

Mayor Hanics called the Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 7:00 p.m. on June 23, 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. On January 1, 2015, 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.

Executive Session

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Public Comment -Presentation – Mike Stachel – Repairing the John Dolak Memorial Pool

Michael Stachel of Mountain Lake Pool discussed the current condition of the Borough pool. Mr. Stachel gave a breakdown of costs and fees with regards to repairs needed.

Mike Savary, Park Avenue, began questioning the price and asked what is included.

Jeffrey Paul, High Street, asked how many volunteers are needed.

Paul O'Neil, 4th Avenue, inquired about the pool.

Regular Public Comment:

Vicki O'Neil, 4th Avenue, inquired about free rabies shots for dogs. Mrs. O'Neil spoke of a tree issue at 1176 4th Avenue, stating that trees are on her property line, growing into shrubs.

Charles Bodogh, East Central Avenue, stated he is disappointed to see 5th Avenue project by cemetery, house on corner put a car port. Car is parking on the grass, has a paved parking pad. Acquire an 8 foot pad, impeding water flow. Councilman Seiss stated that the parking pad is coming out.

John Schmidt, Schley Avenue, asked what's going on with Dewey Avenue and other roads. Mr. Schmidt announced that the Alpha Junior Colts won Championship.

Chris Dragotta, Lyons Court, is requesting the house behind him be looked at. Lawn is not yet mowed. He will be calling the County Health Department. Mr. Dragotta also mentioned a sinkhole on corner of the property at 707 Frace Street.

Craig Dunwell, 7th Avenue, inquired about the Borough applying for an open space grant. Discussions ensued regarding the 7th Avenue Phase II project. Mr. Dunwell inquired about the DPW contract.

Jim Pfeiffer, East Central Avenue, mentioned 7th Avenue, at the railroad crossing, there's a dip in the street.

Mike Savary, Park Avenue, talked about street sweeping and cars not moved.

John Schmidt, Schley Avenue, asked if they are testing water lines.

Lisa Lacaruba, Springtown Road, questioning the aesthetics of Alpha. Ms. Lacaruba cited that vehicles are being piled up at two gas stations, and asked if there any ordinances? What are they zoned for?

Chris McGee, Springtown Road, inquired about getting sidewalks between the basketball courts and alley to the fire department. Mr. McGee asked if there was any response from the tree company for tree trimmings.

Ordinances: 1st Reading

**ORDINANCE 2015-5
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SALARY RANGE FOR THE
FOLLOWING EMPLOYEE OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA**

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to table until next meeting, seconded by Councilman Pettinelli, all were in favor.

Resolutions:

Motion made by Councilman Rooks to approve Resolution 2015-55, motion seconded by Councilman Pettinelli. Ayes; Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: Cartabona.

**RESOLUTION 2015-55
RESOLUTION RENEWING CONTRACT
FOR CODERED SERVICES AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Alpha has determined that important and emergent matters need to be communicated to the residents of the Borough of Alpha in an immediate and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Alpha has found Emergency Communications Network to offer a CodeRED® Services Agreement for \$2,000.00 annually; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Alpha has sought quotes for such service; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Alpha agrees with the Borough Emergency Management Coordinator to utilize the CodeRED® Services, as same affects public safety, health, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the emergency communication contract be awarded to Emergency Communications Network of Ormond Beach, Florida, for the CodeRED® Services Agreement for \$6,000.00, to be paid \$2,000.00 annually, for the period of July 19, 2015 through July 18, 2018, upon written certification of funds by the Borough CFO.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Clerk, and CFO are authorized to execute all necessary documents to effectuate the contract.

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to approve Resolution 2015-75, seconded by Councilman Cartabona. Roll call: Ayes; Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: None.

**RESOLUTION 2015-75
REFUND OF MERCANTILE LATE FEES**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby waives any and all late fee assessments related to payment of the \$100.00 mercantile license fee required for 2015 by the Borough and hereby also authorizes the refund of any late fee(s) paid by the businesses related to the Mercantile License paid of 2015. The CFO and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary and related to this.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha hereby authorize the Finance Officer to refund to the following persons or companies, the following amounts:

<u>PERSONS/COMPANIES</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Animal Rehab & Fitness	\$75.00
CFK Additions	\$75.00
D&R Auto Group	\$75.00
Engineered Medical Solutions	\$75.00
Hai's Auto Repair	\$75.00
Law Offices of Ada Carro	\$100.00
LMR Clean Out	\$75.00
Top Notch	\$75.00
Trayshawn Motors	\$100.00
Wills Trucking	\$75.00
TOTAL:	\$800.00

Councilman Rooks made a motion to table Resolution 2015-76, seconded by Councilman Pettinelli. Roll call: Ayes; Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION 2015-76

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA AND ITS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute the attached agreement between the Borough of Alpha and the Council #73 AFSCME, representing the Borough's employees in the Borough's Department of Public Works (DPW) for the years 2012 through 2017, thereby effectively amending the salaries of the named positions – laborer, public works repair and senior public works repair – pursuant to Article 8 of the attached agreement and as stated herein below; the years of 2016 and 2017 are only effective if the Borough is not required by the State to have a licensed T3 operator employed full-time.

Laborer

Class	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
1	\$49781.00	\$49781.00	\$50776.62	\$51792.16	\$52828.01	\$53884.57
2	\$45197.00	\$45197.00	\$46100.94	\$47022.96	\$47963.42	\$48922.69
3	\$42189.00	\$42189.00	\$43032.78	\$43893.44	\$44771.31	\$45666.74
4	\$40181.00	\$40181.00	\$40984.62	\$41804.32	\$42640.41	\$43493.22

Public Works Repair

Class	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
1	\$59718.00	\$59718.00	\$60912.36	\$62130.61	\$63373.23	\$64640.10
2	\$54657.00	\$54657.00	\$55750.14	\$56865.15	\$58002.46	\$59162.10
3	\$52473.00	\$52473.00	\$53522.46	\$54592.91	\$55684.77	\$56798.47
4	\$49576.00	\$49576.00	\$50567.52	\$51578.87	\$52610.45	\$53662.66

Senior Public Works Repair

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
\$79363.00	\$79363.00	\$80950.26	\$82569.27	\$84220.66	\$85905.08

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to approve Resolution 2015-77, seconded by Councilman Pettinelli. Roll call: Ayes; Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: None.

**RESOLUTION 2015-77
REFUND OF UNUSED ESCROW MONIES**

WHEREAS, the below listed Developer Escrow Account now have been completed; and

WHEREAS, a balance of unused escrow monies remains in the account, and

WHEREAS, the proper professionals have signed an escrow release form certifying the work to be complete and all professional payments have been made,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha hereby authorize the Certified Finance Officer to release the below amount to the below estimated account balance to the below listed developer and close their respective account:

13-002 Alpha Lehigh Tool \$855.00
41 Industrial Road
Alpha, NJ 08865

Department Reports:

Administration, Councilman Peter Pettinelli: Councilman Pettinelli stated checks for mercantile late fee refunds should be out this week. An advertisement for Deputy Clerk went out. In closing Councilman Pettinelli approved bills, salaries, and wages for his department. Councilwoman Grossman asked for a website link for people to be added to the blast, not a live link. Councilman Pettinelli stated he will need to talk to the web administrator to find out where this would be stored.

Finance, Councilman Michael Schwar: Councilman Schwar is going through paperwork in the finance office. The office should be cleaned up by the middle of April. A few bills are still being worked on by next meeting through June 15th. The bill list should be caught up by end of July. Councilman Schwar reported on one issue – auditor has been working with new CFO to help and they have a problem with our payroll. It is recommended regardless what type of employee, everyone gets paid weekly. In closing, Councilman Schwar bills salaries and wages for his department.

Health & Welfare, Councilman Louis Cartabona: Councilman Cartabona provided the Warren County Board of Health June report. Councilman Cartabona inquired about the bill for this year's clean up, stating he hasn't received one yet. Councilman Cartabona expressed his concern over the gate being open too much. Councilman Cartabona stated he wanted a list of the names of the volunteers who helped at clean up. In closing, Councilman Cartabona approved bills, salaries and wages for his department. Councilman Rooks asked why clean-up wasn't advertised.

Public Property, Councilwoman Grossman: Councilwoman Grossman stated that the field house and pool house are being cleaned out this Saturday. She is looking for volunteers. Movie night at the park costs will be around \$800. Donations of water, popcorn, and snow cones have been made. Councilwoman Grossman gave the following quotes she received: painting circle field, \$1900, painting pavilion, \$2200.

In closing, Councilwoman Grossman approved bill and salaries. Councilman Seiss inquired about painting the garage, bleachers at circle field, and the metal bleachers.

Public Safety, Councilman Millard Rooks: Councilman Rook reported on the Emergency Squads grand opening. In closing, Councilman Rooks approved bills, salaries and wages for his department. Councilman Cartabona questioned brush and branches on the corner of Schley Avenue.

Public Works, Councilman Seiss: Councilman Seiss requested 10 minutes in executive session for personnel regarding the Utility Collector. The sink hole on Somerset has been fixed. Water readings are making good progress. Many new meters were in wrong or stopped functioning. In closing Councilman Seiss approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Professionals & Official Reports:

Fire Department, Chief Sean McDyer: Chief McDyer reported that the Fire truck is progressing nicely.

Attorney, Christopher Troxell: Requested 10 minutes executive session for contractual and litigation, Route 519.

Engineer – Frank J. Seney: Mr. Seney asked Council to refer to the June report that was distributed. Green Acres is making another inspection in 2015. Projects; 5th Avenue has been completed, punch list being done. Waiting for comments from DOT for Schley Avenue. 7th Avenue progressing was not aware of subdivision out there, get authorization to advertise at first meeting in July. Councilman Seiss added that he would like to see plans before anything goes to bid. Penn Bower will be out next week for punch list work, received permit application regarding Frace Street, temporary permit for Alpha Street as well. Councilwoman Grossman questioned 5th Avenue. She stated that there is a divet at the intersection of 5th and Warren. Councilman Cartabona began a Leigh Fuel discussion and to proceed with acquiring the property.

Sewer Engineer – Jim Hill: Reviewed report that was distributed. Provided grouting update. Spoke about the grease trap Ordinance.

Code Enforcement/Recycling–Thomas Fey: Letters were sent June 1st to violators. Recycling: Received reports and sent to County and State officials.

Second Public Comment:

Chris Dragotta asked if the ball is rolling for the lot behind him, has the process started. Professional discussion regarding DPW for fire calls. Mr. Dragotta would like to go on record as a town resident that considering penalizing individuals for answering fire calls is pretty unfortunate. When we have someone dedicated to run out of town a couple of minutes is commendable.

Charles Bodogh, East Central Avenue, spoke about the evergreen and elm trees at the park across from the EMS building. Would like to know who will do the removal to get it straightened out. Councilwoman Grossman advised it is getting taken care of.

Payment of Bills & Claims:

Councilman Seiss made a motion to make the director's report a part of the minutes. Councilman Rooks seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Councilman Cartabona made a motion that the CFO be authorized to pay all bills authorized by the director. Councilman Rooks seconded the motion. Roll call; Ayes; Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar, and Seiss. Nays: none.

Councilman Seiss made a motion that the CFO be authorized to pay all salaries and wages approved by the director, Councilman Rooks seconded. Ayes; Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: None.

June 23, 2015 06:10 PM		BOROUGH OF ALPHA Bill List By P.O. Number			Page No: 1			
P.O. Type: All Range: First to Last Format: Condensed					Open: N	Paid: N	Void: N	
					Rcvd: Y	Held: Y	Aprv: N	
					Bid: Y	State: Y	Other: Y	Exempt: Y
PO #	PO Date	Vendor	PO Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	PO Type	
15-00001	01/01/15	ALBOA	ALPHA BOARD OF EDUCATION	2015 School Tax Due	Open	608,775.40	0.00	
15-00002	01/01/15	TROXE	CHRISTOPHER M. TROXELL, ESQ	2015 Municipal Atty Svs	Open	11,250.00	0.00	
15-00005	01/01/15	TOWNP	TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG	2015 Police Coverage	Open	67,500.00	0.00	
15-00008	01/01/15	WASTE RO	WASTE MANAGEMENT ROLL OFFS	2015 School Dumpsters	Open	200.00	0.00	
15-00083	01/01/15	FORTD	FORT DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE	2015 Employee Life Insurance	Open	111.00	0.00	
15-00084	01/01/15	REMINGTO	REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS	2015 Water Util Operator	Open	3,000.00	0.00	
15-00085	01/01/15	FREY ENG	FREY ENGINEERING, LLC	2015 C-2 Operator	Open	2,500.00	0.00	
15-00086	01/01/15	BARANSKY	DANIEL BARANSKY	2015 N-2 Operator -	Open	2,499.99	0.00	
15-00150	04/21/15	HOME	HOME DEPOT/GEFC	SUMP-PUMP FOR PIT	Open	141.00	0.00	
15-00200	05/12/15	BURT	BURT PROCESS EQUIPMENT	Blue White Metering PUMP	Open	3,152.89	0.00	
15-00204	05/23/15	NJPDES	TREASURER-STATE OF NJ	General Permit Renewal	Open	1,050.00	0.00	
15-00205	05/23/15	NJPDES	TREASURER-STATE OF NJ	Surface Water GPA Mod	Open	2,300.00	0.00	
15-00206	05/23/15	MCP	My Color Painting	Recreation - Painting/P-wash	Open	3,800.00	0.00	
15-00208	05/26/15	RUEFF	SANDY RUEFF	SANDY RUEFF - WEBSITE UPDATES	Open	420.00	0.00	
15-00209	05/26/15	HAMILTON	HAMILTON KENT, LLC.	Sanitary Manhole Castings	Open	2,202.43	0.00	
15-00224	06/16/15	ABE MAT	A.B.E MATERIALS	Cold Patch Purchase	Open	313.35	0.00	
15-00226	06/16/15	CD	C&D COMPUTER SUPPLIERS	W-2 Envelopes	Open	12.24	0.00	
15-00227	06/16/15	COOPR	COOPER ALARM SYSTEMS	Security System	Open	996.00	0.00	
15-00228	06/16/15	HAMILTON	HAMILTON KENT, LLC.	2 HK Manhole Castings	Open	2,202.43	0.00	
15-00229	06/18/15	BSNSP	BSN SPORTS	Playground Equipment	Open	409.96	0.00	
15-00233	06/18/15	QC	QC, INC.	Water Testing	Open	1,382.00	0.00	
15-00235	06/18/15	RRCON005	R & R CONSTRUCTION INC	Water Main Repairs	Open	14,312.50	0.00	
15-00236	06/18/15	HOME	HOME DEPOT/GEFC	DPW Supplies	Open	263.85	0.00	
15-00237	06/18/15	GREENPRO	GREENPRO MATERIALS	Infield Mix	Open	1,040.42	0.00	
15-00238	06/18/15	BEN	BEN SCHAFER & ASSOCIATES, INC	Outdoor Grills	Open	992.00	0.00	
15-00239	06/18/15	COYNE	COYNE CHEMICAL	Ferrous Chloride Solution	Open	901.50	0.00	
15-00240	06/18/15	WILHELM	WINEGAR,WILHELM,GLYNN & ROEMER	STATE VS. VALANCIA GRIMES-HIGG	Open	150.00	0.00	
15-00241	06/18/15	DEERPARK	DEER PARK DIRECT, DIVISION OF	Water/Cups	Open	27.52	0.00	
15-00242	06/18/15	EXETER	EXETER SUPPLY COMPANY	Water Utility Parts	Open	3,294.30	0.00	
15-00243	06/20/15	LOWCHER	ALAN LOWCHER	March, April, May PB Meetings	Open	915.00	0.00	
15-00244	06/20/15	GRS	Global Recovery Services	Fred E Cook Claim	Open	26,377.36	0.00	
15-00246	06/20/15	JIORL	JIORLE'S OFFICE SUPPLIES	QUOTE 8778 AND 8843	Open	95.96	0.00	
15-00247	06/20/15	LSI	LINE SYSTEMS, INC	56427150515 MAY TELEPHONE SERV	Open	687.15	0.00	
15-00248	06/20/15	MGL	MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	INVOICE 128615 AND 129524	Open	1,047.90	0.00	
15-00249	06/20/15	DOG	NJ DEPT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SER	MARCH & APRIL DOG LICENES	Open	29.40	0.00	
15-00250	06/20/15	RESORTS	RESORTS ATLANTIC CITY	BOOKING # 36750 NJSLOM 2015	Open	564.00	0.00	
15-00251	06/20/15	HAMILTON	HAMILTON KENT, LLC.	INV. 14851872 CAST IRON COVER	Open	2,176.44	0.00	
15-00252	06/20/15	TRITE	DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERV	IN 4567070766 & 45916709	Open	167.11	0.00	
15-00254	06/20/15	HC	Heidi Crouse	Refund of Pavilion Permit Fee	Open	50.00	0.00	
15-00255	06/20/15	TRDCF	TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	2014 4TH QTR STATE MRG LIC FEE	Open	25.00	0.00	
15-00256	06/20/15	WAMAT	WARREN MATERIALS	INV. 302-0010698 ASHPALT	Open	83.88	0.00	
15-00257	06/20/15	PAGAN	FRANK PAGANO	INV. 502160 REPAIR MBW TAMPER	Open	263.75	0.00	
15-00258	06/20/15	PUBLI	PUBLIC ALLIANCE INS. COVERAGE	FINAL INSTALLMENT	Open	44,612.00	0.00	
15-00259	06/20/15	SANDOR	SANDOR EXCAVATING	WAYNE ST WATER LINE REPAIR	Open	855.00	0.00	
15-00260	06/20/15	WASTE	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NJ	GARBAGE/RECYCLE APRIL,MAY,JUNE	Open	51,561.00	0.00	
15-00262	06/20/15	WCASAS	WARREN COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSOC	2015 DUES TAX ASSESSOR	Open	115.00	0.00	
15-00263	06/20/15	VERI	VERIZON	LIBRARY (908-454-1445)	Open	90.14	0.00	
15-00264	06/23/15	CASTLE	CASTLE SEPTIC SERVICE CORP	TOILET RENTAL CHARGE APR-JUN	Open	1,095.00	0.00	
15-00266	06/23/15	TRENJ	TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	STATE TRAINING FEE 1/1-3/31/15	Open	141.00	0.00	
15-00267	06/23/15	PETTY	PETTY CASH	MISC OFFICE EXPENSES	Open	146.77	0.00	

PO #	PO Date	Vendor	PO Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	PO Type	
15-00268	06/23/15	HARRY HARRY'S PLACE	CLEAN UP LUNCH	Open	142.75	0.00		
Total Purchase Orders:		51	Total P.O. Line Items:	0	Total List Amount:	866,442.39	Total Void Amount:	0.00

New Business:

Councilman Seiss briefly discussed the violation from the State, which starts at \$100 per month, the next one coming out at the end of this month. Councilwoman Grossman asked if anyone had ideas, talked to Tom Fey regarding foreclosed properties with high grass.

Councilman Rooks spoke an issue pertaining to the pavilion being rented by an outside resident. Mayor Hanics stated that he is in favor of approving it. Motion made by Councilman Rooks to approve pavilion rental to Jim Kisselbach who lives on high Street in Pohatcong Township. Motion was seconded by Councilman Schwar, all were in favor.

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Motion made by Councilman Rooks to approve Resolution 2015-78, motion seconded by Councilwoman Grossman. Roll call: Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

Adjournment:

Seeing no further business to come before Council, motion made by Councilman Rooks to adjourn at 10:29 p.m. , motion seconded by Councilwoman Grossman, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Barton

Borough Clerk