

Mayor Hanics called the Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 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 Star Gazette and/or 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

Roll call: Present: Councilman Cartabona, Councilwoman Grossman, Councilman Rooks, Councilwoman Schwar, Councilman Schwar and Councilman Seiss. Also present, Borough Attorney, Christopher Troxell, Borough Clerk, Laurie Barton and Engineer, Frank Seney.

Public Comment

Tim Mellert, North Blvd., thanked the Council for the repairs to the concrete on the sidewalk on North Blvd.

Ordinance

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2014-15, motion seconded by Councilwoman Schwar, all were in favor.

Councilman Schwar discussed his impression of how Council was in agreement with the Ordinance from two weeks ago.

Discussions amongst Council entailed on who gave the authorization of the CFO to send new numbers in the Ordinance to the Attorney.

Mike DeMonti, Sigsbee Ave, discussed his objection to the proposed Ordinance citing the unfairness to him as an owner of a rental property.

Tom Fey, East Blvd., suggested for Council to have a workshop on this ordinance to work out the details. Mr. Fey also inquired about the \$120.00 fee.

Hearing no more public comment, motion made by Councilman Cartabona to close public hearing. Motion seconded by Councilman Seiss, all were in favor.

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve Ordinance 2014-15, Councilman Schwar seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes: none. Nays: Cartabona, Grossman, C. Schwar, M. Schwar and Seiss. Ordinance Fails.

Resolutions

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2014-127, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks. Roll call: Ayes: Grossman, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none. Abstain: Cartabona.

**RESOLUTION 2014-127
TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE**

Karen Bezner/Trustee for Mid-Town Tavern Plenary Retail Consumption

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 2102-33-006-007, heretofore issued to Karen Bezner/Trustee for Mid-Town Tavern for premises located 431 Third Avenue, Alpha, New Jersey;

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term;

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standard established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinance and conditions consistent with Title 33;

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used on the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in the connection with the license business;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Alpha Governing Body does hereby approve, effective October 28, 2014, the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License to Alpha Proof, LLC d/b/a Pub 519, and does hereby direct the Borough Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: "This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Alpha Proof, LLC d/b/a Pub 519, effective October 28, 2014.

Department Reports

Administration, Councilwoman Tracy Grossman: Councilwoman Grossman requested five minutes in executive session for personnel. In closing, Councilwoman Grossman approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Finance, Councilman Michael Schwar: Councilman Schwar reminded Council to bring their capital projects budgets to the next budget meeting. Councilman Schwar set the next budget meeting for Monday November 24th at 7PM. Councilman Schwar added that he met with the CFO to discuss the Fire Department budget.

Councilman Schwar requested ten minutes in executive session for contractual and personnel to discuss the library and the CFO. Councilman Schwar approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Health and Welfare, Councilman Millard Rooks: No report, Councilman Rooks approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Public Property, Councilwoman Carol Schwar: Councilwoman Schwar reported on the following:

The Colts Football made it to the playoffs therefore resulting in late uses of the football field and the portable restrooms will be removed on November 14th.

The Colts would like to power wash and repaint the field house.

The toilet at the field house has a bad flushing mechanism and will be repaired.

Councilwoman Schwar stated she may have a contractor who can fix the monument at Veterans Park, in which this same contractor was interested in the pool demolition.

Motion made by Councilman Rooks to authorize the Engineer to prepare bid specifications for demolition of the pool. Motion seconded by Councilman M. Schwar. Roll Call: Ayes: Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar and Seiss. Nays: Cartabona and Grossman.

Councilwoman Schwar continued on with her report adding that the Library is looking to fence in part of the basement for storage.

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

Public Safety, Councilman Louis Cartabona: Councilman Cartabona requested ten minutes in executive session for contractual concerning the Police Chief and property purchase. In closing, Councilman Cartabona approved bills salaries and wages for his department.

Public Works, Councilman Thomas Seiss: Councilman Seiss reported on the following:

Root Control on the sewer lines has begun; the valve was fixed.

Repairs are being done on Route 519 by the old Charlie Browns; Councilman Seiss is waiting for a quote to repair the roof at the Frace Street well. Councilman Seiss reported on someone being seen at the Frace Street facility and reported on the lock being forced open and damage to the telephone box.

Councilman Seiss requested 10 minutes in executive session for potential litigation regarding water billing.

Councilman Seiss inquired about the DPW contract. Councilman Schwar responded that it was submitted to Labor Attorney for review. Councilman Seiss requested an additional 10 minutes in executive session for contractual regarding the DPW contract.

Committee Reports

Open Space: Councilwoman Schwar stated that the meeting with the County is scheduled for November 3rd.

Professionals and Officials Reports

Mayor, Edward Hanics: Mayor Hanics reported on the letter he received from the Warren County Planning Department regarding Open Space and forwarded this to Councilwoman Schwar.

Attorney, Christopher Troxell: Mr. Troxell requested 15 minutes in executive session for litigation.

Engineer, Frank Seney: Mr. Seney summarized the report on projects and improvements that was distributed to Mayor and Council.

Code Enforcement, Tom Fey: Mr. Fey stated on how busy his office is and three letters are being prepared to be sent out for violations.

Public Comment

Jackie Szekers, North Blvd., reported on the football being separated from the association (AYAA) and stated that they feel like they have been pushed out of something from the town. Ms. Szekers asked that the equipment they have be put back into the field house. Lengthy discussions ensued regarding the football league and the equipment storage. Councilwoman Schwar reported that the field house will be going on a FOB system for access.

Jim Pfeiffer, Central Ave., reported on the dumpster removed from the salt shed area and bags of garbage being left.

Payment of Bills and Wages

Motion made by Councilman Rooks to have the Directors Reports part of the minutes, motion seconded by Councilman Seiss, all were in favor.

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to authorize the CFO to pay bills approved by the Directors, motion seconded by Councilman Schwar. Councilwoman Schwar asked to hold bill# 14-00600 for Trane. Roll call: Ayes: Grossman, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none. Abstain: Cartabona.

Motion made by Councilwoman Schwar to authorize the CFO to pay the salaries and wages approved by the Directors, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

P.O. Type: All				Open: N	Paid: N	Void: N				
Range: First to Last				Rcvd: Y	Held: Y	Aprv: N				
Format: Condensed				Bid: Y	State: Y	Other: Y				
				Exempt: Y						
PO #	PO Date	Vendor	PO Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	PO Type			
14-00195	03/25/14	MRJON	MR JOHN	Port Restrooms - Athl Fields	Open	355.65	0.00			
14-00196	03/25/14	ADVANCE	ADVANCED BUSINESS EQUIPMENT	2014 Copier Maintenance Fees	Open	144.00	0.00			
14-00253	01/01/14	AQUA	AQUA NEW JERSEY	2014 Hydrant Rentals	Open	62.49	0.00			
14-00345	05/01/14	FORTD	FORT DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE	2014 Employee Life Insurance	Open	111.00	0.00			
14-00373	06/05/14	MGL	MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	2015 Pet License Tags	Open	327.00	0.00			
14-00409	07/01/14	ALBOA	ALPHA BOARD OF EDUCATION	2014 School Tax Due	Open	304,387.70	0.00			
14-00458	07/17/14	CEASA	CAESAR'S CONVENTION SALES CNTR	2014 NJSLOM Fey,MSchwar,Cschwa	Open	1,320.00	0.00			
14-00554	08/25/14	EXETER	EXETER SUPPLY COMPANY	8/25 1 1/4" Repair Couplings	Open	442.08	0.00			
14-00559	09/24/14	STAP	STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	Office Supplies - Finance	Open	57.61	0.00			
14-00569	10/10/14	STAP	STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	Battery Back Up - Admin Clerk	Open	119.79	0.00			
14-00574	09/30/14	BCS	UNIVAR USA INC.	9/30 Inv #MV062944 Sulf Acid	Open	3,577.86	0.00			
14-00576	07/31/14	HUNOI	HUNTINGTON OIL CO, INC	7/7 Pad Install/Propane Tanks	Open	350.00	0.00			
14-00578	09/30/14	SHERATON	SHERATON ATLANTIC CITY	NJSLOM 2014 Room Reso- CFO	Open	240.00	0.00			
14-00584	10/01/14	COOPR	COOPER ALARM SYSTEMS	Nov 2014- Nov 2015 Alarm Svs	Open	436.00	0.00			
14-00585	09/30/14	ONECA	ONE CALL CONCEPTS	Sept 2014 Regular Locates	Open	15.86	0.00			
14-00598	09/12/14	FINCH	FINCH FUEL OIL CO., INC.	9/12 Fuel Deliveries	Open	704.07	0.00			
14-00600	10/10/14	TRANE	TRANE U.S., INC.	HVAC Heating Upgrade	Open	1,345.00	0.00			
14-00601	10/15/14	HOME	HOME DEPOT/GEFC	Locks/Keys Pumphouse	Open	22.98	0.00			
14-00604	10/17/14	NJLM	NJLM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION	2014 NJLM Registration Fee CFO	Open	55.00	0.00			
14-00605	10/20/14	HOME	HOME DEPOT/GEFC	Lock Set for Frace Street	Open	94.34	0.00			
14-00607	10/01/14	JCP&L	JCP&L	8/20-10/20 Electric Bills	Open	1,825.55	0.00			
14-00608	10/02/14	DOG	NJ DEPT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SER	Sept 2014 State Dog Fees	Open	1.20	0.00			
14-00610	10/01/14	REMINGTON	REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS	Sept 2014 Engineering Services	Open	7,236.75	0.00			
14-00611	10/17/14	PAYRO	PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	10/17/14 Current Fund PR	Open	26,379.54	0.00			
14-00612	10/17/14	PAYRO	PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	10/17/14 Utility Fund PR	Open	307.11	0.00			
14-00616	09/29/14	QC	QC, INC.	9/29 Water Testing	Open	44.00	0.00			
14-00618	10/01/14	ELIZGA	ELIZABETHTOWN GAS	8/13-10/13 Propane Bills	Open	215.64	0.00			
14-00619	10/04/14	VERIZ	VERIZON WIRELESS	Sept 2014 Cell Phone bill	Open	50.46	0.00			
14-00620	10/15/14	LSI	LINE SYSTEMS, INC	Oct 2014 Telephone Bill	Open	665.13	0.00			
14-00622	10/22/14	WCASAS	WARREN COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSOC	2014 WCASAS State & Cty Dues	Open	115.00	0.00			
14-00623	08/21/14	COOPR	COOPER ALARM SYSTEMS	Install Camera - New CFO Compu	Open	95.00	0.00			
14-00627	10/23/14	WILLEVER	WILLEVER EXCAVATING	9/24 Sewer Line Repair	Open	430.00	0.00			
Total Purchase Orders:				33	Total P.O. Line Items:	67	Total List Amount:	351,533.81	Total Void Amount:	0.00

New Business

Motion made Councilman Schwar to approve the business license application to the State of New Jersey for Stanley & Yves, motion seconded by Councilwoman Schwar, all were in favor.

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to authorize the Mayor to sign the Action Data payroll services contract, motion seconded by Councilman Seiss, all were in favor.

Discussions of allowing LED billboards within the Borough ensued.

Councilman Schwar continued the discussion of the water and sewer rate proposal ordinances and asked Council to review the ordinance that was distributed today and be ready for the next meeting to consider.

Executive Session-1 Hour & 5 Minutes

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to pass the following resolution to go into executive session for one hour and five minutes for Personnel, Contractual and Litigation. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Schwar, all were in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion(s) of the hereinafter specified subject matter(s).
2. The general nature of the subject matter(s) to be discussed is: Personnel, Litigation and/or Contractual,
3. It is anticipated at this time, that the above stated subject matter(s) will be made public when it is no longer a matter of confidentiality.
4. Action may or may not be taken after executive session.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Alpha that the public shall be excluded from an executive session for approximately one (1) hour(s), five (5) minutes, allowing for a five (5) minute recess between the regular session and the executive session.

Return to Regular Session

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

Motion made by Councilman Rooks to approve Rotundy Incorporated with removal of vegetation from the recycling waste facility, not to exceed \$7,500.00. Councilman Schwar seconded, roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

Adjourn

Seeing no further business to come before Council, motion made by Councilman Schwar to adjourn at 9:52 P.M., motion seconded by Councilman Rooks, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Barton

Borough Clerk