

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK HELD MARCH 5, 2019

A Special Meeting of the Lower Alloways Creek Township Committee was held on Tuesday March 5, 2019 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 South Jersey Times, posted on the Township's Website and 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. Bradway, Mr. Palombo, Mr. Venable and Mayor Pompper **Absent:** none

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Also in attendance were -5- (five) members of the Public, Lewis Fogg, Superintendent of Public Works; Acting Police Chief, Richard Venable, Jr.; Steven Fisher, Fire Chief; Kevin Clour Chief Financial Officer and the Township Clerk, Ronald L Campbell Sr.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

BUDGET SESSION

Mayor Pompper called on the different Departments to speak with the Committee about their Capital Budget wants.

Construction Code Official

Jack Palumbo spoke about his new certification as a HHS, which is the highest level to obtain, more than other previous construction officials had. Mr. Palumbo asked the Committee to consider increasing his salary to be more in line with what he received in other towns and because of his certification level.

Fire Company:

Chief Fisher spoke with the Committee about the need to acquire a new fire truck, the 26 year old truck is difficult to get parts for and some have to be custom made. Chief Fisher has made inquiries about the cost of a new truck and he believes he can get a basic truck at a cost of about \$ 600,000.00.

Police Department:

Chief Venable spoke of the need for a new Digital Finger Print scanner because of coming changing standards and a camera system so a suspect could be in camera view from the time they enter the building, when they are processed and then leave the building. Chief Venable stated that this would prevent "I was assaulted by the Police" and we not be able to view a tape of the incident because no camera recorded that area. Associated Costs: \$ 45,000.00

Public Works:

Mr. Fogg reviewed with the Committee his Public Works capital item wish list.

Some of those items requested are: truck Lift, Boom Mower, Tires for the Loader, Concrete to finish the Wash Bay, Recycle Dumpster, Snow Plow, replace roofing on various buildings and repairs to trash truck packer rails.

Associated Costs. \$ 315,600.00

The Township Committee reviewed the revenue and appropriation budget information supplied by Kevin Clour the Chief Financial Officer and discussed the 2019 Municipal Budget and Capital Budget.

When discussing the Capital Budget the Committee recommended that an ordinance be prepared for the next meeting so that \$150,000.00 be added to the Public Safety, Public Works Equipment and Improvements to the Municipal Buildings & Grounds appropriation and \$450,000.00 additional be appropriated for a fire truck.

The Committee went over which positions may receive a raise in salary for this year.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Bradway, Venable) to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

The motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.

Minutes of the March 5, 2019 Special Meeting were approved at a meeting held March 19, 2019

ATTEST:

LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK TOWNSHIP

Ronald L Campbell Sr. Clerk

Mayor, Ellen B. Pompper