

Mayor Hanics called the Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 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 3, 2013, 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 Cartabona, Councilman Rooks, Councilwoman C. Schwar, Councilman M. Schwar (*entered at 7:14pm*), and Councilman Seiss. Also present Administrative Clerk, Christy Rose, CFO, Lorraine Rossetti and Attorney Christopher Troxell. Absent: Councilman Zikas.

Public Comment

Craig Dunwell, from 1159 Seventh Avenue, pointed out resolutions listed on the agenda approving projects for which the funding is not available. For this reason, Mr. Dunwell suggested the resolutions be tabled. Lengthy discussions followed regarding the urgency and funding of the projects and it was decided the resolutions would be tabled following their presentation for approval.

Tracy Grossman, from 833 Seventh Avenue, presented a business plan for the pool and expressed her hopes for feedback from Mayor & Council in addition to the scheduling of a second meeting soon.

John Lacaruba, from 1805 Springtown Road, asked for an update regarding remediation for the flooding still occurring on his property. The Engineer addressed Mr. Lacaruba's question followed by lengthy discussions regarding flooding issues and potential solutions.

Craig Dunwell, from 1159 Seventh Avenue, appealed to Mayor and Council to make a decision to do the right thing, spend the necessary money, and fix the issue of the flooding for the few residents who have been affected negatively for the benefit of many.

Tracy Grossman, from 833 Seventh Avenue, asked for any information available about the sharing of the Alpha court with Phillipsburg. Attorney Troxell responded the issue is not allowed to be discussed in public at this time.

Craig Dunwell, from 1159 Seventh Avenue, discussed the shared court services agreement with Phillipsburg as he feels the agreement is deficient because it doesn't anticipate how increased ticket volume is proportioned against what borough pays them to do their court. He continued that they should be compensated for additional work only, using a sliding scale to cover additional costs.

Michael Savary, from 1210 Park Avenue, inquired about the invoice for Enviroprobe on the bill list with regards to the location of the work (Schley Avenue). Mr. Savary indicated that he looked at the park and wondered if cleaning up branches at the park is included in the lawn maintenance contract. Councilwoman C. Schwar responded that she was told this was done. Mr. Savary asked how long the Borough has been paying an employee when he goes on fire calls and if this is a correct procedure, stating he would not have an issue with it if the employee was responding for Alpha's fire company, but this is not the case. Attorney Troxell stated it is a personnel issue and advised no one should comment and indicated that public comment is not for asking questions. Councilman Cartabona stated that he loves hearing comments and encouraged them because they are a great reminder to Mayor and Council of issues they need to work on.

Chuck Bodogh, from 117 East Central Avenue asked about matted grass, leaves and other debris left behind in the yards after repaving at 714 Seventh Avenue. Mr. Bodogh asked when they are going to come back to fix it as they had beautiful lawn before they did the project and also wondered why they didn't they just hydro-seed instead of wasting straw. Discussions ensued regarding debris left from paving projects in the Borough and Mr. Bodogh asked if there any way to temporarily put a 10 mile per hour speed limit in the work area to avoid the dust issues during the project.

Mr. Dech, from 611 Vulcanite Avenue, suggested parking on one side (of Vulcanite Avenue) as it is too narrow.

Lloyd Best, from 1000 Dewey Avenue, had a lot of macadam on his property from the snow plowing and asked if he could drop it off at grass clippings area. Pete Pursel, from the DPW, stated he will pick it up as they take a pile they have to Warren Paving. Discussion continued regarding the chipping schedule (1st & 3rd Thursday of each month), the sizes of branches and weeds allowed to be put out for chipping, and Mayor & Council advised the public to let the branches be picked up as opposed to bringing them to the grass clipping site. The current yard waste recycling site hours (Saturdays 10am-4pm) were discussed as well as additional hours being added starting in May.

Charles Bodogh, from 117 West Central Avenue discussed his concerns regarding the straw in the Borough not being cut down or something holding it into place.

Ordinance-First Reading: None.

Ordinance-Second Reading:

Councilwoman C. Schwar made a motion to open the public hearing for the second reading of Ordinance #2014-07, Councilman Rooks seconded. Hearing no questions, Councilman Rooks made a motion to close the public hearing, Councilwoman C. Schwar seconded. Councilwoman C. Schwar made a motion to adopt, Councilman Rooks seconded. Councilman Cartabona voiced his objection to the ordinance due to his concerns regarding increased ability to spend on certain line items growing yearly. Roll Call; Ayes: Councilwoman C. Schwar, Councilman M. Schwar, Councilman Rooks, and Councilman Seiss. Nays: Councilman Cartabona. Absent: Councilman Zikas.

**ORDINANCE 2014-07
"CAP" ORDINANCE TO EXCEED INDEX RATE
FOR THE YEAR 2014 (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 to 2.0% or the Cost of Living Increase (COLA), whichever is less, over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 1986, C.203 amended the Local Government Cap Law, to provide that a municipality may, in any year in which the index rate is less than 2.0%, increase its final appropriations by a percentage rate greater than the index rate but not to exceed the 3.5% rate as specified in the law, when authorized by ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the COLA rate for 2014 has been certified by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs as 2.0%; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha in the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its budget by more than 2.0% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$47,876.36 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines 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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough 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 2014 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Alpha shall, in accordance with this ordinance and P.L. 1986, C.203, and be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$47,876.36 and that the 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 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 with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Resolutions:

Budget Examination:

Councilwoman C. Schwar made a motion to open the public hearing for the second reading and Budget Examination for Resolution #2014-52, Councilman Rooks seconded. All were in favor. CFO, Lorraine Rossetti, handed out copies of her budget presentation and gave a detailed breakdown and explanation of the materials. The CFO indicated that the budget cannot be adopted until the amendment regarding the typos is approved. Councilman Rooks made a motion to close the public hearing, Councilman Cartabona seconded.

All were in favor.

**RESOLUTION 2014-52
RESOLUTION FOR CONDUCTING
ANNUAL BUDGET EXAMINATION**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 thru 7.5 the Borough of Alpha has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Borough meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2014 budget year, so now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & b and based upon the Chief Financial Officers certification. The governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A:4-45.3 et seq. are fully met. (Complies with the "CAP" law.)
3. That the budget is in such form arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate, and correctly stated
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement, and content the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced, publicly advertised, and adopted in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

BOROUGH OF ALPHA

RESOLUTION TO AMEND BUDGET

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2014 was approved on the 25th day of March, 2014 and WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget, now THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2014 be made:

_RECORDED VOTE (INSERT LAST NAMES)	(<u>Ayes</u> ((<u>Nays</u> ((<u>Abstained</u> ((
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	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Anticipated Revenues:		
3. Miscellaneous Revenues - Section C Dedicated Uniform Construction Code Fees	0.00	17,500.00
Total Section C - Dedicated Uniform Construction Code Fees	0.00	17,500.00
 Summary of Revenues:		
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Total Miscellaneous Revenues	335,247.00	352,747.00
5. Subtotal General Revenues	857,233.00	874,733.00
6. Amount to be Raised by Taxes For Support of Municipal Budget		
A) Local Tax For Municipal Purposes Including Reserve For Uncollected Taxes	1,771,687.12	1,754,187.12
Total Amount To be Raised By Taxes For Support of Municipal Budget	1,840,704.00	1,823,204.00
8. General Appropriations:		
(D) Municipal Debt Service - Excluded From "Caps"		
Interest on Bonds	12,400.00	38,600.00
Interest on Notes	38,600.00	12,400.00
 WATER & SEWER UTILITY		
11. Appropriations For Water & Sewer Utility		
Interest on Notes	13,000.00	14,000.00
Total Water & Sewer Utility Appropriations	1,070,890.00	1,071,890.00

Councilman Cartabona made a motion to table Resolution #2014-59, Councilman Rooks seconded, Roll Call; Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, and Seiss. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Zikas

**RESOLUTION 2014-59
RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR PLANT
UPGRADES AT THE FRACE STREET WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

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 plant upgrades at the Frace Street water treatment plant; and

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpha has received the lowest responsible bid from PACT Two, LLC, 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 – the plant upgrades at the Frace Street water treatment plant – is hereby awarded to PACT Two, LLC, of Ringoes, New Jersey, having submitted a bid of \$265,000.00 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.

Councilman Cartabona made a motion to approve the 1st Reading of the Budget Resolution #2014-60. The CFO gave a brief explanation of the amendment. Roll Call; Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, and Seiss. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Zikas. The public hearing is scheduled for May 13th, 2014 at the regular council meeting.

BOROUGH OF ALPHA
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11. Appropriations For Water & Sewer Utility			
Interest on Notes	13,000.00	14,000.00	
Total Water & Sewer Utility Appropriations	1,070,890.00	1,071,890.00	

Councilman Cartabona made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-61, Councilman Rooks seconded, Roll Call; Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, and Seiss. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Zikas

**RESOLUTION 2014-61
WATER AND SEWER UTILITY
ACCOUNT ADJUSTMENTS**

WHEREAS, the following adjustments are necessary to correct Water and Sewer Utility accounts for inaccurate readings, bank deposit errors and final bills as listed below,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council must approve all account adjustments to any one account over five dollars,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha hereby authorize the Finance Officer / Utility Collector to make those adjustments listed below to bring all consumer accounts into proper balance.

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>ACCT #/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
APR 2013	8010600-0 BIHLER	\$12,132.16 (meter reading error)

Councilman Seiss made a motion to table Resolution #2014-62, Councilman Cartabona seconded. All were in favor.

**RESOLUTION 2014-62
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER TO
PROVIDE CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES
FOR FIREHOUSE EMERGENCY GENERATOR
NJOEM HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the firm of Remington & Vernick Engineers is hereby authorized to act as the Borough Engineer and proceed with the engineering services in regard to the firehouse emergency generator and related NJOEM Hazard Mitigation Grant, for the contemplated scope of work in accordance with the firm's proposal of April 16, 2014 (attached hereto) and in an amount not to exceed \$10,650.00, 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 services.

Councilwoman C. Schwar made a motion to approve Resolution #2014-63, Councilman Rooks seconded. Councilman Cartabona asked if there were any other bidders to which Attorney Troxell responded this was the lowest bidder on the bid tabulation. Roll Call; Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, and Seiss. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Zikas

**RESOLUTION 2014-63
RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT FOR WORK AT
CROSSWALK AT INTERSECTION OF HIGH AND LEE STREETS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha have determined that certain improvements are needed for the Borough's road system, including but not limited to the installation of crosswalk markings and two sidewalk ADA-compliant, curb ramps at the intersection of High and Lee Streets in the Borough of Alpha; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha, through the Borough Engineer, have openly solicited or requested 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 Topline Construction Corp., based on the recommendation of the Borough Engineer (4/16/14).

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 of the installation of crosswalk markings and two sidewalk ADA-compliant, curb ramps at the intersection of High and Lee Streets in the Borough of Alpha is hereby awarded to Topline Construction Corp., of Somerville, New Jersey, having submitted a bid of \$15,750.00 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.

The CFO clarified for Councilwoman C. Schwar that Resolution #2014-63 is a part of the Safe Routes to School Program.

Councilman Cartabona made a motion to table Resolution #2014-64, Councilman M. Schwar seconded, all were in favor.

**RESOLUTION 2014-64
RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR WATER
SOFTENER VESSEL INTERIOR COATING SYSTEM**

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 the installation of water softener vessel interior coating system; and

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpha has received the lowest responsible bid from Scaturro Bros., Inc. t/a Alpine Painting and Sandblasting Contractor, based on the recommendation of the Borough Engineer (4/11/14).

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 of the installation of the water softener vessel interior coating system is hereby awarded to Scaturro Bros., Inc. t/a Alpine Painting and Sandblasting Contractor, of Paterson, New Jersey, having submitted a bid of \$42,900.00 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.

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Rooks made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes together from 1/14/14, 1/28/14, and 2/11/14, Councilwoman C. Schwar seconded. Roll Call; Ayes: Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, and Seiss. Nays: None. Abstain: Cartabona. Absent: Councilman Zikas

Departmental Reports:

Administration, Councilman Harry Zikas: Absent. No report.

Councilman Seiss approved bills salaries and wages for this department.

Finance, Councilman Michael Schwar: Councilman Schwar reported the Borough received the Houston-Galveston application and that it will take few weeks to process before we can get a quote. Mr. Schwar announced he will be meeting with the fire chief to review the long term budget tomorrow morning at 9:30 and then will be meeting with Sam Karish at 10:30am regarding the cell tower leasing lump sum purchase offer. Discussions ensued regarding the Mosquito Commission getting the key to the lock on pool and the key authorization policy he went over with the DPW Supervisor last week. Mr. Schwar stated that he still wants to know what a third DPW worker is going to do and that he cannot vote to put it in budget until he knows this. He explained that he misunderstood why it would be easier to keep it in the budget, as was stated in a budget meeting, and until he does he will abstain from approving. Councilman M. Schwar requested ten minutes in executive session for shared services, ten minutes for contractual regarding Open Space, and ten minutes for personnel regarding the DPW. Councilman Rooks asked about the policy regarding handing keys out and Councilman M. Schwar explained that the Clerk should have a record of signatures once keys are issued.

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

Health and Welfare, Councilman M. Rooks: Councilman Rooks reported on the recent garbage pick-up issue stating when he called Waste Management they said they had some sort of a vehicle issue that day. Councilman Rooks also inquired with Waste Management about why some of the garbage residents are putting out is not being taken and that they would submit to him a list of what can and cannot be put out for curbside pick-up with the regular trash yet he still has not received a response from them. Councilman Rooks announced, starting in May, the recycling area will be open Tuesdays from 12pm-7pm in addition to the Saturday 10am-4pm hours. Councilman Rooks announced the town-wide clean-up dates will be June 13th & 14th. Curbside for seniors is on 13th and seniors can leave address & name with the Clerk to be put on the list. The clean-up contract is out for bid at this time and the procedure for dropping off trash for clean-up day will be just like the previous year. Councilman Rooks requested ten minutes in executive session for potential litigation and ten for contractual regarding the recycling area. Councilman Seiss stated a garbage truck is going up the alley way to pick up garbage had a complaint that trucks are tearing up alley which Councilman Rooks indicated he will follow up on with them when he speaks with them.

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

Public Property, Councilwoman Carol Schwar: Councilwoman C. Schwar reported on the long list of items the DPW has been getting done such as painting the library bench and mulch for courtyard. Councilwoman C. Schwar stated she has two estimates for roof over Benke bleachers but she has not yet reviewed them. Councilwoman C. Schwar gave updates about the repairs at Marino, the salt shed canopy repairs, the HVAC system, the salt shed cameras, extra dirt added to the quarry road by Penn Bower, and playground upgrades & repairs. Councilwoman C. Schwar gave an update regarding the Industrial Park signs explaining an extra charge of \$100 for any special design requests and that JHM Signs continues to work on the project. The businesses will be listed in alphabetical order on the signs for simplicity purposes. Councilwoman C. Schwar requested ten minutes in executive session for contractual regarding the quarry road and discussed an upcoming inventory of computer equipment in basement for the county recycling program. Councilwoman C. Schwar discussed the email about speeding on Seventh Avenue and stated that once a meeting is scheduled, residents should be specially noticed for it. Discussions ensued regarding the installation of an underground wire at Circle Field and Councilwoman C. Schwar approved all bills, salaries, and wages for her department.

Public Safety, Councilman Louis Cartabona: Councilman Cartabona reported on an email he sent to Attorney Troxell regarding a motion and requested five minutes in executive session for potential litigation regarding HVAC repairs. Councilman Cartabona announced leftover prescriptions can be disposed of at an upcoming date will post on website and approved all bills, salaries, and wages for his department.

Public Works, Councilman Thomas Seiss: Councilman Seiss reported on the completion of the camera and cleaning projects. Jim Hill of Frey Engineering presented his findings with the jetting and video of the sewer system. Councilman Seiss made a motion to approve James Hill of Frey Engineering to obtain quotes to correct issues found in the reports estimated at costs of approximately \$40,000 and Councilman Cartabona seconded. Roll Call; Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, and Seiss. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Zikas.

Councilman Seiss requested 20 minutes in executive session for contractual engineering regarding the tank liner quotes and reported that he attempted to conduct interviews for the DPW worker position but there was a scheduling conflict and they had to be cancelled. Councilman Seiss discussed obtaining street sweeping quotes and the key fob system now being online. Councilman M. Schwar discussed complaints about damage from plowing and Councilman Seiss asked that the complaints be forwarded to him. In closing, Councilman Seiss approved all bills, salaries, and wages for his department.

Committee Reports: None.

Professionals & Officials Reports

Mayor's Report, Edward Hanics: Mayor Hanics reported about the annual golfing turn out, two complaints about speeding on Pursel Street, and resident complaints about lawn damage and loose asphalt across from the water tower from where they are using lifts. Mayor Hanics indicated he received a second call from Lear for an update regarding her claim for a sewer back up in alley. Councilman M. Schwar asked for an update regarding the list of Deputies and Directors for the departments and this list was discussed.

Police: Not present, no report.

Alpha Volunteer Fire Company: Fire Chief Sean McDyer gave a report about the annual Easter Egg Hunt for which 125 kids turned out and said that it was finished early so that supplies were able to be returned for the refund. Chief McDyer stated there will be a meeting next Thursday for the ISO.

Emergency Squad: Chief Weston had no report but made himself available for any questions. Councilman Cartabona asked about working with Pohatcong Township if it doesn't go well with Bloomsbury.

Emergency Management: Not present, no report.

Attorney, Christopher Troxell: Mr. Troxell had no report but requested five minutes in executive session for shared services, five minutes for litigation regarding the Cook case, and five minutes regarding personnel.

Engineer: Stephanie Cuthbert gave updates regarding ongoing projects in the Borough. Councilman Cartabona asked the Engineers to make sure the inspector looks into the issues with the straw when they repair damage. Councilman M. Schwar asked about firm capacity with regards to the estimated amount of debt needed to complete projects that are going on.

CFO, Lorraine Rossetti: Ms. Rossetti reported that March was closed last week and was on time for the first time since 1999. Councilman Cartabona commended the CFO for making the budget easy to understand for the common person. Mayor Hanics also commended the CFO on the good job she did with her report. Councilman Cartabona stated he is not for budget where it stands and would rather use surplus to fund needed projects instead of debt. Mayor Hanics stated the Borough should start planning ahead for funding of projects.

Clerk, Administrative Clerk, Christy Rose (in for Laurie Barton): No report.

Recycling Coordinator, Tom Fey: Mr. Fey left his recycling report with Councilman Rooks who stated Mr. Fey is prepping to send numbers to Trenton for municipal waste credits.

Code Enforcement Official, Dave Santowasso: Absent, no report. Mayor Hanics indicated he was disappointed not to see him here and wondered if Mr. Santowasso had started working nights. Councilman Rooks and Councilman Cartabona agreed with the Mayor and suggested Councilman Zikas check with him about his attendance, as his director. Councilwoman C. Schwar indicated he often emails and she will bring emails to meeting.

Public Comment

Tracy Grossman, from 833 Seventh Avenue, inquired with Councilwoman C. Schwar about when they can access the pool house to let contractors in to start getting estimates. Discussions ensued regarding making the key available and setting the date and time.

Lloyd Best, from 1000 Dewey Avenue, inquired about re-hiring Fred Cook to make a deal with him instead of going through the litigation and Attorney Troxell advised no comment because it is personnel and in litigation.

Payment of Bills and Claims

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to have the directors' reports part of the minutes, motion seconded by Councilwoman C. Schwar. Roll Call; Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, and Seiss. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Zikas

Motion made by Councilman Rooks to have the CFO authorized to pay all bills approved by the directors, motion seconded by Councilman Seiss. Roll Call; Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, and Seiss. Nays: None. Absent: Councilman Zikas

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

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PO #	PO Date	Vendor	PO Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	PO Type			
13-00752	12/04/13	VANCLE	VANCLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATE	Nov 2013 Mod 5 - Master Plan	Open	720.00	0.00			
14-00198	03/27/14	STAP	STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	Copy Room Paper	Open	72.80	0.00			
14-00213	04/04/14	STAP	STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	Ink - Finance Fax	Open	57.65	0.00			
14-00214	03/25/14	STAP	STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	Tax Collector - Office Suppls	Open	53.63	0.00			
14-00229	04/09/14	HOME	HOME DEPOT/GEFC	Building & Misc Supplies	Open	81.66	0.00			
14-00230	04/15/14	HOME	HOME DEPOT/GEFC	Metal wire tie for fence	Open	17.15	0.00			
14-00232	04/09/14	JEWELL	JEWELL COMPUTING SOLUTIONS LLC	Inv #BA040914 - Switch/prep	Open	302.50	0.00			
14-00233	04/03/14	PRIDE	PRIDE CONSTRUCTION CO.	4/3 Concrete Work at Salt Shed	Open	300.00	0.00			
14-00234	03/15/14	RUEFF	SANDY RUEFF	Feb/Mar 2014 Website Updates	Open	192.50	0.00			
14-00235	03/18/14	QC	QC, INC.	3/18 Water Testing	Open	439.00	0.00			
14-00236	02/25/14	COOPR	COOPER ALARM SYSTEMS	CCTV Install-Clerk's Computer	Open	127.50	0.00			
14-00237	04/08/14	DOG	NJ DEPT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SER	March 2014 State Dog Fees	Open	16.20	0.00			
14-00239	04/01/14	TRDCF	TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	2014 1st Qtr State Mrg Lic Fee	Open	75.00	0.00			
14-00240	03/21/14	CUPON K	KATHERINE CUPON	3/21 TCCAA Mtg Reimbursement	Open	25.00	0.00			
14-00241	04/10/14	ENVIROPR	ENVIROPROBE SERVICE, INC	Sinkhole Probe-Schley Avenue	Open	4,180.00	0.00			
14-00242	01/01/14	VANCLE	VANCLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATE	Lee Ave Ped Bridge-Eng Svs	Open	1,274.00	0.00			
14-00243	04/03/14	BCS	UNIVAR USA INC.	4/3-4/4 Caustic Soda/Sulf Acid	Open	4,992.88	0.00			
14-00244	04/04/14	VERIZ	VERIZON WIRELESS	3/6-4/4 Cell Phone Bill	Open	50.50	0.00			
14-00246	04/15/14	LSI	LINE SYSTEMS, INC	4/1-4/30 Phone Bill	Open	632.35	0.00			
14-00247	04/09/14	VANCLE	VANCLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATE	Highlands Reimbursements	Open	10,314.00	0.00			
14-00253	01/01/14	AQUA	AQUA NEW JERSEY	2014 Hydrant Rentals	Open	62.49	0.00			
Total Purchase Orders:				22	Total P.O. Line Items:	36	Total List Amount:	23,986.81	Total Void Amount:	0.00

13-00709 4/11/13 LEAR-DOG FENCE DAMAGE REIMBURSEMENT PAID CK #4089 12/2/13 (NOT YET MAILED)

New Business

Motion made by Councilman Rooks to approve the following, Councilwoman C. Schwar seconded. Roll Call; Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, and M. Schwar. Nays: None. Abstain: Seiss. Absent: Councilman Zikas:

- ***Approval of pavilion permit: Alpha Fire Company-Car Show August 2nd with rain date Aug 9th –request waiver of fee.***

Motion made by Councilman M. Schwar to approve the following, Councilwoman C. Schwar seconded. Roll Call; Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, and M. Schwar, and Seiss. Nays: None. Abstain: Cartabona. Absent: Councilman Zikas:

- ***Social Affair Permit for PBA Local#56-Matt Amey at Pavilion on 05/17/2014***

Executive Session

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to go into executive session for (1) hour and (45) minutes, motion seconded by Councilman Seiss, 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, (1) and (45) minutes, allowing for a five (5) minute recess between the regular session and the executive session.

Return to Regular Session

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

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before Council at this time, on motion made by Councilman Cartabona and seconded by Councilwoman C. Schwar, this meeting adjourned at 11:09p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Rose
Administrative Clerk