

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK HELD JULY 21, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the Lower Alloways Creek Township Committee was held on July 21, 2020 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, Mr. Hunter, president of the local Co-Ed softball League 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 June 2020 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 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Township Committee Meeting held on June 16, 2020.

The motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Township Committee Meeting held on June 16, 2020 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 2020- 46, a Resolution authorizing approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Church Road Reconstruction.

### TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK Resolution 2020-46

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Church Road Resurfacing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the (Mayor/Committee) and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2021-Church Road Resurfacing-00583 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor/Committee and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

The motion for Resolution 2020- 46 authorizing approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Church Road Reconstruction passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Venable, Bradway, Collier, Palombo and Pompper

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

## OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Pompper asked the Fire Chief Steve Fisher if there was any progress in getting a Shared Services Agreement document from the County for decon services. Chief Fisher stated that he did have a copy that he would share with the Committee.

Mayor Pompper stated that the Township Solicitor needs a copy so he can review it and then if it is satisfactory, it would be considered at next month's meeting.

Mayor asked if there had been any progress in reviewing the submitted names for possible addition to the War Monument. Mr. Bradway stated that he and Mr. Palombo were to discuss it after tonight's meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

Motion (Venable, Bradway) to approve the overnight stay and attendance at the New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference for: Lewis Fogg, Lance Kaufmann, Kevin Clour and Ronald L Campbell Sr.

The motion to approve the overnight stay and attendance at the New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference for: Lewis Fogg, Lance Kaufmann, Kevin Clour and Ronald L Campbell Sr was passed by a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

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

Motion (Bradway, Collier) to approve a Lease Agreement with Beverley Carr for Unit A-4 at Leisure Arms.

The motion to approve a Lease Agreement with Beverley Carr for Unit A-4 at Leisure Arms was passed by a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

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

Motion (Palombo, Collier) to approve the purchase of a Dixie Chopper Classic 3572Zero-Turn Mower from Walt's Dixie Chopper at a cost of \$ 10,700.90.

The motion to approve the purchase of a Dixie Chopper Classic 3572Zero-Turn Mower from Walt's Dixie Chopper at a cost of \$ 10,700.90 was passed by a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Palombo, Collier, Bradway, Venable 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:**

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

Superintendent Lewis Fogg spoke with the Committee about Opening the Playground to the public, again requiring bulk stickers to discard trash at the convenience center (starting Aug 1<sup>st</sup>), that one of the recycling trucks water pump failed while on its route was repaired and curbing is to be done at the intersection of Main Street Canton & Friendship Road and a twenty foot section along the school's driveway.

Mr. Venable ask the superintendent about when Maskells Mill Road being paved. Superintendent Lewis Fogg as far as he knows it is on the Counties schedule to be done.

##### **Police Department:**

Chief Venable stated that a Police Vehicle had an incident and was fixed by the Public Works maintenance shop.

Chief Venable stated that the full time officer on deployment will be back in August.

Chief Venable stated that he would like to bring up with the Committee next Month about hiring a full time office and a part time officer to bring the part time officer total to three to relieve the over time.

Mayor Pompper asked the Chief to explain to the Committee Kelley Time.

Chief Venable stated that the officer's schedule comes out to 84 hours in a two week period, they are normally paid for 80 hours and the 4 extra hours they are given off. How that has worked is every month a part time officer would work 8 of the full time officer's scheduled hours (4 hours from each two week period) and no overtime would need to be paid. Since we are down a full time officer to deployment and the two part time officers, we have been paying overtime to the full time officers, because we had no choice.

##### **Fire Department:**

Chief Fisher stated that the department is back to doing training.

Chief Fisher stated that there have been two fires this past month one in Alloway (A hay barn) and one in Pilesgrove (egg farm). Chief Fisher stated that as the Committee is aware there were two incidents related to the Fire yesterday, a truck accident and one person had heat exhaustion at the fire.

### **Mayor and Committee Members**

Mayor Pompper stated that the State Economic Development Office wants to come a meet with the Committee about the Wind Port in the coming months to discuss and answer any questions we have about it.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Hunter a representative for the co-ed softball league wanted to know if they would be able to use the ball field this fall and if so under what conditions. Mayor Pompper stated that the Governor had opened things for outside sports and she feels that probably our insurance company and Emergency Management Officer would have the best information as to what is suggested as the best way to proceed.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion (Bradway, Palombo) for a resolution to convene into a Closed Session of Business. (8:00 pm)

### **RESOLUTION 2020 - 47** **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. Potential Litigation**

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 ten (10) minutes and there after the regular meeting would then reconvene and further business by the Committee would not 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: Bradway, Palombo, Collier, Venable and Pompper

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Bradway, Collier) 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 (8:12 pm)

Ayes: Bradway, Collier, Palombo, Venable and Pompper

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Venable, Bradway) to adjourn the meeting. (8:14 p.m.)

The motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.

Minutes of the July 21, 2020 Meeting were approved at a Township Committee Meeting held August 16, 2020

ATTEST:

LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK TOWNSHIP

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Ronald L Campbell Sr. Clerk

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Mayor, Ellen B. Pompper