

Mayor Hanics called the Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2010

Mayor Hanics announced that adequate notice of the meeting was given to the Star Gazette and posted on the bulletin board in the Clerk's office satisfying the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act:

#### NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been given. On December 11, 2009, the Municipal Clerk delivered to the Star Gazette and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Clerk's office a notice containing the date, time, and place of this meeting of the Borough Council. Also said notice has been mailed to persons requesting the same.

Mayor Hanics led prayer and the salute to the flag.

#### *Roll Call:*

Mayor Hanics being in the Chair, Councilman Gara, Councilman Hajdu, Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Tarsi, Councilman A. Zikas and Councilman H. Zikas were present.

#### *Approval of Minutes*

Motion made by Councilman H. Zikas to approve the minutes from 12/15/2009, motion seconded by Councilwoman Tarsi, all were in favor.

Motion made by Councilman H. Zikas to approve and hold the executive session minutes from 12/15/2009, motion seconded by Councilwoman Tarsi, all were in favor.

#### *Department Reports*

*Administration, Harry Zikas Jr.:* Councilman H. Zikas stated that he sent out a memo regarding the new Alpha Borough website. Councilman H. Zikas read an email from a resident complimenting the DPW on the conditions of the roads during the last snow storm. A community calendar will be implemented into the website. In closing, Councilman H. Zikas Jr. approved all bills, salaries and wages for his department. Councilman H. Zikas Jr. stated that the phone system is now updated with everyone on the system,, a memo will be sent out regarding accessing your voicemail.

*Finance, John Hajdu:* Councilman Hajdu requested fifteen minutes in executive session for personnel and possible future contractual. In closing, Councilman Hajdu approved all bills, salaries and wages for his department.

*Health and Welfare, Michael Savary:* No report. The Clerk stated as a reminder that the rabies clinic will be held on Saturday January 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

*Public Property, Alex Zikas:* No report. In closing, Councilman A. Zikas approved all bills, salaries and wages.

*Public Safety, Robert Gara:* Councilman Gara stated he is contact with Chief Hager on a daily basis. In closing, Councilman Gara approves all bills, salaries and wages.

*Public Works, Klara Tarsi:* Councilwoman Tarsi thanked the Road Department for the good job on the last snow storm. A fifteen minutes executive session was requested by Councilwoman Tarsi. In closing, Councilwoman Tarsi approved all bills, salaries and wages for her department.

#### *Professionals & Officials Reports*

*Mayor Edward Hanics:* Mayor Hanics wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated there is a lot of work to be done.

*Attorney, Christopher Troxell:* Mr. Troxell requested ten minutes in executive session for litigation.

*Engineer, Shelley McGregor:* Ms. McGregor updated Council on various projects throughout the Borough.

*CFO, Lorraine Rossetti:* Discussions ensued regarding the Borough's budget and the State coming out with their state aid. A budget meeting was scheduled for January 26 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Rossetti discussed the payroll issue of having 27 payrolls. A memo will be in the next pay period explaining what will happen with 27 payrolls instead of 26 payrolls.

*Municipal Clerk, Laurie Barton:* Mrs. Barton thanked Christy Vishnesky (Deputy Clerk) in handling the office in her absence.

#### *Public Comment*

Lori Cartabona, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, discussed about what the Borough intends to do in case of a real disaster that could occur in the Borough and asked what the Borough intends to do considering the economy is so poor and crime rates usually go up during these times. Further discussions ensued.

#### *Payment of bills and Claims*

Motion made by Councilman Gara to have the Director's Reports be made part of the minutes, motion seconded by Councilwoman Tarsi, all were in favor.

Motion made by Councilwoman Tarsi for the CFO to be authorized to pay bills approved by the Director's, with the contingency of the 100<sup>th</sup> celebration bills to release the bills pending Auditor approval, motion seconded by Councilman Gara roll call: Gara, Hajdu, Savary A. Zikas, and H. Zikas. Nays: none.

Motion made by Councilwoman Tarsi to authorize the CFO to pay all salaries and wages approved by the Director's, motion seconded by Councilman H. Zikas, roll call: Gara, Hajdu, Savary A. Zikas, and H. Zikas. Nays: none.

*New Business*

Councilman Savary asked if the celebration will be held in 2010 or 2011. Councilwoman Tarsi stated that it will be held in 2011. Further discussions ensued regarding the payment of the bills for the celebration.

*Executive Session (40-Minutes)*

Motion made by Councilwoman Tarsi to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and**

**WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.**

- 1. The public shall be excluded from discussion(s) of the hereinafter specified subject matter(s).**
- 2. The general nature of the subject matter(s) to be discussed is: *Personnel, Contractual and Litigation***
- 3. It is anticipated at this time, that the above stated subject matter(s) will be made public when it is no longer a matter of confidentiality.**
- 4. Action may or may not be taken after executive session.**

Motion seconded by Councilman H. Zikas, all were in favor.

Motion made by Councilman Gara to return to the regular session, motion seconded by Councilwoman Tarsi, all were in favor.

*Adjourn 9:01 P.M.*

Seeing no further business to come before Council, motion made by Councilman H. Zikas to adjourn, motion seconded by Councilwoman Tarsi, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

*Laurie A. Barton, RMC*

Borough Clerk