

Mayor Hanics called the Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 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 Cartabona, Councilman Rooks, Councilwoman Schwar, Councilman Schwar, Councilman Seiss and Councilman Zikas. Also present, Attorney Christopher Troxell, Clerk, Laurie Barton, Engineer Stephanie Cuthbert and CFO, Lorraine Rossetti.

Public Comment

Tom Fey, East Blvd., reminded Council of the memorial service at Veterans Park on Sunday starting at 2:00 PM.

Sue Smeal, Sigsbee Ave., thanked Councilwoman Schwar with the library beautification. Ms. Smeal inquired about maintaining the weed control in front of the municipal building.

Tracy Grossman, 7th Ave., asked for an update on the testing of the pipes at the pool.

Councilwoman Schwar stated she received an estimate from PennBower for \$3,500.00 to do the testing and added that more quotes will be needed.

Mrs. Grossman stated she will speak with Mountain Lakes to see if they can submit a quote.

Councilman Seiss asked what budget this was coming from (pipe testing).

Councilwoman Schwar stated that at some point Council needs to stop and look at this situation (pool) and decided what direction it wants to go before spending any more money.

Mrs. Grossman asked if the pool house can be cleaned out so that it could be used for other purposes.

Councilwoman Schwar stated that it was her opinion that nothing be done until Council decides, and added that they need to see what affect on the building will be for open space purposes.

Mrs. Grossman added that she would like to see if the pipes in the building are working and to see if there are any leaks. Councilman Zikas advised to get quotes for testing.

Mrs. Grossman added that she understood that it wouldn't cost anything to have the DPW turn on the water and have Councilman Cartabona run the test.

Mike Savary, Park Ave., stated that before any money is spent Council needs to decide whether they are going through with the project (opening the pool).

Tom Fey, East Blvd., stated he is interested in any hidden costs to the quote supplied by Mountain Lakes, to restore the pool. Mr. Fey stated he called them and they indicated there was no hidden costs, but there was no mention of testing the pipes. Mr. Fey added that Council needs to make a yes or no decision.

Councilman Schwar stated that before council decides yes or no on the pool, they need to know how much it's going to cost to open it. Quotes need to be obtained and Councilman Schwar added that he is uncomfortable in voting to spend money not knowing how much it's going to be.

Councilman Cartabona stated that more quotes are needed before PennBower does the testing.

Councilwoman Schwar stated her disappointment in the whole process and added that she did not like the way the pool committee has operated and stated she doesn't even know who is on this committee.

Mike Savary, Park Ave, asked who picked the committee (pool).

Mayor Hanics answered that the committee was formed from volunteers from the public.

Councilwoman Schwar stated she heard nothing back from Greenwich or Pohatcong Townships.

Mayor Hanics added that he needs solid numbers in the cost to run the pool and cannot go to them (Greenwich and Pohatcong) without those numbers.

Tom Fey, East Blvd., added that he spoke with both town Mayors and they aren't putting any money to upgrade the pool, their interest was for after the pool opened.

Craig Dunwell, 7th Ave., stated his surprise at tonight's agenda that there was no bond ordinance to authorize projects and added he would like to see a motion that all water utility work stop until there is debt authorization.

Mr. Dunwell stated that for the last three weeks work continued on thousands of feet of the water main project but there is no authorization to spend this money.

Mayor Hanics stated that this was work that was authorized.

Councilwoman Schwar made a motion to stop all water utility work until the Borough has the money in place, Councilman Zikas asked if the projects were certified. CFO stated she believed the resolutions say pending certifications of funds. Councilman Cartabona seconded motion. Questions: Councilman Cartabona stated he asked the CFO at the previous meeting about this issue. Lengthy discussions ensued regarding funding for the projects and certification of funds. The CFO stated that her part of her report tonight was that she started reviewing all of the awards done in 2013 so that she can come up with a final total for money the Borough still needs to have a bond ordinance done. She needs to know what projects still need to be considered in the next 12 month period to combine it all in one bond ordinance for future funding. Councilman Cartabona asked if the CFO had a figure on how short (financially) they are. The CFO stated she could not answer that.

The CFO added that there are multiple projects going on, there is a lot of work being done in the water utility.

Stephanie Cuthbert, Engineer added that they do not track the budget or authorize the money and they cannot comment on the budget as it is not their role or position to do so.

Councilman Cartabona inquired on the contracts that were awarded with certified funds and asked where the funds went to.

Councilman Cartabona asked if the Borough was in the position to get a bond. CFO, Lorraine Rossetti answered yes. The CFO requested that she get a list of current and future projects to have it all in one bond.

Attorney Troxell added that any bids received and no action taken after 60 days voids those bids and they are considered rejected. Mayor Hanics asked how the Borough got in this position if all funds are to be certified. Councilman Zikas asked who allowed the projects to start without the certification and added that the resolutions stated pending certification, with these

contracts being awarded in 2013. Mayor Hanics stated some of the projects were awarded in 2014.

Councilman Cartabona suggested not passing this resolution and finding out how much money is needed to finish projects now. Mrs. Cuthbert stated she went through all old projects with figures with a breakdown which she gave to the CFO, from the last meeting.

Councilman Schwar suggested that he and Councilman Seiss come in this week and meet with the CFO to see what the Borough needs and discuss funding.

Councilwoman Schwar asked to hear from the current Director of the department, since it is now his department. Councilman Seiss responded that these projects were here before he got here.

Councilwoman Schwar responded that the director should make sure that the funds are in place if the projects are going to keep going. Councilman Seiss countered and stated that the CFO has to make sure the money is in place.

Councilman Schwar replied that right now at this point is to look at what the Borough does to fix this. Councilman Zikas agreed and stated that Councilman Seiss and Schwar meet and look at it.

Further discussions ensued regarding available funding and invoices for the projects.

Roll call: Ayes: M. Schwar. Nays: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas.

Craig Dunwell, 7th Ave, stated his disappointment at Councils actions calling it atrocious behavior.

Councilman Seiss suggested that he and Councilman Schwar meet with the CFO to discuss the issue.

Mike Savary, Park Ave, inquired if the Borough has money to pay for the project up to this point. The CFO replied yes.

Councilman Cartabona at this time introduced two new members of the Fire Company, Tyler Lee and Christopher Fox. Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve the memberships, motion seconded by Councilman Schwar, all were in favor.

Ordinances

Motion made Councilman Schwar to introduce Ordinance 2014-09, motion seconded by Councilwoman Schwar. Roll Call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none.

ORDINANCE 2014-09

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR INSTALLATION OF
SIDEWALKS AND CURBING AND APPROPRIATING \$275,000 FOR SUCH PURPOSE.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA, IN
THE COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The Borough of Alpha, in the County of Warren, in the State of New Jersey, authorizes the installation of sidewalks and curbing on Schley Avenue from West Vulcanite to North Boulevard for the Borough of Alpha, to be funded from the sources specified in Section 2 of the Ordinance.

Section 2. The amount of \$200,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the New Jersey State Safe Routes to School Grant award and the amount of \$75,000 is appropriated from the 2014 Current Fund Budget line item Improvements to Roads for the purposes stated in Section 1 of the Ordinance.

Section 3. In connection with the purpose and the amount authorized in Sections 1 and 2 hereof, the Borough determines the purpose described in Section 1 hereof is not a Current Expense and is an improvement which the Borough of Alpha may lawfully make as a general improvement.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon due passage and publication according to law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the above entitled ordinance was approved on first reading at a meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Alpha held on May 13, 2014 at the Alpha Municipal Building at 1001 East Blvd., and that public hearing concerning same is to be held on June 10, 2014 at the Alpha Municipal Building at which time all persons both for and against shall be given the opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

Motion made by Councilman Seiss, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks to introduce Ordinance 2014-08. Discussions ensued regarding the feet allowed. Councilman Seiss recommended to changing it from 15 feet down to 12 feet. Ordinance remains at 15 feet.

Roll call: Ayes: Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar and Zikas. Nays: Cartabona and Seiss.

**ORDINANCE 2014-08
BOROUGH OF ALPHA
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 302 –
MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS, DRIVEWAYS, WEEDS AND TREES –
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha that the following amendments shall be and are herewith enacted to Chapter 302 – Maintenance of Sidewalks, Driveways, Weeds and Trees – of the Code of the Borough of Alpha:

§ 302-4 Weeds and Trees.

All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of eight inches (203.2 mm). All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. "Weeds" shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs; provided, however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens. The property owner shall ensure that trees growing on his or her property do not create a hazardous condition on their property or directly upon an abutting or adjacent property, including public rights-of-way and highways, over which

his or her tree(s) has/have grown. A hazardous condition will be deemed to exist if the tree is decayed or dead or its branches touch a structure or interfere with any utility wire or hang less than thirteen (13) feet above the surface of a street or sidewalk. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to cut and maintain the grass strip and eliminate any hazardous conditions upon their property or on the public right-of-way which fronts or borders their property.

§ 302-5 Public Tree Care; Removal of Injurious Trees.

A. The Borough shall have the right, after notification to property owners, to plant, prune, maintain and/or remove trees, plants and shrubs within the lines of all streets, alleys, avenues, lanes, squares and public grounds, as may be necessary to ensure public safety or to preserve or enhance the symmetry and beauty of such public grounds.

B. The Borough may remove or cause or order to be removed any tree or part thereof which is in any unsafe condition or which by reason of its nature is injurious to sewer lines, gas lines, waterlines or other public improvements or is affected with any injurious fungus, insect or other pest.

C. The Borough may provide notice to each property owner whose property contains hazardous conditions thereon or extending into or on the public right-of-way, as herein described above, by doing so by personal service or certified mail, return receipt requested. Upon notice the property owner shall have 10 days to abate the condition, or at that point, the Borough may take the appropriate action and charge the property owner or add an assessment to the property or the property's tax bill. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the property owner from being charged and convicted of violating this article.

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 May 13, 2014 at the Municipal Building, 1001 East Boulevard, Alpha, New Jersey. A public hearing regarding same will be held at a meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. on June 10, 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 open public hearing for Resolution 2014-60 (Budget Amendment), motion seconded by Councilman Rooks, all were in favor.

Councilman Schwar discussed the amendment of a \$1,000.00 difference. The CFO clarified that it was a net change.

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

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to adopt Resolution 2014-60, motion seconded by Councilwoman Schwar. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: Rooks.

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.

CFO, Lorraine Rossetti stated that all bills on the bill list are not to be paid except for Penn Bower.

Discussion of having another budget meeting and adopting an emergency resolution for a temporary budget ensued.

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona and seconded by Councilwoman Schwar to adopt Resolution 2014-65. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none.

RESOLUTION-2014-65

**REDEMPTION OF TAX
SALE CERTIFICATE
#201312**

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 13th day of May 2014 that the refunds are made to the certificate holder as noted:

Arthur Frustaci
1178 Fifth Avenue
Alpha, NJ 08865
Block 75, Lot 1
Amount \$1,191.79
Property Location – 1036 First Avenue

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to adopt Resolution 2014-66, motion seconded by Councilwoman Schwar. Roll Call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2014-66
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER TO
PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES
FOR CROSSWALK INSTALLATION
LEE AVENUE AND HIGH STREET**

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 construction inspection services for the crosswalk installation at Lee Avenue and High Street, for the contemplated scope of work in accordance with the firm's proposal of May 6, 2014 (attached hereto) and in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00, 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.

Motion made Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2014-67, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona. Roll Call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2014-67
RESOLUTION ALLOWING FOR A CONTRACT
FOR EMERGENCY SEWER SYSTEM REPAIRS -
SANITARY SEWER TRUNK LINE**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Alpha – through James Hill, P.E. of Frey Engineering, LLC, the Borough's Utility Engineer – has determined that certain areas of the public sanitary sewer system, including the sanitary sewer trunk line, in the Borough of Alpha are in immediate need of repair as an emergent matter; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Alpha, through its representative, James Hill, P.E., will seek or has sought quotations from at least three vendors for said emergency work, pursuant to New Jersey law and Borough policy; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpha will limit a contract to a maximum \$45,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Utility Engineer, James Hill, P.E., has explained that the situation is an emergency affecting or likely to imminently affect public health, welfare and/or safety requiring immediate attention; and

WHEREAS, said need for emergency work was unforeseen and will not extend into next calendar year; and

WHEREAS, said contract will only address the needs of the emergency – the repair of the sanitary sewer trunk line and the sewer system as delineated in Frey Engineering, LLC's May 6, 2014 letter.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the borough representative, James Hill, P.E. of Frey Engineering, LLC, is hereby authorized to seek quotations from three vendors for said emergency work to the Borough's sanitary sewer system,

pursuant to New Jersey law and Borough policy, and enter into a contract for such emergency work, understanding that the total of all work performed by said vendor shall not exceed \$45,000.00 for the work and shall not extend into the next calendar year, upon written certification of funds by the Borough CFO.

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

Minutes

Motion made by Councilman Zikas to approve the follow regular meeting minutes: 02-25-14, 03-11-14 & 03-25-14 & 04-08-14. Motion seconded by Councilman Schwar, all were in favor.

Department Reports

Administration, Councilman Harry Zikas Jr.: Councilman Zikas read into record the resignation letter received from Dave Santowasso, Code Enforcement Officer, effective August 1, 2014. Councilman Zikas reported on the computer in Clerks office that crashed and authorized her to get quotes for a new computer. In closing, Councilman Zikas approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Finance, Councilman Michael Schwar: Councilman Schwar reported on a meeting he had with Councilman Seiss and the CFO regarding water rates. Councilman Schwar announced he will be in surgery on Friday for a knee operation. In closing, Councilman Schwar approved his bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Health & Welfare, Councilman Millard Rooks: Councilman Announced corrected clean up dates that will be June 11th & 12th for curbside and the 13th and 14th at Industrial Drive from 7am until 3pm both days.

Councilman Rooks read the Warren County Health Department report received. In closing, Councilman Rooks approved bills, salaries and wages for his department. Councilman Rooks requested five minutes in executive session for contractual regarding clean up.

Councilman Cartabona inquired about an inspection done at Lee Avenue for Advance Heating regarding complaints. Councilman Seiss inquired about the ACO handling the numerous stray cats and dogs running around. Councilman Cartabona also inquired about the Boy Scouts request for the metal at clean-up. Councilman Cartabona made motion to approve the Boy Scouts Troop 57, to collect and scrap the metal during the Borough clean up, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks, all were in favor.

Public Property, Councilwoman Carol Schwar: Councilwoman Schwar reported on the letter received regarding the request to use Benke Field for the 18 and Under Babe Ruth and Kal Ripken teams. Councilwoman Schwar reported on doors found to be open from the cleaning lady and stated this is the third note she received on this issue.

Councilwoman Schwar stated that vent covers will be installed on Thursday in Council Chambers.

The proof of the new Industrial Park sign is complete. Councilwoman Schwar reported on her meeting with Tom Fey and Chuck Bodogh at Veterans Memorial Park. Councilwoman Schwar stated that there are serious issues of the bricks being cracked.

Councilwoman Schwar reported that she met with pool committee on April 28th. Wayne Willever is working on getting her a quote for the quarry road. Councilwoman Schwar stated she is working on getting two additional quotes for more work there.

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

Councilman Cartabona stated that he knew of a heavy equipment operator who is interested in doing the quarry road on a voluntary basis.

Councilwoman Schwar inquired about the Cedar Ridge purchase order on tonight's bill list. Councilwoman Schwar added that she will need 10 minutes in executive session for potential litigation to discuss the HVAC system.

Public Safety Councilman Louis Cartabona: Councilman Cartabona inquired about a bill on the list to be paid #14-00282, Municipal Prosecutor, who hasn't been paid this year and would like it to be added. In closing, Councilman Cartabona approved his bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Public Works, Councilman Tom Seiss: Councilman Seiss requested 15 minutes in executive session to discuss capacity with Stephanie Cuthbert. Councilman Seiss requested permission to approach Amerigas to add for propane to the two well houses. Councilman Cartabona thought they were natural gas. Engineer, Stephanie Cuthbert clarified that it is only for Frace Street for propane.

Councilman Seiss reported that the Alpha Street pump appears to be pumping at 180. Councilman Seiss announced officially the Borough received \$210, 000 from the State of NJ to reconstruct 5th Avenue.

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

Committee Reports

Councilman Seiss reported that the FOB system is in place and additional doors will be added for access.

Councilman Cartabona reported on Linde Gas's interest in giving back to the community. A "pocket park" is being looked at to be put in at the memorial park. Councilman Cartabona stated he will transfer information he has to the Recreation Committee.

Professional and Officials Reports

Police, Chief James Faulborn: The Chief gave the April report from the Police Department. Chief Faulborn requested five minutes in executive session for personnel.

Fire Department, Chief Sean McDyer: The April report from the Fire Department was given by Chief McDyer. Chief McDyer reported on attending the bike ride dedication. McDyer announced their fish and spaghetti dinners coming up.

Chief McDyer inquired about why the Fire Department wasn't notified of a street closure on Sigsbee and East Blvd on May 12th. Chief McDyer added that no one was notified that the water was shut off. Chief McDyer added that PennBower never notified the County of the work and water shut offs.

Discussions of allowing the Chief a key fob for access to the building for emergency purposes ensued. Motion made by Councilman Zikas to allow the Fire Chief a key fob to the municipal building, motion seconded by Councilwoman Schwar, all were in favor.

Attorney, Christopher Troxell: Attorney Troxell asked if everyone is still in agreement of vacating Avenue A. The consensus was to vacate it and Mr. Troxell stated he will proceed with getting that resolved.

Attorney Troxell requested 20 minutes in executive session for litigation.

Engineer, Stephanie Cuthbert: Ms. Cuthbert summarized her report that was distributed to Mayor and Council regarding ongoing construction projects.

CFO, Lorraine Rossetti: Ms. Rossetti reported on April reconciliations. The Auditor was in last week and there are still many questions and they will be in again next week.

Ms. Rossetti stated that the Bond Attorney is reviewing the bond ordinance. Ms. Rossetti stated that she needs an estimate for construction costs for soft cost items and will need to find funding and have another bond ordinance for those costs.

Recycling Coordinator: Mr. Fey stated he placed an order for recycling containers. The recycling resolution will go with a report due to the state once it's passed at the next meeting.

Code Enforcement, Dave Santowasso: Councilwoman Schwar read the report received from the Code Enforcement Officer. Discussions ensued regarding brush piled onto the street that has been there for awhile.

Library, June Heyer: Ms. Heyer thanked Councilwoman Schwar for attending the bike parade. The library will be participating in the June town wide yard sales.

The library has been implementing some health and wellness programs for the public.

Ms. Heyer inquired about an email that was sent to Council and the Attorney requesting executive session meeting for May 20th citing many issues going back and forth that need to be resolved.

Councilman Zikas stated he could attend the May 20th meeting, Mayor Hanics also state he would attend. Councilman Schwar stated he will try and attend.

Ms. Heyer also reported on the side library door that is sticking and not closing properly.

Public Comment

Tom Fey, East Blvd., asked if the yard sales were both the 7th and 8th. Mayor Hanics responded yes and added that the Fire Company is also having their coin toss during the yard sales also.

Mike Savary, Park Ave., inquired about the budget meeting for the 19th and asked if Court was in session that day. Mr. Savary discussed road side chipping and tub grinding.

Mr. Savary also inquired about the following items: sink hole on Dewey Ave., mercantile licenses, street sweeping and the salt shed roof being repaired.

Jim Pfeiffer, Central Ave., inquired about the road at Industrial Park that is separating in the middle.

Charles Bodogh, East Central Ave., stated that the grass at the old post office is high again.

Sean McDyer, Dewey Ave: stated he met with the insurance company regarding the Fire Department's ISO rating.

Payment of Bills and Claims

Motion made Councilman Zikas to make the department reports part of the minutes, motion seconded by Councilwoman Schwar, all were in favor.

Motion made by Councilman Zikas to hold all bills except #274,279,281,282 and 297 and all others with payroll, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none.

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

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| 13-00825 | 12/31/13 | DITSFORD | DITSCHMAN/FLEMINGTON FORD | Ford Truck DPW - Res #13-142 | Open | 21,583.00 | 0.00 |
| 14-00073 | 01/01/14 | ALBOA | ALPHA BOARD OF EDUCATION | 2014 Local School Tax | Open | 298,419.40 | 0.00 |
| 14-00147 | 04/24/14 | TRENJ | TREASURER, STATE OF NJ | 2014 1st Qtr State Traing Fees | Open | 100.00 | 0.00 |
| 14-00156 | 03/17/14 | STORR | STORR TRACTOR CO. | Tractor Parts - McCormick | Open | 36.94 | 0.00 |
| 14-00160 | 03/19/14 | PAYRO | PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561 | 3-21-14 Current Fund PR | Open | 20,356.11 | 0.00 |
| 14-00163 | 03/04/14 | COYNE | COYNE CHEMICAL ENVIRON SERVICE | 3/4 Inv #925712 Ferrous Chlori | Open | 840.00 | 0.00 |
| 14-00193 | 01/01/14 | REMINGTO | REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS | 2014 Licensed water Oper | Open | 1,500.00 | 0.00 |
| 14-00201 | 03/14/14 | HUNDE | HUNTERDON COUNTY DEMOCRAT | 3/14 Land Use Mtg Cancellation | Open | 17.67 | 0.00 |
| 14-00203 | 03/13/14 | FEDEX | FEDERAL EXPRESS | 3/13 Gibbons PC Package | Open | 57.75 | 0.00 |
| 14-00208 | 03/24/14 | METZE | METZ & SON ELECTRICAL, INC | Salt Shed Elec Improvements | Open | 1,685.00 | 0.00 |
| 14-00219 | 03/21/14 | HUNDE | HUNTERDON COUNTY DEMOCRAT | 3/21 Legal Ads | Open | 41.34 | 0.00 |
| 14-00220 | 03/26/14 | EXPRES | EXPRESS-TIMES | 3/26 Bid Notice Ad | Open | 473.50 | 0.00 |
| 14-00225 | 04/01/14 | TRITE | DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERV | 2014 Copier Equip Lease | Open | 159.49 | 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 |
| 14-00238 | 04/08/14 | WCMCA | WARREN CTY MUNIC CLERKS ASSOC. | 2014 WC Clerk's Assoc Dues | Open | 50.00 | 0.00 |
| 14-00245 | 04/10/14 | GRAIN | GRAINGER | Signs - Mun Building & Garage | Open | 71.62 | 0.00 |
| 14-00249 | 04/04/14 | HUNDE | HUNTERDON COUNTY DEMOCRAT | 4/4 Legal Ad | Open | 43.68 | 0.00 |
| 14-00251 | 04/21/14 | PRINT | PRINT PLUS | 2014 Budget Presentation | Open | 126.60 | 0.00 |
| 14-00252 | 04/01/14 | CEDAR | CEDAR RIDGE LAWN & LANDSCAPE | 2014 Lawn Care Services | Open | 1,631.25 | 0.00 |
| 14-00259 | 04/01/14 | QC | QC, INC. | 4/1-4/9 Water Testing | Open | 85.00 | 0.00 |
| 14-00261 | 03/01/14 | JCP&L | JCP&L | 1/23-5/5 Electric Bills | Open | 14,974.49 | 0.00 |
| 14-00262 | 02/01/14 | ELIZGA | ELIZABETHTOWN GAS | 1/11-4/10 Propane Bills | Open | 5,834.28 | 0.00 |
| 14-00263 | 04/29/14 | QC | QC, INC. | Inv #1604141 water Testing | Open | 74.00 | 0.00 |
| 14-00267 | 04/01/14 | VANCLF | VANCLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATE | 3/1-3/31 Engineering Services | Open | 240.00 | 0.00 |
| 14-00271 | 04/25/14 | ALLIED | ALLIED OIL, LLC | 4/25 Gasoline Delivery | Open | 1,420.20 | 0.00 |
| 14-00272 | 04/01/14 | FREY ENG | FREY ENGINEERING, LLC #7224 | Mar 2014 Engineering Services | Open | 16,411.60 | 0.00 |
| 14-00274 | 04/21/14 | HANIC | ED & CINDY HANICS PAID 5/14 | Egg Hunt 2014 Suppl Reimbursmt | Open | 857.61 | 0.00 |
| 14-00275 | 04/01/14 | EHRLI | EHRlich, INC. | 2014 Vegetation Mgmt Services | Open | 3,170.00 | 0.00 |
| 14-00276 | 04/01/14 | EHRLI | EHRlich, INC. | 2014 Pest Protection Services | Open | 189.57 | 0.00 |
| 14-00277 | 04/01/14 | GENER | GENERAL CODE LLC | 2014 eCode Annual Maint Fee | Open | 1,195.00 | 0.00 |
| 14-00278 | 03/18/14 | STORR | STORR TRACTOR CO. | Cylinder Assmby -McCormick | Open | 492.77 | 0.00 |
| 14-00279 | 05/05/14 | PENNB | PENN BOWER PAID 5/14 #1242 | Cert #1 - PH2 Water Util Impr | Open | 121,759.35 | 0.00 |
| 14-00280 | 03/01/14 | REMINGTO | REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS | 2014 Feb-Mar: Engineering Svs | Open | 25,059.44 | 0.00 |
| 14-00281 | 05/07/14 | FRUST | ARTHUR FRUSTACI PAID 5/14 #7223 | Pen Redemption #201312 875,LI | Open | 1,191.79 | 0.00 |
| 14-00282 | 01/01/14 | CARRO | CHARLES E. CARRO, ESQ PAID 5/14 | 2014 Municipal Prosecutor Fees | Open | 1,083.30 | 0.00 |
| 14-00283 | 01/27/14 | VITAL | VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC #7223 | 2014 Assmt Notice Post Cards | Open | 227.52 | 0.00 |
| 14-00284 | 03/31/14 | EAS | EAS BY ACTION DATA | 3/21-4/24 Payroll Services | Open | 239.47 | 0.00 |
| 14-00285 | 01/01/14 | ACTION | ACTION DATA SERVICES | 1/1-4/24 Payroll Services | Open | 1,355.48 | 0.00 |
| 14-00286 | 03/21/14 | PAYRO | PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561 | 3/21/14 Utility Fund PR | Open | 6,165.62 | 0.00 |
| 14-00287 | 04/04/14 | PAYRO | PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561 | 4/4/14 Current Fund PR | Open | 15,754.67 | 0.00 |
| 14-00288 | 04/04/14 | PAYRO | PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561 | 4/4/14 Utility Fund PR | Open | 3,686.23 | 0.00 |
| 14-00289 | 05/02/14 | PAYRO | PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561 | 5/2/14 Current Fund PR | Open | 15,760.78 | 0.00 |
| 14-00290 | 05/02/14 | PAYRO | PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561 | 5/2/14 Utility Fund PR | Open | 4,326.71 | 0.00 |
| 14-00291 | 04/18/14 | PAYRO | PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561 | 4/18/14 Current Fund PR | Open | 20,376.65 | 0.00 |
| 14-00292 | 04/18/14 | PAYRO | PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561 | 4/18/14 Utility Fund PR | Open | 3,685.59 | 0.00 |
| 14-00293 | 04/18/14 | PAYRO | PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561 | 4/18/14 Animal Fund PR | Open | 552.32 | 0.00 |
| 14-00297 | 05/01/14 | TROXE | CHRISTOPHER M. TROXELL, ESQ | 2014 Municipal Atty Svs | Open | 3,786.52 | 0.00 |
| 14-00298 | 04/01/14 | WASTE | WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NJ | 2014 Solid waste/recycling | Open | 33,446.00 | 0.00 |
| 14-00299 | 04/01/14 | TOWNP | TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG | 2014 Police Coverage - | Open | 65,834.00 | 0.00 |

Councilman Cartabona discussed the ISO rating and inquired about the DPW doing the flush tests (hydrants) twice a year. Councilman Cartabona added that the Borough needs a schedule for these tests.

New Business

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve the Raffle License RA-2014-1 for St. Mary's, motion seconded by Councilman Seiss, all were in favor.

Motion made by Councilman Zikas to approve the following pavilion permits:

- Approval of Pavilion Permit w/ Alcohol: July 20th Jan Marie McDyer
- Approval of Pavilion Permit a/Alcohol: July 12th Mindy Oleszek
- Approval of Pavilion Permit: Knights of Columbus, August 24th w/alcohol_{request}
waiver of fee
- Approval of Pavilion Permit w/Alcohol: May 26th Doreen Pazumas(**added May 12th**)

Motion seconded by Councilman Rooks, all were in favor with the exception of Councilman Cartabona and Councilman Schwar abstaining.

Motion made by Councilman Zikas to accept the resignation of Dave Santowasso as the Code Enforcement Officer, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks, all were in favor.

Motion made by Councilman Rooks to approve the following:

- Approval of Business License Application to the State of New Jersey for: Used Motor Vehicle , Dealer Track Trade Operations, 2 Industrial Dr., Alpha, NJ

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Schwar, all were in favor.

Councilwoman Schwar briefly discussed the Mayors duties should include to oversee that any outgoing council members meet with incoming new council members for their respective departments.

Executive Session

Motion made by Councilman Zikas to pass the following resolution, 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 fifty-five (55) 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 Rooks, all were in favor.

Councilman Seiss announced he will be out of town from Thursday through Saturday of this week.

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve the settlement with Fred Cook, motion seconded Councilman Rooks. Roll Call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none.

Motion made by Councilman Zikas to suspend water projects from tomorrow until further notice, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks. Roll Call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before Council at this time, on motion made by Councilman Zikas and seconded by Councilman Rooks, this meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Barton
Borough Clerk