

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE ALLAMUCHY TOWNSHIP
COUNCIL HELD ON JANUARY 14, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M.**

The Township Council convened the workshop meeting in person at 6:32 P.M. on January 14, 2026. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held at this time for personal intentions.

The Municipal Clerk announced that adequate notice of the time, place, and manner of this in person Council Meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by:

- (1) posting said notice on the municipal building bulletin board.
- (2) emailing said notice to the press and all others who have requested it.
- (3) posting on the official Town website.

The Municipal Clerk advised this meeting is being audio and video recorded.

1. **PRESENT:** Mayor Tuohy, Council President Bonanno, Councilman Fabula and Councilman Quinoa.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Chamberlin

Attorney Beilin was not present.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a. Regular Meeting – 12/29/2025 as submitted.

Motion by Councilman Quinoa, seconded by Councilwoman Bonanno, and approved on roll call vote: **AYES** – Councilpersons Quinoa, Fabula, Bonanno and Mayor Tuohy; **ABSENT** – Councilwoman Chamberlin.

3. **MAYOR’S REPORT:**

- a. Personnel Policy Revisions – Mayor Tuohy advised that the personnel policy will be reviewed with possible revisions being provided to the township in the Spring, 2026 by the insurance company. She stated that consideration is being given to having the personal days and vacation days combined as PTO days (Personal Time Off). The PTO days would be easier to track and employees will still be able to carry over ten days per year from the previous year. Sick days would remain unchanged.
- b. Water Tank at Plant, I-Bank Closing for Loan and Principal Forgiveness – Mayor Tuohy advised that the documents were submitted to the I-Bank. The I-Bank requested additional information which the Municipal Clerk is working on. The information will be provided to the I-Bank as soon as possible.
- c. Formation of Committees – Personnel Committee – Mayor Tuohy inquired if Councilman Fabula and Councilman Quinoa would express a willingness to serve on the

Personnel Committee. Councilman Fabula and Councilman Quinoa advised they would be willing to serve.

- d. 2026 Salary Resolution – Mayor Tuohy advised that she will provide the Township Council with the proposed salary resolution. She requested the information be reviewed and if there are any questions to contact her.

4. **ATTORNEY’S REPORT:**

No Report.

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. Budget/Finance Committee Report – Mayor Tuohy/Councilwoman Bonanno – Mayor Tuohy advised that she is working with the Chief Financial Officer to close out the year 2025 and proceed with 2026.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Letter from Henry Newbold – Resignation from the OWLS.

Mayor Tuohy thanked Mr. Newbold for his services to Allamuchy Township and to the Allamuchy Seniors.

7. **MUNICIPAL CLERK’S REPORT:**

- a. 2026 Inspection Status – Allamuchy Auto Parts Salvage Yard Renewal - The Municipal Clerk advised that the Municipal Engineer visited Allamuchy Auto Parts and there were no violations. The Municipal Clerk stated that she had reached out to the Acting Mount Olive Fire Official regarding this property. There were no major violations found and Allamuchy Auto Parts is working with the Mount Olive Fire Official on abating the outstanding violations.

8. **PUBLIC SESSION:**

There were no comments from the public.

9. **ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

No Ordinances for first reading.

10. **ORDINANCES – SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

No Ordinances for second reading.

11. **RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. **2026-38 - ESTABLISHING MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026 FOR THE TOWNSHIP ZONING OFFICIAL.**
- b. **2026-39 - ALL ALLAMUCHY TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETINGS WILL BE RECORDED.**
- c. **2026-40 - AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CELEBRATION (AMERICA250) WITH A NOT-TO-EXCEED BUDGET OF \$25,000.00.**
- d. **2026-41 – GRANTING APPROVAL TO ALLAMUCHY AUTO PARTS, INC. TO OPERATE AN AUTOMOBILE JUNKYARD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ALLAMUCHY.**

Mayor Tuohy reviewed the resolutions publicly and provided a brief synopsis prior to adoption.

The Mayor advised that with regard to Resolution 2026-40, the fireworks costs is coming in at approximately \$14,000 not \$10,000.00 as last year. This price increase is due to the new tariff regulations. The Township will be partnering with Rutherford Hall, and the intent is to obtain sponsorships to help offset the cost of the event.

Mayor Tuohy added that Virginia Chiller is working with surrounding veteran organizations to try to get all branches of the military to attend the event. Allamuchy Township would like to honor the veterans from the surrounding area.

The Mayor also stated that there will be a dunk tank and Dr. Seipp, Superintendent of the Allamuchy Elementary School volunteered to participate in the dunk tank activities. She stated She would like to see other organizations also participate.

Mayor Tuohy advised that America250 event date is 07/25/2026 with a rain date of 07/26/2026.

Motion by Councilwoman Bonanno, seconded by Councilman Quinoa, carried to adopt resolutions a - d as presented. Roll call vote: **AYES** – Councilpersons Quinoa, Fabula, Bonanno and Mayor Tuohy; **ABSENT** – Councilwoman Chamberlin.

Mayor Tuohy requested a motion to amend the agenda as the agenda reflects the resolutions listed as a, b, d, and c. when the list should read a, b, c, and d.

Motion by Councilman Fabula, seconded by Councilman Quinoa, and approved on roll call vote: **AYES** – All in Favor; **NAYES** – None; **ABSTAIN** – None; **ABSENT** – Councilwoman Chamberlin.

Mayor Tuohy advised that she had a meeting with Assemblyman Inganamort at Rutherford Hall. She stated the meeting lasted approximately two hours and one of the items discussed was grant funding for water and sewer improvements. Assemblyman Inganamort indicated

there was no money available at the State level, but President Trump released federal money for infrastructure improvements – so Federal funding may be available. The other item discussed with contact info for the New Jersey DOT. There is no communication between the Township and NJDOT regarding projects that occur in Allamuchy Township. Mayor Tuohy advised that with the new Governor taking office, no contact information will be available until after the Governor is sworn in.

Mayor Tuohy stated that the other item discussed was the Anchor Program, the Stay NJ Program and the Senior Property Tax Freeze Program. She inquired where all this money is coming from to fund these programs as she is receiving a lot of phone calls on the Anchor Program funding. Assemblyman Inganamort advised that there has to be funding in the State Budget and currently there is not enough money in the budget – probably only 15% of those monies are in the budget to cover all three programs. The residents are going to expect 50% off their property taxes and payments are supposed to be distributed quarterly to qualified applicants. The Township will be getting a lot of phone calls from residents looking for their money.

Mayor Tuohy stated that she also discussed the 100% disabled veteran program. Assemblyman Inganamort advised that the State did a study on the program and Allamuchy has twelve 100% disabled veterans. Mayor Tuohy advised that the study was inaccurate as there are twenty disabled veterans year to date. The State of New Jersey is also looking at reimbursement to municipalities for the lost revenue as a result of this program. There are some towns losing hundreds of thousands of dollars a year in revenue. The Mayor added that the school taxes are a majority of the revenue collected from property taxes.

Mayor Tuohy stated that Assemblyman Inganamort is doing a great job representing the residents of Allamuchy Township in the 24th District.

12. **NEW BUSINESS/OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Internet Service for non-serviced areas – Mayor advised she will reach out to Mr. Boyle of Planet Networks for an update.
- b. Ordinance(s) Review – Review to be done in January, 2026.
- c. Sand Filter Replacement – Project in bid design phase – additional funding request in review status.
- d. Rails to Trails Update – No update – Volunteer to assist.
- e. Striping Dog Park Parking Lot and Freeborn Lane – Scheduled for Spring, 2026 – Municipal Parking Lot Striping that was done will need to be redone in the Spring as the lines are fading.

Mayor Tuohy advised that the dog park lock is not working and users of the park are getting locked inside. The Township needs to look at alternative solutions for a locking system or remove the lock completely. The Mayor advised that electric could not be run from the poles and she is constantly getting called that someone is locked in the dog park.

Mayor Tuohy stated that the dog park is supposed to be self-sustaining, and it is not. She has to call in the DPW over the weekend because someone got locked in.

- f. Affordable Housing Update – Settlement Agreement was executed.

- g. SMSD – Advisory Committee – Councilwoman Bonanno stated that the SMSD has an opportunity to obtain road salt through the Township. She advised that she has requested current pricing from Matt Begley, General Manager, as to what PVPOA is paying for salt. She still has not received this information. This is an opportunity for a shared service for salt purchase with the Township.

Mr. Young, PVPOA Trustee, was present and advised that he would check with Mr. Begley on this matter.

- h. 2025 Local Recreation Improvement Grant Application – Trail Improvements – \$82,000.00 grant received.
- i. 2024 Local Recreation Improvement Grant Status – Playground - \$64,000.00 – Project is complete and will be closed out.
- j. Water Storage Tank Improvement Project – 60 days for completion – Mayor Tuohy advised that the new tank is up and running.

13. **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- a. Game Night at Hafner Hall Thursday, January 15, 22 & 29, 2026 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Tuohy stated that game night is working out very well. The event is open to all residents of Allamuchy Township.

14. **PUBLIC SESSION**

- a. Charlie Fineran, former Open Space Director and member of the Warren County Board of Recreation Commissioners was present and stated that the MCCTF (Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund grant determination for the Allamuchy Freight House improvements will be finalized with the Warren County Commissioners.

Mayor Tuohy advised that a settlement agreement has been reached with KAD Mall Properties. She is waiting for the paperwork to come through for her signature.

15. **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion by Councilwoman Bonanno, seconded by Councilman Fabula, carried to approve the bill list as presented subject to review by the Finance Committee.

Roll call vote: **AYES** – Councilpersons Quinoa, Fabula, Bonanno and Mayor Tuohy; **ABSENT** – Councilwoman Chamberlin.

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:04 P.M.**

- a. **RESOLUTION # 2026-42 - RESOLUTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THIS RESOLUTION.**

(Specifically, 1. Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations in which the public body is or may become a party).

Motion by Councilwoman Bonanno, seconded by Councilman Fabula, carried to go into executive session at 7:04 p.m. Roll call vote: **AYES** – Councilpersons Quinoa, Fabula, Bonanno and Mayor Tuohy; **ABSENT** – Councilwoman Chamberlin.

Motion by Councilwoman Bonanno, seconded by Councilman Quinoa, carried to go out of executive session at 7:24 p.m. Roll call vote: **AYES** – Councilpersons Fabula, Quinoa, Bonanno and Mayor Tuohy; **ABSENT** – Councilwoman Chamberlin.

Mayor Tuohy advised that the Mayor and Council conducted an executive session for the purpose of pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations in which the public body is or may become a party. The minutes of said executive session will be disclosed at such point under the OPMA, OPRA and as otherwise required by law and the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

17. **ADJOURNMENT – 7:26 P.M.**

There being no further business, motion by Councilman Fabula, seconded by Councilman Quinoa, carried to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Roll call vote: **AYES** – Councilpersons Quinoa, Fabula, Bonanno and Mayor Tuohy; **ABSENT** – Councilwoman Chamberlin.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Marie Tracy, Municipal Clerk

Rosemary Tuohy, Mayor