

ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
JULY 16, 2026 at 7:00PM

The Regular Meeting of the Alloway Township Committee met in the Auditorium of the Municipal Building on July 16, 2026 at 7:00pm. 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.

Mayor McKelvey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Ellen Crusak, Alloway UMC, opened the meeting in prayer.

ROLL CALL Present: Deputy Mayor Angelus, Mayor McKelvey
Absent: Committeeman Leady

MINUTES

The following meeting minutes were reviewed by the Committee:

June 15, 2026 Finance

June 18, 2026 Regular

Deputy Mayor Angelus moved to table the approval of the June minutes due to Mayor McKelvey being absent from the June meeting and Committeeman Leady being absent from tonight's meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor McKelvey.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion by Deputy Mayor Angelus, seconded by Mayor McKelvey, the attached Bill List was approved by the Finance Committee on June 15, 2026 and was ordered paid.

Roll Call: Deputy Mayor Angelus - yes, Committeeman Leady - absent, Mayor 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 Deputy Mayor Angelus, seconded by Mayor McKelvey, Public Session was opened.

Vote: All in favor – yes, Committeeman Leady-absent

Ayn Masker, 105 Stockington Road, and Margaret Matthews, 22 Stockington Road came before the committee a few months ago about the correct spelling of Stockington Road. It used to be spelled Stockingtown Road but somewhere along the way it lost the “W”. At that meeting it was decided a letter would be sent to the residents asking whether they objected to changing the road name. Ms. Masker stated as much as she admires the committee and the work that they do, that letter was horrendous and ineffective and didn't address the historical significance of the name at all. Ms. Masker presented a flyer illustrating how a historic street sign could be installed on the same pole as the existing street sign to recognize the road's historic name.

Mayor McKelvey thanked Ms. Masker and Ms. Matthews for the great idea.

Gail Nazarene, 93 Canal Street, wanted to make the committee aware that at the last school board meeting, the board voted on whether to move forward with the proposed merger of the Alloway and Woodstown-Pilesgrove school districts. After careful discussion and extensive research, the

board determined that the merger would actually increase our taxes after the second year, with additional increases possible in the third year and beyond, compared with remaining independent. Based on that information, the board voted against moving forward with the merger. Ms. Nazarene stated that the district would have gained access to extracurricular services, but would have lost local autonomy over its students. She expressed concern about the possibility of increased bus travel and longer commute times for students. Additionally, she expressed gratitude that the board voted against the merger because the district currently has a new CSA who has been working to improve the district's academic performance. She noted that the district's school ratings have steadily improved over the past two years and said she believes they will continue to improve under the current improvement plan. Finally, Ms. Nazarene shared that she has been working on the possibility of establishing a school foundation. She said she intends to present the idea to the school board and is considering creating the foundation as a trust rather than a nonprofit organization, explaining that a trust would permanently restrict the use of the funds for their intended purpose. She suggested the foundation could help fund programs such as music, Spanish and other educational opportunities that are not currently covered by local tax dollars.

Brian Crossley, 95 W Main St, informed the committee that the really bad pot hole on the corner of Church and Canal Streets has been corrected by South Jersey Gas. Mr. Crossley inquired about the red stickers that were posted at the property on E. Main Street.

On motion by Deputy Mayor Angelus, seconded by Mayor McKelvey, Public Session was closed.

Vote: All in favor – yes, Committeeman Leady-absent

SEMI-QUINCENTENNIAL COMMITTEE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR AMERICA'S 250 PATRIOTIC HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST PRESENTED BY MARGARET MATTHEWS AND JANET GARRISON

The following is a list of the Winners:

Grand Prize

Karen Abbott & Dean Turner

House

1. Bonnie Durburrow
2. Cassie & Brian Fahy

Honorable Mention- Amy & Norman Francis

Landscape

1. Sharon Coleman
2. Sue & Don Smith

Honorable Mention- Sue & Lenny Benner, Deanne Rieck

Creative

1. Katie McAllister & John Clark
2. John & Amy Mahala

Honorable Mention-Karen Abbott & Dean Turner

Other Participants

Robin DiGiorgio, Emily Francis, Connie Freeman, The Grimming's, Kaiti Handte, Chris Headley, Ken & Libby Hunt, Ken & Peg Massey, Kim McLaughlin, and Nicole & Phil Sabella

Ms. Matthews thanked all of the participants for partaking in the decorating contest on behalf of the Semi-Quincentennial Committee.

RESOLUTIONS/CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 26-79 Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation (*Recycling Tonnage Grant*)

Resolution 26-80 Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property by Auction on GovDeals

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Angelus and seconded by Mayor McKelvey to vote by Consent Agenda on Resolutions No. 26-79 through No.26-80.

Roll Call: Deputy Mayor Angelus - yes, Committeeman Leady - absent, Mayor McKelvey – yes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Angelus and seconded by Mayor McKelvey to adopt by Consent Agenda Resolutions No. 26-79 through No. 26-80.

Roll Call: Deputy Mayor Angelus - yes, Committeeman Leady -absent, Mayor McKelvey – yes
Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Angelus – Deputy Mayor Angelus he missed the Environmental Commission meeting however, they were supposed to discuss more about the provisions for the Master Plan including some of the Kirkwood Cohansey Aquifer. There is an issue involving an environmental restriction that may affect land use and ultimately, how school funding or tax funding is calculated. The PILOT and related funding formulas are based on the square footage of actual buildable land and because Alloway has so much protected land our amount of buildable land is significantly lower than that of other municipalities with similar total acreage, more research is being done.

The Planning Board meeting was canceled because there wasn't any business to discuss.

Deputy Mayor Angelus stated he has been working on a draft ordinance regarding data centers; however, he's pausing at the effort until the Master Plan update is completed. He doesn't want to create a loophole that someone could argue for these types of developments that our current planning regulations already prohibit. Secondly, he doesn't want the ordinance to negatively impact agricultural uses. Alloway is highly agricultural community and we don't want to have a new ordinance that interferes with existing farms or farming operations. The ordinance will continue to be reviewed following the completion of the Master Plan update.

Committeeman Leady – Committeeman Leady was absent from this meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McKelvey discussed the potential development of data centers in other areas and how communities are much further along in efforts to oppose these projects. In those areas, residents are expressing concerns about water rights, infrastructure demands, and the limited long term employment benefits once the facility becomes operational; however, Alloway Township does not

have any light industrial zoning and currently lacks the road and utility infrastructure needed to support these types of developments. Mayor McKelvey stated that these factors place the township in a relatively strong position, particularly when combined with existing land-use protections, while the township is in a good position it is important to continue to strengthen its protections. The township should remain proactive and stay ahead of potential development proposals.

Mayor McKelvey announced that the township remains in good shape with EMSS coverage and that discussions are ongoing regarding service needs throughout the county, while some areas require more attention than Alloway Township, EMSS has continued to provide good service to township residents.

Mayor McKelvey read an excerpt from a book written by Bonny Beth Elwell, “In Support of American Freedom: Salem County and the American Revolution”. Mayor McKelvey stated the determination shown by those early residents serves as an example of the courage and commitment needed by today’s elected officials and community leaders to protect and preserve their communities. Mayor McKelvey thanked the Semi-Quincentennial Committee for their hard work and dedication to the history of our community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor McKelvey made the following announcements:

- > Municipal Clerk’s Office will close early on July 29 at 11:30am & have a late opening on August 18 at 11:45am

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion by Deputy Mayor Angelus, seconded by Mayor McKelvey, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

Vote: All in favor – yes, Committeeman Leady-absent

Jena L Dolbow, RMC
Municipal Clerk