

Council-President, Klara Tarsi called the Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2012.

Council-President, Klara Tarsi, 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 4, 2012, the Municipal Clerk delivered to The Express-Times and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, a notice containing the date, time and place of this meeting of the Alpha Borough Council. Also, said notice has been mailed to persons requesting the same.

Council-President, Klara Tarsi led prayer and the salute to the flag.

Roll Call: Present: Councilman Dunwell, Councilman Pfefferle, Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Schwar (*via teleconference phone call-for only the portion of the budget hearing and vote*) Councilwoman Tarsi and Councilman Zikas (*left meeting during executive session*). Also present Borough Clerk, Laurie A. Barton, Borough Attorney Christopher Troxell, Engineer, Stephanie Cuthbert and CFO, Lorraine Rossetti. Absent: Mayor Hanics.

Public Comment

Mario Manzo, President of AYAA, advised the Council that he will now act in an advisory capacity for the AYAA and introduced the president of the Phillipsburg Area Colts, Robert Gash. Councilman Pfefferle requested Mr. Gash's information be forwarded to Council.

Ordinance-2nd Reading

Motion made by Councilman Dunwell to open the public hearing on the following ordinance, motion seconded by Councilman Savary, all were in favor.

ORDINANCE 2012-04

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE 2012 SALARY RANGES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA.

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 following officers and employees of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey named herein shall be as follows:

Water Meter Repairer	\$10.00 - \$25.00 per hour;
Clean Communities Worker	\$ 8.00 - \$16.00 per hour; and
Utility Collector	\$ 1.00 - \$18,000.00 (per year).

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or sections of the ordinance of the Borough of Alpha, New Jersey inconsistent herein shall be and the same hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Hearing no public comment, Councilman Dunwell moved to close the public hearing, motion seconded by Councilman Savary. Roll call: Ayes: Dunwell, Pfefferle, and Savary. Nays: Tarsi and Zikas.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-04 made by Councilman Dunwell and seconded by Councilman Savary. Roll call: Ayes: Dunwell, Pfefferle and Savary. Nays: Tarsi and Zikas. Motion fails. **Ordinance Failed.**

After lengthy discussions and a rescinded motion to an amendment, Ordinance 2012-04 failed.

Resolution-Borough Clerk Laurie Barton at this time phoned Councilwoman Schwar to have her joined into the public hearing for the budget.

Motion made by Councilman Dunwell, to open the public hearing for Resolution 2012-55, motion seconded by Councilman Pfefferle. All were in favor.

**RESOLUTION 2012-55
MUNICIPAL BUDGET NOTICE**

SECTION 1.

Municipal Budget of the BOROUGH OF ALPHA, COUNTY OF WARREN for the Fiscal Year 2012
Be It Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for year 2012;

Be it Further Resolved, that said Budget be published in the THE STAR GAZZETTE in the issue of April 14, 2012

The Governing Body of the BOROUGH OF ALPHA does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2012:

RECORDED VOTE
(Insert last name)

Louis Cartabona, Fifth Avenue, questioned what the public hearing was for the budget resolution. Clerk, Laurie Barton explained the procedure for a second reading on a resolution that normally isn't done with resolutions further explaining the budget resolution process.

CFO, Lorraine Rossetti gave the budget presentation outlining the 2012 municipal budget.

Louis Cartabona, Fifth Avenue commended on the quality and information of the budget handouts and commended Mrs. Rossetti on her efforts to provide this to the public.

Motion made by Councilman Pfefferle to close the public hearing, motion seconded by Councilman Dunwell, all were in favor.

Motion made by Councilman Pfefferle to adopt Resolution 2012-55 (Budget), motion seconded by Councilman Dunwell. Roll call: Ayes: Dunwell, Pfefferle, Savary and Schwar. Nays: Tarsi and Zikas, motion passes. *(Councilwoman Schwar ended the teleconference call after the roll call vote).*

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Councilman Dunwell to approve the minutes of 03/27/2012 with amendment, motion seconded by Councilman Savary, all were in favor.

Department Reports

Administration, Councilwoman Carol Schwar: Councilman Dunwell reported that the labor attorney will be at the May 8th meeting. The planning Board meeting was cancelled due to lack of agenda. Councilman Dunwell reported on the incident that occurred in the construction office and stated that the new hours for that office are Tuesday and Wednesday 5-7 pm. Councilman Dunwell requested 15 minutes in executive session for personnel to discuss zoning and construction official position.

Finance, Councilman Chris Pfefferle: Councilman Pfefferle thanked Lorraine Rossetti for the work she has done for the budget. In closing, Councilman Pfefferle approved bills, salaries and wages for his department. Councilman Pfefferle requested 15 minutes for executive session for contractual regarding share services for the police contract and 20 minutes for litigation.

Health and Welfare, Councilman Harry Zikas: Councilman Zikas gave the reports received from the ACO and the Warren County Health Department. Discussion of placing recycling containers at the ball field was discussed. In closing, Councilman Zikas approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Public Property, Councilman Michael Savary: Councilman Savary reported on the light at the monument and that it is in working order. The light bulb just needs to be replaced (on the pole).

Councilman Savary stated he received 14 job applications for the clean communities positions. The playground equipment came in and was installed. The tub grinder will be in next week. Councilman Savary is getting prices for security cameras and security locks. The contractor for the grass cutting has been in town cutting the grass. Councilman Savary requested 15 minutes in executive session for contractual regarding the AYAA and ten minutes in executive session for contractual regarding a property transaction and five minutes for personnel.

Public Safety, Councilwoman Klara Tarsi: Councilwoman Tarsi gave the report received from the Court for the month of March.

Councilwoman Tarsi stated she spoke with the Police Chief to have the police make a presence in the municipal building on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings due to a recent incident involving the construction official. In closing, Councilwoman Tarsi approved bills, salaries and wages for her department.

Public Works, Councilman Craig Dunwell: Councilman Dunwell gave an update regarding meters and the fire hydrants that were installed (27 hydrants).

Councilman Dunwell reported that the water softener system needs to be rebuilt and a series of upgrades to system are anticipated.

Councilman Dunwell reported on the raw sewage that was leaking onto Williams Street. The resident had a sewer line connected to an old abandoned discharge line and has since been repaired.

In closing, Councilman Dunwell approved bills, salaries and wages but made a note to hold the Sartini bill.

Committee Reports

Newsletter-Councilman Dunwell reported on the completion of the newsletter.

Professionals and Officials Reports

Mayor, Edward Hanics: Mayor Hanics reviewed correspondences received through his office.

Mayor Hanics inquired about chipping, stating he received a few calls from residents wanting to know what the schedule is. Street sweeping was also discussed.

Emergency Squad, Matthew Fagan: Mr. Fagan discussed a potential Alpha location for the squad. Councilman Savary stated that this should be discussed in executive session.

Engineer, Stephanie Cuthbert: Ms. Cuthbert updated Council on various projects throughout the borough, report was distributed to mayor and Council. The North Boulevard project regarding three options to complete the project (Phase II, Contract II) was discussed.

A motion was made by Councilman Pfefferle to approve the following resolution, motion seconded by Councilman Dunwell. Roll call: Ayes: Dunwell, Pfefferle, Savary and Tarsi. Nays: none. Abstain: Zikas.

**RESOLUTION 2012-63
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER
ON NORTH BLVD GRANT PROJECT
(PHASE 2/CONTRACT2)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the firm of Remington & Vernick Engineers is hereby authorized to act as the Borough Engineer and proceed with the construction management and inspection of and on North Boulevard DOT grant project (Phase 2/Contract2) for the contemplated scope of work in accordance with the firms proposal of this date (attached hereto) and in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 upon written certification of funds by the Borough CFO.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Clerk, Borough Attorney, and/or Borough Engineer are authorized to execute all necessary documents to effectuate the contract.

Discussions of the 7th Avenue project took place regarding flipping the location of the reconstruction project.

Ms. Cuthbert discussed the letter received from the State of New Jersey regarding an underground tank that was located in the old municipal building.

Motion made by Councilman Pfefferle to approve the following resolution, motion seconded by Councilman Dunwell. Roll call: Ayes: Dunwell, Pfefferle, Savary, Tarsi and Zikas. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2012-64
LICENSED SITE REMEDIATION PROFESSIONAL
(LSRP)**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha understand that the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection requires the Borough to retain a Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP); and

WHEREAS, such retaining of a LSRP complies with the Site Remediation Reform Act (SRRA) and specifically the remediation plan at the Borough's Municipal building.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha, that Paul Kenny, an LSRP of Remington & Vernick, be retained to comply with the SRRA under the annual retainer of Remington & Vernick upon certification of funds by the Borough CFO.

CFO, Lorraine Rossetti: Ms. Rossetti gave the report for her office. A budget meeting has been scheduled for August 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Louis Cartabona, 5th Avenue, inquired about paving Industrial Avenue. Mr. Cartabona made Council aware of broken asphalt on 5th Avenue.

Mr. Cartabona asked about a website update and improvements that can be made to the website. Mr. Cartabona also asked Councilman Zikas about a Board of health being organized to

get members and inquired about having trenches that were made throughout the Borough that have not been repaired.

Tim Mellert, North Blvd., inquired about the curb work on North Boulevard. Lengthy discussions incurred regarding solutions to the curbs and a piece of sidewalk to be replaced that was damaged.

Payment of Bills and Claims

Motion made by Councilman Dunwell to have the directors reports part of the minutes, motion seconded by Councilman Savary, all were in favor.

Motion made by Councilman Savary to authorize the CFO to pay bills approved by the directors, and holding those mentioned, motion seconded by Councilman Pfefferle. Roll call, Ayes: Dunwell, Pfefferle, Savary, Tarsi and Zikas. Nays: none.

Motion made by Councilman Savary to authorize the CFO to pay all salaries and wages approved by the Directors, motion seconded by Councilman Zikas. Roll call, Ayes: Dunwell, Pfefferle, Savary, Tarsi and Zikas. Nays: none.

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12:37 PM

BOROUGH OF ALPHA
Bill List By P.O. Number

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P.O. Type: All Range: First to Last Format: Condensed				Open: N Rcvd: Y Bid: Y	Paid: N Held: Y State: Y	Void: N Aprv: N Other: Y	Exempt: Y
PO #	PO Date	Vendor	PO Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	PO Type
11-00695	11/07/11	NYLEAK	NEW YORK LEAK DETECTION	addt'l leak detection service	Open	17,500.00	0.00
12-00008	01/24/12	ALBOA	ALPHA BOARD OF EDUCATION	2012 School Tax - Jan to May	Open	286,831.40	0.00
12-00091	02/25/12	RINGO	MARYBETH RINGO	2012 SWA Coordinator Stipend	Open	340.80	0.00
12-00168	03/21/12	BOYCE	BOYCE ASSOCIATES (HELD)	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	Open	1,839.92 (HELD)	0.00
12-00187	03/29/12	RZCON	R2 CONSULTANTS	ADMIN/UTILITY CLERK COMPUTER	Open	2,389.28	0.00
12-00193	03/29/12	BE DISTR	B & E DISTRIBUTING	LIFT STATION DEGREASER	Open	2,408.50	0.00
12-00195	03/29/12	ROTO	ROTO ROOTER / KIRBY ASSOCIATES	CLEAN MAIN LINE BTW PARK&WEST	Open	600.00	0.00
12-00222	04/13/12	RAND	TOWNSHIP OF RANDOLPH	Morris Cty Coop 2012 Mem Dues	Open	1,250.00	0.00
12-00223	04/16/12	VERIZ	VERIZON WIRELESS	Verizon Phone Bill	Open	119.76	0.00
12-00224	04/16/12	JCP&L	JCP&L	JCP&L Electric Bills	Open	1,311.73	0.00
12-00225	04/16/12	ACTION	ACTION DATA SERVICES	Payroll Svcs Action Data	Open	211.48	0.00
12-00226	04/16/12	EAS	EAS BY ACTION DATA	Payroll Svcs. EAS by Action Dat	Open	44.28	0.00
12-00227	04/17/12	OLAHD	DEAN OLAH	D.Olah mlg reimb to get parts	Open	66.60	0.00
12-00228	04/18/12	RINGO	MARYBETH RINGO	SWMA Coordinator Stipend	Open	681.60	0.00
12-00229	04/19/12	RINGO	MARYBETH RINGO	FLYNN'S GOLDEN AGE LUNCHEON	Open	500.00	0.00
12-00230	04/19/12	ZBROS	Z BROTHERS CONCRETE CONTR, INC	North Blvd Phase 2, Cert #2	Open	43,540.42	0.00
12-00232	04/19/12	FINCH	FINCH FUEL OIL CO., INC.	Gas for Pump Station	Open	1,217.38	0.00
12-00233	04/19/12	VANGELO	MICHAEL VANGELO	Grind Stump Schley&North Blvd	Open	375.00	0.00
12-00239	04/20/12	SARTI	SARTINI PLUMBING & HEATING	Williams St./Pettinelli Repair	Open	8,939.21	0.00
Total Purchase Orders:		20	Total P.O. Line Items:	69	Total List Amount:	370,167.36	Total Void Amount: 0.00

Old Business

Councilman Dunwell read a letter on behalf of Councilwoman Schwar regarding the AYAA meeting held on April 19th. The Phillipsburg Pop Warner Colts have formed their own Board and various positions have been formed but are still using the AYAA tax liability number. Councilman Dunwell ended that this will be discussed further in executive session.

New Business

Motion made by Councilman Savary to approve the following pavilion permits with alcohol, motion seconded by Councilman Zikas, all were in favor.

- *Approval of Pavilion Permit w/alcohol: **Dougherty** 05/20/12*
- *Approval of Pavilion Permit w alcohol: **Varga** 06/30/12*
- *Approval of Pavilion Permit w/alcohol: **Plattenburg** 05/28/2012*

Councilman Pfefferle discussed shared services regarding police coverage. A public hearing is scheduled for May 22nd to hear input from the public. An executive session will be scheduled to discuss terms and offers with representatives from the Towns at a date to be determined.

Executive Session

Motion made by Councilman Zikas to approve the following resolution to go into executive session for 1 hour and 45 minutes, motion seconded by Councilman Savary, all were in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

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, Litigation and/or Contractual,
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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Alpha that the public shall be excluded from an executive session for approximately 1 hour(s), 45 minutes, allowing for a five (5) minute recess between the regular session and the executive session.

Return to Regular Session- Councilman Zikas left meeting during executive session

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

Motion made by Councilman Dunwell to introduce the following Ordinance with public hearing schedule for May 10th. Motion seconded by Councilman Pfefferle. Roll call: Ayes; Dunwell, Pfefferle, Savary and Tarsi. Nays: none.

**ORDINANCE 2012-05
AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE 2012 SALARY RANGES
FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA.**

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 following officers and employees of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey named herein shall be as follows:

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

This ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Motion made by Councilman Pfefferle and seconded by Councilman Dunwell to approve the following resolution. Roll call: Ayes: Dunwell, Pfefferle, Savary and Tarsi. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2012-65
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
BOROUGH ENGINEER RETAINER**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the firm of Remington & Vernick is hereby authorized to act as the Borough Engineer and proceed with the construction management, inspection services and engineering services for small Borough projects in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 upon written certification of funds by the Borough CFO.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Clerk, Borough Attorney and/or Borough Engineer are authorized to execute all necessary documents to effectuate the contract.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before Council at this time, on motion made by Councilman Pfefferle and seconded by Councilwoman Tarsi, this meeting adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Barton, RMC