

Mayor Edward Hanics called the Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 2010.

Mayor Edward Hanics 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.

Mayor Edward Hanics led prayer and the salute to the flag.

Roll Call: Gara, Savary, Tarsi, A. Zikas and H. Zikas and Borough Clerk, Laurie Barton.

Absent: Hajdu. Also present, Borough Attorney, Christopher Troxell and CFO, Lorraine Rossetti.

Public Comment

Craig Dunwell 1159 7th Avenue discussed the discolored water at his home for the past month. Lengthy discussions ensued regarding the water lines and the type of water line. Mr. Dunwell expressed his mothers concern who is the owner of the property about the cost of replacing the lines and the water would still be discolored. Mayor Hanics advised Mr. Dunwell to tell his mother to not go through the process of replacing the lines just yet being that there could be just a break in the line. Mayor Hanics will have Charlie Olah of the Department of Public works do a flush of the system and go from there.

Mr. Dunwell also discussed the 2009 Road Improvement Project and the engineering fees of this project and questioned why bills were paid for in 2009 for something that wasn't done until April or May of 2010. Lengthy discussions ensued regarding billing from the Engineer and if it was double billing. Mayor Hanics stated that the Engineer needs to be here to answer these questions. CFO, Lorraine Rossetti briefly explained the billing from the Engineer and that it is usually one month behind in receiving their bills and explained about professional services billing.

Mr. Dunwell also inquired about the bond ordinance that was passed regarding the water treatment project and inquired about why a bond ordinance was done for a grant application. Mr. Dunwell also inquired about \$150,000.00 authorizing this spending for the design of the water treatment plan and what exactly is this money being spent on. CFO, Lorraine Rossetti stated that the money was specifically inserted in the operational budget authorizing the spending. Further discussions ensued regarding the type and size of the water treatment plant for the project. Councilwoman Tarsi stated that the professionals who made up the design will be asked to come to the next meeting to explain it further and discuss an alternative. Water rates compared to Aqua was discussed. Further discussions ensued regarding the bond ordinance and monies paid out to the Engineer for the water treatment plant project. Mr. Dunwell stated that he thinks having a public hearing should be done regarding the project. Mayor Hanics agreed and supports public hearings.

Alex Hogan, AYAA discussed his request to use the old pool house for a haunted house fundraiser in October. Insurance and safety concerns were discussed regarding the use of the building as was having the proper exits, lighting and fire suppression.

Approval of Pavilion permit: Lehigh Valley Cloggers for September 19, 2010

Motion made by Councilman A. Zikas to approve the foregoing pavilion permit waiving the fee, motion seconded by Councilman H. Zikas, roll call: Ayes: Gara, Savary, A. Zikas and H. Zikas. Abstain: Tarsi.

Bills & Claims

Councilman H. Zikas made a motion that the CFO be authorized to pay all bills authorized by the directors. Councilwoman Tarsi seconded the motion. Roll call: ayes: Gara, Savary, Tarsi, A. Zikas and H. Zikas. Nays: none.

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

PO #	PO Date	Vendor	PO Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount		
10-00472	08/19/10	BIRDSALL	BIRDSALL SERVICES GROUP	Water Treatment Plan Design	Open	18,495.00	0.00	
10-00487	08/23/10	HOME	HOME DEPOT/GECF	Cleaning Supplies & Valve	Open	145.43	0.00	
10-00489	08/31/10	PAGAN	FRANK PAGANO	Repair J/D 955 tractor steering	Open	310.00	0.00	
10-00490	08/31/10	BITTONE	BITTONE TIRE & SERVICE CENTER	repair tire on McCormick tract	Open	40.28	0.00	
10-00491	08/31/10	WCSCE	WARREN CTY SERVICE CENTER INC	Repair J/D 935 & 325	Open	2,136.45	0.00	
10-00493	08/31/10	LEECO	THE LEE COMPANY	6' curb box key inv 01313796	Open	87.36	0.00	
10-00494	08/31/10	NAPA	NAPA AUTO PARTS	F250 parts to repair A/C	Open	168.00	0.00	
10-00496	08/31/10	FINCH	FINCH FUEL OIL CO., INC.	8/5 diesel fuel delivery	Open	1,433.79	0.00	
10-00499	08/31/10	ES2	ES2 ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS &	P'burg/Sewer meter replacement	Open	2,531.00	0.00	
10-00504	09/01/10	BROWNELL	IRENE BROWNELL	8/16 substitute admin for court	Open	60.00	0.00	
10-00505	09/01/10	RTG2	RTG 2, LLC	1/2 day grinder 8/18/10	Open	800.00	0.00	
10-00506	09/01/10	PURS	LEO PURSEL JR.	Meal allowance 8/21/10	Open	20.00	0.00	
10-00507	09/01/10	OLAH	CHARLIE OLAH	Meal Allowance 8/20 & 8/21	Open	40.00	0.00	
10-00508	09/01/10	HALLEY	RICH HALLEY	safety green pocket t-shirts	Open	444.00	0.00	
10-00510	09/01/10	NJCTBA	NJCTBA-KIM ROGGENKAMP, REG	County Tx Board Assoc Confernc	Open	141.66	0.00	
10-00511	09/01/10	STAPL	STAPLES	CFO printer toner Q5942A	Open	166.99	0.00	
10-00512	09/01/10	NJN	NJN PUBLISHING	Res 10-69 s2529213000 8/19/10	Open	31.01	0.00	
10-00513	09/07/10	MAILFIN	MAIL FINANCE	New postage meter lease WJ65	Open	390.00	0.00	
10-00515	09/08/10	DOG	NJ DEPT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SER	August 2010 State Dog Report	Open	4.20	0.00	
10-00516	09/08/10	FRUST	ARTHUR FRUSTACI	Outside Lien Redeption	Open	2,773.46	0.00	
10-00517	09/08/10	HASSL	ASCAM HASSLER/GE CAP PROG	8/16/10 add postage to meter	Open	499.95	0.00	
10-00518	09/08/10	STPWT	STATE OF NEW JERSEY-PWT	water system tax due 9/20/10	Open	27.28	0.00	
10-00519	09/08/10	PNCBA	PNC BANK, N.A.	final BAN wire payment	Open	56,113.30	0.00	
10-00520	09/08/10	DELAW	DELAWARE RIVER JOINT TOLL	add to toll account for DPW	Open	50.00	0.00	
10-00521	08/31/10	PAYRO	PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	8/27/10 Current Fund Payroll	Open	16,183.35	0.00	
10-00523	08/27/10	PAYRO	PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	8/27/10 Utility Fund Payroll	Open	11,088.16	0.00	
10-00524	09/08/10	LSI	LINE SYSTEMS, INC	August 2010 local & long distn	Open	501.39	0.00	
10-00525	09/08/10	ELIZGA	ELIZABETHTOWN GAS	7/9-8/10 gas heat	Open	153.85	0.00	
10-00526	09/08/10	VERI	VERIZON	8/10-9/9 garage phone 454-3143	Open	224.75	0.00	
10-00527	09/08/10	QC	QC, INC.	7/23 bac/ph/chlrne/hard1230155	Open	40.00	0.00	
10-00528	09/08/10	JCPL	JCP&L	8/16-8/31 electric & st light	Open	9,273.28	0.00	
10-00529	09/08/10	WASTE	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NJ	August 2010 garbage disposal	Open	4,906.72	0.00	
10-00530	09/08/10	BCS	BCS, LLC	8/30 sulfuric acid SI5776510	Open	3,193.53	0.00	
10-00531	09/08/10	VANCLE	VANCLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATE	7/5-8/1 capital & general	Open	7,237.90	0.00	
10-00532	09/08/10	VANCLE	VANCLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATE	escrow 10-002 1557 Springtwn	Open	180.00	0.00	
10-00533	09/09/10	HOME	HOME DEPOT/GECF	Ryobi tool kit	Open	276.97	0.00	
10-00534	09/10/10	BITTONE	BITTONE TIRE & SERVICE CENTER	Repair backhoe back tire	Open	66.46	0.00	
10-00535	09/10/10	OWL	OWL CONTRACTING	2009 road paving cert #2	Open	28,763.41	0.00	
10-00536	09/10/10	LEHIGH	LEHIGH VALLEY SITE CONTRACTORS	Edge road 2% retainage	Open	28,243.87	0.00	
Total Purchase Orders:		39	Total P.O. Line Items:	86	Total List Amount:	197,242.80	Total Void Amount:	

Motion made by Councilman H. Zikas to continue the bill paying meetings to the first meeting of the month (amending agenda Resolution) motion seconded by Councilman Gara to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2010-81
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 remaining months of October, November and December (if applicable), 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:

October 12th (bill paying), October 26th (regular meeting)

November 9th (Regular meeting)
December 7th (bill paying) December 14th (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

Roll Call: Ayes: Gara, Savary, A. Zikas and H. Zikas. Nays: Tarsi.

Executive Session-Fifteen Minutes Personnel/Litigation/Contractual

Motion made by Councilman H. Zikas to approve the following resolution to go into executive session:

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.
Action may or may not be taken after executive session

Motion seconded by Councilman Gara, all were in favor.

Return to regular meeting

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

Councilwoman Tarsi discussed the letter regarding the State's Best Practices checklist that all municipalities are required to complete. Councilwoman Tarsi reminded everyone to attend the Warren County League meeting on September 30th in which everyone received a notice of the upcoming meeting.

The Clerk was instructed to send the CFO a letter tomorrow to have her hold up on sending in the checklist. Attorney Troxell recommended that the Council vote on the best practices checklist.

Motion made by Councilman Savary to approve the following resolution awarding the garbage contract to Waste Management:

**RESOLUTION 2010-72
RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR
SOLID WASTE, GARBAGE, REFUSE AND
CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION WITHIN
THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA
TO WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha have determined that the collection of solid waste, garbage, refuse, and curbside recycling from all designated sites and locations within the Borough of Alpha be performed by an outside vendor under a contract to the lowest, qualified bidder, pursuant to New Jersey law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha have openly and publicly bid such contract for the term of October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2015, pursuant to New Jersey law; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpha has received the lowest, qualified bid from Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc.; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the said contract for the collection of solid waste, garbage, refuse, and curbside recycling from all designated sites and locations within the Borough of Alpha is hereby awarded to Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc., pursuant to Option #3, having submitted the lowest bid as follows:

Year 1 Solid Waste - \$149,292.00; Recyclables - \$34,392.00

Year 2 Solid Waste - \$153,768.00; Recyclables - \$35,412.00

Year 3 Solid Waste - \$158,376.00; Recyclables - \$36,468.00

Year 4 Solid Waste - \$163,116.00; Recyclables - \$37,560.00

Year 5 Solid Waste - \$168,000.00; Recyclables - \$38,676.00

Total: Solid Waste - \$792,552.00; Recyclables - \$182,508.00

Grand Total:\$975,060.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Clerk and Borough Attorney are authorized to execute all necessary documents to effectuate the contract after approval by counsel, including the contract and having the clerk send the successful bidder notice to return the executed contract, performance bond, vehicle dedication affidavit or statement and an affirmative action statement and send notice to the NJDEP.

Motion seconded by Councilman Gara Roll Call: Ayes: Gara, Savary, A. Zikas and H. Zikas. Nays: Tarsi. Nays: none.

Mayor Hanics announced he will be out of town from tomorrow morning until Sunday and Council-President H. Zikas stated he will be out of town from Friday through Sunday and Councilwoman Tarsi will be in charge during that time.

Councilman Savary inquired about questions being asked during a motion before a resolution is adopted.

Adjournment 8:19 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Barton, P.M.C