

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK HELD TUESDAY JANUARY 16, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Lower Alloways Creek Township Committee was held on January 16, 2024 with Mayor Paul M Collier 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 the Annual Notice which was filed with the Lower Alloways Creek Township Clerk, forwarded to the South Jersey Times 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 Collier led in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE

Present: Mr. Bradway, Ms. Crane, Mr. Palombo, Mr. Venable and Mayor Collier

Absent: none

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance were 11-(eleven) members of the public including Sgt. 1st Class Michael DeParre; Fire Chief Justin Fogg; Public Works CPWM Trainee, Tim Burns; Solicitor, Linwood Donelson III and Township Clerk, Ronald L Campbell Sr.

PAYMENT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS

Motion (Crane, Venable) that all properly audited vouchers be paid.

The motion to pay properly audited vouchers passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 4-0-1

Ayes: Crane, Venable, Bradway, Palombo and Collier

Nays: none Abstain: Venable # 25828 & 25896 Absent: none

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

The Mayor requested that the minutes reflect that the December 2023 Monthly reports to the Township Committee have been received from the following Departments and are on file with the Clerk: Construction Office, Engineer, Fire Department, Police Department, Municipal Court, Public Works, Tax Collector, Sewer Collector and School.

MINUTES

Motion (Venable, Crane) to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting & Closed Session held December 19, 2023.

The motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting & Closed Session held December 19, 2023 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Venable, Crane, Bradway, Palombo and Collier

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Venable, Bradway) to approve the Minutes of the 2024 Township Committee Reorganization Meeting held January 1, 2024.

The motion to approve the Minutes of the 2024 Township Committee Reorganization Meeting held January 1, 2024 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Venable, Bradway, Crane, Palombo and Collier

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

RESOLUTIONS

Motion (Crane, Bradway) for Resolution 2023-09, a resolution to appoint Jacqueline M. Vigilante from The Vigilante Law Firm, P.C. as Substitute / Conflict Municipal Prosecutor for 2024.

RESOLUTION 2024-09

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A SUBSTITUTE / CONFLICT MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, the Township of Lower Alloways Creek desires to acquire the Professional Services of an as needed Substitute / Conflict Municipal Prosecutor under the Professional Services provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has determined and certified to writing that the value of the acquisition will not exceed \$17,500

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

1. The Township Committee hereby appoints for the year 2024, Jacqueline M. Vigilante (Vigilante Law Firm) as a Substitute / Conflict Municipal Prosecutor
2. The anticipated term of this contract is one (1) year
3. Certification of funds from the CFO has been or will be received stating that funds will be encumbered by Purchase Order as required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4
4. Said appointment is made without competitive bidding as a professional service under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, because it is performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession whose practices are regulated by law
5. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute agreements with the aforesaid in connection with such professional services
6. A copy of this resolution shall be published in "South Jersey Times" Salem, New Jersey, as required by law, within ten (10) days of the date of the passage of this resolution or in lieu thereof.

The motion for Resolution 2023-09, a resolution to appoint Jacqueline M. Vigilante from The Vigilante Law Firm, P.C. as Substitute / Conflict Municipal Prosecutor for 2024 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 6-0

Ayes: Venable, Bradway, Palombo and Collier

Nays: none Abstain: Crane Absent: none

Motion (Crane, Bradway) for Resolution 2023-33, a resolution to approve the Subcommittees of the Township Committee for the year 2024.

RESOLUTION 2024-33

RESOLUTION APPOINTING OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK AND FOR THE TERMS SPECIFIED FOR 2024

BE IT RESOLVED that Township Committee, desires to organize into a sub-committee structure to better serve the public good in the year 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek, in the County of Salem and the State of New Jersey, that the following subcommittees of the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek are hereby established and the chairperson, vice-chairperson and any additional members so designated here below shall serve thereon for the year 2024.

SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Committee	2024 Chair	2024 Vice Chair/Members
Administration & Police	Mayor Collier	Bradway
Economic Development & Special Projects	Bradway	Palombo
Education	Crane	Bradway
Emergency Services	Palombo	Mayor Collier
Finance	Mayor Collier	Bradway, Crane
Historical	Crane	Mayor Collier
Insurance	Mayor Collier	Bradway, Palombo
Public Works, Buildings & Grounds	Venable	Palombo
Sanitation	Palombo	Venable
Senior Citizens	Venable	Crane

The motion for Resolution 2023-33, a resolution to approve the Subcommittees of the Township Committee for the year 2024 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 6-0

Ayes: Bradway, Crane, Palombo, Venable and Collier

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Crane, Bradway) for Resolution 2023- 34, a resolution to authorize a Professional Services Agreement with Environmental Technical Services, L.L.C. for Certified Public Works Manager Services (one-year 2024) and Water & Waste Water Operator Services (three-year 2024-2026) for a total cost during 2024 of one hundred seventeen thousand dollars and eight cents (\$117,000.08).

RESOLUTION 2024-34

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL SERVICES, L.L.C. FOR CERTIFIED PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER SERVICES (ONE-YEAR 2024) AND WATER & WASTE WATER OPERATOR SERVICES (THREE-YEAR 2024-2026) FOR A TOTAL COST DURING 2024 OF ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND EIGHT CENTS (\$117,000.08).

WHEREAS, the Township of Lower Alloways Creek desires to acquire the Professional Services of a Certified Public Works Manager and a Water & Waste Water Operator, under provisions of the Local Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 19:44-2(6), and;

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has determined and certified to writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500

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

7. The Township Committee hereby appoints for the year 2024 Environmental Technical Services, L.L.C. as the Certified Public Works Manager
8. The Township Committee hereby appoints Environmental Technical Services, L.L.C. for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026 for Water and Waste Water Operator Services.
9. The anticipated term of this contract is three (3) year
10. The Certification of Political Contributions has been received no later than 10 days prior to the appointment as described by law.
11. Certification of funds from the CFO has been or will be received stating that funds will be encumbered by Purchase Order as required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4
12. Said appointment is made without competitive bidding as a professional service under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, because it is performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession or professional services whose practices are regulated by law
13. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute agreements with the aforesaid in connection with such professional services
14. A copy of this resolution shall be published in "South Jersey Times", as required by law, within ten (10) days of the date of the passage of this resolution or in lieu thereof.

The motion for Resolution 2023-34 to authorize a Professional Services Agreement with Environmental Technical Services, L.L.C. for Certified Public Works Manager Services (one-year 2024) and Water & Waste Water Operator Services (three-year 2024-2026) for a total cost during 2024 of one hundred seventeen thousand dollars and eight cents (\$117,000.08). passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 6-0

Ayes: Bradway, Crane, Palombo, Venable and Collier

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Crane, Bradway) for Resolution 2023- 35, a resolution to authorize the purchase of a Ford F-150 Police Responder from Neilson Ford of Morristown, NJ through the Cranford-Coop pricing at a cost of forty six thousand five hundred and twenty-six dollars and zero cents. (\$46,527.00)

RESOLUTION 2024 - 35

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF AN F-150 POLICE RESPONDER FROM NEILSON FORD OF MORRISTOWN, NJ THROUGH THE CRANFORD-COOP PRICING AT A COST OF FORTY SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIX DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS. (\$46,527.00)

WHEREAS, the need exists for the acquisition of Police Pursuit Rated Vehicles and accessories, for the daily operations of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek Police Department, and;

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration, and;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek is member of and does desire to use the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System to purchase a Ford F-150 Police Responder vehicle, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek authorizes the purchase of a Ford F-150 Police Responder vehicle through the Cranford-COOP at a cost of Forty-six thousand five hundred twenty-six dollars and zero cents (46,527.00)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Chief Financial Officer.

The motion for Resolution 2023-35 to authorize the purchase of a Ford F-150 Police Responder from Neilson Ford of Morristown, NJ through the Cranford-Coop pricing at a cost of forty six thousand five hundred and twenty-six dollars and zero cents. (\$46,527.00) passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 6-0

Ayes: Bradway, Crane, Palombo, Venable and Collier

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Crane, Bradway) for Resolution 2023- 36, a resolution to amend the Personnel Policies & Procedures Manual and Employee Handbook to be consistent with references to a twelve (12) month probationary/Introductory Period per Township Ordinance.

RESOLUTION 2024- 36

A Resolution Amending the Personnel Policies & Procedures Manual and Employee Handbook

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Township of Lower Alloways Creek to treat employees and prospective employees in a manner consistent with all applicable employment laws and regulations including, but not limited to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Opportunity Act of 1972, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Equal Pay for Equal Work Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Conscientious Employee Protection Act, the Public Employee Occupational Safety and Health Act, (the New Jersey Civil Service Act,) (the New Jersey Attorney General's guidelines with respect to Police Department personnel matters,) the New Jersey Workers Compensation Act, the Federal Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) and the Open Public Meeting Act; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek has determined that there is a need for personnel policies and procedures to ensure that employees and prospective employees are treated in a manner consistent with these laws and regulations.

NOW, THEREBY, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek that the Personnel Policies & Procedures Manual and Employee Handbook is hereby amended as follows:

to change the Probationary Period from the now stating eight (8) months to be here forth twelve (12) months to be consistent with the Township Code, Chapter 40 Personnel Policies, Article I Working Conditions and Benefits, section 40.1.1 Introductory Period

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these personnel policies and procedures shall apply to all Township officials, appointees, employees, volunteers and independent contractors. In the event there is a conflict between these rules and any collective bargaining agreement, personnel services contract or

Federal or State law, the terms and conditions of that contract or law shall prevail. In all other cases, the Code of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek and then these policies and procedures shall prevail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this manual is intended to provide guidelines covering public service by Township employees and is not a contract. The provisions of this manual may be amended and supplemented from time to time without notice and at the sole discretion of the Township Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to the maximum extent permitted by law, employment practices for the Township shall operate under the legal doctrine known as “employment at will.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee and all managerial/supervisory personnel are responsible for these employment practices. All managerial/supervisory personnel shall assist the Township Committee in the implementation of the policies and procedures in this manual.

The motion for Resolution 2023-36 to amend the Personnel Policies & Procedures Manual and Employee Handbook to be consistent with references to a twelve (12) month probationary/Introductory Period per Township Ordinance passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 6-0

Ayes: Bradway, Crane, Palombo, Venable and Collier

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Crane, Bradway) for Resolution 2023- 37, a resolution authorizing transfers in the 2023 Budget Appropriation Reserves in the amount of eleven thousand five hundred dollars and no cents (\$ 11,500.00).

RESOLUTION 2024- 37

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS IN THE 2023 BUDGET APPROPRIATION RESERVES IN THE AMOUNT OF ELEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$ 11,000.00).

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek has found it necessary to recommend that Transfers be made within the 2023 Budget Appropriation Reserves of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek in the amount of eleven thousand dollars and no cents (\$11,000.00); and,

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey authorizes under N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59, the transforming of funds from the preceding budget fiscal year reserves, one line item to another during the first (2) months of the successive year, by a resolution adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full membership, except that no transfers may be made from an appropriation outside the CAP to an appropriation within the CAP; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek does concur with the Chief Financial Officers recommendation to make such reserve Transfers as follows:

FROM:

Mayor/Council	
O/E	\$1,000.00
Legal Printing & Advertising	\$2,000.00
Legal Services	\$5,000.00
Municipal Garage O/E	\$3,000.00
Parks & Rec O/E	\$500.00

TOTAL \$11,500.00

TO:

Construction Office O/E	\$600.00
Telephone	\$7,400.00
Buildings & Grounds O/E	\$3,000.00
Historical Sites	\$500.00

TOTAL \$11,500.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek, no less than 2/3 of the full voting Committee affirming, that these transfers be made on January 16, 2024 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 in the 2023 Budget Appropriation Reserves fund in the amount of eleven thousand dollars and no cents (\$ 11,000.00)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the CFO, Kevin Clour.

The motion for Resolution 2023-37 authorizing transfers in the 2023 Budget Appropriation Reserves in the amount of eleven thousand five hundred dollars and no cents (\$ 11,500.00) passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 6-0

Ayes: Bradway, Crane, Palombo, Venable and Collier

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Crane, Bradway) for Resolution 2023- 38, a resolution to appoint Wayne C. Serfass as Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator for a three year term starting January 1, 2024.

RESOLUTION 2024-38

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT WAYNE C. SERFASS AS MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR FOR A THREE YEAR TERM STARTING JANUARY 1, 2024

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Office of Emergency Management requires each municipality to appoint a Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator pursuant to N.J.S.A. A:9-40.1 and Directive Number 102 issued by the State Office of Emergency Management March 15, 1990, and;

WHEREAS, Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator shall serve a term of three years and successfully complete the approved courses as required, and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek does appoint with the Township Committees consent Wayne C. Serfass as Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator for the Township of Lower Alloways Creek.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek that it does appoint Wayne C. Serfass as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Township of Lower Alloways Creek for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Salem County Emergency Management Coordinator.

The motion for Resolution 2023-38 to appoint Wayne C. Serfass as Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator for a three year term starting January 1, 2024 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 6-0

Ayes: Bradway, Crane, Palombo, Venable and Collier

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Collier called on Mr. Hoerst (Planning Board Solicitor) and Mr. Scheule (Municipal Master Plan Consultant) to give the Township Committee an overview of what course of action the Township Committee needs to take with respect to the recommendations made by the Planning Board in the Master Plan Review.

Mr. Hoerst explained that the State requires that a Municipalities Master Plan is reviewed every ten years and this was done by the Planning Board over the last year and over many meetings.

Mr. Hoerst stated that the LAC Planning Board works well together and did a good deal of work to accomplish this review. Mr. Hoerst stated

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING AND POSSIBLE FINAL ADOPTION

Motion (Bradway, Crane) to open a Public Hearing on Ordinance 2023-13, an ordinance amending the Code of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek, Chapter 43 Police Department, Section 5 Known as “Qualifications for Appointment and Promotion”.

The Motion to open a Public Hearing on Ordinance 2023-13, an ordinance amending the Code of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek, Chapter 43 Police Department, Section 5 Known as “Qualifications for Appointment and Promotion” passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 6-0

Ayes: Bradway, Crane, Palombo, Venable and Collier

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Public Comments: No one from the Public indicated that they wished to make any comments on Ordinance 2023-13.

Motion (Crane, Bradway) to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2023-13, an ordinance amending the Code of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek, Chapter 43 Police Department, Section 5 Known as “Qualifications for Appointment and Promotion”.

The Motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2023-13, an ordinance amending the Code of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek, Chapter 43 Police Department, Section 5 Known as “Qualifications for Appointment and Promotion” passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 6-0

Ayes: Crane, Bradway, Palombo, Venable and Collier

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Bradway, Crane) for final adoption of Ordinance 2023-13, an ordinance amending the Code of the Township

ORDINANCE 2023-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK, CHAPTER 43 POLICE DEPARTMENT, SECTION 5 KNOWN AS “QUALIFICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AND PROMOTION”

SECTION 1. The following section of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek Township Code is hereby amended: CHAPTER 43 POLICE DEPARTMENT, §43-5 A, known as “Qualification for Appointment and Promotion” to add a subsection g under part 1 requiring law enforcement officer to hold a valid Police License and under §43-5 B, known as “Promotions” to change “shall” to “may” in part 1 as follows:

§ 43-5. Qualification for Appointment and Promotion [Adopted 7-12-05 as Ord 2005-13; amended 2/3/09 as Ord 2009-01, 7/21/09 as Ord 2009-11, 8/18/2009 as Ord No. 2009-13, 01-16-204 as Ord 2023-13]

A. Qualifications for Appointment

1. Except as provided under N.J.S.A. 40A:14-122, all persons appointed as a member of the police department shall:

g. Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Police Licensure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:17B-66 et seq., effective January 1, 2024, all current and future law enforcement officers employed by the Police Department of the Township of lower Alloways Creek must hold a valid, active license issued by the Police Training Commission (PTC) in order to be employed as a police officer in the State of New Jersey.

B. Promotions

1. The Township Committee, in consultation with the Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police, ~~shall~~ **may** consider the following criteria for evaluation of candidates for promotion. Candidates for promotion ~~shall~~ **may**:

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith to the extent of such inconsistencies be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication as required by law. The provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect until amended or repealed.

This Ordinance introduced for First Reading on Tuesday December 19, 2023, will be published by Title in the South Jersey Times and placed on the Township’s Bulletin Board giving notice of said Public Hearing on Tuesday January 16, 2023 as required by Law.

Introduction: December 19, 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOVE	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
MR. BRADWAY	M		Y			
MRS. CRANE		S	Y			
MR. PALOMBO			Y			
MR. VENABLE			Y			
MAYOR COLLIER			Y			

Final: January 16, 2024

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOVE	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
MR. BRADWAY	M		Y			
MRS. CRANE		S	Y			
MR. PALOMBO			Y			
MR. VENABLE			Y			
MAYOR COLLIER			Y			

NEW BUSINESS

Motion (Venable, Bradway) to

The motion to _____ was passed by a vote of the Township Committee as follows:

Ayes: Venable, Bradway, Crane, Palombo and Collier

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

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Ayes: Venable, Bradway, Crane, Palombo and Collier

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

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The motion to _____ was passed by a vote of the Township Committee as follows:

Ayes: Venable, Bradway, Crane, Palombo and Collier

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

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Ayes: Venable, Bradway, Crane, Palombo and Collier

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Venable, Bradway) to

The motion to _____ was passed by a vote of the Township Committee as follows:

Ayes: Venable, Bradway, Crane, Palombo and Collier

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

CORRESPONDENCE: All correspondence received has been distributed to the proper parties

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police Department:

Public Works:

Fire Department:

Mayor and Committee Members

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one from the Public indicated that they wished to make any comments.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion (Crane, Venable) for a resolution to convene into a Closed Session of Business.

RESOLUTION 2024 – 55
A RESOLUTION FOR A CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, in order to protect personal privacy and to avoid situations wherein the public interest might be disserved, the Open Public Meetings Act permits public bodies to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which certain matters are discussed.

NOW THEREFORE 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 in accordance with 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.

____ 6. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law.

____ 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.

____ 8. Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.

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

1. Litigation
2. Negotiations

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

1. At such time the matter is concluded
2. 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 twenty (20) minutes and there after the regular meeting would then reconvene and further business by the Committee will take place at its conclusion.

The motion for a resolution to convene into a Closed Session of Business passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Crane, Venable, Bradway, Palombo and Collier
Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Crane, Bradway) to come out of Closed Session and return to Open Session business of the Committee.

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

Ayes: Crane, Bradway, Palombo, Venable and Collier
Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Venable, Bradway) to adjourn the meeting. 8:30 pm

The motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.

Minutes of the December 21, 2023 Meeting were approved at a Township Committee Meeting held January 16, 2024

ATTEST:

LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK TOWNSHIP

Ronald L Campbell Sr. Clerk

Mayor, Paul M. Collier