Mayor Hanics called the Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 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, and Engineer Frank Seney.

Public Comment

Tracy Grossman, 7th Ave., stated an apology to Councilwoman Schwar for her tone at the last meeting. Mrs. Grossman read a statement regarding the John Dolak Pool. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the pool and the costs of running it.

Jody Smith, 1132 5th Ave., inquired what the plans are for when the pool is demolished.

Roley Dech, Vulcanite Ave., requested more time for the committee.

Melissa Wright, North Blvd., expressed her support for having the pool restored.

Charles Bodogh, East Central Ave., stated his dissatisfaction of the monument repair done at Veterans Park.

John Lacaruba, Springtown Rd., discussed the corn stalks growing in his back yard from the water running off from the farmland behind his house.

Mary Bolash., West Central Ave., discussed her concerns in enforcing the roaming of cats and dogs.

Mike Grossman, 7th Ave., expressed his concerns of the vote of the pool and asked what the alternative will be.

Ashley Wright, North Blvd., discussed her little brother being upset about the pool not going to open and her concerns of having nothing to do on weekends.

Dave Cavanaugh, 6th Ave., commended Council in their decision on the pool.

Jack Price, W. Vulcanite Ave., discussed his disappointment of Council for their vote on the pool.

Lloyd Best, Dewey Ave., stated he would like to see a pool and something for the seniors.

Steve Heller, South Blvd, spoke about cost comparison with regards to the pool.

Chris Dragotta, Lyons Ct., inquired about the grass and mold issues at a house on Frace

St.

Mike Grossman, 7th Ave., stated his concern with house values in the Borough.

Tom Fey, East Blvd., stated that he hadn't seen numbers yet in what it would cost to reopen the pool and asked for more time for the pool committee to work on the issues that were discussed tonight.

Tim Mellert, North Blvd., discussed numerous issues of the Borough and stated that Council needs to act on these.

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to rescind Council's motion from last meeting in regards to the pool and re-open the investigation with the existing committee. Hearing no second, motion fails.

Genie Lerch W. Vulcanite Ave., voiced her concern over the pool property that sits directly across from her. Ms. Lerch asked was there any thought into having professionals on the pool committee.

Further discussions ensued on the same topic of the pool with regard to cost of reopening it.

Councilman Cartabona brought forth a firemen's application for Nicolas Rideigelo (sp). Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve the application, motion seconded by Councilman Zikas. Roll call: ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none.

Ordinance

Motion made by Councilman Zikas to open the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2014-08, motion seconded by Councilwoman Schwar, all were in favor.

Motion to close public hearing made by Councilwoman Schwar and seconded by Councilman Rooks, all were in favor.

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Councilman Seiss discussed the height in the Ordinance and stated he thought it was too

high.

Councilman Cartabona moved to adopt with an amendment to the Ordinance to change

the height to thirteen (13) feet, motion seconded by Councilman Seiss. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: M. Schwar.

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.

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2014-09,

motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona, all were in favor.

Tim Mellert, North blvd. asked who would be the contact person for the progress reports.

Engineer, Frank Seney stated it would need to be a Borough employee who is full time. Motion

to close public hearing made by Councilman Zikas and seconded by Councilman Rooks, all were

in favor.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-09 made by Councilman Zikas, motion seconded by

Councilman Rooks. 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.

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

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2014-10,

motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona, all were in favor.

Motion to close public hearing made by Councilman Schwar, motion seconded by

Councilman Rooks, all were in favor.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-10 made by Councilman Cartabona and seconded by

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

Nays: Zikas.

ORDINANCE 2014-10

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$700,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE WATER UTILITY IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF 630,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

The improvement described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance (the "Improvement") is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Alpha, in the County of Warren, New Jersey (the "Borough") as a general improvement. For the said Improvement there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$700,000, such sum includes the sum of \$70,000 as the down payment (the "Down Payment") required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the additional cost of the Improvement not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$630,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bonds"). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said Improvement or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Borough are hereby

authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$630,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bond Anticipation Notes" or "Notes").

SECTION 3:

(a) The Improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is for improvements to the water utility including but not limited to, improvements to the potable water system, and including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvement is \$630,000.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvement is \$700,000 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the Borough.

SECTION 4:

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the municipal finance officer of the Borough (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the Borough Council of the Borough at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the Borough Municipal Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvement described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance is not a current expense, and is a capital improvement or property that the Borough may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the Improvement, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for such purpose, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this Bond Ordinance, is 20 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Borough Municipal Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this Bond Ordinance by \$630,000 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$150,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 7:

Any funds or grant monies received for the purpose described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvement by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvement or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Borough authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvement shall, be held and applied by the Borough as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Borough authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8:

The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Borough reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvement prior to the date that Borough incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Borough under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the cost of the Improvement is \$630,000.

SECTION 10:

This Bond Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Resolutions

Motion made by Councilwoman Schwar to adopt Resolution 2014-72, motion seconded by Councilwoman Schwar. Roll call: Ayes: Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none. Abstain: Cartabona.

RESOLUTION 2014-72 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER TO PROVIDE CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF FIFTH AVENUE

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 reconstruction of Fifth Avenue with an additional scope of services for the contemplated scope of work in accordance with the firm's proposal of May 22, 2014 (attached hereto) and in an amount not to exceed \$52,700.00, 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 by Councilman Rooks to open the public hearing for Resolution 2014-75,

motion seconded by Councilman Zikas, all were in favor.

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

Motion made by Councilman Zikas to adopt Resolution 2014-75, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks. Roll call: Ayes: Rooks, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: C. Schwar and Cartabona.

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It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of a resolution amending the budget, adopted by the governing body on the 27th day of Ma Certified by me May 27th, 2014 Municipal Clerk	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this amendment, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:4-9, be published in the Star Gazzette in the issue of $\neg i\omega_7 - i\omega_7$, $\omega_1 - i\omega_7 - i\omega_7$, $\omega_2 - i\omega_7 - i\omega_7 - i\omega_7$, and that said publication contain notice of public hearing on said amendment to be held at Municipal Building on $i\omega_7 - i\omega_7 - i\omega_7$.	Total Water & Sewer Utility Appropriations	Capital Improvements Capital Improvement Fund Water Tower Replacement	Operating - Salaries & Wages	11. Appropriations For Water & Sewer Utility	Total Water & Sewer Utility Revenues	Operating Surplus Anticipated	WATER & SEWER UTILITY 10. Dedicated Revenues From Water & Sewer Utility
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Councilman Seiss. Roll call: Ayes: Rooks, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: C. Schwar and Cartabona.

RESOLUTION 2014-78 RESOLUTION FOR CONDUCTING ANNUAL BUDGET EXAMINATION AS AMENDED

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 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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 <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 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.

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to adopt Resolution 2014-79, motion seconded by

Councilman Zikas. Roll call: Ayes: Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none.

Abstain: Cartabona.

RESOLUTION 2014 - 79

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALPHA BOROUGH TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE WARREN COUNTY MUNICIPAL AND CHARITABLE CONSERVANCY TRUST FUND COMMITTEE FOR GRANT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE

WHEREAS, Alpha Borough (the Borough) completed and adopted an Open Space and Recreation Plan (Plan) in 2007, and;

WHEREAS, Plan identified limiting new building within the Borough and creating new parks where none currently exist, and;

WHEREAS, the owner of Borough Block 103/Lot 1 (the Property), consisting of approximately 28 acres, has expressed an interest in sale of the property as open space, and;

WHEREAS, the Property currently has approvals for the construction of 26 residential units and the potential for construction of additional units, and;

WHEREAS, the part of the Borough in which the Property is located currently lacks recreational facilities, and;

WHEREAS, Warren County makes funds available to municipalities for acquisition of open space through the Warren County Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust (MCCT) Fund Committee, and;

WHEREAS, the process by which county open space funds are made available requires submission of an application to the MCCT by July 1, 2014, and;

WHEREAS, the application process requires that a municipality formally resolve to make application to the MCCT, and;

WHEREAS, applications for funding for open space acquisition require a 50% cost match;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alpha Borough Council intends to:

- 1. Submit an application to the Warren County Municipal and Charitable Trust Fund Committee for funding for the acquisition of Block 103/Lot 1;
- 2. Within the aforesaid application, make a representation that the Borough is prepared to provide 50% of the funding for the acquisition through its Open Space Trust and/or New Jersey Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant funds for which the Borough intends to apply in July 2014.
- 3. Authorizes Conservation Advising Services to prepare the MCCT application and make required presentations associated with it in cooperation with Borough-designated representatives.

Minutes

Motion made by Councilwoman Schwar to approve the April 22, 2014 minutes, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks. Roll call: Ayes: Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none. Abstain: Cartabona and Zikas.

Department Reports

Administration, Councilman Harry Zikas Jr: Councilman Zikas stated that the website will be updated and revamped with the passing of the budget. In closing, Councilman Zikas approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Councilwoman Schwar questioned the resolutions of the Auditor and Labor Council that are tabled. Councilman Zikas stated that he is working on receiving more quotes.

Finance, Councilman Michael Schwar: Councilman Schwar discussed the budget and stated there will be no increase in taxes, which makes it the third year with no increase. The Borough's rating has increased to an A1, the highest the Borough has had.

The bond rate the Borough received is 3.19%. Councilman Schwar discussed the cost since 2011 for the repairs so far made to the infrastructure (water & sewer).

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

Health & Welfare, Councilman Millard Rooks: Councilman Rooks reminded everyone on the clean up scheduled this week.

Councilman Rooks stated he received the tonnage report from the Recycling Coordinator and gave the report received from the County Health Department. In closing, Councilman Rooks approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Councilman Schwar added that he is requesting twenty minutes in executive session to discuss potential litigation.

Public Property, Councilwoman Carol Schwar: Councilwoman Schwar discussed the conversation she had with the contractor who cuts the Borough owned property with regards to complaints.

Councilwoman Schwar asked for 20 minutes in executive session for personnel and contractual.

Councilwoman Schwar stated she is waiting to receive a waiver from the adult baseball team who will be using Marino Field. The Engineer sent a request for an extension regarding the Quarry. A contractor looked at the quarry property today and will have an estimate ready.

The new sign at the Industrial Park was installed. Councilwoman Schwar discussed the gate being open at the salt shed.

Councilwoman Schwar discussed a letter that has been drafted that needs to be signed by the Mayor to be sent to Green Acres. The letter is about the incentive grant and asking if it's still active that was originally applied in 2008, (\$300,000 grant).

Motion made by Councilwoman Schwar authorizing the Mayor to the sign professional agreement with Conservation Advising Services and a letter to Green Acres, motion seconded by Councilman Zikas, all were in favor.

Motion made by Councilwoman Schwar for the Mayor to sign the Trane contract for the air handling system in the amount of \$1,983.00, motion seconded by Councilman Schwar. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none.

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

Public Safety, Councilman Louis Cartabona: Councilman Cartabona received the report from the Court for the month of May. In closing, Councilman Cartabona approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Public Works, Councilman Thomas Seiss: Councilman Seiss discussed what authority the Borough has to shut off water for those who fail to have new meters installed.

Key fob installation is complete and working. Councilman Seiss will send a letter to Pohatcong Township denying a request to tie into the water service at Cresswood Park.

Councilman Seiss discussed interest from Miracle Grow to use Borough Property for a plant. Councilman Zikas stated this should go before the Land Use Board.

Councilman Seiss requested 25 minutes in executive to discuss potential litigation and contractual. In closing, Councilman Seiss approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Jim Hill, C-2 operator for the Borough gave an update with ongoing sewer projects in the Borough.

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

RESOLUTION 2014-80 RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR METER PIT UPGRADE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that a contract is hereby awarded to Maglio Electric, LLC, having submitted the lowest responsive responsible quote, for electrical service upgrades to the Alpha meter pit in the amount not the exceed \$11,620.00, upon written certification of funds by the Borough CFO.

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

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

RESOLUTION 2014-81 RESOLUTION ALLOWING RECEIPT OF QUOTES FOR MANHOLE RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that Frey Engineering, LLC may solicit quotes for manhole recovery and rehabilitation, which job is 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, Frey Engineering, LLC and/or Borough Engineer are authorized to execute all necessary documents.

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to approve Jim Hill to go out for bid for root control concerning the sewer system, motion seconded by Councilman Schwar. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none.

Committee Reports

Recreation: Councilman Schwar stated that the AYAA is need of members and officers. They do not have enough members to have a quorum to meet.

Professional and Officials Reports

Mayor, Edward Hanics: Mayor Hanics reviewed correspondences received through his office: The Girl Scouts expressed their gratitude for assisting them in receiving a silver award. The bike rack that was installed was signed by all the girls.

Police Chief, Chief James Falbourn: Chief Falbourn asked if Council was still in support of the equipment (truck purchase), to come out to the Freeholders meeting at the Wayne Dumont Building to show support.

Attorney, Christopher Troxell: Mr. Troxell requested 10 minutes in executive session for litigation.

Engineer, Frank Seney: Mr. Seney updated Council on the 5th Avenue and 7th Avenue grants and projects.

Additional application forms were filed online with regard to the firehouse generator.

The punch list needs to be competed with the contractor.

Mr. Seney reported on the water project for the well at Alpha Street.

Recycling, Tom Fey: Mr. Fey reported that tonnage has increased. Information for the Tonnage Grant was submitted to Joe Davis in Trenton.

Library, June Heyer: Ms. Heyer inquired about having the camera software installed in the library for added security. An issue of unauthorized opened library mail was discussed.

Discussions of library funds and meetings with Council members ensued.

Public Comment

Tracy Grossman, 7th Ave., inquired about receiving the street sweeping notice. Mrs. Grossman discussed the DPW overtime with regards to water meters being installed.

Beth Toth, South Blvd., asked to open Councilman Cartabona's motion regarding the pool.

Tom Fey, East Blvd., asked why there is a water moratorium.

Melissa Wright, North Blvd., discussed the speeding on Frace Street.

Patrick Smith, 5th Ave., discussed the speeding on his road (5th Avenue).

Charles Bodogh, Central Ave., asked about having a portable basketball hoop removed citing problems of rocks in the street and the ball hitting the garage.

Jack Pries (sp)., Vulcanite Ave., responded to Mr. Bodogh's request stating it is his portable basketball hoop and stated that it will not be removed.

Tom Fey, East Blvd., discussed the masonry work at Veterans Memorial Park and the gate that is open near the rail road tracks.

Payment of Bills and Claims

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

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

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

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14-00073	01/01/14	ALBOA	ALPHA BOARD OF EDUCATION	2014 Local School Tax	Open	298,419	40	0.0)
14-00079	01/01/14	VITAL	VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC	2014 MOD IV Tax System- Assr	Open	306.		0.0	
14-00147	04/24/14	TRENJ	TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	2014 1st Qtr State Traing Fees	Open	100.	00	0.0	0
14-00156	03/17/14	STORR	STORR TRACTOR CO.	Tractor Parts - McCormick	Open	36.	94	0.0	
14-00160	03/19/14	PAYRO	PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	3-21-14 Current Fund PR	Open	20,356.		0.0	
14-00163	03/04/14	COYNE	COYNE CHEMICAL	3/4 Inv #925712 Ferrous Chlori		840.		0.0	
	02/27/14		RUBBER STAMPS UNLIMITED	Received Stamp - Clerk	Open	49.		0.00	
			REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS	2014 Licensed Water Oper	Open	3,000.		0.00	
	03/25/14		MR JOHN	Port Restrooms - Athl Fields	Open	565.		0.00	
	03/25/14		ADVANCED BUSINESS EQUIPMENT	2014 Copier Maintenance Fees	Open	144.		0.00	
	03/14/14		HUNTERDON COUNTY DEMOCRAT	3/14 Land Use Mtg Cancellation		17.		0.00	
	03/13/14		FEDERAL EXPRESS	3/13 Gibbons PC Package	Open	57.		0.00	
	03/24/14		METZ & SON ELECTRICAL, INC	Salt Shed Elec Improvements	Open	1,685.		0.00	
14-00210	03/25/14	GRAMC	GRAMCO	Digital Recording System	Open	975.		0.00	
	03/21/14		HUNTERDON COUNTY DEMOCRAT	3/21 Legal Ads	Open	41.		0.00	
	03/26/14		EXPRESS-TIMES	3/26 Bid Notice Ad					
					Open	473.		0.00	
			VINCENT CATALLI	2014 Truck Allowance - ACO	Open	125.		0.00	
	04/01/14		DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERV		Open	318.		0.00	
			VERIZON ONLINE	2014 DSL Online Services -	Open	183.		0.00	
			WASTE MANAGEMENT ROLL OFFS	2014 School Dumpsters -	Open	200.		0.00	
	04/08/14		WARREN CTY MUNIC CLERKS ASSOC.		Open	50.		0.00	
	04/10/14		GRAINGER		Open	71.		0.00	
	04/04/14		HUNTERDON COUNTY DEMOCRAT	4/4 Legal Ad	Open	43.		0.00	
	04/21/14		PRINT PLUS	2014 Budget Presentation	Open	126.		0.00	
	04/01/14		CEDAR RIDGE LAWN & LANDSCAPE	2014 Lawn Care Services	Open	1,633.		0.00	
	01/01/14		AQUA NEW JERSEY	2014 Hydrant Rentals	Open	62.		0.00	
	04/29/14		STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	4/29 Finance Office Supplies	Open	122.		0.00	
	04/09/14		EXPRESS-TIMES	4/9 Legal Ads - LUB	Open	423.		0.00	
14-00257	04/24/14	GREEN	GREEN POND NURSERY INC	4/24 Mulch for Courtyard	Open	662.		0.00	
	04/11/14		HUNTERDON COUNTY DEMOCRAT	4/11 LUB Legal Ads	Open	65.		0.00	
	04/01/14		QC, INC.	4/1-4/9 Water Testing	Open	85.		0.00	
	04/01/14		OSWALD ENTERPRISES, INC.	Phase 3 - Sanitary Swr Jet/Vid		29,826.		0.00	
4-00201	03/01/14	JUPL	JCP&L		Open	14,974.		0.00	
	02/01/14		ELIZABETHTOWN GAS		Open	5,834.		0.00	
	04/29/14		QC, INC.		Open	74.0		0.00	
	05/06/14		TEK SUPPLY		Open	108.0		0.00	
	04/11/14		HUNTERDON COUNTY DEMOCRAT		Open	89.1		0.00	
	04/09/14		EXPRESS-TIMES		Open	194.0		0.00	
	04/01/14		VANCLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATE		Open	240.0		0.00	
	04/30/14		ONE CALL CONCEPTS		Open	28.0		0.00	
	04/22/14		COOPER ALARM SYSTEMS		Open	325.0		0.00	
	04/25/14		ALLIED OIL, LLC	4/25 Gasoline Delivery	Open	1,420.2	20	0.00	
4-00272	04/01/14	FREY ENG	FREY ENGINEERING, LLC		Open	16,411.6		0.00	
4-00273	04/10/14	OPDK	OPDYKE'S SALES & SERVICE	Apr 2014 Truck Service/Inspect	Open	1,930.4		0.00	
	04/01/14		EHRLICH, INC.	2014 Vegetation Mgmt Services	Open	3,170.0		0.00	
4-00276	04/01/14	EHRLI	EHRLICH, INC.		Open	189.5		0.00	
4-00277 (04/01/14	GENER	GENERAL CODE LLC		Open	1,195.0		0.00	
	03/18/14	STORR	STORR TRACTOR CO.		Open	492.7		0.00	
4-00280 (03/01/14	REMINGTO	REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS		Open	25,059.4		0.00	
	01/27/14		VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC	2014 Assmt Notice Post Cards	Open	230.5		0.00	

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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	
	03/21/14		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	
	05/02/14		PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	5/2/14 Utility Fund PR	Open	4,326.71	0.00	
	04/18/14		PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	4/18/14 Current Fund PR	Open	20,376.65	0.00	
	04/18/14		PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	4/18/14 Utility Fund PR	Open	3,685.59	0.00	
	04/18/14		PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	4/18/14 Animal Fund PR	Open	552.32	0.00	
	01/07/14		ATLANTIC SALT	2014 Jan/Feb Road Salt	Open	9,672.98	0.00	
	01/01/14			Firetruck Tires	Open	3,026.00	0.00	
	05/05/14		GREEN POND NURSERY INC	5/5 Mulch Delivery	Open	662.50	0.00	
	05/01/14		CHRISTOPHER M. TROXELL, ESQ	2014 Municipal Atty Svs	Open	3,750.00	0.00	
	04/01/14		WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NJ	2014 Solid Waste/Recycling	Open	50,169.00	0.00	
	04/01/14		TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG					
	05/01/14		STATE OF NJ HEALTH BENEFITS	2014 Police Coverage -	Open	98,751.00	0.00	
	05/01/14			2014 State Health Benefits	Open	10,451.85	0.00	
	05/14/14		FINCH FUEL OIL CO., INC.	5/1 Fuel Deliveries	Open	953.82	0.00	
	05/14/14		STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	Copy Room Paper	Open	109.20	0.00	
	05/15/14		STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	CFO - New Desk Chair	Open	148.19	0.00	
			KAPLANS ENT. INC	American Flags	Open	444.00	0.00	
	05/20/14		HOME DEPOT/GECF	Cleaning & Misc. Supplies	Open	177.49	0.00	
	05/20/14		BOROUGH OF ALPHA	5/20 ACH Postage Replenishmnt	Open	500.00	0.00	
	05/29/14		PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	05-30-14 Current Fund PR	Open	15,710.20	0.00	
	05/29/14		PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	05-30-14 Utility Fund PR	Open	3,908.42	0.00	
	05/27/14		JOSHUA D. MACKOFF, LLC.	Reso #2014-77 RE Appr Retaine		2,500.00	0.00	
	05/27/14		BOB CANACE	Open Space Consult Retainer	Open	5,000.00	0.00	
	05/19/14		GIBBONS P.C.	Mar 2014 - Bond Ord Legal Svs		2,532.49	0.00	
	05/15/14		LINE SYSTEMS, INC	Apr 2014 Telephone Bill	Open	664.53	0.00	
4-00319	05/01/14	REMINGIO	REMINGION & VERNICK ENGINEERS	Apr 2014 Engineering Services	Open	20,788.14	0.00	
	05/21/14			Cert #3 Alpha Program West	Open	263,399.65	0.00	
	05/21/14		PENN BOWER	Cert #2 2013 Wtr Util Imp Ph2	Open	199,440.82	0.00	
	05/07/14		JCP&L	3/21-5/19 Electric Bills	Open	3,486.49	0.00	
	05/14/14		SAMUEL STOTH2OFF CO., INC.	Alpha St Well Redevelopment	Open	9,970.00	0.00	
	$\frac{04}{29} \frac{14}{14}$		QC, INC.	4/29-5/5 Water Testing	Open	590.00	0.00	
	05/09/14		EAS BY ACTION DATA	Apr/May 2014 Payroll Services	Open	399.33	0.00	
	05/09/14		ACTION DATA SERVICES	Mar/May 2014 Payroll Services	Open	717.88	0.00	
	05/30/14		HOME DEPOT/GECF	Valves/Blue&White Marking Pnt		119.22	0.00	
	$\frac{5}{14} = \frac{5}{10} = \frac{10}{14} = \frac{10}{$		COOPER ALARM SYSTEMS	5/8 FireAlarmInsp-MunBldg/Gara		415.00	0.00	
	05/19/14		PETTY CASH	May 2014 PettyCash Reimb-Clerk		87.58	0.00	
)5/19/14 W		WARREN MATERIALS	May 2014 - Cold Patch/Potholes		256.06	0.00	
	05/16/14		PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	5/16/14 Current Fund PR	Open	20,825.42	0.00	
)5/16/14 F		PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	5/16/14 Animal Fund PR	Open	552.52	0.00	
)5/01/14		VERIZON WIRELESS	4/7-5/2 Cell Phone Bill	Open	50.50	0.00	
)4/29/14 L		TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG		Open	718.00	0.00	
)5/01/14 H		FORT DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE	2014 Employee Life Insurance	Open	111.00	0.00	
)5/30/14 1		CHRISTOPHER M. TROXELL, ESQ	2014 Jan-May Legal Fees	Open	1,875.00	0.00	
	05/09/14 A		AMERIGAS - CLINTON 7510		Open	743.12	0.00	
	06/01/14 H 06/05/14 M		STATE OF NJ HEALTH BENEFITS	2014 State Health Benefits 10/2014-6/2015 NJLM Newsletter	Open	9,830.59 133.00	0.00	

Old Business

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to reject the Frace Street Water Vessel bids, motion seconded by Councilman Zikas. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none.

New Business

Motion made by Councilman Rooks to approve the following:

Approval of pavilion for request waiver of fee and w/alcohol for: Alpha Fire Dept July 26th

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

Motion made by Councilwoman Schwar to approve the following:

Approval of pavilion request: waiver of fee for: St. Mary's Church for July 27th

Motion seconded by Councilman Seiss, roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar, M.

Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none.

Motion made by Councilwoman Schwar to approve the following:

Approval of waiver of pavilion fee for Relay for Life (Kimberly Guerrera) for July18th

Motion seconded by Councilman Rooks, roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Rooks, C. Schwar,

M. Schwar, Seiss and Zikas. Nays: none.

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

RESOLUTION 2014-82 RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR WORK ON AIR-RELEASE UNITS FOR THE FORCE MAIN

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that a contract is hereby awarded to Pumping Services, having submitted the lowest responsive responsible quote and also being on the State's approved vendor list, for examining the serviceability of the air-release units for the force main in the amount not the exceed \$1,600.00, upon written certification of funds by the Borough CFO.

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

Executive Session-1 Hour and 40 Minutes

Motion made by Councilman Zikas to approve the following resolution:

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).
- The general nature of the subject matter(s) to be discussed is: Personnel, Litigation and/or Contractual,
 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 (one) hour(s), 40 minutes, allowing for a five (5) minute recess between the regular session and the executive session.

Motion seconded by Councilman Schwar, all were in favor.

Return to Regular Session

Motion made by Councilman Zikas to return to regular session, motion seconded by

Councilman Schwar, all were in favor.

Mayor Hanics announced his appointment of John Lascota to the Land Use Board as

Alternate 1, full two-year term. Motion made by Councilman Zikas to approve the Mayor's

appointment to the Land Use Board, motion seconded by Councilman Schwar, all were in favor.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before Council at this time, on motion made by

Councilman Zikas and seconded by Councilman Schwar, this meeting adjourned at 10:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Barton Borough Clerk