

Mayor Edward Hanics called the Reorganization Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, January 1, 2015.

Mayor Edward 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 December 17, 2014, the Municipal Clerk delivered to the Star Gazette/Express-Times and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Clerk's office a notice containing the date, time, and place of this meeting of the Borough Council. Also said notice has been mailed to persons requesting the same.

Mayor Hanics led prayer and the salute to the flag.

*Oath of Office for Elected Council Members*

Attorney Christopher Troxell administered the Oath of Office for Council Elect; Tracy Grossman, Peter Pettinelli and Millard Rooks.

*Roll Call:*

Mayor Hanics, Councilman Cartabona, Councilwoman Grossman, Councilman Pettinelli, Councilman Rooks, Councilman Schwar and Councilman Seiss.

*Appointment of Mayors Standing Departments*

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to approve the following department appointments, motion seconded by Councilman Schwar. Roll call: Ayes: Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar, Rooks and Seiss. Nays: Cartabona.

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| <b>Director of Administration:</b><br><i>Deputy: Councilman Tom Seiss</i>              | Councilman Pete Pettinelli  |
| <b>Director of Finance:</b><br><i>Deputy: Councilman Louis Cartabona</i>               | Councilman Mike Schwar      |
| <b>Director of Public Works:</b><br><i>Deputy: Councilman Mike Schwar</i>              | Councilman Tom Seiss        |
| <b>Director of Public Property:</b><br><i>Deputy: Councilman Millard Rooks</i>         | Councilwoman Tracy Grossman |
| <b>Director of Public Safety:</b><br><i>Deputy: Councilman Pete Pettinelli</i>         | Councilman Millard Rooks    |
| <b>Director of Health &amp; Welfare:</b><br><i>Deputy: Councilwoman Tracy Grossman</i> | Councilman Louis Cartabona  |

*Appointments*

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to appoint Councilman Schwar as the Clean Community Coordinator, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks, all were in favor with the exception of Councilman Schwar abstaining.

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to appoint Councilman Seiss as the Land Use Board Council Liaison, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks, all were in favor, with the exception of Councilman Seiss abstaining.

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to nominate Mike Schwar as Council President, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks, all were in favor with the exception of Councilman Schwar abstaining.

*Resolutions*

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve Resolution 2015-01, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2015-01**

**RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA, WARREN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN REGARD TO REGULAR MEETINGS**

**WHEREAS**, Section 13 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, requires that at least once a year not later than January 10th of such year shall post and mail to newspapers designated by said body the Regular Meeting dates during the succeeding year.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that Regular Meetings of the Alpha Borough Council shall be held at 7:00 pm prevailing time, as indicated below for the year 2015, meetings shall be duly advertised according to Section 13 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231. The dates of said meetings are as follows:

January 1 (Re-Org), 12, 26 (MONDAYS)	July 14, 28
February 9, 23 (MONDAYS)	August 11, 25
March 10, 24	September 8 (Tuesday), 21 (Monday)
April 14, 28	October 13, 27
May 12, 26	November 10, 24
June 9, 23	December 8, 29

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all meetings shall be held at the Borough Municipal Building, 1001 East Boulevard, Alpha, NJ 08865 and are open to the public.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Star Gazette and/or the Express Times be designated as the official newspapers and should be authorized for all legal publications and notices required for publication according to law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the format for regular meetings of Council be as follows:

Regular Meeting Agenda

Call to Order  
Prayer & Salute to the Flag  
Roll Call  
Bids (*If Applicable*)  
Public Comment  
Ordinances  
Resolutions  
Approval of Minutes  
Department Reports  
Committee Reports  
Professionals & Officials Reports  
Payment of Bills & Claims  
Old Business  
New Business  
Executive Session (*As Needed*)  
Adjournment

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve Resolution 2015-02, motion seconded by Councilman Schwar. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2015-02  
BANK DEPOSITORIES**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and members of Common Council of the Borough of Alpha, New Jersey, that pursuant to the statutes in such cases made and provided for, that PNC Bank, Alpha, New Jersey is hereby designated as the primary depository for the current funds, water utility funds, capital funds, and various other funds of the Borough of Alpha, and the Borough of Alpha payroll account.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Bank of America, TD Bank, Team Capital and State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund will be utilized as necessary. The CFO, Tax Collector, Construction Official, Court Administrator and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to deposit all funds for the above listed accounts in the aforesaid depositories for the Borough of Alpha.

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to approve Resolution 2015-03, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2015-03  
BILL PAYING POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, all bills must be rendered before the meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha; and

**WHEREAS**, bills must be itemized fully and signed claimant's certification be presented.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and member of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha, that all bills submitted and approved by the Common Council be paid on the following day after approval, unless otherwise deemed appropriate and necessary by the members of the Common Council.

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2015-04, motion seconded by Councilman Seiss. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2015-04  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, NJS 54:4-67 permits the governing body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for non-payment of taxes or assessments subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law; and

**WHEREAS**, NJS 54:4-67 has been amended to permit the fixing of said rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 and allows an additional penalty of 6% be collected against a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 on properties that fail to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of taxes becoming delinquent after due date and 18% per annum on any amount of taxes in excess of \$1,500.00 and allows an additional penalty of 6% to be collected against delinquency in excess of \$10,000 on properties that fail to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year.

2. Effective January 1, 2015, there will be a ten (10) day grace period of quarterly tax payments made by cash, check, credit card or money order.

3. Any payments not made in accordance with paragraph two of this resolution shall be charged interest from the due date as set forth in paragraph one of this resolution.

4. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Borough Clerk to the Tax Collector and Borough Auditor.

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve Resolution 2015-05, motion seconded by Councilman Schwar. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2015-05  
TAX REFUND PROCEDURES UNDER \$5.00**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey allows a municipal employee to process the cancellation of any property tax refund or delinquencies of less than \$5.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipal employee allowed to process the cancellation shall be the Tax Collector; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Alpha hereby authorize the Tax Collector of the Borough of Alpha to process cancellations of any property tax refund or delinquency of less than \$5.00.

Motion made by Councilman Pettinelli to approve Resolution 2015-06, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2015-06  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A  
NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR BOROUGH ATTORNEY**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpha, through its common Council, has a need to acquire the goods or services to be provided hereunder as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4* or *20.5*, as applicable; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Clerk has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated term of this contract is one year(s); and

**WHEREAS**, Christopher Troxell, Esq., has submitted a proposal or request indicating he will provide the services of Borough Attorney as agreed to under separate contract for \$45,000.00 plus additional compensation for additional specified work; and

**WHEREAS**, Christopher Troxell, Esq., has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that he, a sole proprietor, has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Alpha in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit him from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough CFO has certified that there are sufficient and available funds, as required under the law, specifically *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Borough of Alpha hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Christopher Troxell, Esq., as described herein; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk shall publish such notice as required under the law. This appointment is made without competitive bidding as professional services under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, as provided in *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5* because said office requires services performed by person or persons qualified to practice recognized professions, and it is not possible to obtain competitive bids, and according to other applicable statutes.

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve Resolution 2015-07, motion seconded by Councilman Schwar. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2015-07  
UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS AND REFUNDS UNDER \$5.00**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey authorize the Utility Collector to make adjustments and to process the cancellation of any refund or delinquencies of less than \$5.00 on water and sewer accounts.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey, so authorize the Utility Collector to act as stated above as of January 1, 2015.

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to approve Resolution 2015-08, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2015-08  
RESOLUTION FOR 2014/2015 TAX APPEALS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Mayor and Council so authorize the Municipal Attorney of the Borough of Alpha to file Municipal Appeals and enter into stipulations on behalf of the Borough of Alpha.

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2015-09, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2015-09  
BOND COUNSEL**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Gibbons, P.C. is hereby retained as Municipal Bond Counsel of the Borough of Alpha for the year 2015.
2. This retainer is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law as provided by *NJSA 40A:11-5* because it requires service performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and it is not possible to obtain competitive bids.

3. A copy of this resolution shall be published in the Star Gazette, Hackettstown, New Jersey as required by law within 10 days of passage.

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve Resolution 2015-10, motion seconded by Councilman Schwar. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2014-10  
PUBLIC DEFENDER**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Scott Wilhelm is hereby retained as Public Defender of the Borough of Alpha for the year 2014.
2. This retainer is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” under provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law as provided by NJSA 40A:11-5 because it requires service performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and it is not possible to obtain competitive bids.
3. A copy of this resolution shall be published in the Star Gazette, Hackettstown, New Jersey as required by law within 10 days of passage.

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2015-11, motion seconded by Councilman Pettinelli. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2015-11  
RECYCLING COORDINATOR**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Thomas Fey is hereby retained as Recycling Coordinator of the Borough of Alpha, at a salary as reflected in the salary resolution for the year 2015.
2. This retainer is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” under provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law as provided by NJSA 40A:11-5 because it requires service performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and it is not possible to obtain competitive bids.
3. A copy of this resolution shall be published in the Star Gazette and/or Express Times Newspaper as required by law within 10 days of passage.

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2015-12, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2015-12  
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey as follows:

Hire Thomas Fey as Code Enforcement Officer for a one year appointment in accordance to the current year salary resolution to commence on January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2015-13, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2015 -13  
RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE BOROUGH CFO  
TO PAY CERTAIN BILLS, CLAIMS AND INVOICES**

**WHEREAS**, all bills, claims, and invoices for payment by the Borough of Alpha must be submitted to the Borough of Alpha Council for consideration before payment is made; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the nature of certain bills, claims, and invoices and the timing of particular meetings of the Council, certain bills, claims and invoices should be paid when presented which are statutory and /or regular in nature, rather than be held for the next meeting of the Borough Council due to the nature of such;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Council approves of and hereby authorizes upon the approval from the Director of Finance, that the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Borough of Alpha, to make payment(s) between meetings of all bills, claims and invoices in an amount of \$1,000.00 or less.

2. The CFO is further authorized and directed to prepare the proper vouchers for payment of the above when same are properly presented to the CFO for payment, and present the bill, claim, or invoice on the Bill List to be approved by the Borough Council at the next public meeting.

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2015-14, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2015-14  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT UTILITY CONSUMER  
ACCOUNTS.**

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 54:4-67 permits the governing body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for non-payment of taxes or assessments subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law; and

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 54:4-67 has been amended to permit the fixing of said rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 and allows an additional penalty of 6% be collected against a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 on properties that fail to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year;

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Alpha would like to apply and follow tax collection interest regulations with utility collection as well:

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Utility Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of utility fees becoming delinquent after due date and 18% per annum on any amount of utility fees in excess of \$1,500.00 and allows an additional penalty of 6% to be collected against delinquency in excess of \$10,000 on properties that fail to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year.

2. Effective January 1, 2015, there will be a fifteen (15) day grace period of quarterly utility payments made by cash, check, credit card or money order.

3. Any payments not made in accordance with paragraph two of this resolution shall be charged interest from the due date as set forth in paragraph one of this resolution.

4. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Borough Clerk to the Utility Collector and Borough Auditor.

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2015-15, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2015-15  
AUDITOR**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpha has a need to acquire an Auditor as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5 as appropriate*; and,

**WHEREAS**, the CFO has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500.00; and,

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated term of this contract is 1 year(s) and may be extended 1 time(s) as approved by this governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, Suplee, Clooney & Company has submitted a proposal indicating they will provide the Borough of Alpha professional accounting and auditing services for an amount not to exceed \$19,500.00 and

**WHEREAS**, Suplee, Clooney & Company has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Suplee, Clooney & Company has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Alpha in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Suplee, Clooney & Company from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough CFO has determined that adequate funding will be provided for in the temporary and final 2015 municipal budget, as required under the law, as per *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4.*; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Alpha authorizes the Mayor and Borough Clerk to enter into a contract with Suplee, Clooney & Company as described herein; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be advertised as required by law in the official newspaper of the Borough of Alpha within 10 days of passage.

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve Resolution 2015-16, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, and Seiss. Nays: none. Abstain: Schwar.

**RESOLUTION 2015-16  
APPOINTING PUBLIC ALLIANCE INSURANCE  
COVERAGE FUND COMMISSIONER**



**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that it hereby appoints Michael Schwar as Fund Commissioner and Laurie A. Barton as Alternate Fund Commissioner to the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Following:

1. Michael Schwar Fund Commissioner
2. Laurie A. Barton , Borough Clerk
3. Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund

*Resolution 2015-17 was held (Prosecutor)*

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve Resolution 2015-18, motion seconded by Councilman Schwar. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2015-18  
RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpha has resolved to join Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund (PAIC) following a detailed analysis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bylaws of PAIC require that each entity designate a Risk Management Consultant to perform various professional services as detailed in the Bylaws and Risk Management Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bylaws indicate that PAIC shall pay each Risk Management Consultant a fee to be established annually the Executive Committee.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Alpha does hereby appoint Public Entity Advocates, LLC (formally known as Charter Partners) as its Risk Management Consultant in accordance with the Fund's Bylaws.

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2015-19, motion seconded by Councilman Pettinelli. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2015-19  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
HIRING OF LABOR/EMPLOYMENT COUNSEL**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of Alpha deems the hiring of a labor/employment lawyer to be in the best interests of the Borough of Alpha;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Alpha that Christopher Troxell a New Jersey licensed attorney, be hired or retained as labor/employment counsel for the Borough of Alpha for the calendar year 2015.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the contract and any related documents.

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2015-20, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Pettinelli, Rooks, and Schwar. Nays: Grossman and Seiss.

**RESOLUTION 2015-20  
BOROUGH ENGINEER**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpha is required by law to have a Municipal Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpha solicited qualifications for the services of a Municipal Engineer after publishing a notice setting forth pertinent information and objective criteria for the selection of same; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpha reviewed and evaluated the submissions of various applicants and will award the contract after this essentially fair and open process to the most qualified proposal.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Remington & Vernick Engineers are hereby appointed and retained as Engineer of the Borough of Alpha for a three year term ending December 31, 2017.
2. This retainer may be awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law as provided by *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5* because it requires service performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and it is not possible to obtain competitive bids.

A copy of this resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Alpha as required by New Jersey law within 10 days passage

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2015-21, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2015-21  
2015 TEMPORARY BUDGET  
FOR THE WATER & SEWER UTILITY FUND**

**WHEREAS**, *NJSA 40A:4-19* provides that where any contracts, commitments, or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2015 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

**WHEREAS**, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty (30) days of January 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the total appropriations in the 2014 Water/Sewer Utility Operating Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of \$779,490.00; and

**WHEREAS**, 26.25 % of the total appropriations in the 2014 Water/Sewer Utility Operating Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance in said 2014 budget is the sum of \$204,616.12;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following Water/Sewer Utility Operating appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for her records:

Salaries & Wages	\$ 20,000.00
Other Expenses	\$182,300.00
Social Security	\$ 2,000.00
Unemployment	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
Total limited to 26.25%	\$204,550.00

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve Resolution 2015-22, motion seconded by Councilman Schwar. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2015-22  
2015 TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE CURRENT FUND**

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 40A:4-19 provides that where any contracts, commitments, or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2015 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

**WHEREAS**, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty (30) days of January 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the total appropriations in the 2014 Current Operating Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance, is the sum of \$2,293,338; and

**WHEREAS**, 26.25 % of the total appropriations in the 2014 Current Operating Budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance in said 2014 budget is the sum of \$602,001.22;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following Current Fund Operating appropriations attached be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for her records:

Appropriations limited to 26.25%	\$600,425.00	(detail attached)
Debt Service	\$ 14,400.00	

*New Business*

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to accept the resignation of CFO, Lorraine Rossetti, which took effective December 31, 2014, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona, all were in favor.

Mayor Hanics announced the following appointments to the Land Use Board:

Chris Dragotta, Robert Plimpton and Robert Gable. Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve the Mayors appointments, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona, all were in favor.

*Oaths of Office as a Group*

Borough Clerk, Laurie Barton administered the oaths of office to the Alpha Volunteer Fire Department members, Professionals and Staff.

*Public Comment*

George Cupon, Sampson Ave., inquired about whom to turn his time sheet into.

Councilman Rooks made a motion to accept a transfer application for the Alpha Volunteer Fire Department from Jeff Milan, transferring from Huntington Fire Department, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona, all were in favor.

Mike Grossman, 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., inquired about the progress of the ice skating rink.

*Payment of Bills, Salaries and Wages*

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to authorize the CFO to pay bills approved by the Directors, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks, all were in favor.

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona authorizing the CFO to pay all salaries and wages approved by the Directors, motion seconded Councilman Rooks, all were in favor.

*Adjourn*

There being no further business to come before Council at this time, on motion made by Councilman Schwar and seconded by Councilman Cartabona this meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Laurie A. Barton, P.M.C*