

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK HELD NOVEMBER 14, 2022**

A Regular Meeting of the Lower Alloways Creek Township Committee was held on November 14, 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. Palombo, Mr. Venable and Mayor Bradway

Absent: none

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Also in attendance were 10-(ten) members of the public including Superintendent of Public Works, Lewis Fogg; Fire Chief, Steve Fisher; Police Chief, Richard Venable; Solicitor, Linwood Donelson III; LAC School Superintendent, Colleen Cancila 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: 5-0

Ayes: Venable, Collier, Crane, Palombo and Bradway

Nays: none    Abstain: none    Absent: none

**REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE**

The Mayor requested that the minutes reflect that the October 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 (Collier, Crane) to approve the Special Meeting held October 17, the Regular Monthly Township Committee Meeting and Closed Session held Tuesday October 18 and the Special Meeting held Wednesday October 26, 2022.

The motion to approve the Special Meeting held October 17, the Regular Monthly Township Committee Meeting and Closed Session held Tuesday October 18 and the Special Meeting held Wednesday October 26, 2022 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 4-0-1

Ayes: Venable, Collier, Crane, Palombo, and Bradway

Nays: none    Abstain: Bradway – October 17 Meeting    Absent: none

## RESOLUTIONS

Motion (Venable, Collier) for Resolution 2022-97, a resolution authorizing the auction sale of items no longer needed for public use, using the Online Auction Site GovDeals.com.

### **RESOLUTION 2022- 97**

#### **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. BreezeACCESS 4900 Radio Component

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 2022-97 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

## OLD BUSINESS

The Committee discussed a recent online auction of a Trash Truck and that it did not meet the minimum bid price, Govdeals will go with the highest bid if we desire to (\$12,000.00) The Committee asked the Superintendent of Public Works his opinion and he recommended to rebid the truck. The Committee directed that the Trash Truck be rebid online.

## NEW BUSINESS

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Motion (Collier, Venable) to approve the annual Maintenance & Support for Edmunds GovTech Finance, Property Tax, Utility Billing and WIPP at a cost of \$ 9,403.66.

The motion to approve the annual Maintenance & Support for Edmunds GovTech Finance, Property Tax, Utility Billing and WIPP at a cost of \$ 9,403.66 was passed by a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Collier, Venable, Crane, Palombo and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

Motion (Venable, Collier) to approve the purchase and installation of new carpet at Leisure Arms Complex Unit A-2 by Kennedy Floor Covering at a cost of \$ 3,323.00.

The motion to approve the purchase and installation of new carpet at Leisure Arms Complex Unit A-2 by Kennedy Floor Covering at a cost of \$ 3,323.00 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 (Palombo, Collier) to acknowledge the review by the Township Committee of the 2022 Best Practices Worksheet.

The motion to acknowledge the review by the Township Committee of the 2022 Best Practices Worksheet was passed by a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Palombo, Collier, Crane, Venable and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

The Committee discussed the idea of implementing a Cannabis Hosting Agreement, whereby any cannabis business that comes to the Township might provide funding for a drug educational program or for some other community benefit as a condition of operating in the Township.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** All correspondence received has been distributed to the proper parties

#### **REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

Superintendent Fogg stated that Stephen Nardelli told him that the Silver Lake Road repaving will be done next year.

Superintendent Fogg stated that he would like to see the mechanic go to the NJLOM Conference to look at Boom Trucks as the Township's has needed many repairs and a replacement is needed.

Motion (Palombo, Collier) to authorize the Public Works Mechanic to attend the New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference.

The motion to authorize the Public Works Mechanic to attend the New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 4-0-1

Ayes: Palombo, Collier, Crane and Venable

Nays: none Abstain: Bradway Absent: none

Mr. Collier stated that he was asked if the churches in the Township could have their yearly sewer bill reduced, because attendance is low and their buildings are not used much.

Motion (Collier, Palombo) to reduce the sewer charge for all Churches to \$100.00 for the year 2022.

The motion to reduce the sewer charge for all Churches to \$100.00 for the year 2022 passed a vote of the Township Committee as follows: 5-0

Ayes: Collier, Palombo, Crane, Venable and Bradway

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none

**Police Department:**

Police Chief Venable stated that the Department had an Inspection done by the New Jersey Department of Corrections and deficiencies were found. Chief Venable stated that an alarm button was suggested for the prisoner area and the Sally Port needed cleaning out of all extra items.

Chief Venable stated that members of the Department had attended mandatory State Emergency Training.

Chief Venable spoke about a recent over turned trailer incident.

**Fire Department:**

Chief Fisher stated that the Department would be taking Santa around town and that the air packs are due to be delivered soon.

Chief Fisher stated that he would be stepping down as of December 31, 2022.

**Mayor and Committee Members**

Mr. Collier asked the Superintendent of Public Works about the newly installed heat pump issues at Leisure Arms Units and the high electric bills because they were malfunctioning.

Superintendent Fogg stated that the contractor has them fixed and he will talk to them about reimbursing for the extra electric charges.

Mr. Collier also spoke about the Planning Board attorney's fee being quite high.

Mrs. Crane stated that the Historic Log Cabin would be open this coming Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> 1- 4 pm with homemade pies being made.

Mayor Bradway stated that he had spoken with the NJEDA about including a host agreement with the companies that lease the port and that they had mentioned about what taxes the leases may have to pay.

Mayor Bradway stated that the NJEDA also said that New Bridge had move onto Planning and finding funding.

Mayor Bradway stated that everything seems to have gone well and is back online after the recent PSEG outage / refueling.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The Superintendent of LAC School Colleen Cancila stated that the school is in need of night custodians and para professionals and that the school has plans for a bonfire on December 21<sup>st</sup> the last day of school prior to Christmas.

Superintendent of LAC School Colleen Cancila stated she hopes to meet with representatives of the Township Committee to discuss the future funding of the school.

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

The Committee briefly discussed the use of the Federal ARP funds for sewer, or tide gate projects.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Venable, Collier) to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

The motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.

Minutes of the November 14, 2022 Meeting were approved at a Township Committee Meeting held December 20, 2022

ATTEST:

LOWER ALLOWAYS CREEK TOWNSHIP

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Ronald L Campbell Sr. Clerk

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Mayor, Timothy W. Bradway