

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK HELD MAY 18, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Lower Alloways Creek Township Committee was held on May 18, 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 seven- (7) 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 April 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 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Township Committee Meeting held on April 20, 2021.

The motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Township Committee Meeting held on April 20, 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- 46, a Resolution to award a contract to D.D.S. Services for the re-roofing of five Units at the Leisure Arms Complex at the bid price of thirty eight thousand eight hundred eighty-nine dollars.

RESOLUTION 2021-46

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO D.D.S. SERVICES FOR THE RE-ROOFING OF FIVE UNITS AT THE LEISURE ARMS COMPLEX AT A BID PRICE OF THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$ 38,889.00)

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek desires to re-roof five Units at the Leisure Arms Complex, and;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee had previously authorized the Township Purchasing Agent to solicit bids for the re-roofing of five Units at the Leisure Arms Complex were received and opened on the day & time specified in the bid specifications, and;

WHEREAS, D.D.S. Services submitted the lowest responsive proposal for the re-roofing of five Units at the Leisure Arms Complex, and;

WHEREAS, the Township Purchasing Agent has recommended awarding a contract to D.D.S. Services for the re-roofing of five Units at the Leisure Arms Complex.

WHEREAS, the Township Purchasing Agent has or will certify that funds are available for this purpose in the current and in succeeding years budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek does hereby award a contract to D.D.S. Services for the re-roofing of five Units at the Leisure Arms Complex at the bid price of thirty eight thousand eight hundred eighty-nine dollars and zero cents (\$ 38,889.00)

The motion for Resolution 2021- 46, to award a contract to D.D.S. Services for the re-roofing of five Units at the Leisure Arms Complex at the bid price of thirty eight thousand eight hundred eighty-nine dollars 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 2021-47, a Resolution to authorize the sale of surplus public property items at govdeals.com online auction.

RESOLUTION 2021- 47

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- Worthington High Thrust Electric Pump motor with pump parts

2 – 5 - Safariland 6280-262 Right Handed 4” BBL Gun Holsters

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3 – Jay Pee M6 Belt Mace Cases for DEF TEC MK6

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 2021-47, to authorize the sale of surplus public property items at govdeals.com online auction 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 (Bradway, Venable) for Resolution 2021- 48, a Resolution authorizing municipal consent to the Ruritan Club of Lower Alloways Creek to hold an on-premise merchandise draw raffle.

RESOLUTION 2021 -48

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL CONSENT FOR THE CONDUCT OF A RAFFLE

WHEREAS, the Ruritan Club Lower Alloways Creek has submitted a properly executed Application for a License to operate an On-Premise Merchandise Raffle at 15 New Street, Lower Alloways Creek, New Jersey in Lower Alloways Creek Township, and

WHEREAS, the Committee has reviewed said Application and has determined that the applicant is qualified and that the members designated to conduct these games are qualified, and

WHEREAS, the Committee has determined that the games will be conducted according to the regulations of the Legalized Games of Chance Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lower Alloways Creek, hereby grants municipal consent to the Ruritan Club Lower Alloways Creek to conduct an:

On-Premise Merchandise Raffle June 5, 2021 from 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm

At 15 New Street (Hancocks Bridge Fire House) in Lower Alloways Creek Township, New Jersey and does also hereby waive any municipal fee.

The motion for Resolution 2021-48 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 4-0-1

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

The Committee continued their discussion on how they want to legislate Cannabis in the Township. Mayor Pompper will ask the Planning Board solicitor Mr. Hoerst opinion.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion (Venable, Bradway) to approve the purchase of Air-Packs, Bottles and related equipment from Mid-Atlantic Fire and Air at a cost of \$84,256.00.

The motion to approve the purchase of Air-Packs, Bottles and related equipment from Mid-Atlantic Fire and Air at a cost of \$84,256.00 was passed by a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 4-1

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

Motion (Collier, Bradway) to approve the purchase of two Defibrillators from V.E. Ralph & Sons, Inc. at a cost of \$3195.00

The motion to approve the purchase of two Defibrillators from V.E. Ralph & Sons, Inc. at a cost of \$3,195.00 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 (Palombo, Bradway) to approve payment for the Canton Sewer Treatment Plant Permit renewal to the State of New Jersey at a cost of \$ 4,290.52

The motion to approve payment for the Canton Sewer Treatment Plant Permit renewal to the State of New Jersey at a cost of \$ 4,290.52 was passed by a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

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

Motion (Palombo, Bradway) to approve the purchase of a Hydromatic Grinder Pump HPGF500M3-4.5hp from J. T. Seeley at a cost of \$ 7,254.00.

The motion to approve the purchase of a Hydromatic Grinder Pump HPGF500M3-4.5hp from J. T. Seeley at a cost of \$ 7,254.00 was passed by a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

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

Motion (Venable, Bradway) to approve the replacement of fencing at the Municipal Ballfield by Volpe Fencing at a cost of \$7,800.00

The motion to approve the replacement of fencing at the Municipal Ballfield by Volpe Fencing at a cost of \$7,800.00 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 (Collier, Bradway) to approve the replacement of the OEM A/C System by Autocon Inc. at a cost of \$4,350.00

The motion to approve the replacement of the OEM A/C System by Autocon Inc. at a cost of \$4,350.00 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 (Venable, Bradway) to approve the replacement of the six thousand gallon fuel storage tank at Public Works by Ross Enterprises at a cost of 16, 401.15

The motion to approve the replacement of the six thousand gallon fuel storage tank at Public Works by Ross Enterprises at a cost of 16, 401.15 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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Alloway Creek Neck Road Phase XI

Mayor Pompper discussed with the Committee the delays with the resurfacing of Alloway Creek Neck Road and that the County is now looking into replacing the guardrails, so the cost needs to be determined and funding needs to be in place before for the guard rails before we can go out to bid.

Ambulance Emergency Services

Mayor Pompper spoke with the Committee about a letter received from the American Legion Ambulance Association who has a squad in Salem City regarding the number of calls they have responded to in LAC Twp this year and over the past several years. They would like to have an agreement to become our ambulance squad and receive annual payments to share the expenses with the other municipalities they are providing emergency services for.

Mr. Bradway stated that he would like to speak with surrounding squads (Elsinboro & Quinton) to see what might be worked out with them, before going this route.

REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police Department:

Chief Venable stated that the new car has still not be completed yet and is supposed to be in this week. Chief Venable stated that with this car being so delayed, we need to be ordering the next one very soon.

Chief Venable stated that the Department would like to go ahead and purchase the additional Body Cameras and computers

Motion (Bradway, Palombo) to approve the purchase of Body Worn Cameras and related computer equipment.

The motion to approve the purchase of Body Worn Cameras and related computer equipment passed by a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 4-0-1

Ayes: Bradway, Palombo, Collier and Pompper

Nays: none Abstain: Venable Absent: none

Public Works:

Superintendent Fogg stated that in addition to his Monthly Report the generator at the municipal building has been serviced, load tested and is up to date.

Superintendent Fogg stated that after three times clearing a beaver dam, the beaver has stopped building and apparently moved to another location.

Superintendent Fogg stated that Mr. Lynch came out and inspected a bank which will need some repairs, they will be working on estimates for the work.

Fire Department:

Chief Fisher stated that there is a fundraiser breakfast this Sunday and there is still time to get tickets.

Mayor and Committee Members

Mayor Pompper stated that there was a meeting with Salem County officials and mayors held recently regarding the new County Court House. The County would like to include municipal courts in the building, stating how it would be cheaper for everyone to be in one place and have a one staff to service the municipalities. Mayor Pompper stated she would keep the Committee informed as this moves along, it will be a few years before the building is constructed and ready.

Mayor Pompper stated that a FEMA Emergency Drill was held last Month and that it went very well, with no problems and that she gives the credit to Lt. Hassler for his hard work and dedication to Emergency Management.

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

CLOSED SESSION

Motion (Venable, Bradway) for a resolution to convene into a Closed Session of Business. 8:08

RESOLUTION 2021 - 49
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.

____ 6. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law.

____ 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. Public Safety
2. Potential Litigation

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

1. At such time the matter is concluded
2. 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, Bradway, Collier, Palombo 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. 8:20

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

Ayes: Bradway, Collier, Palombo, Venable and Pompper

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Venable, Bradway) to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

The motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.

Minutes of the May 18, 2021 Meeting were approved at a Township Committee Meeting held June 15, 2021

ATTEST:

LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK TOWNSHIP

Ronald L Campbell Sr. Clerk

Mayor, Ellen B. Pompper