

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

Public Comment

Dave Cavanaugh, 6th Ave., stated his concerns with the water and sewer rate proposals.

Ordinance

Lengthy discussions ensued in regards to proposed water and sewer rates. The CFO distributed a revised report with new numbers.

Councilman Schwar discussed at length the needs of the infrastructure and the repairs that had to be made.

Discussions continued on involving multifamily dwellings.

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to introduce a Sewer Ordinance with a \$40 minimum usage and changing rate to .0089, motion seconded by Councilman Seiss. Roll call: Ayes: M. Schwar and Seiss. Nays: Cartabona, Grossman, Rooks and C. Schwar. Ordinance fails.

Discussions of new water rates ensued.

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to introduce a Water Ordinance, motion seconded by Councilwoman Schwar. Roll call: Ayes: C. Schwar, M. Schwar and Seiss. Nays: Cartabona and Grossman. Ordinance fails.

Resolutions

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to approve Resolution 2014-128, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, C. Schwar, M. Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2014-128
REDEMPTION OF TAX
SALE CERTIFICATE
#201306**

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 RESOVLED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha this 28th day of October 2014 that the refunds are made to the certificate holder as noted:

**US Bank Cust for Pro Cap III, LLC
50 South 16th Street, Suite 1950
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Block 50.01, Lot 2
Amount \$16,103.86
Property Location – 201 Seventh Avenue**

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2014-129, motion seconded by Councilwoman Schwar. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, C. Schwar, M. Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2014-129
REDEMPTION OF TAX
SALE CERTIFICATE
#201305**

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 10th day of November 2014 that the refunds are made to the certificate holder as noted:

US Bank Cust for Pro Cap III, LLC
50 South 16th Street, Suite 1950
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Block 37, Lot 8
Amount \$1,231.85
Property Location – 745 Pursel Street

Department Reports

Administration, Councilwoman Tracy Grossman: Councilwoman Grossman reported on the Borough's Facebook page.

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

Finance, Councilman Michael Schwar: Councilman Schwar reported on a complaint he received regarding a camper parked on the street. Councilman Schwar reminded Council of the budget meeting on the 24th. Councilman Schwar discussed traffic calming measures for 7th Ave., and stated this will be considered at the budget meeting. Councilman Schwar stated that the Ordinance Committee should meet in the near future to review ordinances.

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

Health and Welfare, Councilman Millard Rooks: Councilman Cartabona gave the report received from Councilman Rooks; vegetation was removed from the recycling area on Industrial Ave. The area will remain open until November and will close on December 1st. Bills, salaries and wages have been signed and approved.

Public Property, Councilwoman Carol Schwar: Councilwoman Schwar gave the following report:

Contractor who inspected the Veterans Memorial feels damage is from water not from the trains. The Memorial was built from solid bricks and should have been poured bricks and not enough mortar was used.

Councilwoman Schwar requested 10 minutes in executive session for contractual.

Councilwoman Schwar reported on the wrestling team from Pohatcong contacting her to use the field house.

Teddy Garcia, Director of Wrestling was introduced to discuss his intentions and request for use of the field house for the wrestling team.

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to allow Pohatcong Recreation to use the field house for its wrestling program upon proof of insurance, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona, all were in favor.

Councilwoman Schwar stated that bill # 14-00600 for \$1345.00 to Trane needs to be held once again, due to a credit from Trane being issued. In closing Councilwoman Schwar approved bills, salaries and wages for her department.

Public Safety, Councilman Louis Cartabona: Councilman Cartabona reminded Council on the Veterans Day service at the school tomorrow. Councilman Cartabona also added that the Quaker Steak and Lube restaurant is offering free dinner to all Veterans. In closing, Councilman Cartabona approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Public Works, Councilman Thomas Seiss: Councilman Seiss stated he received three quotes for tree work at the sewer meter pit. Councilman Seiss stated he will go with the lowest quote of \$1400.00. The sewer main repair is commencing now near the old Charlie Browns. The Alpha Street well is now online and the State is evaluating if the Borough needs to hire a full time operator.

Councilman Seiss requested 10 minutes in executive session for contractual regarding Penn Bower and five minutes for contractual regarding the DPW contract. In closing, Councilman Seiss approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Committee Reports

Open Space: Councilwoman Schwar reported on the denial of Alpha's application for funds to acquire property for open space. Councilwoman Schwar recommended a letter be sent to the Freeholders voicing the Borough's objection and to attend a Freeholders meeting also to

tell them that the process needs to be fixed. Councilwoman Schwar requested 20 minutes in executive session for contractual to discuss further.

Professionals and Officials Reports

Mayor, Edward Hanics: Mayor Hanics requested 10 minutes in executive session for contractual.

Fire Department, Chief Sean McDyer: Chief McDyer gave the fire report for the month of October. Chief McDyer stated that the department will conduct a drill at the pool house on the 22nd. A coin toss will also be conducted on the 29th and 30th of this month.

Chief McDyer asked for a motion to obtain free defibrillators from the State Health Department. Motion made by Councilwoman Schwar to accept the free AAD Defibrillators from the State Health Department, motion seconded by Councilwoman Grossman, all were in favor.

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

Attorney Troxell asked for a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign change orders # 3 and #7 from Penn Bower.

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to authorize the Mayor to sign change orders # 3, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona, all were in favor.

Engineer, Frank Seney: Engineer Frank Seney gave the report previously distributed to Mayor and Council. Mr. Seney added that the Alpha Street well controls equipment came in and he will coordinate with Charlie Olah to install them.

Mr. Seney reported on the request from Peg Bandwidth to run fiber optic lines up Pursel Street. Motion made by Councilman Schwar to allow Peg Bandwidth to run fiber data lines in the Borough with a payment to the Borough of \$1500.00, , motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona, all were in favor.

Councilman Seiss discussed an issue of the propane tank installation at the Pursel Street pump house.

Discussions of the generator grant for the firehouse ensued.

CFO, Lorraine Rossetti: Ms. Rossetti stated that she is working on the budget. Ms. Rossetti asked if there are any other variations to the Water Ordinance to have them forwarded to her.

Library: Councilwoman Schwar reported on the storage area in basement the library is looking into installing. They have also requested to paint the library.

Public Comment

Dave Cavanaugh discussed his view of problems with the water and sewer rate proposals.

Payment of Bills and Wages

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

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

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to authorize the CFO to pay the salaries and wages approved by the Directors, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, 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			
14-00193	01/01/14	REMINGTO	REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS	2014 Licensed Water Oper	Open	1,500.00	0.00			
14-00195	03/25/14	MRJON	MR JOHN	Port Restrooms - Athl Fields	Open	140.40	0.00			
14-00221	04/01/14	CATALLI	VINCENT CATALLI	2014 Truck Allowance - ACO	Open	125.00	0.00			
14-00227	04/01/14	VERI DSL	VERIZON ONLINE	2014 DSL Online Services -	Open	91.99	0.00			
14-00252	04/01/14	CEDAR	CEDAR RIDGE LAWN & LANDSCAPE	2014 Lawn Care Services	Open	1,631.25	0.00			
14-00276	04/01/14	EHLRI	EHLRICH, INC.	2014 Pest Protection Services	Open	189.57	0.00			
14-00297	05/01/14	TROXE	CHRISTOPHER M. TROKELL, ESQ	2014 Municipal Atty Svs	Open	3,750.00	0.00			
14-00298	04/01/14	WASTE	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NJ	2014 Solid Waste/Recycling	Open	16,723.00	0.00			
14-00299	04/01/14	TOWNP	TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG	2014 Police Coverage -	Open	32,917.00	0.00			
14-00346	06/02/14	BARANSKY	DANIEL BARANSKY	2014 N2 Operator	Open	833.33	0.00			
14-00387	07/01/14	FREY ENG	FREY ENGINEERING, LLC	2014 C-2 Operator Fees	Open	1,250.00	0.00			
14-00408	07/02/14	HEALTH	STATE OF NJ HEALTH BENEFITS	2014 State Health Benefits	Open	9,830.59	0.00			
14-00409	07/01/14	ALBOA	ALPHA BOARD OF EDUCATION	2014 School Tax Due	Open	304,387.70	0.00			
14-00413	07/01/14	WASTE RO	WASTE MANAGEMENT ROLL OFFS	2014 School Dumpsters	Open	100.00	0.00			
14-00414	07/01/14	TRITE	DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERV	2014 Copier Equip Lease	Open	159.49	0.00			
14-00587	09/03/14	COYNE	COYNE CHEMICAL	9/3 Inv#200081 Ferrous Chlorid	Open	840.00	0.00			
14-00600	10/10/14	TRANE	TRANE U.S., INC.	HVAC Heating Upgrade	Open	1,345.00	0.00			
14-00603	09/19/14	RUSRE	RUSSELL REID	Pumping Svs for Valve #2 Impro	Open	810.00	0.00			
14-00613	10/17/14	STOTH	SAMUEL STOTH2OFF CO., INC.	Water Plant Improvements	Open	12,378.00	0.00			
14-00615	10/17/14	POWERPOO	POWER POOL PLUS INC.	Generator Svs - Sewer Station	Open	95.00	0.00			
14-00621	10/23/14	USBANK	US BANK CUST FOR PRO CAPITAL	Redemption of Tax - Per Reso	Open	16,103.86	0.00			
14-00625	10/22/14	RUSRE	RUSSELL REID	9/22 Jet Vac Emergency Svs	Open	1,200.00	0.00			
14-00630	10/28/14	NAPA	CARVER'S AUTO PARTS OF WC	Fuel Filter - Mason Truch	Open	21.95	0.00			
14-00631	10/28/14	ALVET	ALPHA VETERINARY CLINIC	2014 Rabies Clinic Dr. Fees	Open	100.00	0.00			
14-00632	10/02/14	FRATE	FRA TECHNOLOGIES	2014-2015 Pet Lic Software	Open	600.00	0.00			
14-00633	09/19/14	NJN	NJN PUBLISHING	9/19-10/03 Legal Ads	Open	138.52	0.00			
14-00635	10/31/14	ONECA	ONE CALL CONCEPTS	10/31 Regular Locates	Open	4.88	0.00			
14-00636	09/20/14	JCPL	JCP&L	9/20-11/03 Electric Bills	Open	1,618.49	0.00			
14-00637	10/15/14	PENNB	PENN BOWER	Cert #3,6,9 Wtr Util Imprvment	Open	84,959.07	0.00			
14-00638	11/03/14	SUPLEE	SUPLEE, CLOONEY & COMPANY	Professional Svs - Bond	Open	17,500.00	0.00			
14-00639	10/24/14	TRENJ	TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	2014 3rd Qtr State Training Fe	Open	271.00	0.00			
14-00640	11/01/14	REMINGTO	REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS	Oct 2014 Engineering Services	Open	10,899.21	0.00			
14-00643	10/23/14	ACTION	ACTION DATA SERVICES	10/17-10/23 Payroll Services	Open	134.72	0.00			
14-00644	10/23/14	EAS	EAS BY ACTION DATA	9/30-10/23 Payroll Services	Open	362.63	0.00			
14-00645	10/17/14	QC	QC, INC.	10/8-10/13 Water Testing	Open	115.00	0.00			
14-00646	10/20/14	COUN	COUNTY OF WARREN TREASURER	2013/2014 Added Assesments	Open	539.55	0.00			
14-00647	10/31/14	PAYRO	PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	10/31/14 Utility Fund PR	Open	481.31	0.00			
14-00648	10/31/14	PAYRO	PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	10/31/14 Current Fund PR	Open	17,928.49	0.00			
14-00650	10/31/14	FERGUSON	FERGUSON BATH & KITCHEN	Toilet Rpr Kit - Fieldhouse	Open	140.00	0.00			
14-00652	10/01/14	WCTRE	WARREN COUNTY TREASURER	Rte 519 Swr Rprs-Escrow Deposi	Open	1,500.00	0.00			
14-00653	11/07/14	FREY ENG	FREY ENGINEERING, LLC	Sept 2014 Engineering Services	Open	10,156.71	0.00			
14-00655	11/12/14	USBANK	US BANK CUST FOR PRO CAPITAL	Redemption-B37/L8 #201305	Open	1,231.85	0.00			
Total Purchase Orders:				43	Total P.O. Line Items:	79	Total List Amount:	555,104.56	Total Void Amount:	0.00

New Business

Councilwoman Grossman discussed the snow ordinance the Borough currently has citing impending weather. Councilwoman Grossman suggested to start looking into hiring an outside contractor for snow plowing.

Councilwoman Grossman discussed having a time clock installed and using a different notification system to the residents.

Councilman Schwar discussed the Borough looking into getting quotes for Professionals.

Motion to approve Bingo License BA-2014-2 made by Councilwoman Schwar, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona, all were in favor with the exception of Councilman Seiss abstaining.

Motion made Councilman Schwar to approve the business license application to the State of New Jersey for: Trayshawn Motors, DLS Auto Group LLC, Alliance Concepts and D&R Auto Group, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona, all were in favor.

Executive Session-1 Hour

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to pass the following resolution to go into executive session for one hour 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), 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 Schwar, all were in favor.

Adjourn

Seeing no further business to come before Council, motion made by Councilman Schwar to adjourn at 10:45 P.M., motion seconded by Councilwoman Schwar, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Barton

Borough Clerk

