

Mayor Hanics called the Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22, 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:

Craig Dunwell of 1159 Seventh Avenue asked that it be documented in the minutes why the last council meeting was cancelled, who was unable to attend and who was available. Mayor Hanics indicated Councilman H. Zikas, Councilman A. Zikas, and Councilman Gara could not attend the last meeting and the meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum (*with Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Tarsi, and Councilman Hajdu available to attend*). Further discussions ensued.

Mrs. Kowalczyk from 491 Ringwood St, in Pohatcong Township read a statement to council regarding a fire hydrant near her and her husband's home.

Charles Bodough, Jr. of 714 East Central Avenue asked about posting regarding the dump being closed the week of clean up.

Lou Cartabona of 1119 Fifth Avenue discussed the signage during clean up when the dump was closed. He asked about the paving work being done on Third Avenue. He gave an update regarding upcoming OPRA rule changes. He requested an email be sent out when council meetings are cancelled. He asked about the resolution regarding council

meetings and agenda format for the month. He said he would like to continue the dialog regarding water/sewer bill rates. The meeting to discuss this subject will be at 6pm on July 27th, 2010. He commented on the Washington Borough July 4th parade.

Jason Sarnoski, winner of the Republican primary election for Warren County Freeholder introduced himself and stated he is getting himself up to speed and we can expect to see more of him if he is elected.

Executive Session:

Councilman H. Zikas made a motion to approve the following resolution to go into executive session for fifteen minutes for contractual:

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***
- 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.

Roll call; Ayes; Councilman Gara, Councilman Savary, Councilman H. Zikas,

and Councilwoman Tarsi. Nays; None.

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

Ordinances:

Councilwoman Tarsi made a motion to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2010-57
CANCELLATION OF UNEXPENDED**

GENERAL CAPITAL BALANCES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpha funded Improvements to Roads through Current Fund Budget Appropriations in 2009 and 2007,

WHEREAS, a remaining balance of that funding exists and is needed for additional municipal improvements,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer to cancel a portion of the unexpended balance in the account listed below to General Capital Fund Balance.

Account Name	G/L Account Number	Balance
Improvements to Roads Equipment \$20,000.00	0-04-226-55-000-002	

CERTIFICATION

I, Laurie 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 June 22, 2010 and that said Resolution was adopted by not less than the legal vote needed of the members of the Council.

Laurie Barton, Borough Clerk

Witness my hand and seal of the Borough of Alpha

this 22nd day of June, 2010.

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

Councilwoman Tarsi made a motion to introduce the following ordinance, noting the public hearing will be held July 13, 2010:

ORDINANCE 2010-08
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR

2009 ROAD PROGRAM REPAVING IN THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA AND APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$30,000 FROM THE 2010 BUDGET AND GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Borough of Alpha, in the County of Warren, in the State of New Jersey, authorizes the roadway repaving of portions of Alpha Street, Ellen Street, Myrtle Street, Vulcanite Avenue and the Municipal Building parking lot, for the Borough of Alpha to be additionally funded from the sources specified in Section 2 of the Ordinance.

Section 2. The additional amount of \$30,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the following funds and accounts: \$10,000.00 from the 2010 Municipal Budget, Capital Line Item titled Improvements to Roads, and \$20,000.00 from the General Capital Line Item Fund Balance for the purposes stated in Section 1 of the Ordinance.

Section 3. In connection with the purpose and the amount authorized in Sections 1 and 2 hereof, the Borough determines the purpose described in Section 1 hereof is not a Current Expense and is an improvement which the Borough of Alpha may lawfully make as a general improvement.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon due passage and publication according to law and is specifically intended to fund additional unforeseen costs related to a higher than anticipated repair of base for paving.

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 06/22/10 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 07/13/10 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.

CERTIFICATION

I, Laurie 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 an Ordinance adopted by the Common Council at a meeting of said Common Council on June 22, 2010 and that said Ordinance was adopted by not less than the legal vote needed of the members of the Council.

Laurie Barton, Borough Clerk

Witness my hand and seal of the Borough of Alpha

This 22nd day of June, 2010

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

Resolutions:

Councilwoman Tarsi made a motion to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 10-55
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA
TO PERMIT TEMPORARY PLACEMENT OF
A WORK TRAILER ON A PAPER STREET**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey has reviewed Job 8, LLC's need to place a trailer on a public right-of-way at the easterly end of Vulcanite Avenue near the railroad bed; and,

WHEREAS, Job 8, LLC desires to utilize a telecommunication facility trailer in implementing and performing preliminary work in running fiber optic cable along a specific route, near the railroad, all for public utility purposes; and,

WHEREAS, this placement of a trailer is to be temporary and in the best interests of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Alpha that Job 8, LLC shall be granted a temporary permit or license to have its telecommunication facility trailer occupy a public right-of-way – the easterly end of Vulcanite Avenue near the railroad bed – for a period of up to six months with the understanding that Job 8, LLC will restore the public property to its original condition upon removing the trailer (such removal to be within thirty (30) days after completion of the work); and Job 8, LLC will name the Borough of Alpha as an insured with liability insurance coverage of not less than Five Million Dollars and no 00/100 (\$5,000,000.00) per occurrence, which Job 8, LLC shall provide proof to the Borough of Alpha as soon as possible.

CERTIFICATION

I, Laurie Barton, RMC 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 June 22, 2010.

Laurie Barton, RMC

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

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

**RESOLUTION 2010-56
RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA, WARREN
COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN REGARD TO COUNCIL MEETINGS AND
AMENDING AGENDA FORMAT**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby amends the format of their regular meetings and the agenda to reflect the changes; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that a Bill Paying Meeting of the Governing Body of

the Alpha Borough Council shall be held at 7:00pm prevailing time, on the SECOND Tuesday and a REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING on the FOURTH Tuesday of each month (unless noted otherwise due to scheduling conflict) for the months of July, August and September, except when said meetings shall be duly advertised according to Section 13 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231. The dates of said meetings are as follows:

July 13(Bill Paying), July 27(Regular Meeting)

August 10 (Bill Paying), August 24(Regular Meeting)

September 14(Bill Paying), September 28(Regular Meeting)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all meetings shall be held at the Borough Municipal Building, 1001 East Boulevard, Alpha, NJ 08865 and are open to the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the format for bill paying meetings (Second Tuesday of each month) of Council be as follows:

AGENDA

Call to Order

Prayer & Salute to the Flag

Roll Call

Bid Openings (*if applicable*)

Public Comment

Payment of Bills & Claims

Adjournment

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the format for regular meetings (fourth Tuesday of each month) of Council be 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 June 22, 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 Gara seconded. Roll call; Ayes; Councilman Gara, Councilman Savary, and Councilman H. Zikas. Nays; Councilwoman Tarsi. Vote was 3-1 therefore this resolution will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilwoman Tarsi made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for 5/11/2010 and 5/25/2010. Councilman H. Zikas seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Councilwoman Tarsi made a motion to approve and hold the executive session minutes from 5/11/2010 and 5/25/2010. Councilman H. Zikas seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Department Reports:

Administration, Councilman H. Zikas: No report. Councilman H. Zikas approved all bills, salaries, and wages for his department.

Finance, Councilman Hajdu: Not present. Councilman Hajdu came in before meeting and signed and approved all bills, salaries, and wages for his department.

Health & Welfare, Councilman Savary: Councilman Savary read the health report. He stated clean up went very well. Mayor Hanics checked with him on the status of the tonnage report. Councilman Savary approved all bills, salaries, and wages for his department and requested five minutes in executive session for personnel.

Public Property, Councilman A. Zikas: Not present. Councilman H. Zikas approved all bills, salaries, and wages for this department.

Public Safety, Councilman Gara: Councilman Gara gave the safety report. Councilman Gara gave a briefing regarding a study and possible grant for flood issues in

the Borough. He requested five minutes in executive session for personnel and approved all bills, salaries, and wages for his department.

Mayor Hanics presented emergency contact magnets from Chief Hager for the public.

Public Works, Councilwoman Tarsi: Councilwoman Tarsi recommended a damaged tree be removed at the water tower. Discussions ensued. Councilwoman Tarsi stated they need new meters and reading equipment, but will address at next meeting when all are here. Councilwoman Tarsi approved all bills, salaries and wages for her department.

Committee Reports:

Councilwoman Tarsi announced the next 100th Anniversary Committee meeting will be held July 8th, 2010 at 7:30pm here at the municipal building.

Professionals & Official Reports:

Mayor, Edward Hanics, Jr.: Mayor Hanics asked if a quote had been received from Cooper Alarm. He asked if all received the memo regarding sexual harassment and training. He requested to DPW Supervisor, Charlie Olah, to put a different latch on shredding machine. Mayor Hanics requested twenty minutes in executive session for litigation and personnel.

Police Department, Chief Paul J. Hager: Not present, Councilman Gara covered items for this report.

Fire Department, Charles Bodough, Jr.: Chief Bodough reported calls for May/June. He said the 100th Anniversary parade in Lopatcong Township was well done. He requested that overgrown trees and bushes in the Borough be trimmed back. Discussions ensued.

Emergency Squad: No report. Will have presentation at next meeting regarding senate bill requiring two paid E.M.T.'s be present during each call. Questions will be addressed.

Attorney, John Caleca (in for Christopher Troxell): No report.

Engineer, Shelly McGregor (in for Stanley Schrek): Ms. McGregor gave a recommendation regarding the hydrant in Pohatcong Township that the Kowalczuk's previously commented about during the public comment. Discussions ensued. Ms. McGregor read the Engineer's updates and reports.

CFO, Lorraine Rossetti: Ms. Rossetti noted that the audit started today, a little late. The June reconciliations are on hold due to audit. A notice was posted for new postage meter on July 1st, the training will be between 9am-11am. Ms. Rossetti gave the water and sewer report including updates about meter reading issues and shut-off notices.

Deputy Clerk, Christy Vishnesky (in for Laurie Barton): No report.

Payment of Bills & Claims:

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

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

P.O. Type: All Age: First to Last Format: Condensed				Open: N Head: Y Stat: Y	Recv: Y Appr: N State: Y	Paid: N Void: N Other: Y	
PO #	PO Date	Vendor	PO Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	PO Type
10-00196	02/15/10	EHRLI	EHRlich, INC.	2009 Vegetation Control	Open	2,935.00	0.00
10-00257	05/05/10	POH2SL	TOWNSHIP OF POHATCONG	Police Coverage April-Dec 2010	Open	45,460.00	0.00
10-00259	05/05/10	VERI DSL	VERIZON ONLINE	2010 DSL Internet Service	Open	75.39	0.00
10-00260	05/06/10	VITAL	VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC	2010 HD TV/CAMA Fees Apr-Dec	Open	100.00	0.00
10-00334	06/09/10	SCOFI	GEN. SCHFIELD CO., INC.	4/28 Infield Mtx for AYAA	Open	789.25	0.00
10-00337	06/09/10	VITAL	VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC	Farmland Assessmnt form #41081	Open	30.00	0.00
10-00338	06/09/10	GIBBO	GIBBONS & ASSOCIATES	Bond Ordinance Prep for WTP	Open	251.69	0.00
10-00340	06/09/10	CUSTO	CUSTOM HOME RENOVATIONS	Alpha Park roof repair	Open	575.00	0.00
10-00341	06/09/10	MCBAL	MO DIVISION OF ALCOHOL & BEV	Liquor License Renewal Apps	Open	71.00	0.00
10-00343	06/09/10	COGPR	COOPER ALARM SYSTEMS	Smoke sensor to protect panel	Open	258.00	0.00
10-00344	06/10/10	STAPL	STAPLES	Clerk office supplies	Open	122.97	0.00
10-00351	06/16/10	STARL	STAR LEDGER	1/29 Notice to bidders-garbage	Open	156.12	0.00
10-00354	06/16/10	YCTAW	TOWNSHIP OF SUSSEX & WARREN COUNTY	TCTA Quarterly meeting-CIC/CFO	Open	50.00	0.00
10-00359	06/16/10	OLAH	CHARLIE OLAH	2010 Clean Community Curator	Open	500.00	0.00
10-00360	06/16/10	POLLU	POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING	6/11 Town clear up disposal	Open	683.28	0.00
10-00362	06/16/10	BCS	BCS, LLC	6/10 Sulfuric Acid 835741830	Open	3,082.15	0.00
10-00362	06/16/10	VERIZ	VERIZON WIRELESS	5/5-7/3 Municipal cell phones	Open	228.83	0.00
10-00363	06/16/10	JCPAL	JCP&L	June electric & street lights	Open	2,584.94	0.00
10-00364	06/16/10	DOG	MO DEPT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SER	May state dog report	Open	7.40	0.00
10-00365	06/16/10	WASTE	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NJ	May garbage disposal	Open	4,986.29	0.00
TL purchase Orders: 20 Total P.O. Line Items: 31				Total List Amount:	63,136.91	Total Void Amount:	0.00

Old Business:

Councilman Savary discussed the way the minutes are printed. The Deputy Clerk stated she had already discussed this issue with the Municipal Clerk and determined they would be printed in regular sized print for easier reading.

New Business:

Councilman Gara made a motion that a notice be sent to all residents who need to trim back their trees and shrubs that are overgrown throughout the Borough. Councilman Savary seconded the motion. Roll call; Ayes; Councilman Gara, Councilman Savary, Councilman H. Zikas, and Councilwoman Tarsi. Nays; None.

Executive Session: Thirty minutes

Councilman H. Zikas made a motion to approve the following resolution to go back into executive session for thirty minutes for contractual 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.

- 5. The public shall be excluded from discussion(s) of the hereinafter specified subject matter(s).**
- 6. The general nature of the subject matter(s) to be discussed is: *Contractual and Personnel***
- 7. 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.**
- 8. Action may or may not be taken after executive session.**

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Tarsi, all were in favor.

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

Motion made by Councilman H. Zikas to approve the following pavilion application with alcohol:

Pavilion ~ Torres ~ 08/08/2010 ~ Birthday Party w/ alcohol

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

Adjournment: 9:08pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Vishnesky, Deputy Clerk