

Mayor Hanics called the Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2014.

Mayor 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 8, 2014, the Municipal Clerk delivered to 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 Rooks, Councilwoman Schwar, Councilman Schwar, Councilman Seiss and Councilman Zikas. Also present, Attorney Christopher Troxell and Laurie Barton, Clerk. Absent: Councilman Cartabona.

Public Comment

Robert Gash, Stewartsville, Phillipsburg Colts, requested permission to use the Borough's field for the 2014 season. Discussions ensued regarding removal of tires and parking concerns. Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve the use of field to the Phillipsburg Area Colts. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Schwar. Questions: Councilman Rooks inquired about receiving a copy of an audit. Councilman Schwar stated he received an income and expense report. Roll Call: Ayes: Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none. Absent: Cartabona.

Sharon Decker, Sigsbee Ave, asked about hours and the leaf dump area being open on Saturdays. Ms. Decker asked why it couldn't be open all week and stated her frustration of bagging her leaves and bringing them to the dump area that was closed.

Tracy Grossman, 7th Ave, stated she will come before Council at the next meeting with a proposal for the pool but stated she was having issues of receiving documents from the Borough.

Councilman Schwar stated he will instruct the CFO to release the requested documents from the finance office.

John Schmidt, Schley Ave, asked for an update on the fence at the ball fields that need repair.

Mr. Schmidt inquired about the following issues; home plate that needs to be brought up at circle field and garbage cans to be placed at ball field. Mr. Schmidt added that the sink hole on Dewey Ave still exists.

Tim Mellert, North Blvd, inquired about the Safe Routes to School Grant. Mr. Mellert also discussed the cracks in the sidewalks and pavement that was just installed last year.

Jim Pfeiffer, East Central Ave., stressed the need of sidewalks on Central Ave and asked if that can be included with the grant.

Craig Dunwell, 7th Ave, recalled a payment being received from the Colts for the use of the field and asked if this was going to be done or is the Borough allowing them to use the field for free.

Mr. Dunwell discussed the acreage of the grass the Borough has to cut if they are going to be hiring a third DPW employee.

Mr. Dunwell inquired about the description of the present equipment the DPW has to cut grass and if hours have been established for a laborer to cut the grass.

Councilman Schwar discussed his math he came up with regarding hourly wages for the third DPW employee for cutting grass which comes out to being \$20.00 per hour.

Mr. Dunwell asked if the Borough has plans for reducing unaccounted flow for water.

Lengthy discussions ensued regarding the unaccounted water flow.

Discussions of the Alpha Street well and water softener ensued.

Mr. Dunwell asked where Riches Screen Printing that makes the DPW shirts is located and inquired about the decision to use that vendor.

Mike Savary, Park Ave, addressed the sinkholes that need to be repaired. Mr. Savary stated that the Borough needs to see if a leak still exists on Dewey Avenue.

Mr. Savary inquired about repairing the loader citing that he noticed damage on it.

John Schmidt inquired about New York Leak Detection Company being called.

Mr. Schmidt inquired about Schley Avenue that has been talked about for three weeks, and asked for any progress.

Jim Pfeiffer, East Central Ave, stated that the seam in the road on Industrial Avenue has opened up.

Ordinance

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2014-06, motion seconded by Councilwoman Schwar, all were in favor.

**ORDINANCE 2014-06 FAILED-NOT ADOPTED
AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE 2014 SALARY RANGE
FOR THE HEREIN NAMED EMPLOYEE OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the annual salary of the following officers and/or employees of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey named herein shall be as follows:

Monitor \$12.00 - \$18.00 per hour

Any ordinance or sections of the ordinance of the Borough of Alpha, New Jersey inconsistent herein shall be and the same hereby repealed. These salary ranges are based, in part, on civil service or department of personnel information.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Public Hearing Comments: Craig Dunwell, 7th Ave, stated how baffled he was for the waste of money spent on advertising this Ordinance when it seems that this position was not needed.

Discussions ensued regarding the need of this position and the possibility of a third DPW laborer doing some of the work as monitor.

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

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to adopt Ordinance 2014-06, hearing no second on the motion, the ordinance failed.

Resolutions

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to adopt Resolution 2014-56, motion seconded by Councilman Zikas. Roll call: Ayes: Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar and Zikas. Nays: Seiss. Absent: Cartabona.

**RESOLUTION 2014-56
RESOLUTION COMBINING BONDS AGGREGATING THE
PRINCIPAL SUM OF \$4,250,000 AUTHORIZED BY THREE BOND
ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED TO FINANCE PART OF
THE COST OF VARIOUS GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE
BOROUGH OF ALPHA, COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY INTO
ONE CONSOLIDATED ISSUE OF BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR THE
FORM, MATURITIES AND OTHER DETAILS OF SAID
CONSOLIDATED ISSUE.**

April 8, 2014

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, in the County of Warren, New Jersey (the "Borough"), has heretofore adopted three ordinances authorizing bonds to finance part of the cost of various general improvements in said Borough; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to issue bonds pursuant to said ordinances in an aggregate principal amount of \$4,250,000 and it is deemed advisable and in the best interests of the Borough, for the purpose of the orderly marketing of said bonds and for other financial reasons, to combine the bonds authorized under said three

ordinances into one consolidated issue in the aggregate principal amount of \$4,250,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY that:

Section 1. There shall be issued bonds of the Borough in the following principal amounts pursuant to the following bond ordinances:

- A. \$890,000 bonds, being all of the bonds authorized by an ordinance entitled: (Ord. No. 2013-04)

“BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE AND GENERAL SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROPRIATING \$900,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$890,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEROF.”

heretofore finally adopted. The average period of usefulness stated in said ordinance is 20 years.

- B. \$1,360,000 bonds, being a portion of the bonds authorized by an ordinance entitled: (Ord. No. 2013-06)

“BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO WATER SYSTEM AND INFRASTRUCTURE AND APPROPRIATING \$1,500,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,490,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEROF.”

heretofore finally adopted. The average period of usefulness stated in said ordinance is 30 years.

- C. \$2,000,000 bonds, being all of the bonds authorized by an ordinance entitled: (Ord. No. 2013-10)

“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,670,000 FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY AND, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.”

heretofore finally adopted. The average period of usefulness stated in said ordinance is 20 years.

Section 2. The bonds referred to in Section 1 hereof are hereby combined into one consolidated issue of bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$4,250,000 and are sometimes hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Bonds.” The bonds referred to in subsections A and B of Section 1 shall each be designated “Water/Sewer Utility Bonds, Series 2014” and shall be numbered with the prefix WSU from one consecutively upward. The bonds referred to in subsection C of Section 1 shall each be designated “General Improvement Bonds, Series 2014” and shall be numbered with the prefix G from one consecutively upward. The bonds of said consolidated issue shall be dated the date of delivery and will be issued in fully registered form. When issued, the Bonds will be registered in the name of and held by Cede & Co., as the owner thereof and nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”), an automated depository for securities and clearinghouse for securities transactions.

Upon issuance, the Bonds will be delivered to DTC in single denominations for each maturity of the General Improvement Bonds, Series 2014 and Water/Sewer Utility Bonds, Series 2014. Individual purchases of beneficial interests in the Bonds will be made in book-entry form (without certificates) in the denomination of any integral multiple of \$5,000.

Principal of the Bonds will be paid annually on the first day of June in the following years and in the following aggregate amounts:

\$2,000,000 General Improvement Bonds, Series 2014, maturing in the principal amount of \$60,000 in each of the years 2015 and 2016; \$70,000 in the year 2017; \$75,000 in the year 2018; \$80,000 in the year 2019; \$85,000 in the year 2020; \$90,000 in the year 2021; \$95,000 in the year 2022; \$100,000 in the year 2023; \$105,000 in the year 2024; \$110,000 in each of the years 2025 and 2026; and \$120,000 in each of the years 2027 through 2034, inclusive.

\$2,250,000 Water/Sewer Utility Bonds, Series 2014, maturing in the principal amount of \$70,000 in year 2015; \$75,000 in the year 2016; \$80,000 in the year 2017; \$85,000 in the year 2018; \$90,000 in the year 2019; \$95,000 in the year 2020; \$100,000 in the year 2021; \$105,000 in the year 2022; \$110,000 in the year 2023; \$115,000 in each of the years 2024 and 2025; \$120,000 in the year 2026; \$125,000 in the year 2027; \$130,000 in the year 2028; \$135,000 in the year 2029; and \$140,000 in each of the years 2030 through 2034, inclusive.

The combined maturity schedule for the Bonds is as follows:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Principal Amount</u> | <u>Year</u> | <u>Principal Amount</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 2015 | \$130,000 | 2025 | \$225,000 |
| 2016 | 135,000 | 2026 | 230,000 |
| 2017 | 150,000 | 2027 | 245,000 |
| 2018 | 160,000 | 2028 | 250,000 |
| 2019 | 170,000 | 2029 | 255,000 |
| 2020 | 180,000 | 2030 | 260,000 |
| 2021 | 190,000 | 2031 | 260,000 |
| 2022 | 200,000 | 2032 | 260,000 |
| 2023 | 210,000 | 2033 | 260,000 |
| 2024 | 220,000 | 2034 | 260,000 |

The Bonds maturing on or prior to June 1, 2024 shall not be subject to redemption prior to their respective maturity dates. The Bonds maturing on or after June 1, 2025 shall be subject to redemption prior to their respective maturity dates, on or after June 1, 2024 at the option of the Borough, either in whole or in part at any time in any order of maturity at one hundred percent (100%) of the principal amount of the Bonds being redeemed (the "Redemption Price"), plus in each case accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption.

Notice of Redemption shall be given by mailing by first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid to the registered owners of such Bonds at their respective addresses as they last appear on the registration books kept for that purpose by the Borough, at least thirty (30) but not more than sixty (60) days before the date fixed for redemption. However, so long as DTC (or any successor thereto) acts as Securities Depository for the Bonds, Notices of Redemption shall be sent to such depository and shall not be sent to the beneficial owners of the Bonds, and will be done in accordance with DTC procedures. Any failure of such depository to advise any of its participants or any failure of any participant to notify any beneficial owner of any Notice of Redemption shall not affect the validity of the redemption proceedings. If the Borough determines to redeem a portion of the Bonds of a maturity, such Bonds shall be selected by lot. If Notice of Redemption has been given as described herein, the Bonds, or the portion thereof called for redemption, shall be due and payable on the date fixed for redemption at the Redemption Price, together with accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. Payment shall be made upon surrender of the Bonds redeemed.

Section 3. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of the improvements or purposes for which the said General Improvement Bonds, Series 2014 are to be issued, taking into consideration the amount of such General Improvement Bonds, Series 2014 to be issued for said improvements or purposes, is 20 years. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the period of usefulness of the improvements or purposes for which the said Water/Sewer Utility Bonds, Series 2014 are to be issued, taking into consideration the amount of such Water/Sewer Utility Bonds, Series 2014 to be issued for said improvements or purposes, is 26.04 years.

Section 4. The Bonds shall bear interest from their date based on their outstanding principal amount at a rate to be determined as hereinafter set forth in Section 6 of this Resolution, shall be payable as to principal in lawful money of the United States of America at the administration office of the Borough in Alpha, New Jersey, payable semi-annually on the first day of June and December in each year until maturity or prior optional redemption, commencing on December 1, 2014, by check or draft mailed on such interest payment date to the owners thereof registered as such as of each next preceding November 15 and May 15. Interest on the Bonds shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day calendar months.

Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, so long as DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., is the registered owner of the Bonds, payments of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made directly to Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC in accordance with the provisions of the DTC Letter of Representations to be executed by the Borough and DTC. Disbursal of such payments to the DTC participants is the responsibility of DTC, and disbursal of such payments to the beneficial owners of the bonds is the responsibility of the DTC participants.

Section 5. The Bonds shall be signed by the Mayor and the Borough Chief Financial Officer, by their manual or facsimile signatures, and the corporate seal of the Borough shall be affixed thereto, or imprinted or reproduced thereon and shall be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Clerk or Deputy Clerk of the Borough.

Section 6. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to offer the Bonds for public sale upon the submission of electronic proposals in accordance with all applicable statutes and to determine in his discretion the date for receipt for such proposals, all in accordance with the terms set forth in the Notice of Sale. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is further hereby authorized and delegated the authority to sell and award the Bonds in accordance with the terms of the Notice of Sale and directed to report in writing to the Borough Council at the next meeting succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Bonds pursuant to this resolution is made, such report to include the principal amount, description, interest rate and maturities of the Bonds sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser. The "Notice of Sale" shall comply in all respects with the applicable statutes relating thereto and shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as

Exhibit A, with such additions, modifications or deletions as determined by the Borough Chief Financial Officer. The Notice of Sale shall be published in a newspaper published and circulated in the Borough as the Borough Chief Financial Officer may select and a summary of the Notice of Sale shall be published in The Bond Buyer at least once at least seven (7) days prior to the date of public sale. The Borough Chief Financial Officer is authorized and delegated the authority to postpone a public sale without readvertisement in accordance with all applicable statutes relating thereto.

Section 7. The Bonds and the registration provisions endorsed thereon shall be in substantially the following form:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BOROUGH OF ALPHA,
IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BOND, SERIES 2014
OR
WATER/SEWER UTILITY BOND, SERIES 2014

Date of Bond: June 12, 2014

Principal Amount: \$

Date of Maturity: June 1, 20__

CUSIP:

The BOROUGH OF ALPHA, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, (the "Borough") hereby acknowledges itself indebted and for value received promises to pay to Cede & Co. or registered assigns, the sum specified above as the Principal Amount on the date specified above as the Date of Maturity, upon presentation and surrender of this Bond, and to pay to the registered owner hereof interest on such sum, from the Date of Bond specified above until the Date of Maturity specified above, at the rate of ____ and ____ Hundredths per centum (____%) per annum payable on December 1, 2014 and thereafter semi-annually on the first day of June and December in each year. Principal of this Bond will be paid in lawful money of the United States of America, at the administration office of the Borough in Alpha, New Jersey. Interest on this Bond will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America by check or draft mailed on such interest payment date to the registered owner hereof as shown on the books of the Borough kept for such purpose by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough (the "Bond Registrar") as of the fifteenth day of the month preceding the month in which the payment of interest is to be made.

All of the bonds, of which this Bond is one, shall be initially issued as one fully registered bond for each maturity in the name of Cede & Co., as registered owner and nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"). Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, so long as DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., is the registered owner of the Bonds, payments of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made directly to Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC in accordance with the provisions of the DTC Letter of Representations executed by the Borough and DTC relating to the Bonds. Disbursal of such payments to the DTC participants is the responsibility of DTC, and disbursal of such payments to the beneficial owners of the Bonds is the responsibility of the DTC participants.

The Bonds maturing on or prior to June 1, 2024 shall not be subject to redemption prior to their respective maturity dates. The Bonds maturing on or after June 1, 2025 shall be subject to redemption prior to their respective maturity dates, on or after June 1, 2024 at the option of the Borough, either in whole or in part at any time in any order of maturity at one hundred percent (100%) of the principal amount of the Bonds being redeemed (the "Redemption Price"), plus in each case accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption.

Notice of Redemption shall be given by mailing by first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid to the registered owners of such Bonds at their respective addresses as they last appear on the registration books kept for that purpose by the Borough, at least thirty (30) but not more than sixty (60) days before the date fixed for redemption. However, so long as DTC (or any successor thereto) acts as Securities Depository for the Bonds, Notices of Redemption shall be sent to such depository and shall not be sent to the beneficial owners of the Bonds, and will be done in accordance with DTC procedures. Any failure of such depository to advise any of its participants or any failure of any participant to notify any beneficial owner of any Notice of Redemption shall not affect the validity of the redemption proceedings. If the Borough determines to redeem a portion of the Bonds of a maturity, such Bonds shall be selected by lot. If Notice of Redemption has been given as described herein, the Bonds, or the portion thereof called for redemption, shall be due and payable on the date fixed for redemption at the Redemption Price, together with accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. Payment shall be made upon surrender of the Bonds redeemed.

This Bond is transferable only upon the books of the Bond Registrar, by the registered owner hereof in person or by his attorney duly authorized in writing, upon surrender hereof together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Borough duly executed by the registered owner or such duly authorized attorney, and thereupon the Borough shall issue in the name of the transferee a new bond or bonds of the same aggregate principal amount, series, designation, maturity and interest rate as the surrendered bond. The Borough and any paying agent of the Borough may treat and consider the person in whose name this Bond is registered as the holder and absolute owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment of, or on account of, the principal and interest due hereon and for all other purposes whatsoever.

This Bond is one of an authorized issue of bonds of the Borough and is issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey, a resolution of the governing body of the Borough entitled: "Resolution Combining Bonds Aggregating the Principal Sum of \$4,250,000 Authorized by Three Bond Ordinances Heretofore Adopted to Finance Part of the Cost of Various General Improvements in the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, New Jersey Into One Consolidated Issue of Bonds and Providing for the Form, Maturities and Other Details of Said Consolidated Issue," adopted April 8, 2014 and by virtue of certain bond ordinances referred to therein.

The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on this Bond according to its terms. This Bond shall not be or be deemed to be a debt or liability of the State of New Jersey or a pledge of the faith and credit of the State of New Jersey.

It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, acts and things required by the Constitution or statutes of the State of New Jersey to exist, to have happened or to have been performed precedent to or in the issuance of this Bond exist, have happened and have been performed, and that the issue of bonds of which this is one does not exceed any limitation imposed thereon by said Constitution or statutes.

In the event the Borough determines that the beneficial owners of the Bonds (the actual purchasers of the Bonds) shall be able to obtain certificated bonds, the Borough shall notify DTC of the availability of bond certificates. In such event, the Borough will appoint a paying agent and the Borough will issue, transfer and exchange bond certificates in appropriate amounts as required by DTC and others. DTC may determine to discontinue providing its services with respect to the bonds at any time by giving a reasonable amount of notice in writing to the Borough. In the event of such determination, if the Borough fails to identify another qualified securities depository as successor to DTC, the Borough will appoint a paying agent and the Borough will issue and deliver replacement bonds in the form of fully registered certificates. Whenever DTC requests the Borough to do so, the Borough will cooperate with DTC in taking appropriate action (a) to make available one or more separate certificates evidencing the bonds to any DTC participant (participants of DTC) having bonds credited to its DTC account or (b) to arrange for another securities depository to maintain custody of certificates evidencing the bonds.

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to adopt Resolution 2014-57, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks. Roll call: Ayes: Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: None. Absent: Cartabona.

**RESOLUTION 2014-57
REDEMPTION OF TAX
SALE CERTIFICATE
#201311**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Borough of Alpha advised the Mayor and Council that the following properties have been redeemed and the money due thereon paid to the Borough of Alpha Tax Collector;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha this 8th day of April 2014 that the refunds are made to the certificate holder as noted:

Arthur Frustaci
1178 Fifth Avenue
Alpha, NJ 08865

Block 24, Lot 3
Amount \$1,102.32
Property Location – 880 High Street

Motion made by Councilwoman Schwar to adopt Resolution 2014-58, motion seconded by Councilman Zikas. Roll call: Ayes: Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: None. Absent: Cartabona.

**RESOLUTION 2014-58
RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT
FOR WELL REDEVELOPMENT – ALPHA WELL NO. 2**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha have determined that certain improvements are needed for the Borough's potable water system, including but not limited to redeveloping the Alpha Street well; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha, through the Borough Engineer, have openly and publicly solicited three quotes for such contract for said improvement work, pursuant to New Jersey law; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpha has received the lowest responsible quote from Sam Stothoff Co., Inc., based on the recommendation of the Borough Engineer.

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 contemplated work, construction and improvements to the Borough's Alpha Street well is hereby awarded to Sam Stothoff Co., Inc. of Flemington, New Jersey, having submitted a quote of \$11,900.00 for said work, upon written certification of funds by the Borough CFO.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Clerk, Borough Attorney, and/or Borough Engineer are authorized to execute all necessary documents to effectuate the contract.

Department Reports

Administration, Councilman Harry Zikas: Councilman Zikas discussed updates for the website and asked for Council to look at the website and email him with recommendations or changes. After discussions pertaining to the website Councilman Zikas stated he will forward Councilman Schwar's comments to the rest of Council for review. In closing, Councilman Zikas approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Finance, Councilman Michael Schwar: Councilman Schwar reminded everyone of the Administrative Clerk being off next Tuesday. A meeting with the CFO is scheduled for tomorrow to work out new water and sewer rates.

Councilman Schwar inquired about spending a few thousand dollars to get the basketball courts repaired.

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

Health and Welfare, Councilman Millard Rooks: Councilman Rooks reported on the hours for the leaf collection area, hours will be on Saturday from 10am-4pm until further notice.

The DPW Senior Public Works Repairer met with a Harmony Township business that is interested in doing the Borough's tub grinding.

Councilman Rooks reported he received one complaint regarding garbage pickup. In closing, Councilman Rooks approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Councilman Rooks added that he will need the following time for executive session for a total of 35 minutes for contractual.

Councilman Schwar added that he needed a total of 15 minutes in executive session for contractual for shared services and open space.

Public Property, Councilwoman Carol Schwar: Councilwoman Schwar reported on the need to ventilate the copy room and discussed various ideas on how to properly ventilate the room so that it can be locked.

Cooper Alarms will be called to have the cameras reinstalled at the salt shed. A list of items concerning the ball fields was forwarded to the DPW to take care of. Discussions of garbage cans at the Veterans Park ensued. It was recommended that people dispose of dog feces in the garbage cans rather than leaving the waste in the park on the ground.

Arrangements to repair a tear in the salt shed canopy have been done. The concrete at the salt shed has also been finished.

Councilwoman Schwar stated she received a request from the Warren County Softball League to use Marino Field. Motion made by Councilwoman Schwar to allow the League to use Marino Field. Motion seconded by Councilman Rooks, all were in favor.

Councilwoman Schwar reported on speaking with one contractor so far to finish the road at the quarry. Letters to businesses at Industrial Park have gone out regarding the new sign.

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

Public Safety, Councilman Louis Cartabona: Absent; no report received.

Public Works, Councilman Tom Seiss: Councilman Seiss requested 20 minutes in executive session for potential litigation regarding sewer on Lee Avenue. The last phase of the videoing of the sewer lines is complete. The licensed operator will have a report with recommendations coming soon.

Councilman Seiss briefly reviewed the Engineers report with Council that was received by email.

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

Committee Reports

Insurance: Councilman Schwar stated that the safety meetings may be reestablished as recommended by the Borough's insurance carrier.

Professionals & Officials Reports

Police, Chief James Falbourn: Chief Falbourn gave the police activity report for the month of March. Chief Falbourn stated he worked with the Clerk regarding the new alarm ordinance.

Fire Department, Chief Sean McDyer: Chief McDyer gave the fire department activity report for the month of March. Chief McDyer reported that the Easter Egg Hunt at Marino Field will be this Saturday at 11am and a pork and sauerkraut dinner will be on Sunday.

Emergency Squad, Kyle Weston: Mr. Weston gave the Squad activity calls for the month of March.

Attorney Christopher Troxell: Mr. Troxell requested ten minutes in executive session for contractual.

Clerk, Laurie Barton: No report. Councilman Schwar asked if the mercantile licenses were done better this year than last with passing the recent ordinance. Discussion of the late fee ordinance ensued.

Library, June Heyer: Ms. Heyer reported the Open House at the Library that will be on April 26th. A bike parade will be done by the Girl Scouts.

Ms. Heyer requested that mulch and flowers be provided for the Girl Scouts to use to spruce up the front of the building. Ms. Heyer added that the bench also needs to be repaired and painted.

Public Comment

Craig Dunwell, 7th Ave, discussed billing issues with water and sewer. Mr. Dunwell stated he spoke with the Engineer directly concerning the Safe Routes to School and added that it was a good idea to establish two additional crosswalks in the Borough.

Mr. Dunwell discussed the water and sewer billing and pointed out the comparison of the water being lost since 2010.

Tracy Grossman 7th Ave, asked if there were any ideas on resolving the speeding issue on 7th Ave.

Chief Falbourn stated he will speak with Mrs. Grossman after the meeting for her concerns of the speeders. Discussions ensued in ideas of deterring the speeders.

Mrs. Grossman inquired about why the DPW has a TV in the garage.

Chuck Bodogh, East Central Ave, discussed his concerns with 7th Ave and suggested putting up new speed limits signs, citing the present ones being worn and old.

Tim Mellert, North Blvd, reminded Council that the cost to remove the telephone poles for the Safe Routes to School is not included in the grant.

John Schmidt stated that a lot of traffic signs are worn and some are inefficient.

Mike Savary, Park Ave, asked the status of the water meters that still need to be installed. Mr. Savary also inquired about the tree ordinance.

Craig Dunwell, 7th Ave, inquired about how many meters were installed backwards and added that the Utility Clerk can still get an accurate reading if its manually done

Payment of Bills and Claims

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

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

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. Ayes: Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none. Absent: Cartabona.

| P.O. Type: All | | | Open: N | Paid: N | Void: N | | |
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| Range: First to Last | | | Rcvd: Y | Held: Y | Aprv: N | | |
| Format: Condensed | | | Bid: Y | State: Y | Other: Y | Exempt: Y | |
| PO # | PO Date | Vendor | PO Description | Status | Amount | Void Amount | PO Type |
| 14-00087 | 02/01/14 | WILHELM WINEGAR,WILHELM,GLYNN & ROEMER | Public Def Fee - St v Rothrock | Open | 150.00 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00112 | 02/21/14 | STAP STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE | Cleaning & Office Supplies | Open | 120.78 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00132 | 03/01/14 | HEALTH STATE OF NJ HEALTH BENEFITS | 2014 State Health Benefits | Open | 10,190.59 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00143 | 02/24/14 | BIGDOG BIGDOG GUTTER | 2/24 Roof Snow/Ice Removal | Open | 150.00 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00146 | 01/28/14 | ATLSA ATLANTIC SALT | 1/28 Inv #047763 Road Salt | Open | 2,662.52 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00152 | 03/17/14 | HOME HOME DEPOT/GEFCF | blue marking paint | Open | 33.83 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00158 | 03/12/14 | ABE A.B.E. PARKING LOT STRIPING | 2/14 Plow Borough Alley ways | Open | 550.00 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00162 | 02/01/14 | ROTO ROTO ROOTER / KIRBY ASSOCIATES | 2/1 Sewer Cleaning | Open | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00165 | 02/21/14 | HUNDE HUNTERDON COUNTY DEMOCRAT | 2/21 & 3/7 Legal Ads | Open | 102.36 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00166 | 03/07/14 | EXPRES EXPRESS-TIMES | 3/7-3/9 Legal Ads | Open | 606.32 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00167 | 03/07/14 | SOMOGYIS SOMOGYISS GAS | 3/7 Backhoe-Starter & Transmis | Open | 570.00 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00168 | 03/05/14 | METZE METZ & SON ELECTRICAL, INC | 3/5 Pumphouse Lighting Repairs | Open | 158.40 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00173 | 02/27/14 | GRAPH GRAPHIC ACTION | Business Cards - Clerk/Rooks | Open | 101.00 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00176 | 02/11/14 | ATLSA ATLANTIC SALT | 2/11-2/20 Road Salt | Open | 2,640.93 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00195 | 03/25/14 | MR JOHN MR JOHN | Port Restrooms - Athl Fields | Open | 282.76 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00196 | 03/25/14 | ADVANCE ADVANCED BUSINESS EQUIPMENT | 2014 Copier Maintenance Fees | Open | 144.00 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00199 | 03/28/14 | EXETER EXETER SUPPLY COMPANY | Repair Clamps for ACP Pipe | Open | 473.40 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00200 | 03/31/14 | HOME HOME DEPOT/GEFCF | Fittings - Hot Water Heater | Open | 16.44 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00202 | 03/28/14 | VERI VERIZON | 2/2-4/1 Library Phone Bill | Open | 177.78 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00204 | 04/01/14 | WCSC WARREN CTY SERVICE CENTER INC | Snow Blade/Hardware John Deere | Open | 87.18 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00205 | 04/01/14 | HOME HOME DEPOT/GEFCF | Valve & Fittings/Pump Station | Open | 7.96 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00206 | 03/20/14 | COUN COUNTY OF WARREN TREASURER | 2014 2nd Qtr County Taxes | Open | 323,698.67 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00207 | 03/20/14 | COUN COUNTY OF WARREN TREASURER'S | 2014 2nd Qtr Open Space | Open | 23,605.89 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00209 | 03/25/14 | DOG NJ DEPT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SER | Feb 2014 State Dog Fees | Open | 17.40 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00211 | 04/02/14 | RICHS RICHS SCREEN PRINTING | Safety Clothing-DPW | Open | 540.00 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00212 | 04/02/14 | HOME HOME DEPOT/GEFCF | Anchor/Screws-Vet's Park 1st | Open | 44.25 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00215 | 04/03/14 | PRIDE PRIDE CONSTRUCTION CO. | Salt Shed- Inst Concrete Flr | Open | 3,400.00 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00216 | 03/25/14 | NJSTA NJ STATE LEAGUE MUNICIPALITIES | 4/23 Leave of Absence Seminar | Open | 75.00 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00217 | 03/28/14 | FREY ENG FREY ENGINEERING, LLC | Feb 2014 Engineering Services | Open | 6,945.27 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00218 | 03/18/14 | QC QC, INC. | Mar 2014 Water Testing | Open | 165.00 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00221 | 04/01/14 | CATALI VINCENT CATALI | 2014 Truck Allowance - ACD | Open | 125.00 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00222 | 04/04/14 | FRUST ARTHUR FRUSTACI | Cert#201311 880 High St L/Rdmp | Open | 1,102.32 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00223 | 04/02/14 | STPWT STATE OF NEW JERSEY-PWT | 2014 1st Qtr Water System Tax | Open | 191.85 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00224 | 01/01/14 | BARANSKY DANIEL BARANSKY | 2014 N2 Operator | Open | 2,499.99 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00225 | 04/01/14 | TRITE DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERV | 2014 Copier Equip Lease | Open | 159.49 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00226 | 04/01/14 | TROXE CHRISTOPHER M. TROXELL, ESQ | 2014 Municipal Atty Svs - Apr | Open | 3,713.48 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00227 | 04/01/14 | VERI DSL VERIZON ONLINE | 2014 DSL Online Services - | Open | 91.99 | 0.00 | |
| 14-00228 | 04/01/14 | WASTE RO WASTE MANAGEMENT ROLL OFFS | 2014 School Dumpsters - | Open | 100.00 | 0.00 | |
| Total Purchase Orders: 39 | | | Total P.O. Line Items: 72 | Total List Amount: 387,701.85 | Total void Amount: 0.00 | | |

14-00197 3/27/14 2014 Pd2 Utility Bill Postage \$350.20 Paid Check #4166

New Business

Motion made by Councilman Zikas to approve the following:

Approval of Pavilion Permits for Boy Scouts on 04/25/14 6pm-10pm & Overnight at Park 06/14-06/15

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Schwar, questions: Councilwoman Schwar questioned if this was approved before and stated concerns of how many adults would be present compared to the ratio of children. Roll call: Ayes: Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas, Nays: none. Absent: Cartabona.

Motion made by Councilman Rooks to approve the following:

Approval of Annual PTO Yard Sales for *correction: June 7th and 8th (Saturday and Sunday)

Motion seconded by Councilman Zikas. Roll call: Ayes: Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas, Nays: none. Absent: Cartabona.

Executive Session

Motion made by Councilman Zikas to approve the following resolution to go into executive session for one hour and 20 minutes. Motion seconded by Councilman Rooks, 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 one hour and 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 Zikas to return to regular session, motion seconded by Councilman Seiss, all were in favor.

Motion made by Councilman Rooks to approve the Shared Services agreement tentatively between the Town of Phillipsburg and Borough of Alpha pending Attorney review for municipal Court, motion seconded by Councilman Zikas. Questions: Councilman Schwar asked for specifically having Attorney Caleca review it. Councilman Zikas stated because of a conflict with the Municipal Attorney, the backup Attorney John Caleca will review the contract. Roll call: Ayes: Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none. Absent: Cartabona.

Motion to authorize the Clerk to advertise the lease of a small portion of Block 99 and lot 2 for the same terms contracted last time, was moved by Councilman Seiss and seconded by Councilman Rooks. Roll call: Ayes: Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none. Absent: Cartabona.

Mayor Hanics discussed the property where PennBower has their equipment and stated that LMR was interested in buying that. It was confirmed that it cannot be sold; citing that it is Green Acres land.

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 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Barton, R.M.C.