

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK HELD APRIL 20, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Lower Alloways Creek Township Committee was held on April 20, 2021 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 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 Pompper led in the Flag Salute.

**ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE**

Present: Mr. Bradway, Mr. Collier, Mr. Palombo, Mr. Venable and Mayor Pompper

Absent: none

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Also in attendance were six - (6) members of the public including, Lewis Fogg; Superintendent of Public Works; Police Chief Richard Venable; Fire Chief, Steve Fisher; Solicitor, Linwood Donelson III and Township Clerk Ronald L Campbell Sr.

**PAYMENT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS**

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

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

Ayes: Venable, Bradway, Collier, Palombo and Pompper

Nays: none    Abstain: none    Absent: none

**REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE**

The Mayor requested that the minutes reflect that the March 2021 Monthly reports to the Township Committee have been received from the following Departments and are on file with the Clerk: Construction Office, Engineer, Finance, Municipal Court, Police Department, Public Works, Sewer and Tax Collector.

**MINUTES**

Motion (Venable, Bradway) to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Township Committee Meeting and the Closed Session held on March 16, 2021.

The motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Township Committee Meeting and the Closed Session held on March 16, 2021 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Venable, Bradway, Collier, Palombo and Pompper

Nays: none    Abstain: none    Absent: none

## RESOLUTIONS

Motion (Venable, Bradway) for Resolution 2021- 42, a Resolution authorizing an assignment of a Tax Sale Certificate # 19-000005 to Robert M. Fleckenstein.

### **RESOLUTION 2021 - 42**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ASSIGNMENT OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-113 authorizes assignment by a municipality of tax sale certificates for the full amount of the certificate, including all subsequent municipal taxes and other municipal charges; and,

WHEREAS, Robert Fleckenstein has presented an offer to purchase, by assignment, Certificate of Sale # 19-000005, which was issued to the Township of Lower Alloways Creek at a tax sale held on November 19, 2019, on Block 17, Lot 6, known as 19 Main Street, and assessed to Mary McMullen, in the amount of \$6,304.19, being the full amount of the certificate as of March 16, 2021, including all subsequent municipal taxes and other municipal charges; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Lower Alloways Creek hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the necessary assignment documents to effect assignment of the above referenced Municipal Lien Certificate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector

The motion for Resolution 2021- 42 to authorizing an assignment of a Tax Sale Certificate # 19-000005 to Robert M. Fleckenstein passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

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

Motion (Venable, Bradway) for Resolution 2021-43, a Resolution authorizing the canceling of six hundred thousand dollars from the Self-Insurance Fund Trust Reserve, to be used as revenue for the 2021 Budget.

### **RESOLUTION 2021-43**

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELING OF SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE SELF-INSURANCE FUND TRUST RESERVE**

WHEREAS, the following amount from the Self Insurance Fund Trust Reserve is no longer needed for that purpose:

Reserve for Self-Insurance	600,000.00 Dollars
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And;

WHEREAS, the canceling of these funds will not adversely affect the Township's ability to meet its required commitments to the insurance coverages it is currently obligated to provide, and;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said amount (six hundred thousand dollars), which is no longer needed for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek that it does authorize the above balance be canceled and the funds be transferred to the to the Budget Current Fund as a 2021 Budget Revenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek that, copies of this resolution be included to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services with the 2021 Budget introductory documents.

The motion for Resolution 2021-43 authorizing the canceling of six hundred thousand dollars from the Self-Insurance Fund Trust Reserve, to be used as revenue for the 2021 Budget passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Venable, Bradway, Collier, Palombo and Pompper

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Venable, Bradway) for Resolution 2021- 44, a Resolution authorize the Purchasing Agent to promulgate specifications and solicit bids for the Re-roofing of five units at the Leisure Arms Complex.

#### **RESOLUTION 2021-44**

#### **AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR THE RE-ROOFING OF UNITS AT THE LEISURE ARMS COMPLEX**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek does recognize the need to re-roof severable Units at the Leisure Arms Complex, and;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek that the Township Purchasing Agent is authorized to promulgate bid specifications for the re-roofing of Units at the Leisure Arms Complex.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek that the Township Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids for the re-roofing of Units at the Leisure Arms Complex as necessary.

The motion for Resolution 2021-44 to authorize the Purchasing Agent to promulgate specifications and solicit bids for the Re-roofing of five units at the Leisure Arms Complex passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Venable, Bradway, Collier, Palombo and Pompper

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

#### **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION**

The Committee had a discussion about the recent New Jersey Cannabis Legislation and what to allow or not allow within the Township. Mayor Pompper stated that the Legislature has given municipalities till August 22 to have something in place or everything is permissible and she would hope to have something adopted by the July meeting.

#### **ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING AND POSSIBLE FINAL ADOPTION**

#### **2021 BUDGET**

Mayor Pompper opened the meeting to a Public Hearing on the 2021 Budget.

No one from the Public indicated that they had any comments to make on the 2021 Budget.

Mayor Pompper closed the Public Hearing on the 2021 Budget.

Motion (Venable, Palombo) for final adoption of the 2021 Budget in the amount of Nine million, one hundred forty seven thousand, thirty seven dollars and zero cents (\$ 9,147,037.00).

The motion for final adoption of the 2021 Budget in the amount of Nine million, one hundred forty seven thousand, thirty seven dollars and zero cents (\$ 9,147,037.00) passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Venable, Bradway, Collier, Palombo and Pompper

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

#### **ORDINANCE 2021- 04 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Mayor Pompper opened the meeting to a Public Hearing on Ordinance 2021-04, an ordinance amending the Capital Budget of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek and authorizing an increase of additional Capital appropriations in the amount of five hundred seventy- five thousand dollars (\$575,000.00) for the purposes of: improvements to Building & Grounds, Public Safety, Public Works equipment and school materials.

No one from the Public indicated that they had any comments to make on Ordinance 2021-04, an ordinance amending the Capital Budget of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek.

Mayor Pompper closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2021-04, an ordinance amending the Capital Budget of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek.

Motion (Venable, Bradway) for final adoption of Ordinance 2021-04, an ordinance amending the Capital Budget of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek and authorizing an increase of additional Capital appropriations in the amount of five hundred seventy- five thousand dollars (\$575,000.00) for the purposes of: improvements to Building & Grounds, Public Safety, Public Works equipment and school materials.

#### **ORDINANCE 2021-04**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK AND AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE OF ADDITIONAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE – THOUSAND (\$575,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSES OF: BUILDING & GROUNDS EQUIPMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT, PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT AND SCHOOL MATERIALS

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. That an additional four hundred and ninety-seven thousand dollars (**\$ 497,000.00**) is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement General Fund for the purpose to acquire Buildings & Grounds Equipment, Public Safety Equipment and Public Works Equipment; (C-04-55-175-000).

Section 2. That seventy-eight thousand dollars (**\$ 78,000.00**) is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement General Fund for the purpose of acquiring School Materials

Section 3. 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 4. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by the law.

Public Hearing on this Ordinance shall be on Tuesday April 20, 2021 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 March 16, 2021 shall be published by Title in the South Jersey Times and placed on the Township's Bulletin Board giving notice of said Public Hearing as required by Law.

Introduction: March 16, 2021

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

Final: April 20, 2021

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

#### **ORDINANCE 2021- 05 SALARY**

Mayor Pompper opened the meeting to a Public Hearing on Ordinance 2021-05, an Ordinance Fixing the Compensation paid to the Appointed Officers and Employees of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek.

No one from the Public indicated that they had any comments to make on Ordinance 2021-05, an Ordinance Fixing the Compensation paid to the Appointed Officers and Employees of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek.

Mayor Pompper closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2021-05, an Ordinance Fixing the Compensation paid to the Appointed Officers and Employees of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek.

Motion (Venable, Bradway) for final adoption of Ordinance 2021-05, an Ordinance Fixing the Compensation paid to the Appointed Officers and Employees of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek.

#### **ORDINANCE 2021-05**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PREVIOUS ORDINANCES FIXING THE COMPENSATION PAID TO THE APPOINTED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek, in the County of Salem and the State of New Jersey, that an Ordinance Fixing the Compensation to be paid to the Appointed Officers and Employees of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek is hereby amended to provide rates of Salary and Wage compensation as follows:

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>2021</b>	
CADET SLEO II	hourly	<b>\$12.00</b>
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	annually	<b>\$41,711.88</b>
PURCHASING AGENT	annually	<b>\$41,711.88</b>
TAX ASSESSOR	annually	<b>\$19,483.02</b>
TAX COLLECTOR	annually	<b>\$23,030.58</b>

TOWNSHIP CLERK	annually	<b>\$75,121.98</b>
PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY	annually	<b>\$6,000.00</b>
Building Inspector		
Building Sub Code Official	annually	<b>\$17,136.00</b>
Construction Code Official		

SECTION 1. Other provisions that may increase any one individual's compensation include, but are not limited to: overtime, extended shifts, night shift differential, holidays, longevity and other provisions in agreements with the Township of Lower Alloways Creek or stated in the Municipal Employees Policy Manual.

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.

Public Hearing on this Ordinance shall be on Tuesday April 20, 2021 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 March 16, 2021 shall be published by Title in the South Jersey Times and placed on the Township's Bulletin Board giving notice of said Public Hearing as required by Law.

Introduction: March 16, 2021

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

Final: April 20, 2021

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

## OLD BUSINESS

## NEW BUSINESS

Motion (Collier, Bradway) to authorize the Alloway Township Veterans Association to use the Hancocks Bridge Boat Ramp for their Catfish Tournament on May 29 and September 4, 2021

The motion to authorize the Alloway Township Veterans Association to use the Hancocks Bridge Boat Ramp for their Catfish Tournament on May 29 and September 4, 2021 was passed by a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Collier, Bradway, Palombo, Venable and Pompper

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: None

Motion (Collier, Venable) to lease a wide format scanner from Konica Minolta under terms of Sourcewell Contract #083116-KON using Construction Code dedicated fees

The motion to lease a wide format scanner from Konica Minolta under terms of Sourcewell Contract #083116-KON using Construction Code dedicated fees was passed by a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Collier, Venable, Bradway, Palombo and Pompper

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:**

Chief Venable reported that the new vehicle is supposed to be here shortly.

Chief Venable stated that the Chiefs in the County do have agreements to support each other's Departments in the event of civil unrest.

Chief Venable stated that an initiative from the Governor and Attorney general is for mandatory Crisis Intervention Training, which is a multi-day course only given once a year. Chief Venable stated it will take all Departments several years to complete this training.

##### **Public Works:**

Superintendent Fogg stated that currently only J Robinson and D Ecret have their pesticide licenses, other in the Public Works Department would consider getting their certificates if they received additional pay. The Committee felt the issue was a contractual one and indicated that they are fine with it as it is now, as others could work under their licenses.

Superintendent Fogg stated that the NJDEP is coming to look at W Hill's Bank near the Canton Sewer Plant and the flood gate to see what they will allow to be done as far as repairs.

Superintendent Fogg stated that individuals have been breaking in the area around the old ski lodge and he is afraid they might go back far enough to get near the old snow making wells. Superintendent Fogg believes they should be filled in so no incidents can happen.

Superintendent Fogg asked the Committee about the Ladies Auxiliary renting out the HB Fire House. The Committee consensus was that they could do so, at whatever the current limits set by the State as far as occupancy and following the current health guidelines for doing so.

Mr. Collier asked Mr. Fogg about Unit B-14 and Mr. Fogg stated that the unit had been occupied for some time and needed painting and carpet.

**Fire Department:** Nothing at this time.

##### **Mayor and Committee Members**

Mayor Pompper stated that she was approached about possibly lowering or waving the sewer fees for churches in the Township, since they have not been having at church services over the last year.

Motion (Bradway, Venable) to wave the 2021 sewer fee for all churches in the Township.

The motion to wave the 2021 sewer fee for all churches in the Township was passed by a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Bradway, Venable, Collier, Palombo and Pompper

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

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

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Venable, Bradway) to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

The motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.

Minutes of the April 20, 2021 Meeting were approved at a Township Committee Meeting held May 18, 2021

ATTEST:

LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK TOWNSHIP

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Ronald L Campbell Sr. Clerk

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Mayor, Ellen B. Pompper