

Council President Gara called the Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2011.

Council President Gara 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.

Council President Gara led prayer and the salute to the flag.

Roll Call: Present; Councilman Dunwell, Councilman Gara, Councilman Savary and Councilwoman Tarsi. Absent: Mayor Hanics, Councilman Pfefferle and Councilman Zikas. Also present Borough Attorney, Christopher Troxell, Borough Clerk, Laurie A. Barton, CFO, Lorraine Rossetti and Borough Engineer, Shelley McGregor.

Public Comment: Eileen Swan, Executive Director of the Highlands Council-Presentation

Ms. Swan gave a power point presentation regarding the Highland Act that was passed in 2004 and reviewed Alpha Borough's part in the Highlands, being the borough is in part of the Planning Area. Comments were taken from audience regarding the presentation and the slides and grant money the borough received.

Public Comment

Dave Cavanaugh-inquired about why Councilman Zikas was not present again and asked about the process of getting someone off of Council due to unexcused absences.

Mr. Cavanaugh also spoke on the regionalization of the police departments.

Louis Cartabona, 1119th 5th Avenue-spoke of the Mayors opponent running for mayor and things are being said. Attorney Troxell advised Mr. Cartabona to call the Mayor personally instead of bringing it up here at the meeting being that this is about the elections.

Rene Pesaresi, East Central Avenue-asked for the support of Council for the upcoming 100th Anniversary celebrations. Ms. Pesaresi inquired about the alley behind her house and the grass needs to be mowed and a tree limb to be taken down that is near a power line.

Ms. Pesaresi brought up the high grass at the field and the numerous ticks because of the high grass and stated that the softball game was cancelled because of the high grass. The window at the youth building needs to be fixed they have a new window for it.

Hunter Stagg-OEM Coordinator- Gave an update on the Linde fire that occurred in May. He wanted to stress that there was no call that went out to citizens regarding the fire. The call was later canceled, but the reporter at that time had already left and thus it was misprinted in the paper that a call did go out.

Tom Fey, East Boulevard- made the Council aware of no electricity at the memorial park and asked why members of Council weren't present for the service.

Mike Rifino-stated he never saw any advertisement for the cleanup.

Louis Cartabona-inquired about piles of bulk garbage left on the street on Third Avenue. Councilman Dunwell stated that the garbage is now gone.

Rene Pesaresi-asked about the website and when it would be updated.

Resolutions

Motion made by Councilwoman Tarsi to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2011-55
A RESOLUTION SETTING THE 2011 SALARIES
FOR EACH EMPLOYEE OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA.**

BE IT RESOLVED 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, State of NJ:

Air Quality	Craig Dunwell	\$1
Animal Control Officer	Tom Deacon	\$6,180
Building Service Worker	Rita Miller	\$16.53/hour
Chief Financial Officer	Lorraine Rossetti	\$61,000
Clean Communities Coord.	Mike Savary	\$1
Clerk/Typist	Open	\$15.75/hour
Construction Official	Kevin Duddy	\$22,300
Code Enforcement Officer	William Santowasso	\$3,000
Court Clerk	Dawn Laird	\$15.45/hour
Court Clerk Call Out	Kathy Cupon & Dawn Laird	\$35.00
Council member	Craig Dunwell, Robert Gara, Chris Pfefferle, Michael Savary, Klara Tarsi, Alex Zikas	\$2,465
Deputy Borough Clerk	Christy Vishnesky	\$17.66/hr
Emergency Management Coordinator	Hunter Stagg	\$1,940
Emergency Management Deputy	George Gal	\$700
Emergency Equipment Operator	Open	\$25.00/hour
File Clerk	Open	\$8.60/hour
Fire Inspector	Albert Hoppings	\$1,130
Housing Laison	Open	\$1,200
Insurance Fund Commissioner	Klara Tarsi	\$1 stipend
Land Use Board Secretary	Dolores Hanisak	\$14,998
Mayor	Edward Hanics	\$3,210
Municipal Court Administrator	Kathy Cupon	\$12,640
Municipal Judge	Louis Mellinger	\$7,210
Municipal Prosecutor	Charles Carro	\$2,300
Park Attendant, I	John Kszak	\$11.00/hour

Park Attendant, II	Clean Communities workers	\$10.50/hour
Plumbing Subcode Official	Leon Fortin	\$3,200
Public Defender	Scott Wilhelm	\$150 per use
PW Superintendent/Licensed Water Oper	Fred Schindler	Voucher \$24,000
Public Works Repairer I	Leo Pursell, Jr. & Dean Olah	\$59,718
Pumping Station Operator	Mark Smith, Carl Gercie & George Cupon	\$13.80/hour
Pumping Stat. Oper. Retainer	Mark Smith, Carl Gercie & George Cupon	\$275/qtr
Recycling Coordinator	Thomas Fey	\$2,000
Registered Municipal Clerk	Laurie A Barton	\$64,000
School Crossing Guard	Shirly Courter & Anna Hall	\$26.00 / day
Senior Public Works Repairer	Charles Olah	\$79,363
Sewer C-2 Operator	James Hill, Frey Engineering	Voucher \$2,410
Tax Assessor	Kathy Degan	\$18,950
Tax Collector	Carrie Rochelle	\$22,025
Tax Search Officer	Carrie Rochelle	\$605
Utility Collector	Lorraine Rossetti	\$14,000
Zoning Officer	Kevin Duddy	\$4,090
Mileage allow personal car, contractual or		\$.51 cents/mile

Motion seconded by Councilman Gara, Questions-discussions ensued regarding the positions of Air Quality and Emergency Equipment Operator and changes were made to the Emergency Equipment Operator and made part of motion to change to \$25.00 per hour. Motion to adopt the above stated resolution with changes as discussed, by Councilwoman Tarsi and seconded by Councilman Gara, roll call: Ayes: Dunwell, Gara, Savary and Tarsi. Nays: none.

Motion made by Councilwoman Tarsi to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2011-56
RESOLUTION OF THE ALPHA BOROUGH COUNCIL
APPROVING THE RENEWALS OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE PERIOD
JULY 1, 2011-JUNE 30, 2012 FOR THE FOLLOWING LICENSES.**

WHEREAS, the liquor licenses noted below require approval for the period July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Alpha that the following liquor licenses be and hereby are approved for the period stated:

<u>License No.</u>	<u>Licensee</u>	<u>Type of License</u>
2102-44-002-004	Raturaj Enterprise Inc.(Alpha Liq. Store)	Plenary Retail Distribution
2102-33-001-009	Charlie Brown's	Plenary Retail Consumption
2102-33-003-003	Alpha Sub	Plenary Retail Consumption

Motion seconded by Councilman Dunwell, roll call: Ayes: Dunwell, Gara, Savary and Tarsi. Nays: none.

Motion made by Councilwoman Tarsi to approve the following resolution waiving the municipal fee:

RESOLUTION 2011-57
RESOLUTION OF THE ALPHA BOROUGH COUNCIL
APPROVING THE RENEWALS OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE PERIOD
JULY 1, 2011-JUNE 30, 2012 FOR THE FOLLOWING LICENSES.

WHEREAS, the liquor licenses noted below require approval for the period July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Alpha that the following liquor licenses be and hereby are approved and with the municipal fee waived for the period stated:

<u>License No.</u>	<u>License</u>	<u>License Type</u>
2102-31-008-001	Alpha Volunteer Fire Co.	Club License

Motion seconded by Councilman Dunwell, roll call: Ayes: Dunwell, Gara, Savary and Tarsi. Nays: none.

Motion made by Councilwoman Tarsi to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2011-58
RESOLUTION IN REM TAX FORECLOSURES
TAX CERTIFICATES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpha holds a Tax Certificate or Certificates more specifically set forth in the annexed, which pertain to property within the Borough of Alpha specifically Block 100, Lot 4; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha has determined that said Tax Certificate(s) shall be foreclosed by summary proceedings in rem.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

That the Tax Certificate(s) now held by the Borough of Alpha, be foreclosed by summary process In Rem pursuant to New Jersey law and as described in N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.29, et. seq., as amended, and pursuant to the Rules of Civil Practice of the Superior Court of New Jersey.

Motion seconded by Councilman Dunwell, roll call: Ayes: Dunwell, Gara, Savary and Tarsi. Nays: none.

Motion made by Councilwoman Tarsi to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-59
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
BOROUGH OF ALPHA'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha have determined that a Celebration program for the Borough of Alpha's 100th Anniversary would be and is appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha have openly and publicly bid such lease pursuant to New Jersey law; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Council supports the discharge of the 100th Anniversary fireworks plan and program, and will ensure that local fire department trucks

are on hand for both June 25th and June 26th, 2011, with the firework display taking place on June 26, 2011 in the corn field adjacent to the Borough's park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute all necessary documents.

Motion seconded by Councilman Dunwell, roll call: Ayes: Dunwell, Gara, Savary and Tarsi. Nays: none.

Departmental Reports

Administration, Councilman Craig Dunwell: Councilman Dunwell discussed the options for the Land Use Board meeting that is scheduled for July 20th regarding the asphalt plant and the possibility of holding the meeting at the school.

Land Use Board Chairman, Tom Seiss stated that a cost will be associated with this if it is moved to the school and asked if the Borough will be picking up the costs and stated that he will discuss this tomorrow at his meeting.

Councilman Dunwell continued on with his report and stated that he is working on the website and added that he does not want to spend any more of borough money and will try updating the website in-house. In closing, Councilman Dunwell approved all bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Finance, Councilman Chris Pfefferle: The issue of the installing solar panels on borough property was discussed. Councilman Dunwell asked Engineer, Shelley McGregor if she had an experience on solar system projects. In closing, Councilman Dunwell approved all bills, salaries and wages for the Finance Department in the absence of Councilman Pfefferle.

Health & Welfare, Councilman Alex Zikas: No report. Councilman Gara approved all bills, salaries and wages for the Health & Welfare department in the absence of Councilman Zikas.

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

Public Works, Councilwoman Klara Tarsi: Councilwoman Tarsi gave a brief report of the recent activities with the road department employees with regard to chipping, grass cutting and a sewer back-up in Pohatcong Township. Councilwoman Tarsi stated that the well that had been abandoned at the ball park has been completed and is closed.

Councilwoman Tarsi requested fifteen minutes in executive session for contractual and personnel. In closing Councilwoman Tarsi approved all bills, salaries and wages for her department.

Councilman Dunwell inquired about how many water meters have been installed. Councilman Savary asked for the final cost on the closing of the well.

Committee Reports

100th Anniversary: Councilwoman Tarsi stated that a meeting will be held this Thursday. Letters were sent to all of council to march in the parade. Invitations have also been sent to former mayors to ride in a car during the parade.

Councilwoman Tarsi reported on the dinner dance and stated if anyone needs a ticket to see her. The governor had sent a letter recognizing the borough's anniversary. The historical book has been completed. The price to purchase one is \$25.00 and will be for sale at the dinner dance. Councilman Savary inquired about the historical book having council's (present) picture in the book and Councilman Dunwell asking if the 1976 Alpha Colts being in the book. Councilwoman Tarsi stated that neither was in the book. Councilman Savary asked why council was not given the opportunity to proof the book before it went to print. Discussions ensued.

Insurance: Councilwoman Tarsi updated council on new regulations regarding hazardous materials, PEOSH, and OPRA.

Professionals & Officials Reports

Mayor: Council-President Gara stated that he will need five minutes in executive session for contractual. Councilman Savary inquired about a letter mayor and council received regarding a request for a speed hump. Discussions ensued regarding the legality, the noise it would incur and to have that area in question monitored for speeders. Police Chief, Paul Hager stated that the area was monitored for speed violators and nothing was found to indicate this was a high area for speeders.

Fire Department, Chief Charles Bodogh: Mr. Bodogh updated council on meetings that have occurred with Linde at the Industrial park where the fire occurred.

Mr. Bodogh stated that the old Mack Truck for the fire department is in disrepair and the fire department will be down one truck by the end of the year.

Plans are set for the parade and to control traffic and stated that there will be a safety zone designated in conjunction with the fireworks and that no one will be allowed past the zone.

Attorney, Christopher Troxell: Mr. Troxell requested fifteen minutes in executive session for personnel and potential litigation and contractual.

Engineer, Shelley McGregor: Ms. McGregor distributed the engineer's report and briefed the Mayor and Council on updates regarding various projects.

CFO, Lorraine Rossetti: Mrs. Rossetti reported on reconciliations for her department and briefed council on a seminar she attended regarding pensions. Mrs. Rossetti discussed with Mayor and Council a position entitled pension administrator supervisor which is now required. The consumer confidence report is currently at the printer and should be back by the end of the week. Shut off notices were discussed. Mrs. Rossetti stated that they have all been paid. Mrs. Rossetti discussed the inquiry from the owner of the apartment building complex and his request to receive the same credit as the residential customers are receiving. Further discussions ensued. Discussions of an additional fee in the ordinance to apply for bounced checks. Councilwoman Tarsi stated that the bills for the 100th anniversary will be held until next Wednesday. Councilwoman Tarsi stated that she has changes to the bill list. Mrs. Rossetti questioned the resolution for the prosecutor that was adopted and cited that the amounts are different in the resolution than what is listed in the budget.

At this time Councilman Dunwell requested ten minutes in executive session to discuss contractual (for Councilman Pfefferle).

Recycling Coordinator, Tom Fey: Mr. Fey reported that the recycling report has been filed with the state and county.

Public Comment

Lou Cartabona, 119 5th Avenue, inquired about hydrants missing numerous pieces of paint from them. Mr. Cartabona volunteered to remedy this by re-painting them if the Borough needed someone to do this.

Tim Mellert, North Boulevard stated that if they needed a brush hog in the field to clear a small spot out of where corn has been planted so that the fireworks could be set up and to not to destroy more of the crop.

Rene Pesaresi stated that the old ice skating rink is full of water. Councilman Savary stated that pieces of the curb will be taking out to drain it.

Timothy Mihursky inquired about if the history book will be available for sale after the anniversary.

Tom Fey, East Boulevard, inquired about the police contract and asked what the expiration of that contract is. Mr. Fey expressed his frustrations of Council for deciding to take down a historical part of Alpha, the pedestrian bridge in which he stated he is against taking it down.

Payment of Bills and Claims:

Motion made by Councilwoman Tarsi to make the director's reports part of the minutes, motion seconded by Councilman Dunwell. *Roll call*; roll call: Ayes: Ayes: Dunwell, Gara, Savary and Tarsi. Nays: none.

Councilwoman Tarsi made a motion that the CFO be authorized to pay all bills with amendments authorized by the director. Councilman Gara seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes: Ayes: Dunwell, Gara, Savary and Tarsi. Nays: none.

Motion made by Councilwoman Tarsi that the CFO be authorized to pay all salaries and wages approved by directors seconded by Councilman Dunwell. Roll call: Ayes: Ayes: Dunwell, Gara, Savary and Tarsi. Nays: none.

Executive Session-1 Hour

Motion made by Councilwoman Tarsi to approve the following resolution to go into executive session for one hour:

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 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.

Motion seconded by Councilman Gara, all was in favor.

Regular Session

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

Adjournment: 11:04 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Barton, R.M.C