

Mayor Hanics called the Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2011.

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 January 5, 2011, 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: Present; Councilman Gara, Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Tarsi, Councilman A. Zikas, Councilman Dunwell, and Councilman Pfefferle. Absent; None.

Public Comment:

Sean Smith from 1132 Fifth Avenue discussed a \$550.00 bill issued to him for ambulance services by the Phillipsburg Emergency Squad. Discussions ensued.

Charles Bodough of 714 East Central Avenue expressed his concern over the matter of Mr. Smith being billed by the Phillipsburg Emergency Squad.

Ordinances:

Councilwoman Tarsi made a motion to bring the following ordinance to the floor for a discussion. Councilman Savary seconded the motion. Questions were addressed and discussed. *Roll call;* Ayes; Councilman Dunwell, Councilman Pfefferle, Councilman Savary. Nays; Councilman Gara, Councilwoman Tarsi, Councilman A. Zikas, and Mayor Hanics (breaking the tie). The following ordinance failed to come to the floor:

**ORDINANCE 2011-01
AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE 2011 SALARY RANGES
FOR ALL OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA.**

Section I

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the annual salaries of the officers and employees of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey named herein:

Air Quality	\$1.00-\$2000
Animal Warden	\$4,000 - 7,500
Building Service Worker	\$13.00 – 18.50/hr
Chief Financial Officer	\$55,000 - 65,000
Clean Communities Coord.	\$1.00-\$500
Clerk/Typist P/T	\$10.00 – 18.00/hr
Construction Official	\$15,000 - 24,000

Code Enforcement Officer P/T	\$2,000 - 5,000
Court Clerk	\$10.00 -16.00/hr
Court Clerk Call Out	\$20.00 - 50.00 per call
Council member	\$1,500 -3,000
Deputy Borough Clerk P/T	\$13.00 – 18.50/hr
Emergency Mgmt Coordinator	\$1,500 -3,000
Emergency Mgmt Deputy	\$250 – 1,000
Emergency Equipment Operator	\$12.00-30.00/hr
File Clerk P/T	\$6.00-9.50/hr
Fire Inspector	\$500 – 1,500
Insurance Fund Commissioner	\$1.00
Mayor	\$1,500 - 3,500
Municipal Court Administrator	\$10,000 – 15,000
Municipal Judge	\$5,000 – 10,000
Municipal Prosecutor	\$2,000 – 5,000
Park Attendant I & II	\$8.00-12.00/hr
Land Use Bd. Secretary	\$5,000 - 16,000
Plumbing Sub-Code Off/Insp	\$1,000 - \$5,000
Public Defender	\$100 – 150 per use
Public Works Repairer II	\$50,000.00 - 55,000
Public Works Superintendent/Lic. Water Operator	\$7,500 - 25,000
Public Works Repairer I	\$50,000 - 60,000
Pumping Station Operator	\$9.00-15.00/hr
Pumping Stat. Oper. Retainer	\$200 - 300 per qtr
Recycling Coordinator	\$2,000-5,000
Registered Municipal Clerk	\$55,000-\$65,000
School Crossing Guard	\$26/day
Senior Public Works Repairer	\$60,000 – 80,000.00
Sewer C-2 Operator	\$1,500-2,500
Tax Assessor	\$15,000 – 25,000
Tax Collector	\$15,000 – 25,000
Tax Search Officer	\$500 – 1,000
Utility Collector	\$14,000 – 24,000
Zoning Officer	\$2,000 – 5,000
mileage allowance personal car	.25 -.65/mile

Section II

Longevity: \$500-2,500.00 per contract

Section III

Any ordinance or sections of the ordinance of the Borough of Alpha, New Jersey inconsistent herein shall be and the same hereby repealed.

Section IV

This ordinance shall become effective retro to January 1, 2011

Councilwoman Tarsi asked if Councilman Dunwell would be willing to take the Air Quality Control position for \$1.00. Discussions ensued regarding this question as well as the Air Quality Control position.

Councilwoman Tarsi made a motion to re-introduce Ordinance 2011-01 for first reading with the amendments to Air Quality Control range to \$1.00 - \$2000.00 and Clean Communities Coordinator salary range from \$1.00-\$500.00. Councilman Gara seconded the motion. *Roll Call*; Ayes; Councilman Pfefferle, Councilman Savary, Councilman Gara, Councilwoman Tarsi, and Councilman Zikas. Nays; Councilman Dunwell. Second reading is scheduled for February 8, 2011.

Resolutions:

Councilwoman Tarsi made a motion to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2011-23
REFUND OF UNUSED ESCROW MONIES**

WHEREAS, the below listed escrow account has now been completed, and

WHEREAS, a balance of unused escrow monies remain in the account, and

WHEREAS, the proper professionals have signed an escrow release form certifying the work to be complete and all professional payments have been made,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha hereby authorize the Certified Finance Officer to release the estimated account balance below to the below listed owner:

10-002	1557 Springtown, LLC	John H. Maxman	\$1,160.79
		61 Walnut Valley Road	
		Columbia, NJ 07832	

Councilman Dunwell seconded the motion. *Roll Call:* Ayes; Councilman Gara, Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Tarsi, Councilman A. Zikas, Councilman Dunwell, and Councilman Pfefferle. Nays; None.

Approval of Minutes: None.

Department Reports:

Administration, Councilman Zikas: The Municipal Clerk will be meeting with former Councilman Harry Zikas, Jr. next week to go over the website, email list, Twitter and Facebook accounts for the Borough. In closing, Councilman Zikas approved all bills salaries and wages for his department. Discussions ensued regarding various administration items.

Finance, Councilman Pfefferle: Councilman Pfefferle reported on proposals received for professional positions in the Borough. He requested ten minutes in executive session for personnel and fifteen minutes for contractual. In closing, Councilman Pfefferle discussed upcoming conferences and held all bills, salaries, and wages for his department until after executive session.

Health & Welfare, Councilman Dunwell: Councilman Dunwell discussed the rabies clinic that took place on the previous Saturday in the Borough, and stated, for whoever may have missed it, that Pohatcong Township's free rabies clinic will be this Saturday, January 15, from 1-2pm. The Animal Control Officer position was discussed in length and detail. In closing Councilman Dunwell approved all bills, salaries, and wages for his department.

Public Property, Councilman Savary: Councilman Savary discussed possible improvements to the salt shed and a sign for the Borough park. The South Warren Regional Police Department Meetings, which will be held the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 9am at Lopatcong Township, were discussed. Parking issues, with regard to the recent snow storm(s) was discussed. In closing, Councilman Savary approved all bills, salaries, and wages for his department.

Public Safety, Councilman Gara: Councilman Gara discussed the police reports, court reports, and squad calls. He discussed a meeting with the new OEM Coordinator and requested fifteen minutes in executive session for contractual. South Warren Regional Police Department meeting attendance was discussed. In closing, Councilman Gara approved all bills, salaries, and wages for his department.

Public Works, Councilwoman Tarsi: Councilwoman Tarsi discussed a water main break in the Borough and requested twenty minutes in executive session for contractual and personnel. A meeting regarding fire hydrants was discussed. Councilwoman Tarsi requested the CFO hold the bill for Arch2 until the next council meeting. In closing, Councilwoman Tarsi approved all bills, salaries, and wages for her department. The status of the muffin monster and document availability in the Borough was discussed.

Committee Reports: None.

Public Comment:

Lou Cartabona of 1119 Fifth Avenue asked about the budget for police service and how the South Warren Regional Police project may affect the Borough. Discussions ensued.

Charles Bodough of 714 East Central Avenue asked for an update regarding a proposed resolution for a volunteer tuition credit program. Discussions ensued.

Harry Zikas, Jr. of 761 North Boulevard discussed the salary ordinance and the proposed salary deductions with comparison to recent changes made to an existing Borough position where hours were reduced and salary was kept the same. Mr. Zikas also discussed the benefits still being taken by one councilmember and requested this individual give up the benefits as a courtesy to the taxpayers and to assist the budget with regards to the proposed salt shed improvements. Discussions ensued.

Professionals & Official Reports:

Mayor, Edward Hanics, Jr.: Mayor Hanics made corrections to terms for the Library Board he discussed at the last meeting, stating that instead of five-year terms they are only three-year terms. Councilwoman Tarsi made a motion to approve, as a member, Lou Cartabona to the expired position of Nancy Serrone on the Library Board to expire December 31, 2011. Councilman Dunwell seconded the motion. *Roll Call:* Ayes; Councilman Gara, Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Tarsi, Councilman A. Zikas, Councilman Dunwell, and Councilman Pfefferle. Nays; None.

Police Department, Chief Paul J. Hager: Councilman Savary asked about abandoned vehicles throughout the Borough. Mayor Hanics asked about parking in alleyways in the Borough. Discussions ensued.

Fire Department Chief, Charles Bodough: Chief Bodough reported on the calls for the month. The relationship between Pohatcong Township and Alpha, with the implication of possible sharing services, regarding the fire departments was discussed. Councilman Gara reported on emergency calls for the month.

Attorney, Christopher Troxell: Attorney Troxell requested twenty-five minutes in executive session for litigation and five minutes for personnel. The proposed resolution regarding a volunteer tuition program was discussed.

CFO, Lorraine Rossetti: Ms. Rossetti gave updates regarding various reports, funds, and bills for her office. A budget meeting date was set for Thursday, February 17, at 7pm. Water meter reports and usage reports were discussed. Councilman Dunwell asked about possible online bill-paying for residents.

Engineer, Shelly McGregor in for Stanley Schrek: Ms. McGregor reported on various projects and grants for the Borough. Proposals for and the closing of the abandoned well behind Alpha Lumber was discussed in length. Issues regarding a DEP audit were discussed. Ms. McGregor gave updates regarding the demolition of the Lee Avenue pedestrian bridge, tax maps, and road maintenance scores. Questions for the Engineer were addressed.

Mayor Hanics asked about the issue of an uninsured Alpha resident who was billed for an ambulance ride.

Municipal Clerk, Laurie Barton: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Executive Session: One hour, thirty minutes

Councilman Zikas made a motion to approve the following resolution to go into executive session for one hour and thirty minutes for contractual, personnel and litigation:

**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 Savary, all were in favor.

Return to Regular Session

Councilman Savary made a motion to return to the regular session, motion seconded by Councilman Gara, all were in favor.

Councilman Pfefferle made a motion that the following purchase orders be held from the bill list:

#10-00760 ~ Florio & Perrucci ~ \$200.00
#10-00765 ~ Arch2 ~ \$10,461.69

Councilman Zikas seconded the motion. *Roll Call:* Ayes; Councilman Gara, Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Tarsi, Councilman A. Zikas, Councilman Dunwell, and Councilman Pfefferle. Nays; None.

Councilman Pfefferle approved all the rest of the bills, salaries, and wages for his department.

Payment of Bills & Claims:

Councilwoman Tarsi made a motion to make the director's report a part of the minutes. Councilman Dunwell seconded the motion. *Roll Call:* Ayes; Councilman Gara, Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Tarsi, Councilman A. Zikas, Councilman Dunwell, and Councilman Pfefferle. Nays; None.

Councilman Gara made a motion that the CFO be authorized to pay all bills authorized by the director. Councilwoman Tarsi seconded the motion. *Roll Call:* Ayes;

Councilman Gara, Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Tarsi, Councilman A. Zikas, Councilman Dunwell, and Councilman Pfefferle. Nays; None.

Councilwoman Tarsi made a motion that the CFO be authorized to pay all salaries and wages approved by the director, Councilman Gara seconded. *Roll Call:* Ayes; Councilman Gara, Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Tarsi, Councilman A. Zikas, Councilman Dunwell, and Councilman Pfefferle. Nays; None.

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P.O. Type: All
 Order: First to Last
 Format: Condensed
 Open: N Rcvd: Y Paid: N
 Held: Y Aprv: N Void: N
 Bid: Y State: Y Other: Y

PO #	PO Date	Vendor	PO Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	PO Type
10-00401	07/08/10	LAWYE	LAWYERS DIARY AND MANUAL	2011 Lawyers Diary	Open	86.00	0.00
10-00643	11/03/10	RK	RK OCCUPATIONAL & ENVIRONMENT.	Right to Know Survey Sept 2010	Open	982.20	0.00
10-00670	11/17/10	BCS	BCS, LLC	10/27 sodium hydroxide 5800356	Open	4,175.76	0.00
10-00691	11/30/10	NJN	NJN PUBLISHING	10/7 land use app 10 253344500	Open	12.34	0.00
10-00722	12/07/10	UNIVE	UNIVERSAL COMPUTING SERVICES	Court laser jet & mailers	Open	423.00	0.00
10-00723	12/07/10	MUNRE	MUNICIPAL RECORD SERVICE	Court envelopes, orders & subp	Open	330.00	0.00
10-00725	12/07/10	COYNE	COYNE CHEMICAL ENVIRON SERVICE	11/15 Sodium Hypochlorite	Open	966.00	0.00
10-00726	12/07/10	SEELY	SEELY EQUIP. & SUPPLY CO	No Parking signs PSI020822	Open	71.53	0.00
10-00753	12/14/10	ONECA	ONE CALL CONCEPTS	November 2010 onecall markouts	Open	10.70	0.00
10-00754	12/14/10	KISTL	KISTLER-O'BRIEN	fire extinguisher inspection	Open	675.25	0.00
10-00755	12/14/10	MRJON	MR JOHN	final 2010 potty rental	Open	181.98	0.00
10-00756	12/14/10	TSC	TSC NORTH AMERICA	webste update-library&helpwntd	Open	192.50	0.00
10-00757	12/14/10	FINCH	FINCH FUEL OIL CO., INC.	diesel fuel 11/29/10	Open	742.59	0.00
10-00758	12/14/10	RTG2	RTG 2, LLC	11/30/10 tub grinding	Open	1,600.00	0.00
10-00760	12/14/10	FEORER	FEORER & FERROCCI, ETC.	11/23 15790	Open	200.00	0.00
10-00761	12/18/10	EXPRES	EXPRESS-TIMES	12/3 budget meet & ord 15-18	Open	930.80	0.00
10-00762	12/18/10	BAER	BAER AGGREGATES, INC.	12/13 crushed & clean stone	Open	937.17	0.00
10-00764	12/18/10	WAMAT	WARREN MATERIALS	11/29 black top	Open	295.66	0.00
10-00765	12/18/10	ARCHZ	ARCHZ, INC	11/24 Cultural Resources Study	Open	20,000.00	0.00
10-00769	12/23/10	HOME	HOME DEPOT/GEFCF	miscellaneous DPW supplies	Open	144.67	0.00
10-00771	12/31/10	JCP&L	JCP&L	nov-dec electric & st light	Open	6,036.20	0.00
10-00772	12/31/10	PAYRO	PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	12/17/10 utility fund payroll	Open	13,961.51	0.00
10-00773	12/31/10	PAYRO	PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	12/31/10 utility fund payroll	Open	8,213.12	0.00
10-00774	12/31/10	PAYRO	PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	12/17/10 current fund payroll	Open	15,857.22	0.00
10-00775	12/31/10	PAYRO	PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	12/31/10 current fund payroll	Open	9,874.15	0.00
10-00776	12/31/10	QC	QC, INC.	12/8 bac/ph/chlor/hard 1268407	Open	65.00	0.00
10-00777	12/31/10	VANCL	VANCLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATE	october general engineering	Open	5,950.00	0.00
10-00778	12/31/10	VERIZ	VERIZON WIRELESS	11/5-12/4 munic cell phones	Open	210.98	0.00
10-00779	12/31/10	REIVAX	REIVAX CONTRACTING CORPORATION	water improvements - valves	Open	16,955.43	0.00
10-00780	12/31/10	LSI	LINE SYSTEMS, INC	december local & long dist phn	Open	492.06	0.00
10-00781	12/31/10	HASSL	ASCOM HASSLER/GE CAP PROG	december postage addition	Open	400.00	0.00
10-00782	12/31/10	WILHELM	WINEGAR, WILHELM, GLYNN & ROEMER	12/20 public defender	Open	300.00	0.00
10-00783	12/31/10	VERIZ	VERIZON	12/10-1/9 garage phne 454-3143	Open	225.36	0.00
10-00784	12/31/10	ELIZGA	ELIZABETHTOWN GAS	11/10-12/14 gas heat	Open	1,439.64	0.00

Total Purchase Orders: 34 Total P.O. Line Items: 98 Total List Amount: 103,400.51 Total Void Amount: 0.00

10-00769 USPS mail roll 1st 4 bills 789.00

Councilwoman Tarsi made a motion to hire Fred Schindler to obtain bids. Councilman Zikas seconded the motion. A resolution will be at the next meeting. Roll Call; Ayes; Councilman Gara, Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Tarsi, and Councilman Zikas. Nays; Councilman Dunwell and Councilman Pfefferle.

Councilman Gara made a motion to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2011-21
 A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VOLUNTEER TUITION
 CREDIT PROGRAM FOR THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Alpha in the County of Warren, deems it appropriate to enhance the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters and emergency volunteers in the Borough of Alpha; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has enacted P.L. 1998 c. 145 which permits municipal governments to allow their firefighting and emergency medical volunteers to take advantage of the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program at no cost to the municipal government.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Alpha in the County of Warren that the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program as set forth in P.L. 1998, c. 145 is herewith adopted for the volunteer firefighters and emergency volunteers in the municipality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that that Borough Clerk is herewith delegated the responsibility to administer the program and is authorized to enter into all agreements and to maintain files of all documents as may be required under P.L. 1998, c. 145, a copy of which herewith made part of this resolution.

Councilman Dunwell seconded the motion. *Roll Call:* Ayes; Councilman Gara, Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Tarsi, Councilman A. Zikas, Councilman Dunwell, and Councilman Pfefferle. Nays; None.

Councilman Dunwell made a motion to approve the following resolution with the stipulation that the vehicle allowance will be dealt with separately. Councilwoman Tarsi asked if research in the surrounding municipalities regarding the ACO position had been done. Discussions ensued.:

**RESOLUTION 2011-22
RE-APPOINTMENT OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
FOR THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA**

WHEREAS, the position of Animal Control Officer exists within the Borough of Alpha and on the Salary Ordinance and Salary Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the term of office shall be one-year term commencing on January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVE that the Governing Body of the Borough of Alpha hereby re-appoints Tom Deacon as Animal Control Officer in accordance with the salary ordinance at a salary for 2011 to be set at \$6,180.00.

Councilman Gara seconded the motion. *Roll Call:* Ayes; Councilman Gara, Councilman Savary, Councilman Dunwell, and Councilman Pfefferle. Nays; Councilwoman Tarsi and Councilman Zikas.

Adjournment: 10:51pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Vishnesky, Deputy Clerk