

The Regular Meeting of the Alloway Township Committee met in the Auditorium of the Municipal Building on February 16, 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.

Chaplin Roger Garrison, Pastor, Ranch Hope, 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.

January 4, 2023 Reorganization – Motion was made by Leady, seconded by Morgan, to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

January 17, 2023 – Finance - Motion was made by Morgan, seconded by McKelvey, to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes. Leady Abstained. All in favor, motion carried.

January 19, 2023 – Regular - Motion made by Leady, seconded by Morgan, to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

BILLS

On motion by Leady, seconded by Morgan, the attached bill list was approved by the Finance Committee on February 13, 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

Joe Quather asked the Committee if costs have been recovered from the house fire that occurred on Memorial Day weekend of 2021 at Birch and E. Canal Street. He said this cost the Township approximately \$21,000. Mayor McKelvey stated when he contacted the Prosecutors Office, he was told no information would be released to him. Mr. Quather requested the Committee contact the Township Solicitor to find out how the Township can recover the costs. Then regarding the same house, Mr. Quather reported that prior to that house burning down, there was \$100,000 in back taxes and asks that a lien be placed on that property. Mayor McKelvey replied the Committee will look into this matter. Another concern are the unfit buildings in the Township. He said the criteria for the Townships Ordinance for abandon properties is only for residential and he believes it should also include commercial properties. He explained on West Main Street there are 2 properties that are major fire risks and they fit this criterion; however, they are commercial. Lastly, he asked about the taxes on the property next to the school. He said it is definitely an unfit building. Committeeman Morgan replied taxes were paid the last time he checked. He'll be back next month to follow up on these items.

Ed McGee would like the Committee to consider creating an Ordinance that would cap the amount of firewood a property owner can keep on their property. Mayor stated the Committee will discuss.

Diane Eichfeld inquired if the railroad tracks that run in this area are active. Mayor McKelvey believed they are owned by the County and a private company leases it. Committeeman Morgan said no freight is being hauled at this time.

Biff Crossley informed the Committee that the defoliation and ground cleaning efforts done on a house on Cedar Street was cleaned up by a private citizen in Alloway. He also asked if there was an update regarding the Townships support resolution 22-44 requesting 4 way stop signs in the center of town. He added the traffic lights do more harm than good. Mayor McKelvey read the response from the County Engineer dated April 28, 2022. In summary, the County Public Works Committee requested that this location be included in the SJTPO FY 2023 "Traffic Study".

Kathryn Misiewicz thanked the Township Committee for their persistence in resolving a difficult situation occurring in the community where she resides. However, some residents in the community still believe nothing is being done as they have seen no visual signs of improvement. She said unpermitted construction and destruction continues on a daily basis despite stop orders. She voiced her concerns regarding the illegal and hazardous fence, continuation of jack hammering and operation of heavy equipment which has torn up the road on Spillway Drive. Committeeman Morgan shared that the property owner is engaging with the State after the latest Notice of Violation and that the State is handling their part of the situation with the owner. Discussion ensued. The Committee will know more after the next court date; however, the residents need to be aware that there may be information they are not permitted to share with the public. The Committee did suggest the residents file and report complaints with the court if they feel it will help with the case.

Other residents who attended the meeting to find out an update on the Paradise Road/Spillway Drive situation were: Tom Boehlert, Kim & Al Spina, Joseph Myers and Nancy Jones

Matt Cassidy, Pedricktown, introduced himself and offered information pertaining to the Municipal and Land Use Code and Municipal Master Plan. He suggested the municipalities reevaluate the plan continuously. He has been visiting municipal meetings recently to find out what the issues are in the towns. He also explained having an area of redevelopment plan in the Township. He feels some municipalities are not aware of the specifics of a plan. He concluded by inviting everyone to his winery (Salem Oak Vineyards) on March 28th @ 4pm to come together and talk about town issues, grants, farmland preservation and historic preservation. The Director of Economic Development and a couple of the County Commissioners plan to attend. He thanked the Committee for letting him speak.

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 23-31 through 23-33 by Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

- 23-31:** Governing Body Certificate of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964" (*Certificate Must Be Executed Before Submitting Municipalities Approved Budget*).
- 23-32:** Awarding Professional Service Contract to Stephen Nardelli of Fralinger Engineering, PA for Engineering Services for Required Biennial Inspection of the Alloway Lake Dam
- 23-33:** Authorizing Transfer of Appropriation Reserves

A motion was made by Committeeman Leady and seconded by Committeeman Morgan to vote by Consent Agenda on Resolutions No. 23-31 through 23-33.
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. 23-31 through 23-33.

Roll Call: Leady-yes, Morgan-yes, McKelvey-yes Motion carried

MOTION TO SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2023 SEWER CONNECTION FEE

(March 16, 2023 @ 7:00 pm)

On motion by Leady, seconded by Morgan, the 2023 Public Hearing on the Sewer Connection Fee was scheduled for March 16, 2023 @ 7:00 pm.

Vote: All in favor

MOTION APPROVING REQUESTS FROM DAVE BAILEY, JR. OF RANCH HOPE MARCH 31- APRIL 2, 2023 PARTICIPATING IN THE NICA NJ BIKE EVENTS (Insurance Documents Received)

On motion by Leady, seconded by Morgan, approving requests for Dave Bailey, Jr. of Ranch Hope related to NICA NJ Bike Events on March 31- April 2, 2023 was approved.

Vote: All in favor

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 553 (“SALARY ORDINANCE”)

Ordinance No. 553 was called up for second reading, an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 553

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY RANGES FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALLOWAY IN THE COUNTY OF SALEM

Publication of summary of Ordinance No. 553, as required had been made. On motion by Leady, seconded by Morgan, the public hearing on Ordinance No. 553 was opened and the Clerk directed to read the ordinance by title on second reading. The Clerk read the ordinance by title. Mayor McKelvey announced that all interested parties would now be given opportunity to be heard on this ordinance.

There being no further questions or comments from the public, on motion by Leady, seconded by Morgan, the public hearing was closed.

Leady moved to adopt Ordinance No. 553 on second and final reading. Morgan seconded the motion.

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

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 554

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

On motion by Leady, seconded by Morgan, Ordinance No. 554 (copy attached) was introduced and given its first reading. On motion by Leady, seconded by Morgan, the public hearing on the ordinance will be held March 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: unable to attend
- < Agricultural Board: meet next month
- < Planning Board: no meeting

Deputy Mayor Leady reported as follows:

- < Steering Committee: discussed a different way of judging the Christmas light displays; Memorial Day celebration held out front of the municipal building
- < Public Works: finishing up the maintenance on the mowing equipment; maintenance at the public cemetery; cleaning up the basins and roadways within the town; sewer system valve repair; still waiting for Wysocki Electric to begin process of putting the electric openers on the gate for the lake entrance; received quote from Wysocki Electric to add a magnetic sensor to the inside of the fence in case someone misses the deadline of when the gate closes.

On motion by Leady, seconded by Morgan the Committee approved quote from Wysocki Electric in the amount of \$1,000 to add a magnetic sensor to the inside of the gates fence.

Vote: All in favor

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor McKelvey attended the South Jersey Transportation meeting and will follow up on the status of the traffic study in center of town. He scheduled a meeting with the Salem County Improvement Authority regarding the Host Community Benefits. He contacted the County Sheriff’s Department to request manpower to Alloway.

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. The Public 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. Forms Available at the Post Office, Municipal Building and Website. 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 8:08 p.m.

Vote: All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Charlet Cheeseman, Municipal Clerk

Range of Checking Accts: First to Last Range of Check Dates: 02/11/23 to 03/10/23
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					
1303	02/16/23	A0148 ALLOWAY AMBULANCE CORP	2,307.40		1347
1304	02/16/23	A0150 ALLOWAY FIRE DEPARTMENT	6,412.50		1347
1305	02/16/23	A0176 ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP BOE	374,705.00	02/28/23	1347
1306	02/16/23	A0186 ALLOWAY POSTMASTER	68.00	02/28/23	1347
1307	02/16/23	ATL001 ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC	8,596.09		1347
1308	02/16/23	C0065 CARLSON'S AUTO PARTS INC	83.63	02/28/23	1347
1309	02/16/23	C0324 CMR Environmental Services,LLC	1,450.00		1347
1310	02/16/23	C0376 COMCAST CABLE	336.92	02/28/23	1347
1311	02/16/23	C0531 CROUCH & COMPANY, CPA's	195.00	02/28/23	1347
1312	02/16/23	COMM326 COMMUNITY OIL COMPANY	5,774.56		1347
1313	02/16/23	E0210 ELMER TIMES	136.88		1347
1314	02/16/23	E0250 ENGLISH SEWAGE DISPOSAL	225.00		1347
1315	02/16/23	E0260 ERIC M KRISE	367.25	02/28/23	1347
1316	02/16/23	K0051 KEEN COMPRESSED GAS CO	66.00	02/28/23	1347
1317	02/16/23	M0206 MC SYSTEMS SOLUTIONS, LLC	1,400.00	02/28/23	1347
1318	02/16/23	M0339 MICRO SYSTEMS-NJ COM LLC	1,600.00		1347
1319	02/16/23	N0205 NJ DEPT OF HEALTH&SENIOR SERV	154.20		1347
1320	02/16/23	N0221 NEW JERSEY PLANNING OFFICIALS	325.00	02/28/23	1347
1321	02/16/23	N0247 SPRINT	66.15	02/28/23	1347
1322	02/16/23	N0262 Niki Arbittier	684.00	02/28/23	1347
1323	02/16/23	N0375 NJTRONIX	800.00		1347
1324	02/16/23	N2540 NJ Conservation Foundation	7,450.00		1347
1325	02/16/23	NJ021005 NJ ADVANCE MEDIA	473.81		1347
1326	02/16/23	00040 OMNI RECYCLING LLC	712.92		1347
1327	02/16/23	00050 ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.	11.44	02/28/23	1347
1328	02/16/23	P0431 PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL	182.61	02/28/23	1347
1329	02/16/23	R0116 RED OAK DISPOSAL SERVICE	4,890.00		1347
1330	02/16/23	S0056 SALEM CO ASSN LOCAL GOVT	75.00	02/28/23	1347
1331	02/16/23	S0059 SALEM CO CLERKS & TREAS ASSN	175.00		1347
1332	02/16/23	S0086 SCIA/SWD	6,034.72	02/28/23	1347
1333	02/16/23	S0315 SICKELS & ASSOCIATES INC	564.75		1347
1334	02/16/23	S0350 SJ GARAGE & FLEET SERVICE	153.40		1347
1335	02/16/23	S0370 I S SMICK LUMBER	574.50	02/28/23	1347
1336	02/16/23	S0523 STAPLES ADVANTAGE	306.28	02/28/23	1347
1337	02/16/23	S0630 SUBURBAN PROPANE	468.35	02/28/23	1347
1338	02/16/23	SCH001 SCHEULE PLANNING SOLUTIONS,LLC	281.25	02/28/23	1347
1339	02/16/23	STATEJIF Statewide Insurance Fund	20,761.00		1347
1340	02/16/23	T0185 TOWNSHIP OF PILESGROVE	3,367.09		1347
1341	02/16/23	T0276 TRI COUNTY TERMITE & PEST	75.00	02/28/23	1347
1342	02/16/23	V0201 VOORHEES ANIMAL ORPHANAGE	700.00	02/28/23	1347
1343	02/16/23	W0170 WILLIAMS AUTO PARTS	83.63	02/28/23	1347
1344	02/16/23	X0200 XEROGRAPHIC DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS	1,219.66	02/28/23	1347
1345	02/16/23	X0300 XTe1 COMMUNICATIONS, INC	1,243.30	02/28/23	1347
1346	02/16/23	Z0050 Zo11 Data Systems	61.80	02/28/23	1347

Totals by Year-Fund					
Fund Description	Fund	Budget Total	Revenue Total	G/L Total	Total
CURRENT FUND	2-01	7,267.74	0.00	0.00	7,267.74
CURRENT FUND	3-01	435,034.41	0.00	0.00	435,034.41
	3-07	<u>3,896.55</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,896.55</u>
Year Total:		438,930.96	0.00	0.00	438,930.96
PLANNING BOARD ESCROW	E-13	564.75	0.00	0.00	564.75
STATE AND FEDERAL GRANT BUDGET	G-02	149.10	0.00	0.00	149.10
	T-14	854.20	0.00	0.00	854.20
	T-18	7,731.25	0.00	0.00	7,731.25
	T-20	<u>121.09</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>121.09</u>
Year Total:		8,706.54	0.00	0.00	8,706.54
Total of All Funds:		<u>455,619.09</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>455,619.09</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