

ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

A special meeting of the Alloway Township Committee was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor P. Ed McKelvey in the Alloway Township Municipal Building. The flag salute was led by Mayor McKelvey.

Roll Call: Present: Deputy Mayor Chuck Angelus, Committeeman Brian Leady and Mayor P. Ed McKelvey

Also in attendance: Municipal Clerk Jena Dolbow, Jeff Conelly, Tracy Hannah, Carla Leady, Jeff Pompper, Tonya Ruiz, Connie and Joe Quather, Jim Wisnieski

Mayor McKelvey announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the Township Clerk on August 28, 2026, with notice of Special Meeting of the Alloway Township Committee was posted on the bulletin board in the Alloway Post Office and electronically posted on the Townships website.

Mayor McKelvey stated the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss mutual aid and support between EMSS and Alloway Township Ambulance Corps. The meeting was intended to bring the parties together to assess the current status and needs of EMSS, Alloway Township Ambulance Corps., and Alloway Township, and to discuss potential ways the organizations could work together to provide and strengthen emergency medical services.

Public Session

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Angelus, seconded by Committeeman Leady, the public session was opened.

The Township expressed support of EMSS and indicated that it would welcome the opportunity for EMSS to house one of its units within the Township. It was noted that the Township's location and facility could provide logistical benefits and potentially improve emergency medical service coverage within the county.

Committeeman Leady clarified the purpose of the discussion was not to relocate or replace the Alloway Ambulance Corps. with EMSS. Rather, the goal is to explore ways in which the Ambulance Corps. could work collaboratively with and provide assistance and support EMSS, by working together this would strengthen emergency medical services and better serve the community.

Deputy Mayor Angelus reiterated that the Township's goal is to supplement existing emergency medical services efforts and emphasized that the Township is not seeking to dismantle Alloway Township Ambulance Corps. Deputy Mayor Angelus noted that the situation requires a balancing of resources and that additional volunteer coverage is particularly needed during the daytime hours when many volunteers are at work.

Connie Quather, ATAC Captain, discussed challenges related to volunteer recruitment, including the costs associated with training and preparing new members. It was noted that some volunteers may leave after receiving training, creating concerns. Ms. Quather stated that statutory members

are required to have a number of hours and attend meetings. Members who do not meet the established requirements may be contacted by the organization to clarify their intentions regarding continued participation, because members are volunteers, the organization has limited ability to mandate participation or require individuals to remain with the Ambulance Corps. after receiving training.

Mayor McKelvey stated that EMSS costs the Township approximately \$90,000.00 annually to provide coverage for the Township. It was noted that Alloway Ambulance is funded through Township contributions, donations and revenue from other services. Funds received by Alloway Ambulance remain within the Ambulance service to support its operations.

Connie Quather, raised a question regarding the financial implications to the Township and the Ambulance Corps. if an EMSS unit were to be permanently based at the Township facility. The discussion included whether EMSS would be responsible for rent, utilities, or other associated costs. A question was also raised regarding the Township's existing funding of the Ambulance Corps. through the remainder of 2026 and how that funding would be handled in 2027 if EMSS were based within the Township. The discussion included whether Township funding would continue to support the Ambulance Corps., including expenses associated with maintaining the one ambulance the Township plans to retain, such as taxes, insurance, and registration. The potential financial benefit to the Township or Ambulance Corps. resulting from EMSS being housed at the facility was also discussed.

Deputy Mayor Angelus stated that negotiating and establishing an arrangement with EMSS would have to be discussed. The municipalities participating in the existing regional arrangement are collectively pooled through the Borough of Woodstown, and any agreement or changing involving EMSS would need to be addressed through that structure. EMSS billing is handled through each individual municipality under the overall agreement. While the Township may be able to negotiate logistical matters with EMSS, any formal financial or contractual terms would need to be addressed through the appropriate regional agreement. No specific financial figures were discussed at this time.

Jeffrey Pompper, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, stated that the County had previously offered funding of \$150.00 per volunteer to ambulance squads throughout the County. He asked whether the squad was participating in the program. It was noted that the program had previously been discussed with the squad, but the squad had elected to not participate at that time because it did not believe the funding was necessary. This matter was something that the Alloway Ambulance Corps. will revisit. Mr. Pompper stated the funding opportunity remains available and that the majority of municipalities in the County are participating. He further explained no additional reporting requirements associated with the program and that eligibility can be established through the squad's business registration through the Township. It was determined that the program may warrant further consideration by the ambulance squad.

Mayor McKelvey emphasized the importance of understanding the perspective of all parties and identifying opportunities for the Township, EMSS and the Ambulance Corps. to work together in a mutually beneficial manner.

Deputy Mayor Angelus wanted to clarify that dissolving or disbanding the Ambulance Corps. was not under consideration. The Committee emphasized that the Ambulance Corps. is not being dissolved and that this matter was not included on the agenda or as a purpose of the meeting.

As a result of the discussion, the Township will explore the possibility of selling one ambulance while continuing to pursue the potential for EMSS to be based at the Township facility. The Committee agreed to continue discussions regarding opportunities for collaboration and support between EMSS and Alloway Ambulance Corps.

Jeffrey Pompper, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, stressed while volunteer organizations may have strong personal and organizational ties to their services, the primary consideration should remain what is in the best interest of the residents and the community. The importance of working collaboratively and keeping the focus on providing effective emergency services.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on a motion by Deputy Mayor Angelus, seconded by Committeeman Leady, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

Jena L. Dolbow, RMC, Municipal Clerk