

Council-President, Harry Zikas Jr. called the Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10, 2010.

Council-President, Harry Zikas Jr. announced that adequate notice of the meeting was given to the Express-Times 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 Express-Times and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Clerk's office a notice containing the date, time, and place of this special meeting of the Borough Council. Also said notice has been mailed to persons requesting the same.

Council-President, Harry Zikas Jr. led prayer and the salute to the flag.

Roll Call: Councilman Gara, Councilman Hajdu, Councilman Savary, Councilwoman Tarsi, Councilman H. Zikas, and Borough Clerk, Laurie A. Barton. Also present, Borough Attorney, Christopher Troxell. Absent: Mayor Hanics and Councilman A. Zikas.

Public Comment

Lloyd Best, 1000 Dewey Avenue commented on the use of the pedestrian bridge and expressed his opinion on preserving the bridge.

Alex Hogan, 757 Pursel Street, discussed the AYAA's haunted hayride which will run on October 22nd, 23rd, 29th and the 30th at the park and expressed the desire of the AYAA using the pool house also.

Mr. Hogan also inquired about a camp out for the cub scouts at the pavilion on September 11th.

Resolution

Motion made by Councilwoman Tarsi to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2010-68

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF DEPOSIT ON-SITE

THROUGH PNC BANK

WHEREAS, PNC Bank offers a service termed "Deposit On-Site" at no charge to its customers, including the Borough of Alpha;

WHEREAS, through a provided desk top scanner check images will be transmitted directly by Borough of Alpha employees to PNC Bank for deposit processing for the Borough of Alpha;

WHEREAS, this service enables the banking day to be extended; and

WHEREAS, this service will save time, improve efficiency, and improve security for the internal depositing process;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha in the County of Warren, New Jersey, that Borough of Alpha employees already authorized to make deposits at PNC Bank—including CFO Lorraine Rossetti, Clerk Laurie Barton, and Tax Collector Carrie Emery—are hereby authorized to engage in the above-referenced service through PNC Bank and execute all necessary documentation upon review by the Borough Attorney.

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

The Borough Attorney stated he will need fifteen minutes in executive session for litigation and contractual. Councilman Savary stated he will need five minutes in executive session for personnel and Council-President Harry Zikas stated he will have a twenty minute executive session for contractual.

Payment of Bills, Claims and Salaries

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: Gara, Hajdu, Savary, Tarsi and H. Zikas. Nays: none.

Councilman Gara made a motion that the CFO is authorized to pay all salaries and wages approved by the director, Councilwoman Tarsi seconded. Roll call: ayes: Gara, Hajdu, Savary, Tarsi and H. Zikas. Nays: none.

PO #	PO Date	Vendor	PO Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	PO Type
09-00644	10/21/09	AQUA	AQUA NEW JERSEY	6/25-9/28/09 Hydrant Charges	Open	36.54	0.00
10-00014	01/25/10	LOPAT	TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG	2010 Assessor Air Cards	Open	14.35	0.00
10-00045	02/01/10	AQUA	AQUA NEW JERSEY	water hydrant rentl 9/28-12/28	Open	36.54	0.00
10-00158	03/05/10	TRITE	DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERV	2010 New Copier Lease Ricohmp	Open	274.98	0.00
10-00203	04/06/10	MRJON	MR JOHN	April thru August potties	Open	205.24	0.00
10-00231	04/21/10	AQUA	AQUA NEW JERSEY	12/28-3/25/10 Hydrant Rental	Open	36.54	0.00
10-00255	05/05/10	CINTAS	CINTAS CORPORATION LOC 101	2010 Rug Service 4/26-12/31/10	Open	136.10	0.00
10-00256	05/05/10	HEALTH	STATE OF NJ HEALTH BENEFITS	Employee Medical Benefit 2010	Open	7,351.07	0.00
10-00258	05/05/10	TROXE	CHRISTOPHER M. TROXELL, ESQ	2010 Retainer April-December	Open	3,750.00	0.00
10-00261	05/06/10	WASTE	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NJ	2010 Garbage Collectn Apr-Dec	Open	11,683.00	0.00
10-00318	05/28/10	JIORL	JIORLE'S OFFICE SUPPLIES	Paper towels & court supplies	Open	170.05	0.00
10-00367	06/24/10	HOME	HOME DEPOT/GEFC	Street general supplies	Open	195.77	0.00
10-00406	07/09/10	JIORL	JIORLE'S OFFICE SUPPLIES	clerk paper supplies	Open	135.81	0.00
10-00409	07/21/10	HOME	HOME DEPOT/GEFC	keys, shut off valve	Open	52.99	0.00
10-00410	07/22/10	EXPRES	EXPRESS-TIMES	6/12-6/26 Advertising	Open	757.40	0.00
10-00411	07/22/10	AQUA	AQUA NEW JERSEY	3/25-6/25/10 Hydrant rental	Open	36.54	0.00
10-00417	07/22/10	CCP	CCP INDUSTRIES	2 pairs safety glasses	Open	154.66	0.00
10-00418	07/22/10	PAGAN	FRANK PAGANO	Fix A/C in F250 pick up	Open	366.00	0.00
10-00419	07/22/10	ONECA	ONE CALL CONCEPTS	June 2010 mark outs	Open	4.28	0.00
10-00420	07/22/10	FRIENDLY	FRIENDLY TREE SERVICE	7/9 remove tree & stump-purse	Open	1,400.00	0.00
10-00423	07/22/10	BROWNELL	IRENE BROWNELL	7/12 Court admin assistance	Open	60.00	0.00
10-00423	07/22/10	GARYGRAY	GARY W. GRAY TRUCKING	6/11-6/22 clean up dumpsters	Open	2,115.00	0.00
10-00443	07/27/10	GFOA	G.F.O.A. OF NJ	Fall Conference 9/22-9/24	Open	325.00	0.00
10-00444	07/27/10	SHERATON	SHERATON ATLANTIC CITY	GFOA Fall conference	Open	477.00	0.00
10-00445	07/27/10	HOME	HOME DEPOT/GEFC	Paint, rollers & lumber	Open	317.50	0.00
10-00448	08/04/10	HOME	HOME DEPOT/GEFC	sm roller, wire brush & water	Open	70.21	0.00
10-00450	08/04/10	ROCHE	CARRIE J EMERY	bill labels & mileage	Open	27.99	0.00
10-00452	08/06/10	QC	QC, INC.	7/9 & 7/15 water testing	Open	80.00	0.00
10-00453	08/06/10	JCPL	JCP&L	7/16-7/29 elect & st light	Open	8,292.05	0.00
10-00454	08/06/10	HASSL	ASCOM HASSLER/GE CAP PROG	7/27 add postage for tax bills	Open	500.00	0.00
10-00455	08/06/10	CUPON K	KATHERINE CUPON	6/18/10 meeting fee	Open	30.00	0.00
10-00456	08/06/10	TRENJ	TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	april-june state training fees	Open	386.00	0.00
10-00457	07/30/10	PAYRO	PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	7/30/10 Current Fund Payroll	Open	9,157.46	0.00
10-00458	07/30/10	PAYRO	PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	7/30/10 Utility Fund Payroll	Open	7,974.95	0.00
10-00459	07/30/10	PAYRO	PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	7/30/10 Grant Fund Payroll	Open	1,615.69	0.00
10-00460	08/06/10	VANCL	VANCLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATE	June engineering	Open	6,968.10	0.00
10-00461	08/06/10	VANCL	VANCLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATE	June Alpha 519 escrow engin	Open	480.00	0.00
10-00462	08/06/10	COUN	COUNTY OF WARREN TREASURER	2010 3rd Quarter County Tax	Open	294,033.68	0.00
10-00463	08/06/10	COUNT	COUNTY OF WARREN TREASURER'S	2010 3rd Qtr County Open Space	Open	35,773.33	0.00
10-00464	08/06/10	ALBOA	ALPHA BOARD OF EDUCATION	2010 School Tax	Open	562,414.60	0.00
Total Purchase Orders: 40				Total P.O. Line Items: 83	Total List Amount: 957,896.42	Total Void Amount: 0.00	

A fifteen minute break at 7:15 p.m. was taken.

Bid Openings-Garbage and Recycling Bids

Attorney Troxell opened the bids received for the Garbage and Recycling and stated that only two bids were received from Raritan Valley and Waste Management. Mr. Troxell read the bid amounts and asked for a motion to accept the bids for attorney review. Motion made by Councilwoman Tarsi to accept the two bids for attorney review, Councilman Savary seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Executive Session-40 minutes

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

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.

Motion seconded by Councilman Gara, all were in favor.

Regular Session

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

(Councilman Savary did not return for the remainder of the regular meeting.)

Motion made by Councilwoman Tarsi to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2010-69

CONFLICT ATTORNEY

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

1. John Caleca, Esq. is hereby retained as Attorney exclusively to act on the Borough of Alpha's behalf in the event the Municipal Attorney should have an appearance of conflict or actual conflict, including with the negotiation of contracts with Phillipsburg and Lopatcong.
2. This retainer is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law as provided by *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5* because it requires service performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and it is not possible to obtain competitive bids.
3. The fee shall be at the rate of \$110.00 per hour.
4. A copy of this resolution shall be published in the Star Gazette, Hackettstown, New Jersey as required by law within 10 days of passage.

Motion seconded by Councilman Gara, Roll call: ayes: Gara, Hajdu, Tarsi and H. Zikas.

Nays: none.

Council-President Harry Zikas at this time commended the Clerk for going above and beyond her job responsibilities and taking Mr. Clarence Deemer down to Trenton for his retirement conference and she did this on her own time and on vacation, and on behalf of Council, Council-President H. Zikas wished to commend her and thank her.

The Clerk responded that it was a pleasant car ride and he (Clarence Deemer) is full of knowledge and it was also cumbersome for a man with that amount of years with the Borough (retiring) and stated that she was not looking for any special recognition and thanked those present on Council.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Barton, RMC