

Mayor Hanics called the Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2014.

Mayor Hanics announced that adequate notice of the meeting was given to the Star Gazette and/or 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 8, 2014, the Municipal Clerk delivered to the Star Gazette and/or The Express-Times and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, a notice containing the date, time and place of this meeting of the Alpha 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 Cartabona, Councilman Rooks, Councilwoman Schwar, Councilman Schwar, Councilman Seiss and Councilman Zikas. Also present, Attorney Christopher Troxell and Laurie Barton, Clerk.

Public Comment

Theresa Pfefferle, Realtor, (*representing client for a purchase of property on 4th Avenue*), discussed the 4-ton vehicle ordinance and asked if Council would consider revising the ordinance to today's standard use of heavy duty trucks currently rated at 6-ton, in which her client currently drives. After lengthy discussions, Councilman Zikas recommended that the Engineer review the current ordinance and come up with what needs to be changed and bring it up for public hearing to amend it.

Mike Savary, Park Ave., asked about having a tax book put back in hallway for people to look at. Mr. Savary also inquired about cars still being snow covered and not moved.

Jim Pfeiffer, East Central Ave., stated that there are five street lights out. Mayor Hanics advised Mr. Pfeiffer to get the pole numbers so that it can be reported to the electric company.

Charles Bodogh, East Central Avenue, recommended Council to look at Philipsburg ordinance regarding overweight vehicles.

Ordinance-2nd Reading

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2014-01, motion seconded by Councilman Zikas, all were in favor.

Motion made by Councilman Zikas to close the public hearing, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona, all were in favor.

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to adopt Ordinance 2014-01, motion seconded by Councilman Zikas. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none.

ORDINANCE 2014-01
AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE 2014 SALARY RANGES
FOR ALL OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA.

Section I

BE IT ORDAINED 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, and State of New Jersey named herein:

Administrative Clerk	\$15.00 - \$20.00/hr
Air Quality	\$1.00-\$2000
Animal Control Officer	\$4,000 - 7,500
Building Service Worker	\$13.00 – 18.50/hr
Chief Financial Officer	\$60,000 - 80,000
Clean Communities Coord.	\$1.00-\$500
Clean Community Worker	\$8 - \$16/hour
Clerk/Typist P/T	\$10.00 – 18.00/hr
Construction Official	\$15,000 - 24,000
Code Enforcement Officer	\$2,000 - 5,000
Court Attendant	\$50 - \$150/per session
Court Clerk	\$10.00 - \$16.00/hr
Court Clerk Call Out	\$20.00 - \$50.00 per call
Court Security	\$50.00 - \$200.00 per session
Council member	\$1,500 -3,000
Deputy Borough Clerk	\$13.00 – 18.50/hr
Emergency Mgmt Coordinator	\$1,500 -3,000
Emergency Mgmt Deputy	\$250 – 1,000
Emergency Equipment Operator	\$12.00-30.00/hr
File Clerk	\$8.50-12.00/hr
Fire Inspector	\$500 – 1,500
Housing Liaison	\$1,000-2,500
Insurance Fund Commissioner	\$1 - 500
Land Use Board Secretary	\$5,000-16,000
Mayor	\$1,500 - 3,500
Supervising Library Assitant	\$35,000 - \$48,000
Library Page	\$10 - \$15/ hour
Municipal Court Administrator	\$10,000 – 15,000
Municipal Judge	\$5,000 – 10,000
Municipal Prosecutor	\$2,000 – 5,000
Laborer I	\$25,000 - \$35,000
Laborer II	\$33,000 - \$43,000
Laborer III	\$38,000 - \$50,000
Park Attendant I	\$9.00-12.00/hr
Park Attendant II	\$10 - \$15/hour
Plumbing Sub-Code Off/Inspector	\$1,000 - \$5,000
Public Defender	\$100 – 150 per use
Public Works Repairer II	\$50,000.00 - 55,000
PW Superintendent/Lic Water Operator	\$7,500 – 25,000
Public Works Repairer I	\$55,000 - 65,000
Pumping Station Operator	\$10.00-15.00/hr
Pumping Stat. Operator Retainer	\$200 - 300 per qtr
Recycling Coordinator	\$2,000-6,000
Registered Municipal Clerk	\$60,000-\$70,000
School Crossing Guard	\$20 - 30/day
Senior Public Works Repairer	\$65,000 – 85,000.00
Sewer C-2 Operator	\$8,000-16,000
Tax Assessor	\$15,000 – 20,000
Tax Collector	\$17,500 – 25,000
Tax Search Officer	\$500 – 1,000
Utility Collector	\$1,000 – 18,000

Water Meter Repairer	\$9 - \$25/hour
Zoning Officer	\$2,000 – 5,000
mileage allowance personal car	.30 -.65/mile
911 Coordinator	\$1.00-\$250.00

Section II

Longevity: \$500-2,500.00 per contract

Section III

Any ordinance or sections of the ordinance of the Borough of Alpha, New Jersey inconsistent herein shall be and the same hereby repealed.

Section IV

This ordinance shall become effective retro to January 1, 2014

Ordinance 1st Reading

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to introduce Ordinance 201-02 with a public hearing scheduled for February 25th, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none.

**ORDINANCE 2014-02
BOROUGH OF ALPHA
ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA AMENDING
AND SUPPLEMENTING CODE SECTION 248
LICENSED OCCUPATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Alpha desires to amend a portion of Chapter 248, Licensed Occupations and amend its Code accordingly;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Alpha in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey that “Section 248, Licensed Occupations” be amended, in part, and supplemented as follows:

§ 248-1 Terms defined.

Commencement of Business

Commencement of a business shall be defined as the first instance when a business communicates with the public either by sign, flyer, advertisement or any other form of communication whether electronic, verbal or printed that their business entity has a product or service available while located within the Borough limits.

§ 248-3 Appointment; term; powers and duties.

The Borough License Officer shall be the Code Officer of the Borough of Alpha and shall be appointed for a term of one year by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council of the Borough of Alpha, and, when so appointed, he shall exercise the powers and duties prescribed in this chapter. The Council of the Borough of Alpha may, by resolution, fix the salary to be paid to such Borough License Officer or may incorporate same in the Code Officer’s salary.

§ 248-25 Mercantile license fees.

B. Any continuing business that fails to renew their license by January 31st shall be subject to a late fee of \$75. Any continuing business that further fails to renew by February 28th shall also be subject to an additional late fee of \$25 for each month thereafter.

C. Any new business, subject to this section, that has not obtained the required license within 30 days of the commencement of the business, shall be subject to a late fee of \$50 and an additional late fee of \$25 for each 30 day period thereafter.

D. In addition to late fees to be imposed pursuant to above subsections, B and C, any individual or entity that conducts business without a license after being notified in writing, of the requirement to obtain the same, shall be subject to the fines and penalties outlined in Section 248-31, Violations and Penalties.

§ 248-31 Violations and penalties.

In addition to the provisions for revocation, the Borough License Officer, Code Officer, the Chief of the Borough's police provider, any police officer of the Borough's police provider, or any taxpayer or resident of the Borough may make complaint in the Municipal Court of the Borough of Alpha for any violation of this chapter or any article, section, paragraph or provision thereof. Upon conviction in such case, for each and every violation, the person or entity committing, taking part or assisting in such violation or violations shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,250, a period of community service not exceeding 90 days, or any combination thereof, in the discretion of the Judge of the Municipal Court. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

This Ordinance shall take effect after adoption and publication thereof as provided by law.

NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha held on January 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., and was passed on final reading after public hearing thereon at a regular meeting of the Alpha Council of the Borough of Alpha held in the Council Chambers, Alpha Municipal Bldg., 1001 East Blvd., Alpha, New Jersey on February 25, 2014 and shall take effect according to law.

Motion made by Councilman Zikas to introduce Ordinance 2014-03 with a public hearing scheduled for February 25th, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks. Questions: Councilwoman Schwar stated her concerns with the wording of the ordinance. Motion to table the ordinance made by Councilman Seiss, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks, roll call: Ayes: Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: Cartabona.

**ORDINANCE 2014-03(TABLED)
BOROUGH OF ALPHA
ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA AMENDING
AND SUPPLEMENTING CODE SECTION 116-22
SNOW AND ICE EMERGENCY PARKING REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Alpha desires to amend a portion of Chapter 116-22, Snow and Ice Emergency Parking Regulations; violations and penalties, and amend its Code accordingly;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Alpha in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey that "Section 116, Snow and Ice Emergency Parking Regulations; violations and penalties" be amended and supplemented as follows:

§ 116-22 Snow and ice emergency parking regulations; violations and penalties.

- A. Definition of snow/ice emergency. A snow or ice emergency for parking purposes shall be in effect upon the forecast of more than two inches of snow and/or ice upon paved or concrete streets in the Borough of Alpha, as declared by the Mayor or the Mayor's designee.
- B. Parking in a snow/ice emergency.
 - 1. In the event of a snow or ice emergency, all motor vehicles shall be removed from the street(s) to driveways or other suitable off-street locations where same are available.
 - 2. In the event that any off-street parking is unavailable, any affected motor vehicles shall park on only one side of the street. If the snow emergency is declared on an even-numbered date, said parking shall only be permitted on the side of the streets with even-numbered addresses. If the snow emergency is declared on an odd-numbered date, said parking shall only be permitted on the side of the streets with odd-numbered addresses.
- C. Violations and penalties. Any violation of this article shall, upon conviction, be punishable by a fine not exceeding the maximum allowed by law.

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Motion made by Councilman Schwar to introduce Ordinance 2014-4 with the public hearing for February 25th, motion seconded by Councilman Zikas. Roll call: Ayes: Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: Cartabona.

**ORDINANCE 2014-04
BOROUGH OF ALPHA
ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA AMENDING
AND SUPPLEMENTING CODE SECTION 125
ALARM SYSTEMS**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Alpha desires to amend a portion of Chapter 125, Alarm Systems and amend its Code accordingly;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Alpha in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey that "Section 125, Alarm Systems" be amended, in part, and supplemented as follows:

§ 125-2 Registration permit required.

- A. Any person who desires to own, operate, lease or maintain an alarm system within the Borough shall file a registration permit annually for a fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to be paid to the police service provider. The permit shall contain the location of the alarm system, the installer's name and address, the type of device, information relating to false alarms and testing procedures, a list of names and addresses and telephone numbers of persons to be contacted, and those who will respond in the event of an alarm, and such other information as may be required by the police service provider.
- B. The police service provider shall issue a registration permit or make the appropriate internal account for the ownership, operation or maintenance of an alarm system to any person desiring to own, operate, lease or maintain an alarm system if the police service provider is satisfied that the registration information is complete and that the alarm system is capable of being operated in conformance with this chapter. Special conditions may be made, if this is deemed necessary.
- C. A registration permit shall be valid only for the calendar year in which it is issued, provided that all required amendments thereto have been filed. A registration permit shall automatically terminate upon a change in occupancy for the premises for which the permit was issued.
- D. Any permit granted thereunder shall be accepted upon the express condition that the registrant shall indemnify and hold the Borough harmless from and on account of any and all damages arising out of the activities of the registrant or its alarm contractor.

§ 125-3 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ALARM SYSTEM

Any device employed to call attention to or provide warning by any person or by fire, smoke, flood or other peril, whether the same provides a visual or audio response, alarm or warning.

AUDIBLE ALARM

An alarm system which when activated emits a sound which can be heard beyond the boundaries of the premises on which it is located.

DIAL ALARM

That type of automatic telephone dialing service using the telephone system to transmit an alarm of intrusion, fire, smoke, flood or other peril to the police service provider or any third party.

DIRECT ALARM

An alarm device which has a direct line to the police service provider.

FALSE ALARM

Any alarm or signal of an alarm activated by inadvertence, negligence, the intentional or unintentional act of a person other than an intruder, and including alarms caused by mechanical failure, malfunction or improper installation of the alarm system and related equipment. False alarms shall not include activations caused by power or phone line interruptions, where such interruptions have been reported to the Borough of Alpha or its police service provider.

LOCAL ALARM

Any alarm device, other than a direct or dial alarm, which when activated produces an external emergency signal.

PERSON

Any individual, person, firm, association, partnership, corporation, organization, business entity or club.

REGISTRANT

Any person owning, operating, leasing or maintaining an alarm system within the scope of this chapter, who has been issued a registration permit or completed and submitted the proper documentation to the police service provider to operate and maintain such alarm system.

§ 125-4 Applicability.

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to any person who owns, operates, leases or maintains any alarm system situated within the Borough if the alarm system has an audible signaling device which requires a response by the police service provider, Alpha Fire Department, Emergency Squad or other Borough agency. The provisions of this chapter shall in no way prohibit service by a private source to persons within or outside the Borough, so long as such activity is not in violation of this chapter, and provided further that any person owning, operating, leasing or maintaining a premises protected by an alarm system shall be responsible for the registration thereof in accordance with this chapter.

§ 125-5 Alarm console.

Intentionally Deleted.

§ 125-6 Maintenance of system; disconnection of malfunctioning systems.

All components of an alarm system shall be maintained in good repair and shall operate in a proper manner. When evidence exists that there has been failure to comply with the maintenance and operation requirements of this chapter, the police service provider shall then be authorized to demand that such alarm system be disconnected until such time as compliance with the provisions of this chapter has been established. The police service provider shall have the right to disconnect any malfunctioning equipment from any alarm system until such time as the malfunction has been corrected and the alarm system is operating in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

§ 125-7 Time limit for audible alarms.

All audible signaling devices shall be equipped with a timing device to limit the sounding of the signaling device to 15 minutes or less.

§ 125-8 False alarms.

- A. In the case of a false alarm or of improper maintenance or operation of an alarm system, any person having knowledge thereof shall immediately notify the police service provider. The police service provider shall cause an investigation to be made of all false alarms and of all improper maintenance or operation of alarm systems and shall keep a record of such false alarms on file. For such alarms, the following penalties shall prevail:
 1. For the first and second false alarm in the same calendar year, a warning will be issued.

2. For the third and fourth false alarm in the same calendar year, a service fee of \$50 per false alarm shall be paid to the Borough.
3. For the fifth and/or all subsequent false alarms in the same calendar year, a service fee of \$100 per false alarm shall be paid to the Borough.

B. Where the investigation of the police service provider discloses a continuous disregard by the owner for taking remedial steps for avoiding false alarms or for continuous failure to maintain or operate an alarm system properly, the police service provider shall have the right to require disconnection of the alarm system for a limited or permanent time, giving the owner an opportunity to show cause to the police service provider why such action should not be taken. A person aggrieved by the decision of the police service provider shall have the right to appeal said decision to the Borough Council within 10 days of the decision.

§ 125-9 Violations and penalties.

Any person or entity found to violate any of the terms or provisions of this chapter or who shall commit or do any act or thing prohibited in this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof before the Municipal Court, be subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,250.

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Resolutions

Motion made by Councilwoman Schwar to approve Resolution 2014-34, motion seconded by Councilman Schwar. Roll call: Ayes: C. Schwar and M. Schwar. Nays: Rooks, Seiss and Zikas. Abstain: Cartabona.

**RESOLUTION 2014-34 (FAILED)
BOROUGH OF ALPHA, WARREN COUNTY
URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO
IMPLEMENT A WATER USAGE TAX**

WHEREAS, The Highlands Water and Protection Act was passed by both houses of the New Jersey Legislature and signed into law on August 10, 2004 by Governor James McGreevy; and

WHEREAS, The Highlands Water and Protection Act designated areas to be in the “preservation” or “planning” areas; and

WHEREAS, the Act reads, “The Legislature finds and declares that the national Highlands Region is an area that extends from northwestern Connecticut across the lower Hudson River Valley and northern New Jersey into east Central Pennsylvania; that the national Highlands Region has been recognized as a landscape of special significance by the United States Forest Service; that the New Jersey portion of the national Highlands Region is nearly 800,000 acres, or about 1,250 miles, covering portions of 88 municipalities in seven counties; and

WHEREAS, The Act additionally reads, “The Legislature further finds and declares that the New Jersey Highlands is an essential source of drinking water, providing clean and plentiful drinking water for one-half of the State’s population, including communities beyond the New Jersey Highlands, from only 13 percent of the State’s land area”; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren is located in both the Preservation and Planning Areas; and

WHEREAS, the value and equity of the land has decreased dramatically for those property owners in the Borough and Highlands Act region; and

WHEREAS, the Borough also is restricted in bringing economic opportunity, jobs and growth forcing existing taxpayers to pay higher amounts due to lack of growth and smart development ; and

WHEREAS, areas located outside of the “Highlands Area” are using highlands resources without paying or compensating those affected communities:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, strongly urge the New Jersey State Senate and General Assembly to craft a bill which would charge those who use Highlands Area water to compensate those communities impacted by the Act,
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Mayor and Council of Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, will forward this resolution to the Legislature and the Highlands Council.

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve Resolution 2014-35, motion seconded by Councilman Seiss. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2014-35
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 an 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 *NJSA 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 a rate not to exceed or at \$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 made by Councilwoman Schwar to approve resolution 2014-36, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2014-36
REDEMPTION**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Borough of Alpha has advised the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, that the following property has been redeemed within five (5) years of the tax sale and a premium of \$21,500 was paid at the time of sale,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough of Alpha Council this 28th day of January 2014 that a refund be made to the certificate holder as noted:

US Bank Cust for ProCap III, LLC
50 South 16th Street, Suite 1950
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Block 11, Lot 3
Certificate 201303
\$21,500

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve resolution 2014-37, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2013-37
LIEN REDEMPTION
CERTIFICATE #201303**

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 28th day of January 2014, that refunds are made to the certificate holder as noted:

US Bank Cust for ProCap III, LLC
50 South 16th Street, Suite 1950
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Block 11, Lot 3 – 954 Sigsbee Avenue
Certificate #201303
\$14,855.53

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Councilman Zikas to approve and hold executive session minutes: 10/22, 11/12, 12/30, 01/14. Motion seconded by Councilman M. Schwar, all in favor with the exception of Councilman Seiss abstaining on 10/22 and 11/12.

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to add Resolution 2014-38 to the agenda, motion seconded by Councilman Zikas, all were in favor.

Motion made by Councilwoman Schwar to approve Resolution 2014-38, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2014-38
WATER UTILITY OPERATOR**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council desire to ensure that the Borough's water utility is well maintained and that the quality of water is acceptable under state resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is need of a licensed water operator licensed by the State of New Jersey for the Borough Water Utility; and

WHEREAS, Remington & Vernick Engineers has a professional licensed water operator affiliated with its firm, namely Jeffrey Whalen; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey hereby appoint Jeffrey Whalen as the Borough's licensed water operator, for the firm of Remington & Vernick Engineers, at an annual fee of \$18,000.00 for the calendar year 2014 (to be paid on a monthly basis), including the job duties of Public Works Superintendent and Licensed Water Operator, upon certification of funds by the Borough CFO.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law as provided by *NJS*A 40A: 11-5 because it requires service performed by a person authorized by law to practice as a recognized profession and it is not possible to obtain competitive bids.

Department Reports

Administration, Councilman Harry Zikas: Councilman Zikas reported on updating the website information that was received from the Land Use Board Secretary.

Councilman Zikas also added that the phone system will be updated and will work with the Clerk on February 4th.

Councilman Zikas reported back on the issue of Mrs. Korp. Councilman Zikas stated he spoke with Kevin Duddy who will seek permission to go on the roof of the building to take a look at the issue.

In closing, Councilman Zikas approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Councilwoman Schwar inquired about any social media policy.

Finance, Councilman Michael Schwar: Councilman Schwar reminded Council that they are running on a temporary budget, and if there are major purchases, they would need to wait until budget is adopted.

Councilman Schwar asked for a date to be picked for the next budget meeting. Councilman Schwar expressed the concerns of the Tax Collector for resolutions being added by her to meetings after cut off time, and stated that these can be expected and be an exception to the policy.

In closing, Councilman Schwar approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Health and Welfare, Councilman Millard Rooks: Councilman Rooks announced that the leaf dump area will be closed until further notice due to non residents illegally dumping.

In closing, Councilman Rooks approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Councilman Rooks requested ten minutes in executive session for personnel and ten minutes for contractual.

Discussions ensued regarding having a sign installed to the dump area and the cameras working at the salt shed.

Public Property, Councilwoman Carol Schwar: Councilwoman Schwar opened the discussion of the pool reopening. Councilwoman Schwar discussed a previous quote received last year from former Councilman Savary on what the cost would be , not including drain covers or electric, nor does it include the snack stand, which Councilwoman Schwar added needs total renovation.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the bathroom facilities and the condition of the concrete.

Continuing on with her report, Councilwoman Schwar stated that the fire suppression was inspected at the field house which passed. A representative from Trane came in to look at the system, no report received yet.

Councilwoman Schwar inquired about finishing the road at the quarry and added that she knows one contractor that wants to do the job.

In closing, Councilwoman Schwar approved all bills, salaries and wages for her department.

Public Safety, Councilman Louis Cartabona: Councilman Cartabona discussed advertising for a deputy OEM Coordinator and will review the ad before it goes in paper. In closing, Councilman Cartabona approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Public Works, Councilman Tom Seiss: Councilman Seiss stated he met with the new Water Operator as well as the former operator with regard to the third phase of the project.

Councilman Seiss discussed the issue of the pipe at the Pursel Street pump house and what the costs would be for a new one compared to sandblasting the current one.

Discussions ensued on ways to fund the repair and looking at a new water tank.

Councilman Seiss continued on with the rest of his report stating a water break occurred on Ringwood Street in Pohatcong Township.

Prices were given for more key fobs and having them installed on more doors. Cameras at salt shed are ineffective and will look into moving the one camera.

Snow on sidewalks and the responsibility of the homeowners was discussed.

The ad was finalized for the DPW help wanted ad, the Clerk will be instructed to advertise it.

Councilman Seiss reported that he will miss the next Council meeting.

In closing, Councilman Seiss approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Professionals and Officials Reports

Attorney, Christopher Troxell: Mr. Troxell stated emails were sent today regarding a resolution for the next meeting for an agenda change.

Engineer, Stephanie Cuthbert: Mrs. Cuthbert updated Council on the report that was distributed regarding projects they are currently working on.

CFO, Lorraine Rossetti: Mrs. Rossetti stated that she is 98% done with closing the current and utility fund. Mrs. Rossetti stated she anticipates the auditors coming in early next month.

Clerk, Laurie Barton: Mrs. Barton stated that dog and cat renewals are being done and that minutes are presently being worked on.

Public Comment

Charles Bodogh, East Central Ave., inquired about the salary ordinance having the wrong year. The Clerk confirmed that it should state 2014.

Tracy Grossman, 7th Ave., brought up the issue of speeders again on 7th Avenue and stated she knows someone who showed interest in renting the pool for their swim team.

Stephanie Cuthbert stated that the issue of a stop sign (7th Avenue) was looked at and determined that it cannot be done.

Lengthy discussions ensued regarding what other avenues to take to suppress speeders.

Tim Mellert, North Blvd., asked if some of the mulch that is grinded can be kept for the residents to use in their gardens.

Mr. Mellert also discussed a flooding problem behind Mr. Lacaruba's property on Springtown Road.

Mike Savary, Park Ave., inquired about having enough room to put a tower at Pursel St.

Mr. Savary asked if a bill list could be available on the agenda. Mr. Savary also inquired about getting the rest of the water meters installed. Councilman Seiss stated that they are being worked on and noted that some problems were that they were installed backwards. Mr. Savary asked Council to keep in mind that the pool is not supposed to be supported by tax dollars.

Charles Bodogh, East Central Avenue, stated that the pool wasn't self sufficient from day one.

Payment of Bills and Claims

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to have the director's reports part of the minutes, motion seconded by Councilwoman Schwar. Roll call: Ayes Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none.

Motion made by Councilman Rooks to have the CFO authorized to pay all bills approved by the director's, motion seconded by Councilwoman Schwar. Roll call: Ayes Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none.

Motion made by Councilman Seiss that the CFO be authorized to pay all salaries and wages approved by the Directors, motion seconded by Councilwoman Schwar. Roll call: Ayes Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none.

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P.O. Type: All
Range: First to Last
Format: Condensed

Open: N
Rcvd: Y
Bid: Y

Paid:
Held:
State:

Void: N
Aprv: N
Other: Y Exempt: Y

FINAL BILL LIST

PO #	PO Date	Vendor	PO Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	PO Type
13-00761	12/09/13	DONNELL R.R. DONNELLEY	REG 42-A Certified Copy Paper	Open	28.50	0.00	
13-00765	12/13/13	ATLSA ATLANTIC SALT	12/13 Salt for Roads	Open	2,623.97	0.00	
13-00774	12/05/13	NEOPOST NEOPOST USA	Annual Postage ACH Fee	Open	50.00	0.00	
13-00809	12/31/13	FLEMD FLEMINGTON DEPARTMENT STORE	1/8 Contract Saftey Shoes	Open	149.95	0.00	
13-00810	12/31/13	FLEMD FLEMINGTON DEPARTMENT STORE	1/8 Contract Safety Shoes	Open	144.95	0.00	
13-00811	12/31/13	METZE METZ & SON ELECTRICAL, INC	1/2 Test Volt - Well Pump	Open	109.50	0.00	
13-00822	12/31/13	NAPA CARVER'S AUTO PARTS OF WC	Inv #911708 Hoses & Fittings	Open	153.25	0.00	
14-00002	01/01/14	VERIZ VERIZON WIRELESS	12/5-1/4 Cell Phone Bill	Open	100.37	0.00	
14-00004	01/14/14	GENER GENERAL CODE LLC	01/14 Inv #BILL011760 Updates	Open	640.21	0.00	
14-00006	01/01/14	TOPLINE TOP LINE	1/2013 Cert #2 Alpha Prg West	Open	28,441.70	0.00	
14-00007	01/01/14	AMBIENT THE AMBIENT GROUP, LLC	12/2013 Vault Removal	Open	5,084.85	0.00	
14-00008	01/01/14	NAPA CARVER'S AUTO PARTS OF WC	Tractor Battery & Misc Parts	Open	186.22	0.00	
14-00009	01/01/14	NAPA CARVER'S AUTO PARTS OF WC	12/31 Hydraulic Hoses & Fluid	Open	320.68	0.00	
14-00010	01/01/14	FREY ENG FREY ENGINEERING, LLC	Nov 2013 Engineering Services	Open	12,683.55	0.00	
14-00017	01/01/14	JCPL JCP&L	11/22-1/20 Electric Bills	Open	2,730.70	0.00	
14-00013	01/01/14	ELIZGA ELIZABETHTOWN GAS	12/12-1/11 Propane Bills	Open	480.33	0.00	
14-00014	01/01/14	AMGAS AMERIGAS - CLINTON 7510	11/1 Propane-Sewer Pump House	Open	1,762.60	0.00	
14-00016	01/01/14	VANCLE VANCLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATE	Dec 2013 Eng Svs - Lee Ave Ped	Open	308.27	0.00	
14-00017	01/01/14	QC, INC.	12/11 Inv #1573894 Water Tests	Open	750.00	0.00	
14-00018	01/01/14	PENNB PENN BOWER	12/21 Inv #5348 Water Line Rpr	Open	3,606.00	0.00	
14-00024	01/01/14	REMINGTO REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS	Dec 2013 Engineering Services	Open	36,308.90	0.00	
14-00025	01/24/14	DONS DON'S AUTO REPAIR	Parts for Tractor & Blower	Open	650.00	0.00	
14-00026	01/10/14	PAYRO PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	1/10/14 Current Fund PR	Open	15,261.53	0.00	
14-00027	01/10/14	PAYRO PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	1/10/14 Utility Fund PR	Open	3,783.14	0.00	
14-00029	01/01/14	PUBLI PUBLIC ALLIANCE INS. COVERAGE	2014 PAIC 1st Installment	Open	31,307.00	0.00	
14-00030	01/14/14	MUNCL MUNICIPAL CLERK'S ASSOCIATION	2014 Mun Clerk's Assoc Dues	Open	100.00	0.00	
14-00031	01/14/14	NJSTA NJ STATE LEAGUE MUNICIPALITIES	NJSLOM Seminar 4/23 - Clerk	Open	75.00	0.00	
14-00032	01/01/14	COUN COUNTY OF WARREN TREASURER	2012/2013 Added Assesments	Open	252.85	0.00	
14-00033	01/01/14	COUN COUNTY OF WARREN TREASURER	2014 1st Qtr County Taxes	Open	323,695.67	0.00	
14-00034	01/01/14	COUNT COUNTY OF WARREN TREASURER'S	2014 1st Qtr Cty Open Spc Tax	Open	23,605.89	0.00	
14-00035	01/01/14	SAFE TREASURER-STATE OF NEW JERSEY	2014 Water Allocation Permit	Open	3,880.00	0.00	
14-00036	01/01/14	NJSTA NJ STATE LEAGUE MUNICIPALITIES	2014 NJLM Member Dues - Clerk	Open	322.00	0.00	
14-00038	01/15/14	LSI LINE SYSTEMS, INC	Jan 2014 Telephone Bill	Open	605.07	0.00	
14-00040	01/22/14	PURS LEO PURSEL JR.	1/3 & 1/21 Meal Reimb-Contract	Open	60.00	0.00	
14-00041	01/22/14	OLAH CHARLIE OLAH	1/3-1/21 Meal Reimb - Contract	Open	100.00	0.00	
14-00042	01/16/14	QC, INC.	1/6-1/8 Water Testing	Open	129.00	0.00	
14-00044	01/24/14	PAYRO PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	1/24/14 Current Fund PR	Open	19,322.37	0.00	
14-00045	01/24/14	PAYRO PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	1/24/14 Utility Fund PR	Open	3,858.64	0.00	
14-00046	01/24/14	PAYRO PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	1/24/14 Animal Fund PR	Open	550.64	0.00	
14-00047	01/23/14	USBANK US BANK CUST FOR PRO CAPITAL	1/28 Lein Redemp Cert#201303	Open	14,855.53	0.00	
14-00048	01/24/14	USBANK US BANK CUST FOR PRO CAPITAL	1/28 Cert #201303 Premium Rdmp	Open	21,500.00	0.00	
14-00049	01/14/14	ELIZGA ELIZABETHTOWN GAS	12/12-01/11 Propane Bills	Open	1,474.47	0.00	
14-00050	01/15/14	ACTION ACTION DATA SERVICES	Jan 2014 Payroll Services	Open	113.00	0.00	
14-00051	01/15/14	EAS EAS BY ACTION DATA	Jan 2014 Payroll Services	Open	43.15	0.00	
14-00053	01/01/14	STPWT STATE OF NEW JERSEY-PWT	2013 4th Qtr Water System Tax	Open	166.00	0.00	
Total Purchase Orders: 46				Total P.O. Line Items: 131	Total List Amount: 562,375.54	Total Void Amount: 0.00	

Old Business

Councilman Schwar made a motion to purchase a fire truck through the 2014 budget through whatever means best for the Borough using the fire department committee and their recommendation as to their specifications, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar and Zikas. Nays: none. Abstain: Seiss.

Councilman Seiss asked for clarification on committees with how they were formed and how they run. Councilman Seiss stated it was his understanding that they were formed for negotiations not day to day operations. Mayor Hanics confirmed that that was how it still is.

Mayor Hanics also added that the directors are in charge of the day to day operations and if the director is out of town the deputy would then be in charge but stressed that the Directors are the ones who handle the operations of their department.

New Business

Motion made by Councilman Zikas to approve pavilion permit: Caccese -Date: 07-19-14 with alcohol, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks. Roll call: Ayes: Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none. Abstain: Cartabona.

Motion made by Councilman Zikas to approve pavilion permit: Tanfani -Date: 06-28-14 with alcohol, motion seconded by Councilman Seiss. Roll call: Ayes: Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none. Abstain: Cartabona.

Executive Session

Motion made by Councilman Zikas to approve the following resolution to go into executive session for 20 minutes, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona, all were in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Alpha that the public shall be excluded from an executive session for approximately __ hour(s), 20 minutes, allowing for a five (5) minute recess between the regular session and the executive session.

Return to Regular Session

Motion made by Councilman M. Schwar to return to regular session, motion seconded by Councilman Zikas, all were in favor.

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to approve Resolution 2014-32, motion seconded by Councilman M. Schwar. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none.

RESOLUTION 2014-32 APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISING LIBRARY ASSISTANT FOR THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Governing Body hereby create or formally recognize the position of Supervising Library Assistant within the Borough of Alpha; and

WHEREAS, the term of office commencing on January 1, 2014 with the salary set at a current salary of \$47,770.00 for calendar year 2014 (*without addressing prior years*).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Alpha hereby appoints Carla Roselle as Supervising Library Assistant.

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to approve Resolution 2014-33, motion seconded by Councilwoman C. Schwar. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2014-33
APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY PAGE
FOR THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Governing Body hereby create or formally recognize the position of Library Page within the Borough of Alpha: and

WHEREAS, the term of office commencing on January 1, 2014 with the salary set at a current hourly rate \$14.38 per hour for calendar year 2014 (*without addressing prior years*).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Alpha hereby appoints Myrna Minardi as Library Page.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before Council at this time, on motion made by Councilman Zikas and seconded by Councilwoman Schwar this meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Barton, R.M.C

