem County Improvement Authority. Executor Director Julie Acton and Vice Chair of the Board Sue Bestwick attended the Townships recent Finance meeting. They informed the Committee that as of right now the landfill is expected to last until year 2046. And if the State allows them to go upward, it could last until year 2048. They are open to sitting down and discussing the renewal with the Committee members. He added they stated at the Finance meeting, SCIA is interested in Mower Station Road from the railroad tracks to McKillip Road. He wants to find out what their vision is and how will the Township of Alloway benefit. He also reported there have been complaints with black headed buzzers sitting in trees and on roof tops on Lakeview Drive. He met with a couple of the residents and told them in his experience, they need to make it uncomfortable for them. He added the black headed buzzers are protected.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor McKelvey made the following announcements:

- < 2023 Dog Licenses: Renew by Mail, Drop Box or In-Person
- < Saturday, March 11, 2023: Free Rabies Clinic for Dogs and Cats. Must Preregister. It is a Drive-Thru Event at the Municipal Building from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Dog Licenses Can Also Be Preregistered. Courtesy flyers were mailed. Visit Website for details.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion by Morgan, seconded by Leady, meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Vote: All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Charlet Cheeseman, Municipal Clerk

Range of Checking Accts: First to Last Range of Check Dates: 01/14/23 to 02/10/23
Report Type: All Checks Report Format: Super Condensed Check Type: Computer: Y Manual: Y Dir Deposit: Y

Check #	Check Date	Vendor	Amount Paid	Reconciled/Void Ref Num
REPUBLIC - 1688 Current/Trust/Capital				
1257	01/19/23	A0176 ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP BOE	374,705.00	1344
1258	01/19/23	A0489 AV BUSINESS COMMUNICATION	10,525.00	1344
1259	01/19/23	ATL001 ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	7,712.43	1344
1260	01/19/23	B0038 BARBER CONSULTING SERVICES	6,500.00	1344
1261	01/19/23	C0065 CARLSON'S AUTO PARTS INC	386.29	1344
1262	01/19/23	C0123 City of Bridgeton Fire Dept	385.00	1344
1263	01/19/23	C0376 COMCAST CABLE	336.92	1344
1264	01/19/23	C0531 CROUCH & COMPANY, CPA's	195.00	1344
1265	01/19/23	C0710 CUMBERLAND ENGRAVING SERV	20.00	1344
1266	01/19/23	COMM326 COMMUNITY OIL COMPANY	4,850.00	1344
1267	01/19/23	E0080 EDMUND H SHIMP JR	6,000.00	1344
1268	01/19/23	E0081 EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES INC	9,403.66	1344
1269	01/19/23	E0250 ENGLISH SEWAGE DISPOSAL	225.00	1344
1270	01/19/23	E0260 ERIC M KRISE	6,449.56	1344
1271	01/19/23	H0081 ALLIED 100/HEARTSMART	354.00	1344
1272	01/19/23	HO0BE005 Hooper, Inc	1,229.30	1344
1273	01/19/23	J0125 JAYNE'S SIGNWORK	80.00	1344
1274	01/19/23	J0516 JOSEPH FAZZIO INC	1,015.74	1344
1275	01/19/23	K0051 KEEN COMPRESSED GAS CO	65.00	1344
1276	01/19/23	N0225 NEW JERSEY REGISTRARS ASSN	50.00	1344
1277	01/19/23	N0247 SPRINT	66.15	1344
1278	01/19/23	N0262 Niki Arbittier	288.00	1344
1279	01/19/23	N0271 NJ CONFERENCE OF MAYORS	295.00	1344
1280	01/19/23	N0331 NJ STATE LEAGUE MUNICIPALITIES	450.00	1344
1281	01/19/23	NJ021005 NJ ADVANCE MEDIA	48.11	1344
1282	01/19/23	O0040 OMNI RECYCLING LLC	623.94	1344
1283	01/19/23	O0050 ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.	20.02	1344
1284	01/19/23	Q0001 QUINTON TOWNSHIP	1,445.53	1344
1285	01/19/23	R0116 RED OAK DISPOSAL SERVICE	9,420.00	1344
1286	01/19/23	R0165 RIGGINS OIL INC	627.60	1344
1287	01/19/23	S0050 SALEM CITY WATER AND SEWER	12,819.14	1344
1288	01/19/23	S0086 SCIA/SWD	5,206.35	1344
1289	01/19/23	S0125 SALEM COUNTY TREASURER	15,352.06	1344
1290	01/19/23	S0126 SALEM COUNTY TREASURER	925,946.68	1344
1291	01/19/23	S0129 SALEM OAK TITLE AGENCY	1,800.00	1344
1292	01/19/23	S0370 I S SMICK LUMBER	60.25	1344
1293	01/19/23	S0436 SOUTH JERSEY WATER COND SERV	330.00	1344
1294	01/19/23	S0523 STAPLES ADVANTAGE	56.68	1344
1295	01/19/23	S0625 SUNBELT RENTALS INC	1,876.88	1344
1296	01/19/23	T0235 TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	1,156.00	1344
1297	01/19/23	T0276 TRI COUNTY TERMITE & PEST	75.00	1344
1298	01/19/23	V0201 VOORHEES ANIMAL ORPHANAGE	600.00	1344
1299	01/19/23	w0170 WILLIAMS AUTO PARTS	168.92	1344
1300	01/19/23	x0300 XTe1 COMMUNICATIONS, INC	1,230.98	1344
1301	01/19/23	Z0050 Zo11 Data Systems	61.80	1345
1302	01/25/23	S0076 SALEM COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE	144.00	1346

Totals by Year-Fund					
Fund Description	Fund	Budget Total	Revenue Total	G/L Total	Total
CURRENT FUND	2-01	44,017.97	0.00	0.00	44,017.97
	2-07	<u>16,470.45</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>16,470.45</u>
	Year Total:	60,488.42	0.00	0.00	60,488.42
CURRENT FUND	3-01	1,332,677.00	0.00	0.00	1,332,677.00
	3-07	<u>3,069.97</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,069.97</u>
	Year Total:	1,335,746.97	0.00	0.00	1,335,746.97
CAPITAL FUND	C-04	1,050.00	0.00	0.00	1,050.00
STATE AND FEDERAL GRANT BUDGET	G-02	378.94	0.00	0.00	378.94
	T-14	6,100.00	0.00	0.00	6,100.00
	T-20	<u>6,892.66</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,892.66</u>
	Year Total:	12,992.66	0.00	0.00	12,992.66
Total of All Funds:		<u><u>1,410,656.99</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>1,410,656.99</u></u>

**ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NO. 554**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2023
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Alloway in the County of Salem finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2023 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that a 1% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$13,145.06 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Alloway, in the County of Salem, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2023 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Alloway shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$46,007.71, and that the CY 2023 municipal budget for the Township of Alloway be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

**ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NO. 554**

Dated: February 16, 2023

Attest:

Charlet Cheeseman, Municipal Clerk

P. Ed McKelvey, Mayor

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Alloway, in the County of Salem and State of New Jersey on the 16th of February, 2023 and will be considered for final passage after a public hearing at a meeting to be held by the Township Committee of the Township of Alloway at the Alloway Township Municipal Building, 49 South Greenwich Street, Alloway, New Jersey on the 16th of March, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Charlet Cheeseman, RMC, Municipal Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of Ordinance No. 554 introduced by the Township Committee of the Township of Alloway, Salem County, at a meeting held on February 16th, 2023 in the Alloway Township Municipal Building, 49 South Greenwich Street, Alloway, New Jersey.

Charlet Cheeseman, RMC, Municipal Clerk