

Mayor Hanics called the Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 2, 2014.

Mayor Hanics announced that adequate notice of the meeting was given 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: Attorney Christopher Troxell, Borough Clerk, Laurie Barton and Engineer Frank Seney.

Public Comment

Sharon Cooper, Insurance Representative for Charter Partners, discussed the Borough's renewal policy coming up for next year. The policy renewal will be for another three years with Public Alliance Insurance Company (PAIC).

Department Reports

Administration, Councilwoman Tracy Grossman: No report. Councilwoman Grossman approved bills, salaries and wages for her department.

Councilman Cartabona inquired about communicating to the residents of the tree lighting contest. Councilwoman Grossman responded that she posted it to the Facebook page and will have the names of the judges for the next meeting.

Finance, Councilman Michael Schwar: Councilman Schwar reminded Council of the budget meeting for tomorrow at 7:00 P.M. In closing, Councilman Schwar approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

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

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

Request for the Trane bill to be removed from the bill list, citing a credit being issued to the Borough and Councilwoman Schwar needs to look further into why there is a credit.

Councilwoman Schwar asked for approval for Trane to replace the diffusers on the HVAC system. Motion made by Councilwoman Schwar to approve the Trane proposal for air diffusers, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona, all were in favor.

Councilwoman Schwar continued on with her report and discussed receiving verbal estimates for 20 truckloads of fill from the water projects. It was discussed of having the millings spread and to be used for the road in the quarry. Engineer Frank Seney responded with the millings don't need sealant if they were to be used for the road.

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

Public Safety, Councilman Louis Cartabona: Councilman Cartabona requested twenty minutes in executive session for contractual. Councilman Cartabona approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Public Works, Councilman Thomas Seiss: Councilman Seiss commended Charles Olah for coming off of his vacation to assist in the recent storm. Councilman Seiss summarized his discussion with Attorney Troxell regarding water shut offs.

Councilman Seiss requested 20 minutes total in executive session to discuss possible litigation and contractual. In closing, Councilman Seiss approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Professionals and Officials Reports

Mayor, Edward Hanics: Mayor Hanics stated he received a correspondence from the State in regards to Clean Communities' reports from the years 2012 and 2013 that have not been submitted to the State. Mayor Hanics stated he will turn this letter over to Councilman Schwar for proper submittal.

Emergency Squad, Chris Lee: Mr. Lee handed out a copy of the Emergency Squads budget for 2015 showing what their goals and needs are for 2015.

Mr. Lee gave the report for October and added that the Squad has an outreach program and would like to see Alpha more involved. Mr. Lee stated that information for residents is on their website where they can join in getting assistance for the elderly and disabled.

Engineer, Frank Seney: Mr. Seney stated he has not heard from the DEP as of yet regarding a full time water operator. Mr. Seney reported that the State has approved the Borough's tax maps and this will be part of their scope of work and part of their GIS based tax map system.

Sewer Engineer, Jim Hill: Mr. Hill stated he emailed Mayor and Council a full report regarding the 519 project which is now complete. Mr. Hill spoke of several partial payments on the bill list for Durnin and added a final estimate for the change order being \$18,000.00

All manholes have been located within the Borough and Mr. Hill stated he will coordinate to have these locations added to the tax maps.

Recycling Coordinator, Thomas Fey: Mr. Fey reported that he will have letters out to businesses to receive their reports on recycling.

Code Enforcement, Thomas Fey: Mr. Fey reported that he is currently handling complaints and has spoken with the Police Department regarding issues.

Public Comment

Tom Fey, East Blvd., Mr. Fey reminded Mayor and Council of the tree lighting this Friday at Veterans Park at 6PM.

Payment of Bills and Claims

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 Cartabona. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona (*Abstains from bills# 14-000680 & 14-00699*), Grossman, Rooks, C. Schwar, M. Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

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

December 2, 2014 02:15 PM		BOROUGH OF ALPHA Bill List By P.O. Number		Page No: 1				
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	REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS	2014 Licensed Water Oper	Open	1,500.00	0.00		
14-00227	04/01/14	VERI DSL	2014 DSL Online Services -	Open	91.99	0.00		
14-00297	05/01/14	TROXE CHRISTOPHER M. TROXELL, 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	32,913.00	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		
14-00413	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		
14-00600	10/10/14	TRANE TRANE U.S., INC.	HVAC Heating Upgrade	Open	1,345.00	0.00		
14-00629	10/23/14	GRAIN GRAINGER	Locks, Signs, and Valves	Open	132.40	0.00		
14-00649	11/12/14	MGL MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	Sept 2014 Engineering Services	Open	233.00	0.00		
14-00658	11/12/14	JIORL JIORLE'S OFFICE SUPPLIES	New Councilmember Nameplates	Open	89.97	0.00		
14-00679	11/25/14	NAPA CARVER'S AUTO PARTS OF WC	Hose/Spreader/Speedy Dry	Open	86.51	0.00		
14-00680	11/14/14	DURNIN THE DURNIN CORPORATION	11/14 Emerg Swr Rpr - Rt519	Open	18,356.01	0.00		
14-00683	12/02/14	CHASE CHASE MANHATTEN BANK	Divident Exp - Current Fund	Open	29,385.84	0.00		
14-00684	12/02/14	CURAC BOROUGH OF ALPHA	Divident Exp - Utility Fund	Open	33,059.07	0.00		
14-00685	11/25/14	ROSSE LORRAINE ROSSETTI	11/25 Mileage Reimb - CFO	Open	644.22	0.00		
14-00686	11/17/14	BARTO LAURIE BARTON	RMC Renewal - Laurie Barton	Open	50.00	0.00		
14-00687	11/17/14	BARTO LAURIE BARTON	11/17 Mlg/Meal Reimb - Clerk	Open	110.88	0.00		
14-00688	12/02/14	ROSE CHRISTY ROSE	2014 Mlg Reimb - Admin Clerk	Open	77.84	0.00		
14-00689	11/21/14	DUKES DUKE'S ROOT CONTROL, INC.	Root Control - Sewer Impr Pjct	Open	28,486.25	0.00		
14-00690	11/17/14	JCPL JCP&L	10/21-11/21 Electric Bills	Open	2,054.37	0.00		
14-00694	11/19/14	FREY ENG FREY ENGINEERING, LLC	Dec 2014 Engineering Services	Open	11,713.39	0.00		
14-00695	11/28/14	PAYRO PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	11/28/14 Utility Fund PR	Open	393.40	0.00		
14-00696	11/28/14	PAYRO PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT 751561	11/28/14 Current Fund PR	Open	23,120.54	0.00		
14-00697	11/17/14	ACTION ACTION DATA SERVICES	Nov 2014 Payroll Services	Open	120.31	0.00		
14-00698	11/19/14	EAS EAS BY ACTION DATA	Nov 2014 Payroll Services	Open	43.19	0.00		
14-00699	11/28/14	DURNIN THE DURNIN CORPORATION	Emerg Repairs - Sewer Improvme	Open	58,083.94	0.00		
14-00700	11/13/14	ELIZGA ELIZABETHTOWN GAS	10/13-11/11 Propane Gas	Open	105.59	0.00		
Total Purchase Orders:		32	Total P.O. Line Items:	60	Total List Amount:	274,843.12	Total Void Amount:	0.00

Old Business

Councilwoman Grossman reported on her discussion with the Borough's insurance carrier and stated that there will be no increase in liability for the ice skating rink.

Discussions ensued regarding kids playing ice hockey and in getting the rink filled and possibly having a fence reinstalled.

New Business

Councilwoman Grossman reported on looking into getting a whole new website that is more user friendly.

The Fire Chief, Sean McDyer gave the November fire call report. Chief McDyer reported on the update of the new fire truck. The estimated time of delivery is October 16th 2015.

Chief McDyer stated that the Santa run will be December 20th.

Councilman Cartabona made a motion at this time to accept the application for the Fire Department for Tyler Lee, to go active, motion seconded by Councilman Schwar all were in favor.

Executive Session-40 Minutes

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to pass the following resolution to go into executive session for 40 minutes for Personnel, Contractual and Litigation. Motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona, 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 40 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.

Adjourn

Seeing no further business to come before Council, motion made by Councilman Cartabona to adjourn at 8:42 P.M., motion seconded by Councilman Rooks, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Barton

Borough Clerk