

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK HELD JUNE 21, 2022**

A Regular Meeting of the Lower Alloways Creek Township Committee was held on June 21, 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, Mr. Crane, Mr. Venable and Mayor Bradway

Absent: Mr. Palombo

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance were 12-(twelve) members of the public including Police Chief Richard Venable, Jr; Fire Chief, Steve Fisher; Solicitor, Linwood Donelson III and Township Clerk, Ronald L Campbell Sr.

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: 4-0-1

Ayes: Venable, Collier, Crane and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: Collier ck #24234 Absent: Palombo

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

The Mayor requested that the minutes reflect that the May 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 May 17, 2022.

The motion to approve the Regular Meeting and Closed Session Minutes of the Township Committee Meeting held on May 17, 2022 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 4-0

Ayes: Crane, Collier, Venable and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: Palombo

RESOLUTIONS

Motion (Collier, Crane) for Resolution 2022-63, a resolution authorizing the auction sale of items no longer needed for public use, using the Online Auction Site GovDeals.com.

RESOLUTION 2022- 54

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. 2001 Chevrolet G2500 Van, 1GTGG25R911228149 "Red Animal Control Van"

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 2022-63 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: 4-0

Ayes: Collier, Crane, Venable and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: Palombo

Motion (Venable, Collier) for Resolution 2022-64, a resolution in support of Budget Cap Relief.

RESOLUTION 2022-64

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT BUDGET CAP RELIEF

Whereas, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45, et al, a municipality is required to limit any increase in is levy to 2.0% and any increase in appropriations to 2 ½% or the cost-of-living adjustment, whatever is less over the final appropriations subject to certain exceptions; and

Whereas, all local public entities have incurred an estimated \$ 50 million in Covid Related worker's compensation clams and that these costs will continue to increase as a result of long term COVID cases; and

WHEREAS, a 2021 New Jersey Department of Labor decision regarding workers compensation funding has generated increase costs to municipalities by over 10% in order to cover claims that were previously funded by the state pension system; and,

Whereas, a recent amendment to the sexual molestation limitations will increase the

WHEREAS, the frequency of weather-related catastrophic claims and corresponding impacts are anticipated to increase property costs by way over 10% per year; and

WHEREAS, cyber liability evens throughout the country have resulted in doubling premium costs in 2023 and such costs are expected to accelerate at a pace far greater than the rate of inflation

WHEREAS, these increasing costs, regulations, policy decisions and environmental impacts are occurring when many other items and costs in municipal budgets are also in at an inflationary rate increasing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek that N.J.S.A. 40A-4-45, et al be amended to provide that appropriations in the first three years after the effective date of (this amendment) for liability insurance , worker's compensation insurance, cyber insurance, and property insurance be exempt from the Appropriation CAP and the Levy CAP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the New Jersey Legislative representatives for the Township of Lower Alloways Creek.

The motion for Resolution 2022-64 in support of Budget Cap Relief passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 4-0

Ayes: Venable, Collier, Crane and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: Palombo

Motion (Venable, Collier) for Resolution 2022- 65, a Resolution to request a change in zoning for the Canton Fire House Property.

RESOLUTION 2022-65

A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST A CHANGE IN ZONING FOR BLOCK 39 , LOT 22.01
KNOWN AS THE CANTON FIRE HOUSE PROPERTY, 773 SMICK ROAD

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK desires to sell the Canton Fire House property Block 39 , Lot 22.01 known as 773 Smick Road, and;

WHEREAS, currently the Canton Fire House property is in the Agricultural Residential Zone, with a small portion in the Village Zone, and;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee feels it would be beneficial and advantageous to have the Canton Fire House Property re-zoned Commercial to better reflect what could be its next intended use and its potential sale price.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek is requesting that the Lower Alloways Creek Planning Zoning / Board re-zoning the Current Canton Fire House Property Block 39, Lot 22.01, known as 773 Smick Road to Commercial District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lower Alloways Creek Planning Zoning / Board inform the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek of its action in this matter in a timely manner.

The motion for Resolution 2022-65, a resolution to request a change in zoning for the Canton Fire House Property passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 4-0

Ayes: Venable, Collier, Crane and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: Palombo

Motion (Venable, Collier) for Resolution 2022-66, a resolution authorizing an agreement with the American Legion Association for the provision of emergency medical services and basic life saving ambulance services.

RESOLUTION 2022-66

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK AND THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINT FOR PRIMARY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (AMBULANCE) COVERAGE

WHEREAS, whereas Carneys Point Township has agreed to furnish Primary Emergency Medical Service Basic Life Support (ambulance) coverage to Lower Alloways Creek Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek desires to utilize the Carneys Point Township to Primary Emergency Medical Service Basic Life Support (ambulance) coverage, as a necessary and proper measure for the safety and security of the public health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek has determined that it is in its best interest to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with the Carneys Point Township for the provision of Primary Emergency Medical Service Basic Life Support (ambulance) coverage.

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with the Township of Carneys Point for Primary Emergency Medical Service Basic Life Support (ambulance) coverage in the form attached hereto for the period of July 1, 2022 to June

30, 2024, subject to any contract extension that may be approved by the Township Committee with Carneys Point Township.

2. A notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek.

BE IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to each of the following:

- a. Borough Clerk
- b. Township Chief Financial Officer
- c. Ambulance Squad / Fire Department
- d. Chief of Police
- e. Carneys Point Township

The motion for Resolution 2022-66, a resolution authorizing an agreement with the American Legion Association for the provision of emergency medical services and basic life saving ambulance services passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 4-0

Ayes: Venable, Collier, Crane and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: Palombo

OLD BUSINESS none

NEW BUSINESS

Motion (Crane, Collier) to approve the purchase of one thousand (1000) feet of five (5) inch suction hose from Continental Fire & Safety, Inc. at a cost of eight thousand six hundred and eighty dollars (\$ 8,680.00)

The Committee had some discussion about the hose and asked the Fire Chief's opinion.

Motion (Crane, Collier) to **postpone** the motion to approve the purchase of one thousand (1000) feet of five (5) inch suction hose from Continental Fire & Safety, Inc. at a cost of eight thousand six hundred and eighty dollars (\$ 8,680.00).

The motion to **postpone** the motion to approve the purchase of one thousand (1000) feet of five (5) inch suction hose from Continental Fire & Safety, Inc. at a cost of eight thousand six hundred and eighty dollars (\$ 8,680.00) was passed by a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 4-0

Ayes: Crane, Collier, Venable and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: Palombo

Motion (Venable, Crane) to accept the resignation of Lewis Fogg effective January 1, 2023.

The motion to accept the resignation of Lewis Fogg effective January 1, 2023 was passed by a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 4-0

Ayes: Venable, Crane, Collier and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: Palombo

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk related that someone representing Verizon Cell Tower site acquisitions contacted the Township about placing cell phone antennas on a tower specifically in Hancocks Bridge. This representative will be making a visit here shortly. Mayor Bradway stated that since the Township has been wanting a cell tower to come to LAC and we have definite interest, it was thought that we should appropriate funds to get things moving with engineering and related upfront costs.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

Motion (Crane, Collier) to introduce Ordinance 2022-04, an ordinance amending the Capital Budget of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek and authorizing capital appropriations in the amount of one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) for the purposes of engineering and related costs for the construction of a broadband and cellular communications tower.

ORDINANCE 2022-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK AND AUTHORIZING CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSES OF ENGINEERING AND RELATED COSTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BROADBAND AND CELLULAR COMMUNICATIONS TOWER

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 One Hundred thousand dollars (\$ 100,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement General Fund for the purpose of engineering and related costs for the construction of a broadband and cellular communications tower.

Section 2. 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 3. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by the law.

Public Hearing on this Ordinance shall be on Tuesday July 19, 2022 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 June 21, 2022 and 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.

The motion to introduce Ordinance 2022-04, an ordinance amending the Capital Budget of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek and authorizing capital appropriations in the amount of one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) for the purposes of engineering and related costs for the construction of a broadband and cellular communications tower was passed by a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 4-0

Ayes: Crane, Collier, Venable and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: Palombo

All other correspondence received has been distributed to the proper parties.

Motion (Crane, Collier) for Resolution 2022-68, a resolution to Promote Michael G. DeParre to the rank of Lieutenant.

RESOLUTION 2022-68

A RESOLUTION PROMOTING LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICER, CORPORAL MICHAEL G. DEPARRE TO THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek desires to promote an individual within the Lower Alloways Creek Police Department to preserve the public welfare and the efficiency of the department and;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek has previously, through its ordinances set criteria for promotions within the Police Department and that criteria was used to determine who should be promoted, and;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek does therefore desires to promote Corporal Michael G. DeParre to the position of Lieutenant as recommended by the Chief of Police Richard Venable, Jr.

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 it hereby promotes Corporal Michael G. DeParre to the position of Lieutenant within the Lower Alloways Creek Police Department effective immediately.

The motion for Resolution 2022-68, a resolution to Promote Michael G. DeParre to the rank of Lieutenant passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 3-0-1

Ayes: Crane, Collier and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: Venable Absent: Palombo

Mayor Bradway administered the oath of office to Lieutenant Deparre.

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police Department:

Chief Venable stated that the State Police had come and taken the Alcohol machine for their use as approved by the Committee last month.

Fire Department:

Fire Chief Fisher stated that he had gone with the Mayor to the wind port to see what they had as far as emergency supplies and spoke with them about what they may want to get. Chief Fisher stated that they will be running three dredging operations shortly. Chief Fisher asked the Committee if it would be alright for the LAC Fire Truck to be in the Woodstown 4th Parade and the Mayor asked the Committee who indicated their consent.

Mayor and Committee Members

Mr. Collier stated that he had been asked by the owner of Creek's Edge Pizza if the Township, who does use their property for parking during National Night Out, could mow the grass around the pond. The Committee was alright with doing so, every two weeks.

Mrs. Crane stated that correspondence was received from the school thanking us for the LAC Historic Award which went to Kyla Henderson, as the most improved 8th grade student in the subject history, this award is sponsored by the LAC Historical Society.

Mayor Bradway stated that the NJLOM has started a campaign to get the legislature to use the current year's State surplus to fully fund the Energy Receipts to municipalities, this includes Mayor's signing a petition and asking each municipality to do a resolution making such a request of the State. Mayor Bradway stated that it has been decades since the State has taken funds away from the municipalities and not fully funded the Energy Receipts Tax. Apparently the State is going to have a surplus this year, making it a good time for them to do as promised years ago.

Mayor Bradway stated that in a meeting with the Wind Port officials, they stated that a cement plant will be coming to Oldmans Twp to make the pier pilings and they then will be transported by barge to the site. Mayor Bradway stated that he and the Fire Chief had a meeting with their emergency aid personnel to see what they have and they asked that we have emergency drills every so often for everyone to get familiar with the area and challenges they might see there. Mayor Bradway stated that they still are looking for a food truck to service the workers at the Wind Port.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.

Minutes of the June 21, 2021 Meeting were approved at a Township Committee Meeting held July 19, 2022

ATTEST:

LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK TOWNSHIP

Ronald L Campbell Sr. Clerk

Mayor, Timothy W. Bradway