

Mayor Hanics called the Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2014.

Mayor Hanics announced that adequate notice of the meeting was given to 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 Star Gazette and/or 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, and Councilman Zikas. Also present, Attorney John Caleca (in for Attorney Troxell), Laurie Barton, Clerk and CFO, Lorraine Rossetti. Absent: Councilman Seiss

#### *Public Comment*

Beth Toth, South Blvd., asked of the DPW could get rid of the snow before the next storm comes. Mayor Hanics replied that the snow is frozen and would be difficult to move and risks damaging the equipment.

Mike Savary, South Blvd., briefly discussed the snow ordinance in its present form. Mr. Savary brought up the following issues; a tax book available for the public, the upcoming snow storm, using the firehouse as a shelter and having a generator installed.

Councilman Cartabona responded on the issue of a generator and replied that a grant was received for a generator at the firehouse.

John Schmidt, Schley Ave., commented on the condition of the road where the water main was installed and issues with a possible sinkhole.

Mr. Schmidt inquired about getting help for the DPW during snow storms.

June Heyer, Library Board President, inquired about paperwork that is needed to be filed by March 1<sup>st</sup> for the library.

Ms. Heyer discussed adequate insurance coverage for the library.

Discussions of an administration fee, a cap plan and pensions regarding the employees ensued.

Tracy Grossman, 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., made Council aware of a pothole on 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Mrs. Grossman also addressed the Christmas lights still on at Memorial park.

Mrs. Grossman expressed her concern regarding an ordinance appearing on the agenda to demolish the pool.

Councilwoman Schwar stated her concern was that someone from Council made the public aware of this ordinance and then was posted to Facebook, and stated that it was totally inappropriate.

John Schmidt, Schley Ave., stated he would like to see a recreation center where the pool is.

Mike Savary, Park Ave., brought up the issue the question on the ballot question, regarding the pool. Discussions of a skate park ensued.

*Ordinance*

Motion made Councilman Cartabona to introduced Ordinance 2014-05 with a public hearing scheduled for March 11, 2014. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Schwar, roll call: ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar and Zikas. Nays: none. Absent: Seiss.

**ORDINANCE 2014-05  
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO  
ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of the Alpha in the County of Warren, finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2014 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpha hereby determines that a 3.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$49,336.24 in total, which is \$42,288.20 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha hereby determines that any amount authorized herein above that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha, in the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2014 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Alpha shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$49,336.24, and that the CY 2014 municipal budget for the Borough of Alpha be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed by the Clerk with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed by the Clerk with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the above-entitled Ordinance was introduced and passed at first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha held on February 11, 2014 at the Municipal Building, 1001 East Blvd, Alpha, New Jersey. A public hearing regarding same will be held at a meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. on March 11, 2014 at the Municipal Building, 1001 East Boulevard, Alpha, New Jersey at which time all persons interested both for and against said ordinance shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

### *Resolutions*

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve Resolution 2014-40, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar and Zikas. Nays: none. Absent: Seiss.

#### **RESOLUTION 2014-40 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OF REALIGNING THE WARREN COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT AREA (ADA) IN ALPHA BOROUGH**

**WHEREAS**, in order to enhance the agriculture industry in Alpha Borough and promote the visibility same through farmland preservation, the Borough Council supports the realignment of the Warren County Agriculture Development Area (ADA) within the Alpha Borough. The proposed change will add approximately 7.5 acres of contiguous farmland assessed property to the County ADA.

**WHEREAS**, the proposed area includes the following properties:

- *Block 97, Lot 5 (consisting of approximately 7.5 acres)*

**WHEREAS**, the impetus for modification is landowner interest in preserving Block 95 Lots 2 and 2.06 in Pohatcong Township, as well as Block 97, Lot 5 Alpha Borough, known collectively as the Jack Oberly Farm. This 94 acre farm is largely tillable (approx. 97%) and contains nearly 87 acre (approx. 90%) designated as prime soils. AS this farm meets the eligibility criteria for farmland preservation, the Warren County Land Preservation Department is currently assisting the landowner with an application to the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) Farmland Preservation Program. In order to proceed with this application, however, the property must be added to the County ADA.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and the Governing Body of the Borough of Alpha hereby adopts this Resolution in support of adding the above referenced properties to the Warren County ADA.

Motion made by Councilman Zikas to approve Resolution 2014-41, hearing no second, motion fails.

#### **RESOLUTION 2014-41 ~~FAILED~~ RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA, WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN REGARD TO THE AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETINGS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that Regular Meetings of the Alpha Borough Council shall be conducted according to the following format:

#### AGENDA

Call to Order  
Prayer & Salute to the Flag  
Roll Call  
Executive Session (not to exceed thirty minutes;  
may be continued at or near the end of the meeting if more is necessary)  
Public Comment  
Bids (if applicable)  
Ordinances  
Resolutions  
Approval of Minutes  
Department Reports  
Committee Reports  
Professionals & Officials Reports  
Public Comment  
Payment of Bills & Claims  
Old Business  
New Business  
Executive Session (if necessary)  
Adjournment

Motion made by Councilman Rooks to approve Resolution 2014-42, motion seconded by Councilman M. Schwar. Questions: Councilman Cartabona questioned the language of the resolution and recommended to table resolution. Roll call: Ayes: Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar and Zikas. Nays: Cartabona. Absent: Seiss.

**RESOLUTION 2014-42  
BOROUGH OF ALPHA AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN A MUTUAL AID AND  
ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH PARTICIPATING UNITS**

**WHEREAS**, mutual aid and assistance agreements between municipalities, counties, law enforcement agencies, police, fire departments, EMS organizations and Fire Districts are permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-26 and 40A: 14-156.1; and

**WHEREAS**, the President in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD- 5), directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach to Federal, State, local and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity; and

**WHEREAS**, “The New Jersey Civilian Defense and Disaster Control Act” App. N.J.S.A.9-33 et. seq, provides for the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey during any emergency by centralizing control of all civilian activities having to do with such emergency giving the Governor control over the resources of each and every political subdivision to cope with any condition that shall arise out of such emergency, and

**WHEREAS**, The Director of the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs promulgated rules in accordance with the "Fire Service Resource Emergency Deployment Act," N.J.A.C. 52:14E-11 et. seq., commonly referred to as the “Fire Service Resource Emergency Deployment Regulations” N.J.A.C. 5:75A et. seq., and

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed to be in the best interests of the residents of this municipality to enter into a mutual aid and assistance agreement with the County of Warren and other municipalities including, but not limited to, municipal police, fire departments and EMS organizations to provide additional protection against loss, damage or destruction by fire, catastrophe, civil unrest, major emergency or other extraordinary devastation damage or destruction to person and property, in those situations when outside aid and assistance is needed.

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

- A. That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to enter into the Warren County Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement between Participating Units, a copy of which is attached hereto and made part hereof, on the terms and conditions contained herein.
- B. That the Mayor and Clerk of the Borough of Alpha are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Alpha.
- C. That the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forthwith file a certified copy of this Resolution and an executed copy of the Agreement with the Warren County Department of Public Safety, Office of Emergency Management. Said Office shall serve as the central repository and shall maintain a master listing of all Participating Units to the Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement.

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve Resolution 2014-43, motion seconded by Councilman Zikas. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar and Zikas. Nays: none, Absent: Seiss.

**RESOLUTION 2014-43  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA,  
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(3) TO ENTER INTO A INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH A  
NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED COOPERATIVE ENTITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING FIRE  
APPARATUS**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpha is established and operating pursuant to New Jersey law, including *N.J.S.A. 40A:14-70 to -105.1*; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpha is authorized pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(3)* to use alternative procurement methods by entering into a nationally recognized cooperative agreement; and,

**WHEREAS**, Houston-Galveston Area Council is a regional planning commission and political subdivision of the State of Texas operating under Chapter 391, Texas Local Government Code; and,

**WHEREAS**, Houston-Galveston Area Council is authorized to contract with eligible entities for the purchase of goods and services; and,

**WHEREAS**, Houston-Galveston Area Council has instituted a cooperative purchasing program under which it contracts with eligible entities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpha desires to contract with Houston-Galveston Area Council;

**NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that:**

- 1. The Alpha Borough Clerk and/or Alpha Borough CFO is/are hereby authorized to execute and complete any necessary paperwork required to enter into an inter-local agreement the Houston-Galveston Area Council;
- 2. All activities under this agreement will be in accordance with all applicable rules, regulations, ordinances and laws in effect or promulgated during the term of the agreement;
- 3. The initial period of the agreement shall be for the balance of the Calendar year;

4. The agreement shall thereafter automatically be renewed annually for each succeeding fiscal year, provided that such renewal shall not have the effect of extending the period in which any payments are due under any contract entered into for the purchase of fire apparatus pursuant to this agreement;

5. The purchase of any product will be in accordance with procedures established by the Houston-Galveston Area Council and in accordance with the Laws of the State of New Jersey;

6. Any payments made pursuant to the agreement will be in accordance with procedures established by the Houston-Galveston Area Council;

7. The agreement may be amended only by a written amendment executed in accordance with procedures established by the Houston-Galveston Area Council;

8. The agreement may be terminated by either party at any time upon thirty (30) days' written notice by certified mail to the other party to this agreement.

Motion made by Councilman Zikas to approve Resolution 2014-44, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar and Zikas. Nays: none, Absent: Seiss.

**RESOLUTION 2014-44  
REFUND OF UNUSED ESCROW MONIES**

**WHEREAS**, the below listed developers have now completed their applications before the Land Use Board, and

**WHEREAS**, a balance of unused monies remain in the developers escrow accounts, and

**WHEREAS**, the proper professionals have signed an escrow release form certifying the work to be complete and all professional payments have been made,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha hereby authorize the Certified Finance Officer to release the estimated account balances below:

Name:	Todd Vogler	Fergo Brothers, LLC
Address:	7 Shimer Blvd. Phillipsburg, NJ 08865	PO Box 42 Phillipsburg, NJ 08865
Amount:	\$369.00	\$1,485.00

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve Resolution 2014-45, motion seconded by Councilman M. Schwar. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar and Zikas. Nays: none, Absent: Seiss.

**RESOLUTION 2014-45  
LIEN REDEMPTION  
CERTIFICATE #201309**

**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 11th day of February 2014, that refunds are made to the certificate holder as noted:

FWDSL & Associates, LP  
5 Cold Hill Road South, Suite 11  
Mendham, NJ 07945  
Block 71, Lot 15 – 828 Third Avenue  
Certificate #201309  
\$657.02

Motion made by Councilman Zikas to approve Resolution 2014-46, motion seconded by Councilman M. Schwar. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar and Zikas. Nays: none, Absent: Seiss.

**RESOLUTION2014-46  
LIEN REDEMPTION  
CERTIFICATE #201307**

**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 11th day of February 2014, that refunds are made to the certificate holder as noted:

FWDSL & Associates, LP  
5 Cold Hill Road South, Suite 11  
Mendham, NJ 07945  
Block 18, Lot 2 – 876 Sampson Avenue  
Certificate #201307  
\$398.29

*Approval of Minutes*

Motion made by Councilman Zikas to approve the following minutes:

09-24-2013, 10-08-2013, 10-22-2013, 11-12-2013 & 11-26-2013. Motion seconded by Councilwoman C. Schwar. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar and Zikas. Nays: none, Absent: Seiss.

Motion made by Councilman Zikas to approve and hold executive session minutes of 11-26-2013. Motion seconded by Councilwoman C. Schwar. Roll call: Ayes: Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar and Zikas. Nays: Cartabona. Absent: Seiss.

*Department Reports*

*Administration, Harry Zikas:* Councilman Zikas stated he is working with the website personnel to update the borough's web pages. The phone system was updated. Councilman Zikas had no update with regards to Social Media policy. In closing, Councilman Zikas approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

*Finance, Councilman Michael Schwar:* Councilman Schwar reported on a meeting he attended with the fire company and the vendor regarding the purchase of a fire truck. Prices are being pursued.

Councilman Schwar stated that the insurance company has offered the ethics training for officials online, in which the Borough can receive credit for all of those who attend.

Councilman Schwar discussed getting a date for the next budget meeting. After brief discussions, it was agreed to have the budget meeting for February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.

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

*Health and Welfare, Councilman Millard Rooks:* Councilman Rooks reported on a complaint received regarding recycling that was not collected.

Councilman Rook's stated that a sign will be placed at the gate near the dump area for temporarily closing it. In closing, Councilman Rooks approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Councilman Rooks requested the following for executive session: five minutes for personnel, ten minutes for contractual, and five minutes for potential litigation.

*Public Property, Councilwoman Carol Schwar:* Councilwoman Schwar spoke with the DPW Supervisor to fix the spouting on the municipal building that caused damage due to water leaking.

The janitor sink has been repaired. Councilwoman Schwar spoke with the Engineer to see who the Borough could speak to regarding the underground piping at the pool. It was recommended by the Engineer to have PennBower look at it.

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

*Public Safety, Councilman Louis Cartabona:* Councilman Cartabona reported on his discussions he had with the Police Chief with regards to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue concerns of speeders.

Councilman Cartabona mentioned problems with the school children being dropped off and picked up, citing safety concerns.

Councilman Cartabona stated he asked the police to report on any streets lights that are out.

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

Councilman Cartabona requested seven minutes in executive session for contractual.

*Public Works, Councilman Tom Seiss:* Councilman Schwar gave the report in Councilman Seiss absence: a sewage blockage that was handled by Frey Engineers. Cameras will be back up again on the salt shed. The water main repair has been hampered by recent storms.

Ten applications so far have been received for the position that was advertised. A new chemical to control sulfite near the sewer meter pit will be tested. The next phase of the water project will be going soon, weather permitting.



Some issues with the delivery of salt has occurred, although 75-tons came in today.

Issue of ice in an alleyway is being dealt with. Councilman Schwar reported that Councilman Seiss has previously approved his bills salaries and wages for his department.

Discussions ensued regarding snow on the sidewalks and what residents are doing with removal of snow.

#### *Committee Reports*

**Sewer-**Councilman Cartabona stated that there are some issues with the litigation between Lopatcong and Phillipsburg and added that discussions have ensued in executive session recently regarding this.

Councilman Cartabona stated he emailed the Phillipsburg Clerk to carbon copy him and Councilman Seiss with any future dates of the sewer authority so he can have the agenda ahead of the meeting, and added that no one from Alpha was in attendance of the meeting.

**Shared Services-**Councilman Cartabona stated that he is in discussions with Pohatcong and Greenwich for shared services for Court.

#### *Professionals and Officials Reports*

*Mayor, Edward Hanics:* Mayor Hanics requested five minutes in executive session for personnel.

*Fire Chief, Sean McDyer:* Chief McDyer reported on the January fire call report.

The Cat in the Hat reading will be held next month. The Firemen's annual banquet will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*Police Chief, James Faulborn:* Councilman Cartabona summarized the report received from the Chief in his absence.

*CFO, Lorraine Rossetti:* Ms. Rossetti stated that 2013 is now closed and reported that the auditors were in to work on the AFS statement.

The CFO reported receiving confirmation that the State received the Annual Debt Statement, and reported the debt ratio being .962%

#### *Public Comment*

Mike Savary, Park Ave., inquired about the sewer plug up on Leona Street and asked when that will be done (camera).

Mr. Savary asked for clarification upon a declaration of emergency by the Governor, if the borough would get reimbursed if outside help was hired.

Mr. Savary stated he wanted it on record that he discussed with Pete Pursel for him to not plow close to the curbs near his house. Councilwoman Schwar responded that the Borough does not take special requests such as this.

*Bills and Claims*

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

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

Motion made by Councilman Rooks 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 and Zikas. Nays: none. Absent: Seiss.

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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			
PO #	PO Date	Vendor	PO Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	PO Type			
13-00015	02/06/13	GJOLI	G. J. OLIVER, INC.	Frace St WTP Project	Open	43,974.00	0.00			
13-00232	04/18/13	HACHC	HACH COMPANY	Inv #8181032 Erlen Flask	Open	94.36	0.00			
13-00673	11/13/13	CAMPBELL	CAMPBELL FOUNDRY COMPANY	11/13 Infiltration Caps	Open	8,672.00	0.00			
13-00803	12/12/13	COYNE	COYNE CHEMICAL ENVIRON SERVICE	12/12 Inv #920796 Ferrous Chlo	Open	887.00	0.00			
13-00815	12/20/13	HUNDE	HUNTERDON COUNTY DEMOCRAT	12/20 Ord 2013-22 Legal Ad	Open	17.67	0.00			
13-00819	12/31/13	ONECA	ONE CALL CONCEPTS	Dec 2013 Regular Locates	Open	12.54	0.00			
14-00001	01/01/14	BCS	UNIVAR USA INC.	12/31 Inv #WV012810 Sulf Acid	Open	3,650.70	0.00			
14-00020	01/01/14	JIORL	JIORLE'S OFFICE SUPPLIES	Name Plate - Councilman Rooks	Open	28.99	0.00			
14-00022	01/24/14	EXETER	EXETER SUPPLY COMPANY	Couplings, Caps, Plugs	Open	710.41	0.00			
14-00023	01/01/14	SLC	RIO SUPPLY, INC.	2014 Utility Meter Software	Open	4,500.00	0.00			
14-00028	01/06/14	KUTZMAN	KUTZMAN BROTHERS	1/6 2 Tires - Mason Dump	Open	319.00	0.00			
14-00039	01/16/14	ZEEMD	ZEE MEDICAL SERVICES, INC	1/16 Medical Supplies	Open	81.32	0.00			
14-00054	01/29/14	HOME	HOME DEPOT/GEFC	Pipe & Couplings Swr Pump Hous	Open	139.32	0.00			
14-00055	01/31/14	NAPA	CARVER'S AUTO PARTS OF WC	Fuse Kit for Vehicles	Open	42.27	0.00			
14-00056	02/07/14	RUEFF	SANDY RUEFF	Jan 2014 Website Updates	Open	105.00	0.00			
14-00058	02/07/14	PURS	LEO PURSEL JR.	Jan/Feb DPW Meal Allw-Contract	Open	70.00	0.00			
14-00059	02/07/14	OLAH	CHARLIE OLAH	Feb 2014 - Meals/Contract DPW	Open	50.00	0.00			
14-00060	01/28/14	STAP	STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	2/7 Ink Supplies - LUB	Open	100.51	0.00			
14-00061	01/29/14	FERGUSON	FERGUSON BATH & KITCHEN	Inv #3972633 Sink Faucet	Open	171.14	0.00			
14-00062	01/28/14	TRENJ	TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	4th Qtr 2014 St Traning Fees	Open	248.00	0.00			
14-00063	02/04/14	GENER	GENERAL CODE LLC	1/30 General Code Supplements	Open	1,879.84	0.00			
14-00064	01/23/14	GIBBO	GIBBONS P.C.	Dec 2013 Legal Svs - Bond Note	Open	1,407.60	0.00			
14-00065	01/31/14	FREY ENG	FREY ENGINEERING, LLC	dec 2013 Engineering Services	Open	23,082.54	0.00			
14-00066	01/14/14	ELIZGA	ELIZABETHTOWN GAS	12/12-1/11 Propane Bill	Open	181.40	0.00			
14-00067	01/01/14	JCP&L	JCP&L	11/22-2/4 Electric Bills	Open	8,427.00	0.00			
14-00068	01/01/14	HEALTH	STATE OF NJ HEALTH BENEFITS	2014 State Health Benefits	Open	20,546.12	0.00			
14-00069	01/01/14	REMINGTO	REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS	2014 Water Utility Operator	Open	3,000.00	0.00			
14-00070	01/01/14	VERI DSL	VERIZON ONLINE	2014 DSL Online Services	Open	183.98	0.00			
14-00071	01/01/14	FORTD	FORT DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE	2014 Employee Life Ins	Open	111.00	0.00			
14-00072	01/01/14	TRITE	DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERV	2014 Copier Equip Lease	Open	318.98	0.00			
14-00073	01/01/14	ALBOA	ALPHA BOARD OF EDUCATION	2014 Local School Tax	Open	596,838.80	0.00			
14-00074	01/01/14	TOWNP	TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG	2014 Police Coverage	Open	65,834.00	0.00			
14-00075	01/01/14	TROXE	CHRISTOPHER M. TROXELL, ESQ	2014 Municipal Atty Services	Open	7,500.00	0.00			
14-00077	01/01/14	WASTE	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NJ	2014 Solid Waste/Recycling	Open	33,446.00	0.00			
14-00078	01/01/14	WASTE RO	WASTE MANAGEMENT ROLL OFFS	2014 School Dumpsters	Open	200.00	0.00			
14-00079	01/01/14	VITAL	VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC	2014 MOD IV Tax System- Assr	Open	306.00	0.00			
14-00080	01/01/14	BARANSKY	DANIEL BARANSKY	2014 N2 Operator	Open	1,666.66	0.00			
14-00081	01/28/14	PENNB	PENN BOWER	Cert #8 Water utility Improven	Open	12,516.56	0.00			
14-00082	02/07/14	PAYRO	PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	2/7/14 Current Fund PR	Open	15,472.57	0.00			
14-00083	02/07/14	PAYRO	PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	2/7/14 Utility Fund PR	Open	3,488.13	0.00			
14-00088	02/04/14	MCANJ	MUNICIPAL CLERK'S ASSOC OF NJ	2014 Clerk Conf Reg	Open	140.00	0.00			
14-00091	01/27/14	QC	QC, INC.	1/27 Inv 1581826 Water Testing	Open	30.00	0.00			
14-00093	01/01/14	RAND	TOWNSHIP OF RANDOLPH	2014 MCCPC Membership Fee	Open	1,100.00	0.00			
14-00094	02/10/14	FWDLS	FWDLS & ASSOCIATES, LP	Cert #201301 Lien Redemption	Open	398.29	0.00			
14-00095	02/10/14	FWDLS	FWDLS & ASSOCIATES, LP	Cert #201309 Lien Redemption	Open	657.12	0.00			
14-00096	02/11/14	NAPA	CARVER'S AUTO PARTS OF WC	2/11 Plow Lights & Bulbs	Open	217.14	0.00			
Total Purchase Orders:				47	Total P.O. Line Items:	95	Total List Amount:	862,723.96	Total Void Amount:	0.00

### *Old Business*

Lengthy discussions ensued regarding the snow emergency ordinance. Concerns were expressed that residents are not moving their cars and causing the plows not able to go through.

Councilman Cartabona stated for council to come back with suggestions for this ordinance at the next meeting.

Councilman Cartabona discussed the process of releasing executive session minutes and stressed that they should be released.

### *New Business*

Councilman Rooks brought the issue of an incident that occurred between Councilman Cartabona and Councilman Zikas from the last meeting. Councilman Rooks stated that actions taken by Councilman Cartabona violated the personnel handbook.

Councilman Cartabona responded by stating that this is a matter of the courts.

Councilman Rooks made a motion to remove Councilman Cartabona from Council pending an investigation in the matter. Councilman M. Schwar discussed his concerns with the Attorney with regard to the personnel policy and if Council members are considered employees.

Councilman Schwar asked if the motion is seconded is there any obligation to it.

Mayor Hanics stated it was his belief the handbook applies to employees in the workplace and outside the workplace.

Councilman Cartabona asked why the matter is not a court matter according to Councilman Rooks.

Councilman Rooks stated that a complaint with the police department doesn't have anything to do with a violation of the handbook.

Councilman Cartabona stated that he would have liked if Councilman Rooks asked for his version of the events. Councilman Cartabona stated he filed harassment complaint against Councilman Zikas. The courts are going to have to resolve this. Councilman Cartabona added to ask for a resignation from a councilman for an alleged incident of a violation, is jumping to conclusion with no evidence. Mayor Hanics responded that he was there and when Councilman Cartabona made contact with the person, he stated that he never wants to see that again.

Hearing no second to Councilman Rook's motion, motion fails.

*Executive Session*

Motion made by Councilman Zikas to approve the following resolution to go into executive session for thirty two (32) minutes, motion seconded by Councilwoman Schwar, 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 32 minutes, allowing for a five (5) minute recess between the regular session and the executive session.

*Return to Regular Session*

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

*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, P.M.C*