

Mayor Hanics called the Special Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2015.

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. 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.

*Roll Call:* Present; Councilman Cartabona, Councilwoman Grossman, Councilman Pettinelli, Councilman Rooks, Councilman Schwar, and Councilman Seiss. Absent: none.

#### *Public Comment*

None.

#### *Executive Session*

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to approve the following resolution, 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 22 minutes, allowing for a five (5) minute recess between the regular session and the executive session.

*Return to Regular Session*

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

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve Resolution 2015-52, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks. Roll Call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays; none.

**RESOLUTION 2015-52**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY VOIDING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM SHARED SERVICES AND CONSOLIDATION ACT CONCERNING THE SERVICES OF THE RARITAN TOWNSHIP'S CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpha entered into an agreement with the Township of Raritan in order to share municipal services to be provided by the Raritan Township's Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpha was to have the CFO of Raritan Township provide services to the Borough of Alpha as a CFO/Treasurer pursuant to a shared services agreement (the "Agreement"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement allows for the Borough of Alpha to void the Agreement if the Raritan Township CFO resigns or retires; and

**WHEREAS**, the Raritan Township Administrator has confirmed that the CFO has submitted his retirement papers and does not intend to act as CFO for the Borough of Alpha; and

**WHEREAS**, the Raritan Township CFO has never shown up to work for the Borough of Alpha pursuant to the Agreement and in breach of the Agreement and the Borough is in need of a CFO for obvious municipal financial services.

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

1. The Borough of Alpha Council hereby voids the Agreement with Raritan Township for the shared services of the Raritan Township's Chief Financial Officer due to the retirement of the Raritan CFO and for cause.
2. The Borough of Alpha Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute any related documents, if necessary.
3. A copy of this Resolution shall be maintained by the Clerk of the Borough of Alpha and immediately forwarded to the Administrator/Clerk of the Township of Raritan.

4. A copy of this Resolution shall be filed, for informational purposes, with the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2015-56, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona. Roll Call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2015-56  
SPECIAL ACCOUNTING SERVICES  
FOR THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA**

**WHEREAS**, the position of CFO has been vacant, and the Borough of Alpha is in need of assistance with budget preparation and other accounting services.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough makes this appointment in an emergency and 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 this appointment 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Alpha hereby appoints Suplee, Clooney & Company of Westfield, New Jersey to perform and assist with budget preparation and other accounting services at an hourly rate of \$100.00 not to exceed \$3,000.00 total for a ninety-day period, upon certification of funds by the CFO.

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve Resolution 2015-57, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona. Roll Call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2015-57  
TEMPORARY OR ACTING CFO SALARY RESOLUTION  
FOR THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA**

**WHEREAS**, the position of Temporary CFO is permitted by New Jersey law, including *N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.13(f)*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has a vacancy in the office of CFO and is in need of CFO services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Alpha hereby appoints Charles Daniel as Temporary CFO at an hourly rate of \$540.00 per week for 16 hours of service per week to the Borough for a period up to two years or until he becomes a certified CFO by the State of New Jersey. Additional hours of service may be approved by the Director of Finance at \$33.75 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours per month.

*Adjourn*

Seeing no further business to come before Council, motion made by Council Cartabona to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 P.M., motion seconded by Councilman Rooks, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

*Laurie A. Barton*

Borough Clerk