

Mayor Hanics called the Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27, 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 Hajdu, Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Tarsi, and Councilman H. Zikas. Absent: Councilman A. Zikas.

#### *Public Comment*

Luis Cartabona discussed properties that are abandoned and the upkeep of those properties. Other discussions ensued regarding various issues of Mr. Cartabona.

Dave Cavanaugh, 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, discussed the notice he received regarding debris on his property. Further discussions ensued.

#### *Resolutions*

Motion made by Councilwoman Tarsi to approve the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION 2010-41 LEIN REDEMPTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector of the Borough of Alpha has advised the Mayor and Council that the following property has been redeemed and the money due thereon paid to the Borough of Alpha Tax Collector,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Borough of Alpha Council this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010, that refunds are made to the certificate holder as noted:

US Bank Cust. For Pro Capital 1, LLC  
2 Liberty Place  
50 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1950  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Block 30, Lot 5  
Certificate #200905  
\$6240.38

Motion seconded by Councilman Gara, roll call: Ayes: Gara, Hajdu, Savary, Tarsi and H. Zikas. Nays: none. Absent: A. Zikas.

### *Department Reports*

*Administration, Councilman Harry Zikas Jr.:* Councilman H. Zikas stated that the website is moving along after a minor problem. In closing, Councilman H. Zikas approved all bills, salaries and wages for his department.

*Finance, Councilman John Hajdu:* Councilman Hajdu stated that it is time to renew the contract with LSI for the phone system which is for one year. Motion made by Councilman H. Zikas to approve the one year contract pending review from the Attorney, motion seconded by Councilwoman Tarsi, roll call: Ayes: Gara, Hajdu, Savary, Tarsi and H. Zikas. Nays: none. Absent: A. Zikas

In closing, Councilman Hajdu approves all bills, salaries and wages for his department.

*Health & Welfare, Councilman Mike Savary:* Councilman Savary requested five minutes in executive session for contractual. In closing, Councilman Savary approved salary, bills, and wages for his department.

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

*Public Safety, Councilman Robert Gara:* No report. In closing Councilman Gara approved all bills, salaries and wages for his department.

*Public Works, Councilwoman Tarsi:* Councilwoman Tarsi stated that the chipper is fixed and will be running tomorrow. Councilwoman Tarsi in closing, approved all bills, salaries and wages for her department. Councilwoman Tarsi requested fifteen minutes in executive session for contractual.

### *Committee Reports*

**100th Anniversary:** Councilwoman Tarsi stated that a meeting will be tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Tarsi requested another executive session for personnel for 30-minutes.

### *Professionals and Officials Reports*

*Mayor, Edward Hanics:* Mayor Hanics reported on various correspondences received through his office. Mayor Hanics requested ten minutes in executive session for personnel.

*Police Department, Chief Paul Hager:* Chief Hager reported on a minor glitch in their non-emergency telephone line, it has since been resolved.

*Attorney, Christopher Troxell:* Mr. Troxell put together a release for any kind of photographs or contributions to the borough's books and pamphlets. In closing, Mr. Troxell requested five minutes in executive session.

*Engineer, Shelley McGregor:* Ms. McGregor gave an update on various issues/projects throughout the Borough. Ms. McGregor reported on the waterline connection on Franklin Street to replace the water line. Motion made by Councilwoman Tarsi to go ahead and bid for the Franklin Street project (water line replacement), motion seconded by Councilman Gara, roll call: Ayes: Gara, Hajdu, Savary, Tarsi and H. Zikas. Nays: none. Absent: A. Zikas.

*CFO, Lorraine Rossetti:* Mrs. Rossetti gave her report for her department. There are eight additions to the bill list. Records were destroyed today which were previously approved to do so. The CFO stated that she will be out of the office this Friday for a seminar. Pricing for new medical insurance was request by Councilwoman Tarsi.

*Municipal Clerk, Laurie Barton:* Mrs. Barton requested thirty minutes in executive session for personnel under the Personnel Administrator report. Mrs. Barton briefly discussed her recent conference with the New Jersey Municipal Clerks Association, and discussed various ideas and new information received from the conference.

#### *Public Comment*

Luis Cartabona discussed again the property notice and abandoned houses. Mr. Cartabona discussed the water pressure issues on Franklin Street. Further discussions ensued regarding various issues that were reported tonight under official's reports.

Dave Cavanaugh, inquired about the report the Clerk stated with regards to laptops.

#### *Payment of Bills and Claims*

Motion made by Councilwoman Tarsi to make the director's report a part of the minutes. Councilman H. Zikas seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes: Gara, Hajdu, Savary, Tarsi and H. Zikas. Nays: none. Absent: A. Zikas.

Motion made by Councilwoman Tarsi that the CFO be authorized to pay all bills authorized by the director. Councilman Gara seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes: Gara, Hajdu, Savary, Tarsi and H. Zikas. Nays: none. Absent: A. Zikas.

Motion made by Councilwoman Tarsi that the CFO be authorized to pay all salaries and wages approved by the director. Motion seconded by Councilman H. Zikas, roll call: Ayes: Gara, Hajdu, Savary, Tarsi and H. Zikas. Nays: none. Absent: A. Zikas.

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BOROUGH OF ALPHA  
Bill List By P.O. Number

Page No: 1

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
10-00001	01/24/10	ALBOA	ALPHA BOARD OF EDUCATION	2010 School Tax	Open	275,680.40	0.00
10-00004	01/24/10	EHRLI	EHRlich, INC.	2010 Pest Treatment	Open	182.00	0.00
10-00114	02/16/10	GANN	GANN PUBLISHING - LAW BOOK	Clerk Titles 40 & 40A 2010	Open	121.50	0.00
10-00162	03/10/10	CHERV	CHERRY VALLEY TRACTOR SALES	Rehabilitate Bandit Chipper	Open	2,994.15	0.00
10-00177	03/16/10	SARTI	SARTINI PLUMBING & HEATING	3/6 Repair heat unit court end	Open	1,210.08	0.00
10-00228	04/16/10	HOME	HOME DEPOT/GEFC	General supplies & tarp	Open	149.15	0.00
10-00232	04/21/10	FINCH	FINCH FUEL OIL CO., INC.	4/7 Garage & Salt Shed diesel	Open	894.43	0.00
10-00235	04/21/10	OPDK	OPDYKE'S SALES & SERVICE	3/17-3/23 Dump Truck Mainten	Open	1,730.93	0.00
10-00236	04/21/10	BE DISTR	B & E DISTRIBUTING	3/23 Lift Station degreaser	Open	2,385.25	0.00
10-00238	04/23/10	AAROE	LYN PAUL AAROE, ESQUIRE	4/21 Meeting & Master Plan Res	Open	1,112.50	0.00
10-00239	04/23/10	AAROE	LYN PAUL AAROE, ESQUIRE	4/21 Job 8 escrow review app	Open	262.50	0.00
10-00240	04/23/10	BCS	BCS, LLC	4/15 Sodium Hydro & 4/16 Acid	Open	5,438.78	0.00
10-00241	04/23/10	VERI	VERIZON	4/10-5/9 Garage phone 454-3143	Open	211.33	0.00
10-00242	04/23/10	ELIZGA	ELIZABETHTOWN GAS	3/12-4/9 Gas Heat	Open	580.25	0.00
10-00243	04/23/10	LSI	LINE SYSTEMS, INC	4/1-4/30 Local & Long Dist Phn	Open	543.64	0.00
10-00245	04/23/10	VERIZ	VERIZON WIRELESS	4/5-5/4 Munic Cell Phones	Open	122.95	0.00
10-00246	04/23/10	USBANK	US BANK CUST FOR PRO CAPITAL	Lien Redemption block 30 lot 5	Open	6,240.38	0.00
10-00247	04/23/10	JCPL	JCP&L	March-April Electric & st ligh	Open	12,530.69	0.00
10-00248	04/23/10	QC	QC, INC.	3/11 water testing #1189593	Open	40.00	0.00
10-00251	04/23/10	PAYRO	PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	4/23/10 Utility Fund Payroll	Open	11,819.25	0.00
10-00252	04/23/10	PAYRO	PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	4/23/10 Animal Trust Payroll	Open	542.88	0.00
10-00253	04/26/10	AYAA	ALPHA YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOC.	Sports Equipment & Ad	Open	2,263.21	0.00
Total Purchase Orders: 22				Total P.O. Line Items: 53	Total List Amount: 327,056.23	Total Void Amount: 0.00	

*New Business: Councilwoman Tarsi thanked the Boy Scouts for attending tonight's meeting.*

Approval of pavilion permit with alcohol for Larry Marino, on behalf of the PBA, for May 22<sup>nd</sup> with request of waiver of fee. Motion made by Councilwoman Tarsi to approve the pavilion permit for Larry Marino and with waiver of fee, motion seconded by Councilman H. Zikas, all were in favor.

Motion made by Councilwoman Tarsi to approve the pavilion permit for John Hajdu with alcohol for June 27<sup>th</sup>, motion seconded Councilman H. Zikas; all were in favor with the exception of Councilman Hajdu abstaining.

Motion made by Councilman H. Zikas to approve the 2010 Municipal Alliance contract authorizing the Mayor to sign, motion seconded by Councilman Gara, roll call: Ayes: Gara, Hajdu, Savary, and H. Zikas. Nays: none. Absent: A. Zikas. Abstain: Tarsi.

*Executive Session 8:15 p.m. ( one hour and forty-five minutes) with a 5-minute break*

Motion made by Councilman H. Zikas to approve a resolution to go into executive session for one hour and forty-five minutes for contractual litigation and personnel motion seconded by Councilman Gara, all were in favor.

#### **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, Litigation 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.

*Return to Regular Meeting 9:57 P.M.*

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

Motion made by Councilman Hajdu to amend Resolution 2010-1 to amend the agenda to have only one public comment at the beginning of the meeting, motion seconded by Councilman Gara, roll call: Ayes Gara, Hajdu, Tarsi and H. Zikas. Nays: Savary. Absent: A. Zikas.

**RESOLUTION 2010-43  
AMENDING RESOLUTION 2010-1**

**RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA, WARREN  
COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN REGARD TO REGULAR MEETINGS**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council wish to amend Resolution 2010-1, specifically the format of the agenda, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have determined that there will be one public comment, in the beginning of all public meetings, and that the second public comment shall be removed from the agenda format.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the format for regular meetings of Council be amended as follows:

AGENDA

Call to Order  
Prayer & Salute to the Flag  
Roll Call  
Public Comment  
Bids (if applicable)  
Ordinances  
Resolutions  
Approval of Minutes  
Department Reports  
Committee Reports  
Payment of Bills & Claims  
Old Business  
New Business  
Adjournment

**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 **April 27, 2010** and that said Resolution was adopted by not less than the legal vote needed of the members of the Council.*

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*Laurie A. Barton, Borough Clerk*

*Adjournment: 10:00 p.m.*

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Laurie A. Barton, R.M.C*