

At 5:00 pm the Regular Meeting of the Alloway Township Finance Committee was called to order by P. Ed McKelvey, Mayor. The meeting was advertised in the designated newspapers in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. The flag salute was led by Mayor McKelvey.

Roll Call: Present: Angelus, Leady, McKelvey

Also in attendance: Acting Municipal Clerk Brittany Vanaman; CFO/QPA Lois Yarrington

PUBLIC SESSION: Motion to open Public Session was made by Leady, seconded by Angelus.

Vote: All in favor

Jim Whitt stated that the Steering Committee meeting dates have changed to the 3rd Monday of every month.

John Mahala reviewed the Fire Companies stats; they responded to 153 calls in 2024 which is higher than the prior year. There was a barn fire on Alloway Friesburg Road last week that the Company responded to. The Fire company has faced multiple issues with trucks that require repairs in 2024. Mahala stated the Fire Company had a \$28,000 budget in 2024 of which \$15,000 was spent on truck repairs and maintenance, \$5,000 in annual testing of equipment, \$11,200 on equipment and necessary programs, and \$5,000 in training for the volunteers, totaling over \$36,000 of which the Fire Company made up the difference. He stated that they are working on finding a slightly used truck rather than a new truck, and suggested that he meet with the CFO to find out the Fire Companies options. Mayor McKelvey stated that he was not in favor of using tax payer money to pay interest on a loan for a new fire truck. He would prefer that we buy one out right if at all. Mahala agreed, however he believes that the Fire Company is at a point where they may not be able to provide Fire protection services to the residents. Deputy Mayor Leady asked if there are any grants available for purchasing a truck? Mahala said the grants are limited and usually need to purchase a new truck, not used.

There being no one else from the public wishing to speak, a motion to close Public Session was made by Leady, seconded by Angelus.

Vote: All in favor

BILL LIST:

The Township Committee members reviewed the Bill List. With no other questions or comments, the approval sheet for the Bill List was signed.

FINANCE ITEMS:

1. PW Quotes for the Cardboard Container cover at the convenience center were discussed. The Committee agreed to add it into the budget for 2025 rather than amending the temporary budget.
2. CFO Yarrington discussed the Budget for 2025, roads and maintenance specifically. The committee agreed the amount to be budgeted will be the same as last year.
3. The Township's server was discussed. IT recommended that it be upgraded/replaced as it is out of warranty.
4. The sewer improvements were presented at the last meeting by Public Works. Mayor McKelvey asked for a motion to approve the \$43,000 estimate for the basic improvements, which included the light kits, to eventually be installed on or as close the vent towers as possible.

Motion made by Angelus, Seconded by Leady.

Vote All in favor

OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES:

1. The Committee directed Clerk Vanaman to submit the stormwater questionnaire to the DEP as-is.

NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Per diem snow plow drivers' appointment resolution were reviewed and approved for 2025. Resolutions are on Thursday's agenda.
2. Daniel's Law Redactors – Clerk Vanaman spoke with County Clerk Dale Cross regarding who should be redactors for the Township. The Committee discussed and agreed that Construction and Tax offices should be responsible for their own redactions and instructed Clerk Vanaman to discuss this with both offices.
3. Deputy Mayor Leady spoke with David Cobb regarding the Public Works Department evaluation of equipment, specifically the Ford Dump truck. CFO Yarrington stated that she could check the State's contract to see what is available and the cost.

AGENDA REVIEW: January 16, 2025

The Committee members had no revisions to December's meeting minutes.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion by Angelus, seconded by Leady, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Vanaman, Acting Municipal Clerk