

Mayor Hanics called the Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 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 Hajdu, Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Tarsi, and Councilman H. Zikas. Absent; Councilman A. Zikas and Councilman Gara

*Public Comment:*

Bill Ortel from 302 Bliss Blvd. in Phillipsburg, NJ requested the use of the municipal ball field on Sundays only for the travelling baseball league.

Charles Bodough from 317 East Central Avenue asked what can be done about a sign in the Borough that looks like a billboard on a utility pole on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Central Avenues.

Louis Cartabona of 1119 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue expressed his support of something being done about the sign and asked if it is in violation of any ordinances. He asked for an update on a letter to be sent out from the Borough regarding the post office. He asked who owns the post office building and if it is currently being used. He asked that an amendment be made to the snow emergency ordinance for his street allowing parking on both sides of the road. Discussions ensued.

*Ordinances:* None.

*Resolutions:*

Councilwoman Tarsi made a motion to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2010-31  
RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT  
FOR THE PURCHASE OF LIBERTY DIGITAL RECORDING SYSTEM  
FROM GRAMCO BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS**

**WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha have determined a need for improvement to the recording system used by the Governing Body, Court and Planning Board of the Borough of Alpha; and**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpha has sought price quotes and has received a competitive price quote from Gramco Business Communications; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Borough of Alpha enter into a contract with Gramco Business Communications and that a purchase order be issued to Gramco Business Communications located at 1149 Bloomfield Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07012 in the amount of \$5,972.80 on recommendation from the Borough Clerk, Laurie A. Barton.

**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 March 9, 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*

Councilman Savary seconded the motion. *Roll Call:* Ayes; Councilman Hajdu, Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Tarsi, and Councilman H. Zikas. Nays; none.

*Approval of Minutes:*

Councilman H. Zikas made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from 02/23/2010. Councilwoman Tarsi seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Councilwoman Tarsi made a motion to approve and hold the executive session minutes from 02/23/2010. Councilman H. Zikas seconded the motion. *Roll Call:* Ayes; Councilman Hajdu, Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Tarsi, and Councilman H. Zikas. Nays; none.

*Department Reports:*

*Administration, Councilman H. Zikas:* Councilman H. Zikas updated the public regarding the Borough website, stating it will be up in running within the next couple of weeks. He also noted that we purchased a new digital recording machine for the Borough. In closing, he approved all bills, salaries, and wages for his department.

*Finance, Councilman Hajdu:* Councilman Hajdu announced that beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, he will no longer be using the medical benefits which are his option as a member of council. He suggested the rest of the members follow suit in an effort to save the Borough money. In closing, he approved all bills, salaries, and wages for his department.

*Health & Welfare, Councilman Savary:* Councilman Savary read the health report. He stated he has compiled the list of properties that require cleaning up. He

requested fifteen minutes in executive session for potential litigation and contractual. In closing, he approved all bills, salaries, and wages for his department.

*Public Property, Councilman A. Zikas:* Absent, no report. In his absence, Council President, Councilman H. Zikas, approved all bills, salaries, and wages for this department.

*Public Safety, Councilman Gara:* Absent, no report. In his absence, Councilman H. Zikas approved all bills, salaries, and wages for his department.

*Public Works, Councilwoman Tarsi:* Councilwoman Tarsi thanked the road department for doing a good job the night of the recent snow storm. She thanked DPW Supervisor, Charles Olah, for the repair of the broken plow. Due to Mr. Olah working on the holiday for the emergency repair of the plow, he was given a floater the following Friday. Councilwoman Tarsi requested fifteen minutes in executive session for contractual. In closing, she approved all bills, salaries, and wages for her department.

Councilman Savary asked for an update about the purchase of highway materials regarding rates and location. Discussions ensued.

*Committee Reports:* None.

*Professionals & Official Reports:*

*Mayor, Edward Hanics, Jr.:* No report. He underlined the importance of adhering to the deadline for the agendas as per the recent memo issued by the Municipal Clerk.

*Police Department, Chief Paul J. Hager:* Chief Hager thanked Municipal Clerk, Laurie Barton, for her assistance in the recent arrest made regarding a scam against residents in the Borough.

*Fire Department, Matthew Fagan:* Ten calls were reported.

*Attorney, Christopher Troxell:* Attorney Troxell discussed a letter for the Engineer regarding storm water management. He requested ten minutes in executive session for personnel.

*Engineer, Shelly McGregor (in for Stanley Schrek):* Ms. McGregor gave the engineer's report which included updates and discussions on the projects and applications for the Borough. She announced that the 2009 Road Improvement Project will begin after Easter on April 5, 2010. Councilman Savary asked about the possibility of getting rid of the pedestrian bridge and if the Highlands funding is prepaid or not. Discussions ensued.

*CFO, Lorraine Rossetti:* Ms. Rossetti gave the finance and the water reports. She discussed the upcoming audit and water shut-offs.

*Municipal Clerk, Laurie Barton:* No report.

*Public Comment:*

Louis Cartabona from 1119 Fifth Avenue reported there are hedges and debris along the sidewalk on Sixth Avenue. He said there is also a pile of garbage across the street. He asked for an update on the driveway ordinance that is currently being revised. He expressed concern about saving money for the Borough and for a timeline regarding the adoption of the budget.

Craig Dunwell of 1179 Seventh Avenue asked if there is any way to look into fining foreclosure properties for the clean up of the properties on Councilman Savary's list. He commended Councilman Hajdu for relinquishing his medical benefits. He expressed support for the Borough following suit with the state with regards to pension and benefit reform and caps on sick and vacation time. Mr. Dunwell expressed his opposition regarding Mayor and Council making comments to the press about the Borough and suggested we use the website to inform residents instead. He suggested no contracts be signed in the Borough until everything is passed at the state level and he suggested caps on the local level.

*Payment of Bills & Claims:*

Councilman H. Zikas made a motion to make the director's report a part of the minutes. Councilwoman Tarsi seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Councilman H. Zikas 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 Hajdu, Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Tarsi, and Councilman H. Zikas. Nays; none.

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

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17:45:18

BOROUGH OF ALPHA  
Bill List By P.O. Number

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PO #	PO Date	Vendor	PO Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	PO Type			
10-00002	01/24/10	CINTAS	CINTAS CORPORATION	Open	136.10	0.00				
10-00007	01/24/10	HEALTH	STATE OF NJ HEALTH BENEFITS	Open	8,841.59	0.00				
10-00009	01/24/10	TROXE	CHRISTOPHER M. TROXELL, ESQ	Open	3,750.00	0.00				
10-00010	01/24/10	VERI DSL	VERIZON ONLINE	Open	80.03	0.00				
10-00012	01/24/10	WASTE	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NJ	Open	11,683.00	0.00				
10-00013	01/24/10	WORKS	WORKS DATA	Open	792.00	0.00				
10-00014	01/25/10	LOPAT	TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG	Open	14.35	0.00				
10-00041	02/01/10	ITSM	ITS MAILING SYSTEMS	Open	222.01	0.00				
10-00077	02/03/10	MUNRE	MUNICIPAL RECORD SERVICE	Open	425.00	0.00				
10-00080	02/03/10	PORTA	PORT A BOWL RESTROOM CO.	Open	688.30	0.00				
10-00110	02/16/10	EXPRES	EXPRESS-TIMES	Open	79.40	0.00				
10-00112	02/16/10	HIGHW	HIGHWAY MATERIALS INC	Open	170.00	0.00				
10-00121	02/16/10	ONECA	ONE CALL SYSTEMS, INC.	Open	5.50	0.00				
10-00131	02/17/10	EXPRES	EXPRESS-TIMES	Open	103.20	0.00				
10-00141	02/22/10	PAGAN	FRANK PAGANO	Open	180.00	0.00				
10-00143	03/01/10	STAPL	STAPLES	Open	139.32	0.00				
10-00147	03/03/10	OLAHB	BARRY OLAH	Open	64.20	0.00				
10-00148	03/04/10	ZEEMD	ZEE MEDICAL SERVICES, INC	Open	74.19	0.00				
10-00149	03/05/10	TRENV	TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	Open	9,116.00	0.00				
10-00150	03/05/10	QC	QC, INC.	Open	105.00	0.00				
10-00151	02/28/10	PAYRO	PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	Open	11,451.04	0.00				
10-00152	03/05/10	ELIZGA	ELIZABETHTOWN GAS	Open	2,184.35	0.00				
10-00153	03/05/10	REGIS	REGISTRAR'S ASSOCIATION OF NJ	Open	80.00	0.00				
10-00154	03/05/10	REGIS 2	REGISTRAR'S ASSOCIATION	Open	50.00	0.00				
10-00155	03/05/10	LSI	LINE SYSTEMS, INC	Open	535.86	0.00				
10-00156	03/05/10	JCPL	JCP&L	Open	1,761.31	0.00				
10-00157	03/05/10	CMX	CMX, INC.	Open	9,851.04	0.00				
10-00158	03/05/10	TRITE	DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERV	Open	735.00	0.00				
Total Purchase Orders:				28	Total P.O. Line Items:	49	Total List Amount:	63,317.79	Total Void Amount:	0.00

**Old Business:**

Councilman Savary asked about the mandates regarding the appointment of the deputy clerk and deputy registrar. Discussions ensued.

**New Business:**

Councilman H. Zikas made a motion to approve the following social affair permit:

**Social Affair Permit # SA-2010-1: Lao Association 04/03/10 @ Alpha Firehouse**

Councilwoman Tarsi seconded the motion. *Roll Call:* Ayes; Councilman Hajdu, Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Tarsi, and Councilman H. Zikas. Nays; none.

It was determined the grass and leaf depot will open March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 which is the first day of spring. The depot hours will be 7am till dusk, seven days per week.

*Executive Session: forty minutes*

Councilman H. Zikas made a motion to approve the following resolution to go into executive session for forty minutes for personnel, contractual, and potential 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: *Contractual, Personnel, and Potential 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 Councilwoman Tarsi, all were in favor.

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

*Adjournment: 9:20pm*

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,

*Christy Vishnesky, Deputy Clerk*