

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK HELD MAY 9, 2011**

A Special Meeting of the Lower Alloways Creek Township Committee was held on May 9, 2011 with Mayor Ellen B. Pompper calling the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

STATEMENT OF NOTICE GIVEN

The Township Clerk read the following statement.

This is a Special 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 a Special Notice, which was filed with the Lower Alloways Creek Township Clerk, forwarded to the Today's Sunbeam 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 -18- (eighteen) members of the Public, Members of the LAC School Board including Board President; Walt Sheets, the School Business Administrator; Shannon Dubois and the Township Clerk Ronald L Campbell Sr.

Defeated LAC School Budget

Mayor Pompper explained the Township Committee's responsibility to certify a General Tax Levy for the 2011-212 School year and that a suggested line item to cut must also be made, were the cuts are to be taken from. Mayor Pompper stated that she has not talked to the Committee and does not know what their feelings are, she asked that representatives from the School Board come to this meeting to answer questions and help the Committee come to a decision.

The LAC School Board opened a meeting of their Board, taking a role of those present.

Mayor Pompper invited Walt Sheets, Board President to make suggestions to the Township Committee regarding the school budget.

Mr. Sheets stated that he was embarrassed that the budget was defeated, when there is no local school tax levy to be paid by the residents. Mr. Sheets detailed cuts that had been made previously and commented on State Aid which was decreased in last years budget and partially restored this year. Mr. Sheets recommended reducing the General Tax Levy to \$ 3,359,200.00 which is what it was in 2010 whereby "flat funding" the budget. Mr. Sheets stated that this would be a reduction of \$20,468.00 from the proposed General Tax Levy.

Mayor Pompper asked if the Township Committee would be agreeable to this reduction or wanted more discussion and Township Committee members indicated that they would be agreeable to the reduction of \$20,486.00.

Motion (Wood, Venable) for Resolution 2011-70 A Resolution certifying the General Tax Levy for the Lower Alloways Creek School District for the Year 2011-2012 in the amount of \$ **3,359,200.00**

**LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION 2011-70**

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING A GENERAL TAX LEVY FOR THE CURRENT
EXPENSES OF THE LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE
SCHOOL BUDGET YEAR 2011-2012

WHEREAS, in an election held on April 27, 2011, the proposed Lower Alloways Creek School District budget for the school year 2011-2012, with a proposed general fund tax levy in the amount of **\$3,379,668.00**, was defeated, and;

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:22-37 provides that if the voters reject any items of a budget submitted at the annual school election, thereafter, the governing body of the municipality within the school district shall consult with the board of education and determine the amounts which they deem necessary to provide a thorough and efficient system of schools for the regional district for the ensuing year; and

WHEREAS, an open public meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek, to hear public comment and to review the defeated budget, was held on May 09, 2011, and;

WHEREAS, the following budget adjustments are being made in consultation with the Lower Alloways Creek School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. For reasons set forth, the following sums shall be the general fund tax levy in the Lower Alloways Creek School District and certified to be necessary to provide a thorough and efficient system of schools:

Current Expenses: **\$ 3,359,200.00**

This represents a reduction of **\$ 20,468.00** from the 2011-2012 proposed budget.

2. In order to reduce the General Tax Levy by this amount the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek recommends reductions in the following areas of the Lower Alloways Creek School Budget.

A. Kindergarten – Salaries of Teachers - **Account # 11-110-100-101**

3. The Municipal Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution certifying the amounts of the General Tax Levy for current expenses to the Lower Alloways Creek School District and the Salem County Superintendent of Schools, no later than May 19, 2011.

The motion to certify the General Tax Levy for the Lower Alloways Creek School District in the amount of **\$ 3,359,200.00** passed a vote of the Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Wood, Venable, Breslin, Palombo and Pompper

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

PUBLIC COMMENT A resident commented that she felt the defeated budget was more a message to the Township Committee for laying off Dispatchers. She feels that the school was in a tight financial position and the State ought to fund the mandates that they impose. Mandates that dictate special needs programs which are very expensive and others like it which strain the system for resources.

Mr. Sheets adjourned the Lower Alloways Creek School Board.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion (Wood, Breslin) to convene into a Closed Session of Business 6:25 pm

RESOLUTION 2011-71 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:

___ 3. Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.

___ 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.

___ 7. Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than in (4) above in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matter falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.

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

- A. Negotiations CWA & Police Contracts
- B. Personnel

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

- A. At such time the matter is concluded
- B. 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 10 (ten) 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: 5-0

Ayes: Wood, Breslin, Palombo, Venable and Pompper

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Motion (Palombo, Venable) to come out of the Closed Session of business. 7:35 pm

The motion to come out of the Closed Session of Business passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

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

Motion (Breslin, Palombo) for Resolution 2011-72 A Resolution approving a memorandum of Agreement with the CWA Local 1085.

RESOLUTION 2011-72

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CWA LOCAL 1085

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek has laid off Dispatchers and certain Food Service Workers, both groups which are represented by the CWA Local 1085, and;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek have negotiated a Severance package for Full and Part-Time Dispatchers that were laid off on March 31 and Food Service Workers that were laid off April 1, 2011, which provides for monetary payments after the signing of a general release by said laid off employees, and;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to approve this agreement and implement the provision thereof in an expeditious manner.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by, the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek that it does approve the Memorandum of Agreement regarding the severance payments pertaining to the laid off Police Dispatchers and Food Service Workers and the signing by those employees as a condition, of a general release.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek that the Clerk, send this resolution along with the fully executed agreements to the appropriate CWA Local 1085 Representatives.

The motion for Resolution 2011-72 a resolution to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the CWA Local 1085 passed a vote of the Committee as follows: 5-0

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

Motion (Breslin, Palombo) for Resolution 2011-73 A Resolution authorizing the hiring of two Part-Time administrative Assistants.

RESOLUTION 2011-73

WHEREAS, The Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek desires to employ two Part-Time Administrative Assistants to be employed as assistants in the Police Department, the Finance Dept and Clerk's Office, each working 20 hours per week, and;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek has approved a Memorandum of Agreement with the CWA Local 1085 which states the provisions for the hiring of laid off Dispatchers and or Food Service Workers for this position from laid off employees, if they so choose.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek that it does authorize the Clerk to:

- a. Interview individuals as necessary to fill these positions using the provisions of the Memorandum of Agreement (5/9/2011) with the CWA Local 1085.
- b. Report to the Committee the outcome of the interview process to the Township Committee.
- c. Employee such individuals as are qualified with the approval of the Township Committee's Administration sub Committee, pending formal hiring by the Township Committee at its next Regular Monthly Committee Meeting to be held the 24th of May.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek directs the Clerk to forward this resolution to the appropriate individuals of the CWA Local 1085.

The motion for Resolution 2011-73 a resolution to authorize the hiring of two Part-Time Administrative Assistants passed a vote of the Committee as follows: 5-0

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

Motion (Breslin, Palombo) for Resolution 2011-74 A Resolution authorizing the advertisement for the receipt of applications for Part-Time, on call, as needed Police Officers.

RESOLUTION 2011-74

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS FOR PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS

WHEREAS, The Director of Public Safety is recommending the hiring of additional Part-Time Police Officers to fill in for vacations and other time off of the Township's Police Officers, and;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek does consent to the advertisement for the receipt of applications for Part – Time, on call, as needed Police Officers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek that it does authorize the advertisement for the receipt of applications for employment as a Part – Time, on call, as needed Police Officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Public Safety shall receive the applications and conduct standard back round checks on the individuals who apply as necessary to determine their fitness for employment as Part – Time, on call, as needed Police Officers.

The motion for Resolution 2011-74 a resolution to authorize the receipt of applications for Part-Time Police Officers passed a vote of the Committee as follows: 5-0

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Breslin, Venable) to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

The motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.

Minutes of the May 9, 2011 Special Meeting were approved at a meeting held May 24, 2011

ATTEST:

LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK TOWNSHIP

Ronald L Campbell Sr. Clerk

By: _____
Mayor Ellen B. Pompper