

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK HELD FEBRUARY 15, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the Lower Alloways Creek Township Committee was held on February 15, 2011 with Mayor Ellen B. Pompper calling the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF NOTICE GIVEN**

The Township Clerk read the following statement.

This is a Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" N.J.S.A. 10:4-6. To insure the right of citizens to have adequate advance notice of and the right to attend meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting them is discussed or acted upon. Advance written notice of this meeting was given by way of an Annual Notice, which was filed with the Lower Alloways Creek Township Clerk, forwarded to the Today's Sunbeam and Bridgeton News and posted on the Bulletin Board in the lobby of the Lower Alloways Creek Township Municipal Building in compliance with said Act.

**FLAG SALUTE** Mayor Pompper led in the Flag Salute.

**ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE**

**Present:** Mr. Breslin, Mr. Palombo, Mr. Venable, Mr. Wood and Mayor Pompper

**Absent:** None

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Also in attendance were -80- (Eighty) members of the Public, Jack Lynch, Superintendent of Public Works; Lewis Fogg, Public Works Foreman; David Sowers, Director of Public Safety; George Rosenberger, Solicitor and the Township Clerk Ronald L Campbell Sr.

**APPROVAL OF AUDITED VOUCHERS**

Motion (Breslin, Palombo) that all properly audited vouchers plus PO 11-00045 in the amount of \$340.00 be paid.

The motion to pay properly audited vouchers and PO 11-00045 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Breslin, Palombo, Venable, Wood and Pompper

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

**MONTHLY REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE**

The Mayor requested that the minutes reflect that the January Monthly Reports to the Township Committee have been received from the following Departments and are on file with the Clerk: Police Department, Municipal Court, Tax Collector, Sewer Collector, Animal Control Officer, Construction Office, Engineer and Finance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING HELD JANUARY 25, 2011 AND THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2011**

Motion (Breslin, Venable) to approve the January 25, 2011 Regular Township Committee Meeting Minutes and the January 25, 2011 Closed Session Minutes.

The motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2011 Regular Township Committee Meeting and January 25, 2011 Closed Session minutes passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Breslin, Venable, Palombo, Wood and Pompper

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

**RESOLUTIONS**

Motion (Breslin, Palombo) for Resolution 2011-38 A Resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2010 Recycling Tonnage Grant

**RESOLUTION 2011-38**

**A RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION FOR 2010**

WHEREAS, The Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L.1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to Implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, The recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, A resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2010 Recycling Tonnage Grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of Lower Alloways Creek Township Committee to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, Such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek that it hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Lance Kaufmann to ensure that the application is properly filed; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

The motion for Resolution 2011-38 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Breslin, Palombo, Venable, Wood and Pompper

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Breslin, Venable) for Resolution 2011-39 A Resolution to appoint Lance Kaufmann as Clean Communities Coordinator for 2011

**RESOLUTION 2011-39**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT LANCE KAUFMANN AS CLEAN COMMUNITIES COORDINATOR FOR 2011**

WHEREAS, the Township of Lower Alloways Creek desires to participate in the Clean Communities Program for the year 2011, and;

WHEREAS, Lance Kaufmann has had previous experience in overseeing the Clean Communities Program in the Township of Lower Alloways Creek.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Lance Kaufmann be appointed as Clean Communities Coordinator for 2011

The motion for Resolution 2011-39 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Breslin, Venable, Palombo, Wood and Pompper  
Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Breslin, Palombo) for Resolution 2011-40 A Resolution authorizing a request to nominate and appoint of Nicholas T. Lacovara to serve as Municipal Judge of the LAC Elsinboro Townships inter-government Municipal Court

**RESOLUTION 2011-40**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REQUEST TO NOMINATE AND APPOINTMENT OF NICHOLAS T. LACOVARA TO SERVE AS MUNICIPAL JUDGE OF THE L. A. C. & ELSINBORO TOWNSHIPS INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MUNICIPAL COURT**

WHEREAS, The Township of Lower Alloways Creek has an agreement with Elsinboro Township to establish and maintain a Joint Municipal Court pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1, et seq, and;

WHEREAS, Hon. Georgia M. Curio, A.J.S.C. appointed Nicholas T. Lacovara as temporary Municipal Judge at the request of the Township Committees of Lower Alloways Creek and Elsinboro Townships, and;

WHEREAS, Nicholas T. Lacovara has served as the acting Judge of the Joint Elsinboro Lower Alloways Creek Municipal Court honorably for 1 (one) year, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek in the County of Salem that it does hereby request that the Governor of the State of New Jersey, Chris Christie nominate and appoint Nicholas T. Lacovara as Judge of the L.A.C. & Elsinboro Townships Inter-Governmental Municipal Court pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:12-6

The motion for Resolution 2011-40 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Breslin, Palombo, Venable, Wood and Pompper  
Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Breslin, Venable) for Resolution 2011-41 A Resolution authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriations.

**RESOLUTION 2011-41**

**AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek does have need of making Emergency Temporary Appropriations to ensure the Function and Services of the municipality until the 2011 Budget is adopted, and;

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20* allows for the addition of Emergency Temporary Appropriations for lawful purposes, for the period between the beginning of the budget year and the date of the adoption of the budget, and;

WHEREAS the Township of Lower Alloways Creek does have need of Emergency Appropriations until the 2011 Budget is finally adopted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek does hereby make the following Emergency Temporary Appropriations:

	S/W	O/E
PURCHASING	\$4,000.00	
MAYOR & COUNCIL	\$6,000.00	
ADMINISTRATION	\$30,000.00	
FINANCIAL	\$4,000.00	
TAX COLLECTOR	\$1,500.00	
TAX ASSESSOR	\$2,000.00	
ENGINEERING		\$5,000.00
PLANNING BOARD	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
ZONING BOARD	\$500.00	
CONSTRUCTION CODE	\$1,500.00	
ELECTRICAL SUB OFFICIAL	\$1,000.00	
GROUP INSURANCE		\$200,000.00
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE		\$2,000.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$1,000.00	
MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR		\$1,500.00
ROAD DEPT		\$10,000.00
SUPERVISION OF PW	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00
MUNICIPAL GARAGE		\$10,000.00
DOG REGULATION	\$1,000.00	
HOUSING		\$3,000.00
LUNCH PROGRAM	\$2,000.00	
ELECTRICITY		\$20,000.00
STREET LIGHTING		\$8,000.00
TELEPHONE		\$4,000.00
SEWER SYSTEM	\$1,000.00	\$40,000.00
GASOLINE		\$2,000.00
MUNICIPAL COURT		\$500.00
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	\$61,500.00	\$309,000.00
	TOTAL >>>	<b>\$370,500.00</b>

The motion for Resolution 2011-41 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Breslin, Venable, Palombo, Wood and Pompper

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Venable, Breslin) for Resolution 2011-42 A Resolution to increase the “schedule of dwelling rents” of the units at Leisure Arms by 2.5% effective March 1, 2011.

**RESOLUTION 2011-42**

**A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE “SCHEDULE OF DWELLING RENTS” OF THE UNITS AT LEISURE ARMS BY 2.5% EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2011**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek desires to exercise its right under the Leisure Arms Lease Agreements pursuant to Section 2, B and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2, B the Township can raise the units rental amount by the rate of inflation, plus 1%, and;

WHEREAS the Consumer Price Index (index of inflation) for the year 2010 has been determined to be 1.5%

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek that the monthly unit rent shall be set as;

( 1.5% + 1% ) **TIMES** the current unit monthly rent

$$2.5\% * 340.00 = \$ 348.50$$

$$2.5\% * 600.00 = \$ 615.00$$

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the monthly unit rents shall increase to these amounts beginning March 1, 2011

The motion for Resolution 2011-42 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Venable, Breslin, Palombo, Wood and Pompper

Nays: none                      Abstain: none                      Absent: none

### **ORDINANCE (INTRODUCTION)**

Motion (Venable, Palombo) to introduce Ordinance 2011-01 an Ordinance to amend the Capital Budget to appropriate \$50,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a new well at the Leisure Arms Complex

### **ORDINANCE 2011-01**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK AND AUTHORIZING CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 50,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING A NEW WELL FOR THE LEISURE ARMS SMALL WATER SYSTEM

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE, Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

Section 1. **\$ 50,000.00** is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund for purpose of installing a new well for the Leisure Arms Small Water System [C-04-55-160-000].

Section 2. The capital budget of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistencies herewith. Detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services shall be on file with the Clerk and available there for public inspection.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by the law.

**Public Hearing on this Ordinance shall be on March 15, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.**, at the Municipal Building, 501 Locust Island Road, Hancock's Bridge, New Jersey.

This Ordinance, which was introduced for First Reading on February 15, 2011 and shall be published by Title in the Today's Sunbeam and placed on the Township's Bulletin Board giving notice of said Public Hearing as required by Law.

**Mr. Breslin** asked Mr. Lynch, if a post well treatment could be applied in a more cost efficient manner. Mr. Lynch stated that the initial cost would be more cost effective. Once we see the bids for the new well, he would do a cost analysis with each option.

Introduction: FEBRUARY 15, 2011 5-0

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOVE	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
MR. BRESLIN III			Y			
MR. PALOMBO		S	Y			
MR. VENABLE	M		Y			
MR. WOOD			Y			
MAYOR POMPPER			Y			

Motion (Breslin, Palombo) to introduce Ordinance 2011-02 an Ordinance to amend Section 6 “Service Fees” of Chapter 135 known as “Sewers” of the Code of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek

**ORDINANCE 2011-02**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 135 KNOWN AS “SEWERS” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek desires to amend Chapter 135 known as “Sewers”, subsection 6 A., 6 C. and 6 D.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek that:

**Section 1.** Chapter 135 section 6 of the Code of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek is hereby amended as follows:

**§ 135-6. Service charges. [Amended 3-17-1992 by Ord. No. 92-4; 3-15-1994 by Ord. No. 94-1; 2-3-1998 by Ord. No. 98-1; 4-18-2007 by Ord. 2007-04, 3-16-2010 by Ord 2010-02, 3-15-2011 by Ord 2011-02]**

A. The rate fixed and the amount to be paid for the use of the sewer shall be in accordance with the following schedule and classification for the year 2010. Thereafter, said rate and amount to be paid shall be increased as amended by Ordinance 2011-02. Thereafter, said rate shall remain the same until changed by ordinance adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek. The charge shall be an annual charge for a calendar year or any part thereof, due on or before December 31 for that calendar year for which it applies. The initial service charge or any increase in charge due to a change in the type of property or use shall be computed on a pro rata basis from the first day of the month following the month the connection or change is made.

The rate fixed and the amount to be paid for the use of the sewer shall be in accordance with the schedule and classification in the Code of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek, as amended February 3, 1998, except for changes in the following for the years 2001, 2002, 2003, 2007, 2010 and 2011. [Amended 3-15-2011, by Ord 2011-02]

TYPE OF PROPERTY	ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE CURRENT	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Residences, Private, Single Family	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 900.00
Residence with Apartments each additional apartment in residence	\$ 115.76	\$ 215.76	\$ 315.76	\$ 415.76	\$ 515.76	\$ 615.76
Rooming Houses, renting furnished or unfurnished rooms	\$ 115.76	\$ 215.76	\$ 315.76	\$ 415.76	\$ 515.76	\$ 615.76

Each room available for rent	\$	<b>15.44</b>	\$ 115.44	\$ 215.44	\$ 315.44	\$ 415.44	\$ 515.44
Apartment Buildings, per apartment	\$	<b>105.00</b>	\$ 205.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 405.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 605.00
Offices, trade, farm, business or any adjunct of the same, not otherwise provided for, conducted on residence premises of the sole owner of the business							
One Employee	\$	<b>105.00</b>	\$ 205.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 405.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 605.00
Each additional Employee	\$	<b>14.00</b>	\$ 114.00	\$ 214.00	\$ 314.00	\$ 414.00	\$ 514.00
Offices, trade, farm, business or any adjunct of the same, not otherwise provided for, not conducted on residence premises of the sole owner of the business							
One Employee	\$	<b>105.00</b>	\$ 205.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 405.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 605.00
Each additional Employee	\$	<b>14.00</b>	\$ 114.00	\$ 214.00	\$ 314.00	\$ 414.00	\$ 514.00
Retail stores	\$	<b>307.60</b>	\$ 407.60	\$ 507.60	\$ 607.60	\$ 707.60	\$ 807.60
Restaurants	\$	<b>279.00</b>	\$ 379.00	\$ 479.00	\$ 579.00	\$ 679.00	\$ 779.00
Soda Fountains; ice cream and custard stands	\$	<b>279.00</b>	\$ 379.00	\$ 479.00	\$ 579.00	\$ 679.00	\$ 779.00
Gasoline Service Stations and Garages							
Without car wash	\$	<b>279.00</b>	\$ 379.00	\$ 479.00	\$ 579.00	\$ 679.00	\$ 779.00
With car wash	\$	<b>839.00</b>	\$ 939.00	\$1,039.00	\$ 1,139.00	\$ 1,239.00	\$ 1,339.00
Beauty parlors and barbershops one employee	\$	<b>154.35</b>	\$ 254.35	\$ 354.35	\$ 454.35	\$ 554.35	\$ 654.35
Each additional employee	\$	<b>30.87</b>	\$ 130.87	\$ 230.87	\$ 330.87	\$ 430.87	\$ 530.87
Coin-operated Laundromats, per washer	\$	<b>70.00</b>	\$ 170.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 470.00	\$ 570.00
Commercial washers, not coin operated, plus per washer	\$	<b>140.00</b>	\$ 240.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 540.00	\$ 640.00
Public or Private institutions, museums or historic buildings, with the exception of facilities owned or operated by the Township of Lower Alloways Creek	\$	<b>307.60</b>	\$ 407.60	\$ 507.60	\$ 607.60	\$ 707.60	\$ 807.60
Churches, fraternal or social meeting places, fire halls, public schools and facilities owned or operated by the Township of		<b>Exempt</b>					

Lower Alloways Creek

Motels, per unit	\$	<b>56.00</b>	\$ 156.00	\$ 256.00	\$ 356.00	\$ 456.00	\$ 556.00
Post Offices	\$	<b>461.95</b>	\$ 561.95	\$ 661.95	\$ 761.95	\$ 861.95	\$ 961.95
Financial Institutions	\$	<b>419.00</b>	\$ 519.00	\$ 619.00	\$ 719.00	\$ 819.00	\$ 919.00
Funeral Parlors	\$	<b>419.00</b>	\$ 519.00	\$ 619.00	\$ 719.00	\$ 819.00	\$ 919.00
Nursing Homes	\$	<b>419.00</b>	\$ 519.00	\$ 619.00	\$ 719.00	\$ 819.00	\$ 919.00
Plus for each patient bed	\$	<b>21.00</b>	\$ 121.00	\$ 221.00	\$ 321.00	\$ 421.00	\$ 521.00
Day Care Center	\$	<b>500.00</b>	\$ 600.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,000.00
Swimming Pool	\$	<b>750.00</b>	\$ 850.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,250.00

B. In all classifications, an owner of a business working in the same shall be classified as an employee

C. Senior citizen Deduction: Any Homeowner who has reached the age of sixty-five (65) is entitled to a senior citizen service charge of seventy-five (\$75.00) at the residence that they inhabit, per year, after providing proof of age to the Utility Collector. This does not apply to a tenant who may be sixty-five (65) years of age

	\$	<b>75.00</b>	\$ 175.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 575.00
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D. Disabled Homeowners Deduction: Any homeowner who is permanently disabled is entitled to a service charge rate of \$50.00 at the residence that they inhabit, per year, after providing proof of permanent disability to the Utility Collector. This does not apply to a tenant who may be permanently disabled.

	\$	<b>50.00</b>	\$ 150.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 550.00
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Section 2. Repealer, Severability And Effective Date.

- A. Repealer. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.
- B. Severability. In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Township Committee hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.

C. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage in accordance with the law.

This Ordinance which was introduced for First Reading on February 15, 2011 and shall be published by Title in the Today's Sunbeam and placed on the Township's Bulletin Board giving notice of said Public Hearing as required by Law.

**Public Hearing on this Ordinance shall be on March 15, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.,** at the Municipal Building, 501 Locust Island Road, Hancock's Bridge, New Jersey.

Introduction: FEBRUARY 15, 2011

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOVE	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
MR. BRESLIN III	M		Y			
MR. PALOMBO		S	Y			
MR. VENABLE			Y			
MR. WOOD			Y			
MAYOR POMPPER			Y			

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion (Breslin, Venable) to request a Shared Services Proposal from Salem County to provide Police Dispatching Services to LAC

The motion to request a Shared Services Proposal from Salem County to provide Police Dispatching Services to LAC passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Breslin, Venable, Palombo, Wood and Pompper  
 Nays: none                      Abstain: none                      Absent: none

Motion (Breslin, Palombo) not to accept any further applications for the Salem Community College Scholarship Program and suspend the program for all students except, returning eligible participants.

The motion not to accept any further applications for the Salem Community College Scholarship Program and suspend the program for all students except, returning eligible participants passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Breslin, Palombo, Venable, Wood and Pompper  
 Nays: none                      Abstain: none                      Absent: none

Motion (Palombo, Venable) to approve the purchase of 100 tons of Road Salt from Mid-Atlantic Salt, LLC at a cost of \$5605.00

The motion to approve the purchase of 100 tons of Road Salt from Mid-Atlantic Salt, LLC at a cost of \$5605.00 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Breslin, Venable, Palombo, Wood and Pompper  
 Nays: none                      Abstain: none                      Absent: none

Motion (Breslin, Venable) to authorize payment to Creek Side Inn for the Salem County Local Government Monthly Dinner Meeting in an amount not to exceed \$ 800.00

The motion to authorize payment to Creek Side Inn for the Salem County Local Government Monthly Dinner Meeting in an amount not to exceed \$ 800.00 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Breslin, Venable, Palombo, Wood and Pompper  
Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Breslin, Palombo) to approve the attendance of Ronald Campbell Sr. at the Municipal Clerk's Association of New Jersey Conference April 5-7, 2011

The motion to approve the attendance of Ronald Campbell Sr. at the Municipal Clerk's Association of New Jersey Conference April 5-7, 2011 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Breslin, Palombo, Venable, Wood and Pompper  
Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Breslin, Venable) to acknowledge the retirement of Jon Finlaw effective April 1, 2011

The motion to acknowledge the retirement of Jon Finlaw effective April 1, 2011 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Breslin, Venable, Palombo, Wood and Pompper  
Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Breslin, Palombo) to approve payment of Jon Finlaw's Service Bonus in the amount of \$15,000.00

The motion to approve payment of Jon Finlaw's Service Bonus in the amount of \$15,000.00 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Breslin, Palombo, Venable, Wood and Pompper  
Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Pompper read a letter from Donna Rhubarth thanking the Public Works Department for their efforts in getting the Hancocks Bridge Fire House ready for the Muskrat Dinner.

## **REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Works** Mayor Pompper asked Mr. Lynch if he had a report to the Committee. Mr. Lynch stated that he had handed out a report for the activities of the Public Works Department and asked if the Committee had any questions on the report. Mr. Venable asked if the well being replaced was not some how fixable. Mr. Lynch stated that the #2 Well is not grouted inside and would be susceptible to outside infiltrations. Mr. Lynch stated that the NJDEP has approved our plan for the new well.

**Public Safety** Mr. Sowers stated that February 23, there will be a Crime Prevention Seminar at the Fire House in Hancocks Bridge, starting at 8:00 pm given by Officer DeParre. Mr. Sowers stated that the D A R E Conference Corporal Smith was to attend has been canceled.

**Ambulance Squad** Tim Bradway reported that for the Month of January there were 11 Medical calls, 2 MVA, 1 Transport, 3 Fires and 3 Mutual Aid for a total of 80.5 person-hours

Mr. Venable commented that the Ladies Auxiliary is going to donate 3 Medical Alarms for use by residents.

Mr. Palombo No report

Mr. Breslin No report

Mr. Wood No report

Mayor Pompper stated that at the Rabies Clinic held February 5 there were 61 cats and 58 dogs vaccinated for a total of 119 animals.

Mayor Pompper asked the Committee when it could meet for a Budget Workshop, a budget meeting was set for February 22 at 6:00 pm.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Thirteen residents spoke during the Public Comment period; nine specifically spoke regarding not eliminating the Senior Lunch Program. These residents wished to keep the lunch program for the following reasons:

It was a needed program and might be the only time some seniors get out or interact with others. Some of those who spoke about the senior lunch, suggested cutting back on what was served, or leaving the building open for seniors to gather themselves.

Several residents spoke about keeping the local Dispatchers and cutting back on street lights, ball field lights, selling public properties, cutting back on municipal building hours, cutting the Committee's Salaries, installing solar panels for street lighting and making cuts in every department.

A few residents asked how the Township could be out of money with so much in the bank.

Mayor Pompper stated that the Committee is looking at everything and would try to save the lunch program. Mayor Pompper stated that the Township gets its money as Energy Receipts from the State, as all municipalities do; not directly from PSEG. We rely on the interest we got from our invested money to make our budgets. With interest rates being down the last few years we are not making the interest we need to support the budgets as we have had in the past. If we use our reserves, we reduce the amount of money from which we can gain interest.

In addition, the Governor came out with a Best Practices questionnaire to gage how financially responsible municipalities are and we did well on that, State aid could be cut to some municipalities that did not do well.

Mr. Venable stated that he would try to do what he could to keep the senior lunch program going.

Mr. Wood stated that no decisions have been made and an effort was being made to be good stewards of the money and programs we have.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion (Breslin, Palombo) to convene into a Closed Session of Business 8:05 pm

### **RESOLUTION 2011-43 A RESOLUTION FOR A CLOSED SESSION OF BUSINESS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek that a portion of the meeting of the Township Committee be closed to the public to enable the Township Committee to discuss, and where appropriate, take action concerning the following matter(s) as permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

\_\_\_\_ 4. Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions, which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.

More specifically, the matter to be discussed involves the following:

- A. Negotiations CWA & Police Contracts

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the matters discussed will be available for public inspection

A. At such time the matter is concluded

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Closed Session is expected to continue for 15 (fifteen) minutes and that further business by the Committee will take place at its conclusion.

The motion for the Closed Session of Business passed a vote of the Committee as follows:

Ayes: Breslin, Palombo, Venable, Wood and Pompper

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

**OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Motion (Breslin, Venable) to come out of the Closed Session of business. 8:30 pm

The motion to come out of the Closed Session of Business passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 4-0

Ayes: Breslin, Venable, Palombo, Wood and Pompper

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

**BUSINESS AFTER CLOSED SESSION** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion (Breslin, Venable) to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

The motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.

Minutes of February 15, 2011 were approved at a meeting held March 15, 2011

ATTEST:

LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK TOWNSHIP

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

Ronald L Campbell Sr. Clerk

Mayor Ellen B. Pompper