

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK HELD MARCH 19, 2012**

A Special Meeting of the Lower Alloways Creek Township Committee was held on March 19, 2012 with Mayor Ellen B. Pompper calling the meeting to order at 5:30 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. Palombo, Mr. Breslin, Mr. Venable, Mr. Wood and Mayor Pompper

Absent: none

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Also in attendance were -37- (thirty-seven) the Township Clerk Ronald L Campbell Sr.

2012 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mayor Pompper opened the meeting by stating that this workshop was to finalize the 2012 Budget Numbers so the Budget could be introduced at the Regular Township Committee Meeting to be held tomorrow night.

Mayor Pompper stated that she and Mr. Breslin had met with members of the School Board and Ms. Dubois last week to find out more information about their budget and funding needs. They have come back to the full Township Committee to report on that meeting.

Some information was provided to the Township Committee that several members had requested be provided to all the Committee. The Clerk went over that material with the Committee.

After some discussion among the Township Committee the Mayor, asked Mr. Sheets, LAC School Board Present who was in the audience, what amount of funding was necessary to fund their budget. Mr. Sheets stated that the State had cut them over \$100,000.00 dollars and the Township proposes cutting them over \$300,000.00 dollars and no school could take that kind of cut and not have programs suffer. Mayor Pompper asked Mr. Sheets what number was the school board looking for, that they had to have to support the budget. Mr. Sheets stated that he could not answer that question.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A combination of people from teachers, parents and the PTO had the following comments. Several teachers spoke that they took no raise the last year, have had cuts in supplies and have made due with less. PTO President Kim Hill commented that as a Parent Teachers Organization, the group has tried to provide the things that have been cut, as a parent, the teachers have been very influential on her children, they have been motivated by them, and she feels her daughter has excelled because of them. Parents made comments that they wanted their children to continue to receive the education that a well-funded school provides.

After the Public Comment portion, Mr. Sheets and Ms. Dubois stepped out into the hallway and come back into the meeting and Mr. Sheets stated that the school would need what would have been flat funding less the allowable 2% increase of \$67,184.00, which would make the Township's contribution \$ 3,292,016.00.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Palombo, Wood) to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.

Minutes of the March 19, 2012 Special Meeting were approved at a meeting held _____, 2012

ATTEST:

LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK TOWNSHIP

By: _____

Ronald L Campbell Sr. Clerk

Mayor Ellen B. Pompper