

Mayor Hanics called the Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 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 January 5, 2010, 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, and Councilman H. Zikas. Absent; Councilman Hajdu and Councilman A.Zikas.

Public Comment: none

Ordinances:

Councilman H. Zikas made a motion to open the following ordinance for public hearing:

ORDINANCE 2010-01
AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE 2010 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	\$1,500 - \$2,500
Animal Warden	\$4,000 - 7,500
Building Service Worker	\$13.00 – 18.50/hr
Chief Financial Officer	\$55,000 - 65,000
Clean Communities Coord.	\$100-800
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	\$12.00-16.00/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 Attorney	VOUCHER
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
Planning 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	\$40,000.00 - 50,000
Public Works Superintendent	\$7,500 - 10,000
Public Works Repairer I	\$48,000 - 58,000
Pumping Station Operator	\$9.00-15.00/hr
Pumping Stat. Oper. Retainer	\$200 - 300 per qtr
Registered Municipal Clerk	\$55,000-\$65,000
School Crossing Guard	\$25/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 January 1, 2010

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the above entitled ordinance was approved on first reading at a meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Alpha held on January 5, 2010 at the Alpha Municipal Building at 1001 East Blvd., and that public hearing concerning same will be held at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council on January 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Alpha Municipal Building at which time all persons both for and against shall be given the opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

Laurie Barton, RMC

CERTIFICATION

*I, Laurie A. Barton, Clerk of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Common Council at a meeting of said Common Council on **January 26, 2010** and that said Resolution was adopted by not less than the legal vote needed of the members of the Council.*

Laurie A. Barton, Borough Clerk

Witness my hand and seal of the Borough of Alpha

This 26th day of January, 2010

Councilwoman Tarsi seconded the motion.

Councilman Gara made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilwoman Tarsi seconded the motion. Discussions ensued regarding an item listed on this ordinance.

Roll call; Ayes; Councilman Gara, Councilwoman Tarsi, Councilman H. Zikas. Nays; Councilman Savary.

Resolutions: none

Approval of Minutes: Councilwoman Tarsi made a motion to approve the re-organization meeting minutes from 01/05/2010. Councilman H. Zikas seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Councilwoman Tarsi made a motion to approve and hold the executive session minutes from 01/05/2010. Councilman Gara seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Department Reports:

Administration, Councilman H. Zikas: Councilman H. Zikas reported on the website for the Borough. He is gathering information from all departments for publishing on the website. In closing, he approved all bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Finance, Councilman Hajdu: Absent, no report. Councilman H. Zikas approved all bills, salaries, and wages for this department.

Health & Welfare, Councilman Savary: Councilman Savary read the health report. In closing he approved all bills, salaries, and wages for his department.

Public Property, Councilman A. Zikas: Absent, no report. Councilman Savary approved all bills, salaries, and wages for this department.

Public Safety, Councilman Gara: Councilman Gara gave the safety report. Some discussion ensued regarding vaccination mandates. In closing, he approved all bills, salaries, and wages for his department.

Public Works, Councilwoman Tarsi: Councilwoman Tarsi had Charlie Olah, DPW Supervisor give the road report. The Industrial Drive grass clipping drop off area is now locked up around the clock due to some trouble experienced there. Some discussion ensued regarding tree grinding. In closing, she approved all bills, salaries, and wages for her department. Councilwoman Tarsi requested 30 minutes in executive session for contractual and personnel.

Committee Reports:

Councilwoman Tarsi announced a meeting the following night at 7:30pm for the 100th Anniversary Committee. Discussions ensued regarding attendance.

Councilwoman Tarsi presented a packet regarding OPRA.

Professionals & Official Reports:

Mayor, Edward Hanics, Jr.: Mayor Hanics asked for a member of council to volunteer to attend Alpha School Board meetings. Councilwoman Tarsi and Councilman H. Zikas both volunteered to attend.

Mayor Hanics requested that the library information be a part of the Public Directory and/or Borough website.

Councilwoman Tarsi will be attending the meeting for Warren Hospital.

Councilman Savary was invited to attend an environmental meeting on March 9th and 10th.

Mayor Hanics requested 15 minutes in executive session for personnel.

Police Department, Chief Paul J. Hager: No report. There will be a portion of the Borough website dedicated to emergency services.

Fire Department, Chief Bodogh: Chief Bodogh gave the fire department report. Matt from the Phillipsburg Emergency Squad was present. Discussions with him ensued.

Attorney, Christopher Troxell: Attorney Troxell read a letter from the Department of Health and Senior Services regarding the catheterization lab with Warren Hospital. Attorney Troxell also announced the garbage collection contract will be up for bid again this year. Attorney Troxell requested 25 minutes in executive session for litigation and personnel.

Engineer, Shelly Macgregor (in for Stanley Schrek): Ms. Macgregor read the engineer's report.

CFO, Lorraine Rossetti: Ms. Rossetti gave the finance report. Items discussed included payroll, bond rate increase, and a proposal for a new copier contract. Councilwoman Tarsi made a motion to approve the lease contract for a new copier. Councilman H. Zikas seconded. *Roll call;* Ayes: Councilman Gara, Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Tarsi, and Councilman H. Zikas. Nays; none.

Municipal Clerk, Laurie Barton: Mrs. Barton gave the report on the rabies clinic. She announced that the \$5 late fee will be charged on any licenses not renewed by February 1st. A meeting with Brown & Brown regarding the Borough's insurance policy renewal was discussed. Mrs. Barton requested fifteen minutes in executive session for personnel.

Public Comment:

Craig Dunwell of 1159 7th Avenue asked Chief Hager about the Lower East side email notification list. He also reported at 1158 Sixth Avenue there is an empty property with a refrigerator and furniture left outside and Round Up in the shed. Discussions ensued. Mr. Dunwell asked why no mercantile licenses are listed for a couple of businesses in the Borough. He asked for an explanation regarding a possible error in documents distributed about the salary ordinance. Discussions ensued. Mr. Dunwell also asked if we know which streets we will be paving and Ms. Macgregor gave explanation regarding this issue. Discussions ensued.

Payment of Bills & Claims:

Councilman H. Zikas made a motion to make the director's report a part of the minutes. Councilman Gara seconded the motion. *Roll call;* Ayes; Councilman Gara, Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Tarsi, Councilman H. Zikas. Nays; none

Councilwoman Tarsi made a motion that the CFO be authorized to pay all bills authorized by the director. Councilman H. Zikas seconded the motion. *Roll call;* Ayes; Councilman Gara, Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Tarsi, Councilman H. Zikas. 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 H. Zikas. Nays; none

PO #	PO Date	Vendor	PO Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	PO Type			
06-00934	01/08/07	GARDF	GARDEN STATE FIREWORKS	FIRE WORKS FOR 100TH ANNIVERSA	Open	7,000.00	0.00			
06-00935	01/08/07	SHERI	SHERIDAN PRINTING	100th Anniversary Book, 112pgs	Open	2,646.00	0.00			
06-00936	01/08/07	DRAKES	DRAKE'S	Chairs for 100th celebration	Open	349.70	0.00			
07-00867	12/11/07	CITY	CITY ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEMS	100th Anniversary-audio/light	Open	3,500.00	0.00			
07-00868	12/11/07	GARDF	GARDEN STATE FIREWORKS	100TH ANNIV FIREWORKS SHOW	Open	4,000.00	0.00			
07-00869	12/11/07	SHERI	SHERIDAN PRINTING	100th Anniversary Book, 112pgs	Open	1,999.20	0.00			
07-00942	12/31/07	CITY	CITY ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEMS	100th Anniversary concert serv	Open	2,000.00	0.00			
07-00943	12/31/07	SHERI	SHERIDAN PRINTING	100th Anniversary book, 112pgs	Open	474.80	0.00			
07-00944	12/31/07	CITY	CITY ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEMS	100th anniversary concert serv	Open	4,500.00	0.00			
07-00945	12/31/07	GARDF	GARDEN STATE FIREWORKS	Fireworks Display-100th Annive	Open	4,000.00	0.00			
08-00869	12/31/08	DRAKES	DRAKE'S	100th-Tent, stage, chairs/game	Open	4,999.84	0.00			
09-00641	10/21/09	NJLLP	NJ LABOR LAW POSTER SERVICE	Clerk's labor law posters	Open	47.25	0.00			
10-00001	01/24/10	ALBOA	ALPHA BOARD OF EDUCATION	2010 School Tax	Open	275,680.40	0.00			
10-00002	01/24/10	CINTAS	CINTAS CORPORATION	2010 Rug/Mat Service	Open	136.10	0.00			
10-00005	01/24/10	FORTD	FORT DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE	2010 Employee Life Insurance	Open	138.75	0.00			
10-00006	01/24/10	HASSL	ASCAM HASSLER/GE CAP PROG	2010 Postage Machine Rental	Open	256.50	0.00			
10-00007	01/24/10	HEALTH	STATE OF NJ HEALTH BENEFITS	2010 Employee Health Benefits	Open	6,949.97	0.00			
10-00008	01/24/10	POHPOL	TOWNSHIP OF POHATCONG	2010 Police Coverage	Open	45,460.00	0.00			
10-00009	01/24/10	TROXE	CHRISTOPHER M. TROXELL, ESQ	2010 Legal Retainer	Open	3,750.00	0.00			
10-00010	01/24/10	VERI DSL	VERIZON ONLINE	2010 DSL Internet Service	Open	95.99	0.00			
10-00011	01/24/10	VITAL	VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC	2010 MOD IV/CAMA Fees	Open	100.00	0.00			
10-00012	01/24/10	WASTE	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NJ	2010 Garbage Collection	Open	11,683.00	0.00			
10-00015	01/25/10	VERIZ	VERIZON WIRELESS	Munic Cell Phones 12/9-2/4	Open	1,000.77	0.00			
10-00016	01/25/10	AAROE	LYN PAUL AAROE, ESQUIRE	Nov-Jan Planning Board Legal	Open	1,362.50	0.00			
10-00017	01/25/10	WASTE	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NJ	Dec Municipal Waste Disposal	Open	6,373.22	0.00			
10-00018	01/25/10	WILHELM	WINEGAR, WILHELM, GLYNN & ROEMER	Jan Public Defender for Lombar	Open	150.00	0.00			
10-00019	01/25/10	STPWT	STATE OF NEW JERSEY-PWT	Oct-Dec Public Water System Tax	Open	353.38	0.00			
10-00020	01/25/10	JCPL	JCP&L	Dec-Jan Electric & St Light	Open	11,407.29	0.00			
10-00021	01/25/10	QC	QC, INC.	12/22 & 1/7 Water Testing	Open	630.00	0.00			
10-00022	01/25/10	PAYRO	PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	1/1/10 Utility Fund Payroll	Open	8,389.74	0.00			
10-00023	01/25/10	PAYRO	PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	1/15/10 Utility Fund Payroll	Open	11,404.44	0.00			
10-00024	01/25/10	PAYRO	PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	1/1/10 Current Fund Payroll	Open	13,369.80	0.00			
10-00025	01/25/10	PAYRO	PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	1/15/10 Current Fund Payroll	Open	14,413.36	0.00			
10-00026	01/25/10	NJDCA	NJ DEPT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS	Oct-Dec State Training Fees	Open	1,049.00	0.00			
10-00027	01/25/10	PUBLI	PUBLIC ALLIANCE INS. COVERAGE	2010 First Installment Insuran	Open	46,894.00	0.00			
10-00028	01/25/10	CMX	CMX, INC.	Highlands, Hydrant, Maps & Gen	Open	9,459.90	0.00			
10-00029	01/25/10	AAROE	LYN PAUL AAROE, ESQUIRE	Jan Escrow Legal- BLH & JB	Open	825.00	0.00			
10-00030	01/25/10	TCTA	TCTA OF NJ MEMBERSHIP SERVICES	2010 Membership Dues-Collector	Open	25.00	0.00			
10-00031	01/25/10	TCTAW	TCTA OF SUSSEX & WARREN COUNTY	2010 Membership Dues Collector	Open	15.00	0.00			
10-00032	01/25/10	WCMCA	WARREN CTY MUNIC CLERKS ASSOC.	2010 Memberships-Clerk& Deputy	Open	50.00	0.00			
10-00033	01/25/10	TCTA	TCTA OF NJ MEMBERSHIP SERVICES	2010 Membership CFO	Open	75.00	0.00			
Total Purchase Orders:				41	Total P.O. Line Items:	97	Total List Amount:	507,014.90	Total Void Amount:	0.00

All held & subject to cancellation

Old Business: None

New Business:

Councilman H. Zikas made a motion to approve the following pavilion permits with alcohol and fee waiver request(s):

Shirley Weirsky ~ 07/04/10

Huntington Volunteer Fire Department ~ 07/11/10 (waiver of fee)

Stephanie McCarty ~ 07/03/10

Councilwoman Tarsi seconded the motion. *Roll call*; Ayes; Councilman Gara, Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Tarsi, Councilman H. Zikas. Nays; none

In addition, Councilman H. Zikas made a motion to approve the following pavilion permit and waiver of fee pending approval of the fire department:

Girl Scouts Camp Fire ~ 05/14/10 (waiver of fee)

Councilman Gara seconded the motion. *Roll call*; Ayes; Councilman Gara, Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Tarsi, Councilman H. Zikas. Nays; none

Councilman Savary suggested having the clean up day a little earlier in the year before it gets too hot. Discussions ensued. No changes were made.

Executive Session: 8:25pm

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

**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: *Contractual, Litigation, and Personnel***
- 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 Councilwoman Tarsi, all were in favor. *Roll call*; Ayes; Councilman Gara, Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Tarsi, Councilman H. Zikas. Nays; none

Motion made by Councilman Pettinelli to return to the regular session, motion seconded by Councilman H. Zikas, all were in favor.

Councilman H. Zikas made a motion to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2010-22
RESOLUTION TO PERMIT CONTINUED
DENTAL BENEFITS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS
CONTINUING UNDER THE MUNICIPAL VEIL**

WHEREAS, the Council members of the Borough of Alpha are eligible for and/or receive dental benefits through the Borough's present plan pursuant to the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, a Council member has left Council due to a term expiration, yet said member accepted an appointment to the Borough's planning board to remain under the municipal veil; and

WHEREAS, the former Council member and present planning board member desires to remain a participant under the Borough's dental plan understanding the former Council member shall be solely responsible for all costs and fees associated with the premium and the Borough will not pay any monies for such coverage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Alpha that a former Council member who had received dental benefits under the Borough's dental plan while in the employ as a Council member, may continue said coverage upon the expiration of the Council member's term, provided the Council member remains on or is appointed to the planning board within thirty (30) days of the expiration of the Council member's term, and the planning board member, who was a former Council member, is solely responsible for all costs and fees for participation in the dental plan with the Borough of Alpha paying no money thereto.

CERTIFICATION

I, Laurie A. Barton, Clerk of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Common Council at a meeting of said Common Council on January 26, 2010 and that said Resolution was adopted by not less than the legal vote needed of the members of the Council.

Laurie A. Barton, Borough Clerk

Witness my hand and seal of the Borough of Alpha

This 26th day of January, 2010

Councilwoman Tarsi seconded. *Roll call*; Ayes; Councilman Gara, Councilman Savary, Councilman H. Zikas. Nays; Councilwoman Tarsi.

Councilwoman Tarsi made a motion to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2010-23

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpha Council has sought grant money for Open Space; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpha Council desires to obtain an appraisal of a specific lot it may target in the acquisition process; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpha Tax Assessor has sought proposals for such appraisal.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Alpha Council hereby approves a contract for an appraisal of Block 103, Lot 1 in the Borough, through said contact with Martin Appraisal Associates, inc., of Lawrenceville, New Jersey for \$3,500.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents.

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Councilman Savary seconded. *Roll call*; Ayes; Councilman Gara, Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Tarsi, Councilman H. Zikas. Nays; none

Mayor Hanics announced the Municipal Clerk, Laurie Barton, will be appointed to the Planning Board as a class II participant, and will be sworn in at the next regular council meeting. Councilman H. Zikas made a motion to approve this appointment, Councilwoman Tarsi seconded. All were in favor.

Adjournment: 9:50pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Vishnesky, Deputy Clerk