

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK HELD DECEMBER 20, 2022**

A Regular Meeting of the Lower Alloways Creek Township Committee was held on December 20, 2022 with Mayor Timothy W. Bradway 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 Bradway led in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE

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

Absent: none

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance were 8-(eight) members of the public including Superintendent of Public Works, Lewis Fogg; Solicitor, Linwood Donelson III and Township Clerk, Ronald L Campbell Sr.

Motion (Venable, Collier) for Resolution 2022 – 98, a Resolution to approve transfers in the 2022 Budget Current Operating Fund in the amount of eighty – four thousand one hundred dollar (\$84,100.00).

RESOLUTION 2022-98

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS IN THE 2022 BUDGET CURRENT
OPERATING FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED
DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$ 84,100.00).

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek has found it necessary to recommend that Transfers be made within the Current Operating Fund of the 2022 Budget of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek in the amount of eighty-four thousand, one hundred dollars and no cents (\$ 84,100.00) ; and,

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey authorizes under N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58, the transforming of funds from one line item to another during the last two (2) months of the current budget fiscal 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 Transfers as follows:

FROM:

Mayor & Council O/E	\$500.00
Audit Services	\$4,000.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$1,000.00
Ambulance O/E	\$3,000.00
Road S/W	\$50,600.00
Road O/E	\$10,000.00
Telephone	\$5,000.00
Dog Regulation O/E	<u>\$10,000.00</u>

TOTAL **\$84,100.00**

TO:

Administration S/W	\$100.00
Assessor O/E	\$1,000.00
SPW S/W	\$30,000.00
Sanitation S/W	\$6,000.00
Garage O/E	\$10,000.00
Heating Fuel	\$12,000.00
Gasoline/Diesel	\$23,000.00
Engineering	<u>\$2,000.00</u>

TOTAL **\$84,100.00**

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 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 in the 2022 Budget Current Operation fund as recommended in the amount of eighty-four thousand, one hundred dollars and no cents (\$ 84,100.00).

The motion for Resolution 2022 – 98, a Resolution to approve transfers in the 2022 Budget Current Operating Fund in the amount of eighty – four thousand one hundred dollar (\$84,100.00) passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Venable, Collier, Crane, Palombo and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

PAYMENT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS

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

The motion to pay properly audited vouchers passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 3-0-2

Ayes: Venable, Collier, Crane, Palombo and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: Crane # 24824; Venable # 24869 & # 24870

Absent: none

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

The Mayor requested that the minutes reflect that the November 2022 Monthly reports to the Township Committee have been received from the following Departments and are on file with the Clerk: Construction Office, Engineer, Municipal Court, Police Department, Public Works, Sewer and Tax Collector.

MINUTES

Motion (Crane, Collier) to approve the Regular Meeting and Closed Session Minutes of the Township Committee Meeting held on November 14, 2022.

The motion to approve the Regular Meeting and Closed Session Minutes of the Township Committee Meeting held on November 14, 2022 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 4-0

Ayes: Crane, Collier, Palombo, Venable and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

RESOLUTIONS

Motion (Venable, Collier) for Resolution 2022-99, a resolution authorizing an agreement with South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter for 2023.

RESOLUTION 2022-99

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL SHELTERING SERVICES WITH SOUTH JERSEY REGIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER FOR 2023

WHEREAS, the Township of Lower Alloways Creek does need the services of an Animal Shelter for 2023, and;

WHEREAS, the nearest Animal Shelter, South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter in Cumberland County was asked to provide a quote for the year 2023, and;

WHEREAS, the South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter provided an agreement for the year 2023 at cost of eleven thousand seven hundred seventy-four dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$ 11,774.28.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek authorize an agreement with South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter for Animal Sheltering services for the year 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk notify the Animal Control Officer and other effected Departments of the Township of this action.

The motion for Resolution 2022-99 authorizing an agreement with South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter for 2023 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Venable, Collier, Crane, Palombo and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Venable, Collier) for Resolution 2022-100, a resolution awarding a contract to "R" Buttonwood Farm, LLC for the lease of Township Land for farming purposes from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025.

RESOLUTION 2022-100

AWARDING A CONTRACT TO "R" BUTTONWOOD FARM, LLC FOR THE LEASE OF TOWNSHIP LAND FOR FARMING PURPOSES FROM JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

WHEREAS, the Township of Lower Alloways Creek desires to lease certain public property for farming purposes and;

WHEREAS, the Township had previously authorized the Purchasing Agent to advertise such specifications necessary to receive bids for such farm ground lease, and;

WHEREAS bids have been received and opened at the advertised date and time, and;

WHEREAS, "R" Buttonwood Farm, LLC of Hancocks Bridge, New Jersey submitted the highest lease bid amount of two thousand five hundred ninety-two dollars (\$ 2,592.00) for the entire length of the three (3) year contracting period, and;

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent of the Township is recommending a contract be awarded to "R" Buttonwood Farm, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek does hereby award a three (3) year contract to "R" Buttonwood Farm, LLC of Hancocks Bridge, New Jersey to lease the public property describe below for farming purposes from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2025 to the Township as follows:.

A. Use of Property: the Tenant's use of the property is restricted exclusively to farmland use and no other use shall be permitted.

B. Description of Property: The property that is the subject of this Lease is identified on the Lower Alloways Creek Township Tax Map as Block 16, Lot 22, consisting of approximately 12.80 acres, Block 19, Lot 9.01, consisting of approximately 1.85 acres and Block 19, Lot 9.02 consisting of approximately 2.61 acres (17.26 acres total more or less).

C. Purpose: the Tenant shall use said leased premises for farming purposes only and shall plant a cover crop of at least two (2) bushels of barley or wheat per acre on the entire premises to germinate prior to the termination of the Lease. The Tenant shall have no right to harvest said cover crop or any growing crop from the property after December 31, 2025

D. Entry by Landlord: the Landlord reserves the right to enter the premises during the term of the Lease to mow the ditches in such a manner as to not damage crops on the property.

E. Exclusion from Lease: the site of the old creamery on said property shall be excluded from this Lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign a contract for such lease.

The motion for Resolution 2022-100 awarding a contract to "R" Buttonwood Farm, LLC for the lease of Township Land for farming purposes from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Venable, Collier, Crane, Palombo and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

- Motion (Collier, Palombo) for Resolution 2022- 101, a Resolution authorizing the cancelation of Tax Sale Certificate 22-00002 for Block 22, Lot 10 assessed to Cuff, Lawrence A.

RESOLUTION 2022-101

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2022 the Tax Collector of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek sold at public sale Tax Sale Certificate 22-00002 for Block 22, Lot 10 (Hogate Boulevard) assessed to Cuff, Lawrence A.; and

WHEREAS, it came to the attention of the Tax Collector that the referenced Tax Sale Certificate issued on November 18, 2022 was sold in error; and

WHEREAS, there was a misapplication of a 2021 Added Assessment, which was applied to the incorrect block and lot, the unpaid taxes should have never accrued to the property; and the delinquency did not exist; and

WHEREAS, the purchaser of Tax Sale Certificate 22-00002, Jeremy Venable, paid at the time of the sale the sum of the delinquency in the amount of \$750.82, as well as 2022 subsequent taxes paid in the amount of \$563.10 and is entitled to have the said amounts refunded to him; and

WHEREAS, THE TAX COLLECTOR OF LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK TOWNSHIP is authorized to make said adjustments to the lien with regard to the cancellation, refund; and

WHEREAS, THE TREASURER OF LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK TOWNSHIP is authorized to make said refund from the Current Account; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek, County of Salem, State of New Jersey is in receipt of a request from the Tax Collector for a Resolution authorizing the cancellation of the Tax Sale Certificate 22-00002, and the further request to refund the sum paid by the purchaser, Jeremy Venable,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lower Alloways Creek Township Committee, that the appropriate officials of Lower Alloways Creek Township, County of Salem, State of New Jersey, shall cancel Tax Sale Certificate No. 22-00002, refund the above referenced amounts to Jeremy Venable, and the books of said Tax Collector be adjusted to reflect the cancellation, refund and/or accrual as noted above; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of Lower Alloways Creek Township is hereby directed to provide the Township of Lower Alloways Creek Tax Collector with a certified copy of this Resolution

The motion for Resolution 2022-101 authorizing the cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate 22-00002 for Block 22, Lot 10 assessed to Cuff, Lawrence A, passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 4-0-1

Ayes: Collier, Crane, Palombo and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: Venable Absent: none

Motion (Venable, Collier) for Resolution 2022-102, a Resolution awarding a contract to Holt McNally & Associates for Municipal Auditing Services for 2023.

RESOLUTION 2022-102

**AWARDING A CONTRACT TO HOLT MCNALLY & ASSOCIATES FOR MUNICIPAL
AUDITING SERVICES FOR 2023**

WHEREAS, the Township of Lower Alloways Creek has need of Municipal Auditing Services and;

WHEREAS, the Township had previously authorized the Purchasing Agent to advertise such specifications necessary to receive request for proposals for such services, and;

WHEREAS proposals have been received and opened at the advertised date and time, and;

WHEREAS, HOLT MCNALLY & ASSOCIATES of Medford, New Jersey submitted the most responsive bid at forty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$43,500.00), and;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer will provided a certification of availability of funds for the 2023 Budget (account # 3-01-20-135-020), and;

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent of the Township is recommending the contract be awarded Holt McNally & Associates.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek does hereby award a one year contract to Holt McNally & Associates of Medford, New Jersey to provide Municipal Auditing Services for the 2022 Municipal Audit and other financial services to the Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign a contract for such services.

The motion for Resolution 2022-102 awarding a contract to Holt McNally & Associates for Municipal Auditing Services for 2023 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Venable, Collier, Crane, Palombo and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Venable, Collier) for Resolution 2022-103, a resolution authorizing the auction sale of items no longer needed for public use, using the Online Auction Site GovDeals.com.

RESOLUTION 2022- 103

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF SURPLUS PUBLIC PROPERTY ITEMS
AT GOVDEALS.COM ONLINE AUCTION.**

WHEREAS, The Township of Lower Alloways Creek has surplus public property items, which it no longer has need of for public service; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A 11-36 authorizes municipalities to offer for sale, public property which is no longer needed for public service; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee does authorize the following items:

1. Airpower International, Inc Air Bottle Refill Station
2. Kenwood small Server Cabinet

be offered for auction online through Govdeals.com whose headquarters are located in Montgomery Alabama, pursuant to New Jersey Public Property Laws and Local Finance Notice 2008-09.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek does authorize the sale of this surplus public property by online auction at Govdeals.com and does authorize the Purchasing Agent to negotiate with Govdeals.com as to the terms and conditions of their commission and any other particulars pertaining to the auction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the terms and conditions of the online auction be available at the Municipal Clerk's Office and available through the auction website pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-09.

The motion for Resolution 2022-103 authorizing the auction sale of items no longer needed for public use, using the Online Auction Site GovDeals.com passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

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

Motion (Palombo, Collier) for Resolution 2022-104, a resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with and between Elsinboro, Mannington, Oldmans Townships and Lower Alloways Creek Township for Trash and Recycling Collection Services in 2023.

RESOLUTION 2022- 104

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH AND BETWEEN ELSINBORO TOWNSHIP, MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP, OLDMANS TOWNSHIP AND LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK TOWNSHIP FOR TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES IN 2023

WHEREAS the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek desires to continue a Shared Services Agreement for Trash and Recycling Services with Elsinboro, Mannington and Oldmans Townships, and;

WHEREAS, municipalities can enter into such Shared Services Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4 et seq., and;

WHEREAS, the four Townships have agreed to the terms, conditions and scheduling to be memorialized within the Shared Services Agreement for Trash and Recycling Services in 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Shared Services Agreement for Trash and Recycling Services with and between Elsinboro Township, Mannington Township, Oldmans Township and Lower Alloways Creek Township with the following cost sharing agreement;

2023	Year	Quarterly
ELSINBORO	\$88,618	\$22,155
L.A.C	\$122,011	\$30,503
MANNINGTON	\$82,613	\$20,654
OLDMANS	\$111,295	\$27,824

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Clerks of the Township of Elsinboro, the Township of Mannington, the Township of Oldmans and the Superintendent of Public Works for Lower Alloways Township.

The motion for Resolution 2022-104 authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with and between Elsinboro, Mannington, Oldmans Townships and Lower Alloways Creek Township for Trash and Recycling Collection Services in 2023 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

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

Motion (Collier, Bradway) for Resolution 2022-105, a Resolution authorizing a Shared Services Agreement by and between the County of Salem and Lower Alloways Creek Township for Police Dispatching Services.

RESOLUTION 2022- 105

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SALEM AND LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK TOWNSHIP FOR POLICE DISPATCHING SERVICES.

WHEREAS the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek desires to have a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Salem for them to provide Police Dispatching Services to the Township of Lower Alloways Creek, Police Department, and;

WHEREAS, government entities can enter into such Shared Services Agreements pursuant to section 4 of P. L. 2007, c.63 (N.J.S.A..40A:65-4 et seq.), and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek hereby approves and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Shared Services Agreement for Police Dispatching Services between the County of Salem and Lower Alloways Creek Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be attached to the Shared Services Agreement and be forwarded to the Clerk of the Salem County Freeholders, the Salem County Emergency Services Coordinator and the Chief of Police of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek.

After some discussion by the Committee, it was proposed to postpone this vote and get some answers from the County as to why the costs went up so much each year.

Motion (Collier, Crane) to postpone the vote on Resolution 2022-105 until a later Meeting and direct the Clerk to inquire about answers as to the particulars of this increase.

The motion to postpone the vote on Resolution 2022-105 until a later Meeting passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

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

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Bradway commented that the Township needed to get a Cannabis License Fee and a Host Agreement in the works for early next year, to have them in place before we have any formal requests for such a business.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion (Collier, Palombo) to postpone a vote on a lease with Mr. Wible for Leisure Arms Unit D-25 until further information on his residency is obtained.

The motion to postpone a vote on a lease with Mr. Wible for Leisure Arms Unit D-25 until further information on his residency is obtained was passed by a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Collier, Palombo, Crane, Venable and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Venable, Collier) to approve the purchase of 200 tons of rock salt from Riverside Construction Materials, Inc. per Salem County CO-OP pricing at a cost not to exceed fifteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$ 15,500.00).

The motion to approve the purchase of 200 tons of rock salt from Riverside Construction Materials, Inc. per Salem County CO-OP pricing at a cost not to exceed fifteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$ 15,500.00). was passed by a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Venable, Collier, Crane, Palombo and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Venable, Collier) to approve an agreement with Fralinger Engineering, PA for the Survey/Design/Bidding of a portion of Frog Ocean Road resurfacing at a cost of fifteen thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$ 15,750.00).

The motion to approve an agreement with Fralinger Engineering, PA for the Survey/Design/Bidding of a portion of Frog Ocean Road resurfacing at a cost of fifteen thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$ 15,750.00) was passed by a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Venable, Collier, Crane, Palombo and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Crane, Collier) to authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise for the lease of land for an entity to construct and operate a cellular telephone and broadband tower.

The motion to authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise for the lease of land for an entity to construct and operate a cellular telephone and broadband tower passed by a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Crane, Collier, Palombo, Venable and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Venable, Collier) to authorize a one-year Professional Services Contract with Environmental & Technical Services, LLC for CPWM Services in 2023 at a cost of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00).

The motion to authorize a one-year Professional Services Contract with Environmental & Technical Services, LLC for CPWM Services in 2023 at a cost of \$35,000.00 was passed by a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Venable, Collier, Crane, Palombo and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Ms. Crane commented that we need an estimate of the number of light poles in Hancocks Bridge needing replacement, so we can get an estimated cost for the 2023 budget discussion.

Motion (Collier, Crane) to hold the 2023 Township Committee reorganization on Sunday January 1, 2023 at 2:00 pm.

The motion to hold the 2023 Township Committee reorganization on Sunday January 1, 2023 at 2:00 pm passed by a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Collier, Crane, Palombo, Venable and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Township Committee had a report from the JIF of a safety inspection done on the Hancocks Bridge playground equipment. The Committee discussed the issues with the Superintendent of Public Works and directed him to fix or if necessary get estimates on fixing the issues.

All other correspondence received has been distributed to the proper parties

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works:

Superintendent Fogg stated that he had worked 42 years and four months for the Township and was looking forward to his retirement on December 31st.

Police Department:

Chief Venable stated that the Department recently had a call for a suicidal person with a gun and the responding Officers were able to deescalate the situation and get the person in custody without incident.

Chief Venable stated that both he and Sgt. Carlson had completed more of their Emergency Management Training recently and had only a few courses left to complete their training.

Mayor and Committee Members

Mr. Collier stated that he had called Bert Lopez from Atlantic City Electric hoping not to get rusty steel electric poles to the Wind Port, but was told the process of using them was already in progress.

Mr. Collier commented that the traffic light at New Bridge when approaching Harmersville Pecks Corner Road takes a very long time to change and the camera seems to be pointed down too far. Superintendent Fogg stated that he had the County look into that very situation and the NJDOT who services the lights, stated that everything is fine.

Ms. Crane stated that on January 12 at 7:00 pm there will be a Historical Committee Meeting at the Senior Lunch Facility.

Mr. Venable wished everyone a Happy New Year and Merry Christmas.

Mr. Palombo stated that at the recent TOLACEMO Trash Coalition Meeting none of the participating municipalities wanted to bring in any new members, because of scheduling and maintenance issues.

Mayor Bradway stated that he participated in a Wind Port online meeting and they stated that piles would be driven in starting in January and continuing through March, both on land and in the river. The wind port has about 100 employees working currently.

Mayor Bradway stated that he made them aware of issues at Harmersville Road and Cuff Road where the pile trucks have run over the curb when turning left onto Alloways Creek Neck Road. They will be fixing the area after all the piles are transported.

Mayor Bradway stated that all the information the County needs to apply for funding for the planning and construction of New Bridge has been provided to them by the NJDOT. Additionally someone from the State will be available to assist them if they need any help with the application process. Mayor Bradway stated that it is now up to the County to follow through with the process to replace New Bridge.

Motion (Venable, Crane) for a Proclamation to Honor Lewis Fogg for his Years of Service to the Township.

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK
A RESOLUTION HONORING
LEWIS R FOGG

WHEREAS, **LEWIS R FOGG** has given forty - two (42) years of dedicated service to the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby adopts this resolution as a means to honor and thank **LEWIS R FOGG** for his Leadership and Integrity, which has effectively fostered stability in the Public Works Department under his guidance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek that it does express its appreciation to **LEWIS R FOGG** for his forty - two years of service to the community, including five years of service as Superintendent of Public Works.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be entered into the meeting minutes as a means to honor his service and that a copy of this resolution be presented to

LEWIS R FOGG

as an expression of the Township Committee's gratitude for his dedicated service.

The motion for a Proclamation to Honor Lewis Fogg for his Years of Service to the Township passed a vote of the Committee as follows. 5-0

Ayes: Venable, Crane, Collier, Palombo and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A resident commented on the intersection at Locust Island Road & Alloways Creek Neck Road and how difficult it is for trailers to make the turn without going up on the curb, trailer tires are \$500.00 and you need all the road to make it.

A resident thanked Mr. Fogg for his years of service with the Township.

No one else from the Public indicated that they wished to make any comments.

CLOSED SESSION

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

RESOLUTION 2022 – 106
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.

____ 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. Personnel - Personnel

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

1. 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 fifteen (15) 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: Venable, Collier, Crane, Palombo and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Palombo, Crane) 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: 4-0

Ayes: Venable, Collier, Crane and Palombo

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: Bradway

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Venable, Collier) to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

The motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.

Minutes of the December 20, 2021 Meeting were approved at a Township Committee Meeting held January 17, 2022

ATTEST:

LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK TOWNSHIP

Ronald L Campbell Sr. Clerk

Mayor, Timothy W. Bradway