

Mayor Hanics called the Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 11, 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, Councilman Pettinelli, Councilman Rooks, Councilman Schwar, and Councilman Seiss. Absent; Councilwoman Grossman.

Public Comment:

Warren County Emergency Management came before the Governing Body to give an update on what the County has been doing for Emergencies concerning power outages and automated critical care customers. This information has been given to Hunter Stagg, the Boroughs OEM Coordinator.

Chris Maslonka, Borough resident, spoke about his concerns regarding the increase in water/sewer.

AYAA update; equipment has been collected and stored. We now have soccer in the fall which consists of two teams which are 1st & 2nd grades and 3rd & 4th grades. There is a concern regarding grass mowing and lines of the field for soccer. Mayor Hanics stated our grass mowing is under contract, try getting it done on Thursday or Friday for Saturday games.

Resident (inaudible) questioned markings on Dewey Avenue for sewer. Councilman Seiss stated mark outs were done and he is waiting for prices.

Resolutions:

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve Resolution 2015-91, motion seconded by Councilman Pettinelli. Roll Call: Ayes: Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar, and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2015-91
LIEN REDEMPTION
CERTIFICATE #201406**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Borough of Alpha has advised the Mayor and Council that the following property has been redeemed and the money due thereon paid to the Borough of Alpha Tax Collector.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough of Alpha Council this 11th day of August 2015, that refunds are made to the certificate holder as noted:

US Bank Cust fpr PC5 Sterling National

US Bank Global Trst Services

50 South 16th Street Suite 1950

Block 71, Lot 15-828 Third Avenue

\$1,395.02

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve Resolution 2015-92, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks. Roll Call: Ayes: Pettinelli, Rooks, Schwar, and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2015-92
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER TO
PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR FIREHOUSE
EMERGENCY GENERATOR**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the firm of Remington & Vernick Engineers is hereby authorized to act as the Borough Engineer and proceed with the engineering services, including inspection services, in regard to firehouse emergency generator for the contemplated scope of work in accordance with the firm's proposal of April 16, 2014, (attached hereto) and in an amount not to exceed \$10,650.00, upon written certification of funds by the Borough CFO.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Clerk, Borough Attorney, CFO and/or Borough Engineer are authorized to execute all necessary documents to effectuate the services.

Department Reports:

Administration, Councilman Peter Pettinelli: Councilman Pettinelli gave the following report: Late fee notices have been sent to Mercantiles. Seeking a second quote on computer service. Jewel is \$600 per year/5months. EMC(2) is \$850 per year/unlimited. Councilman Schwar stated to check with the Clerk to see how many hours we have used in the past and see which would be cheaper. In closing Councilman Pettinelli approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Finance, Councilman Michael Schwar: Councilman Schwar gave the following report: Dealing with 6 people on water/sewer issues. Landlord with a 4 unit building called to tell us resident has a leaky toilet, bill went up, Council agreed needs to pay bill. Gone over the Bond and found items charged that shouldn't be and some items not charged that should be. Councilman Schwar discussed the fee for the CFO training and it will now be \$7,000 for training and assisting. Mentioned letter from Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg that she is looking to change OPRA and Open Public Meetings Act. Mr. Canace said there is money in escrow for Open Space acquisition. Sharon Cooper, PAIC Rep, quoting us and said most companies are going with insurance for cyber liability (computer hacking). Playgrounds have been inspected and we will be receiving reports. Ms. Cooper is concerned about roof at Benke Field. Amount we are collecting for sewer will not be more.

Health & Welfare, Councilman Louis Cartabona: Councilman Cartabona gave the following report: Received mosquito report, West Nile found. Urging people to stay away from dead birds, standing water, etc. Councilman Pettinelli asked what the days are for the dump. Councilman Cartabona stated Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday. Councilman Seiss stated the gates have stayed open and asked who is responsible for locking them. Police are to lock them. Charlie Olah opens them. Councilman Cartabona asked for 5 minutes in Executive session for personnel, Code Enforcement Officer. In closing, Councilman Cartabona approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Public Safety, Councilman Millard Rooks: Councilman Rooks stated that the new fire truck is being delivered around Labor Day. Attended Fire Department meeting and majority are in favor of selling the old truck. If kept, there is nowhere to store it. Councilman Cartabona feels we should keep and store the old truck. Mayor Hanics said

the truck will be stripped of many things to put on the new truck so those things don't need to be purchased. Councilman Pettinelli asked if there is anywhere in Phillipsburg to house the old truck. In closing, Councilman Rooks approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Public Works, Councilman Seiss: Councilman Seiss reported that Pohatcong fixed the water leak. Service was never taken back. In closing, Councilman Seiss approved bills, salaries and wages for his department

Professionals & Official Reports:

Mayor, Edward Hanics, Jr.: Mayor Hanics briefly stated that he is forwarding a correspondence received through his office to Mr. Seeney for him to review.

Police Department, Chief James Faulborn: Chief Faulborn provided the number of calls handled within the last month in the Borough and the category of the calls. Chief Faulborn stated that the Police will be responsible for locking the gates to the dump at 8pm.

Emergency Squad: No report, however, Councilman Seiss stated the old water meter was reinstalled and the new water meter has to go back in at the Emergency Squad building. Councilman Pettinelli requested five minutes executive session to discuss.

Attorney, Christopher Troxell: Stated he sent letters regarding permits. Mr. Troxell requested five minutes executive session for Contractual.

Engineer, Frank J. Seney: Mr. Seeney stated they are putting information in order to submit the grant for the generator, and will have a meeting tomorrow. Provided update on 7th Avenue regarding vertical curve. Spoke of the Green Acres open space grant, evaluation, and added that Stephanie will be negotiating.

Sewer Engineer – Jim Hill/John Ross: Provided update on current projects.

CFO, Charles Daniel: Completed EPIC training for Pension system. Submitted Resolution for hiring Phoenix to handle Bond issues.

Payment of Bills & Claims:

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

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

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

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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			
15-00083	01/01/15	FORTD	FORT DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE	2015 Employee Life Insurance	Open	111.00	0.00			
15-00231	06/18/15	HOME	HOME DEPOT/GEFC	INV 3591645 7/10/15	Open	45.68	0.00			
15-00296	07/07/15	VITAL	VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC	2015 MODIFICATION IV--TAX RATE	Open	100.00	0.00			
15-00297	07/07/15	EDMUN	EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC.	RIBBON CART/VAL ADDING ROLL	Open	138.50	0.00			
15-00358	07/30/15	BALLY	BALLY'S ATLANTIC CITY	BOOKING NO. 36952 NJSLOM 2015	Open	411.00	0.00			
15-00361	07/30/15	QC	QC, INC.	INV 1715901	Open	112.50	0.00			
15-00362	07/30/15	GRANT001	GRANT FUND	MOVE CLEAN COMMUNITIES \$\$\$	Open	7,500.00	0.00			
15-00363	07/30/15	GRANT001	GRANT FUND	RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT	Open	6,598.01	0.00			
15-00364	08/02/15	ACTION	ACTION DATA SERVICES	PAYROLL SERVICES	Open	130.52	0.00			
15-00365	08/02/15	EAS	EAS BY ACTION DATA	PAYROLL SERVICES	Open	101.63	0.00			
15-00366	08/04/15	PAGAN	FRANK PAGANO	BACKHOE REPAIR	Open	813.50	0.00			
15-00367	08/04/15	MJRSE	MJR SERVICES INC	FOLD AND INSERT TAX BILLS	Open	210.00	0.00			
15-00368	08/04/15	EXPRES	EXPRESS-TIMES	LEGAL NOTICE - ORDIN 2015-5	Open	2,788.00	0.00			
15-00369	08/04/15	TRANE1	TRANE	CARRIER UNIT REPAIR	Open	243.54	0.00			
15-00370	08/06/15	USBANKPC	US BANK CUST PCS STERLING NATL	CERTIF #201406 TAX REDEMPTION	Open	1,395.02	0.00			
15-00371	08/06/15	ONECA	ONE CALL CONCEPTS	JULY SERVICE - INV NO. 5075051	Open	11.18	0.00			
15-00373	08/06/15	VITAL	VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC	MOD IV/CAMA TAX SYSTEM	Open	102.00	0.00			
15-00375	08/06/15	VERIZ	VERIZON WIRELESS	C. OLAH WIRELESS PHONE CHARGES	Open	126.30	0.00			
15-00376	08/08/15	ECN	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	7/19/15-7/18/16 CodeRed Extend	Open	2,000.00	0.00			
15-00377	08/08/15	ARF	ANIMAL REHAB & FITNESS	RES 2015-75: MERCANTILE REFUND	Open	75.00	0.00			
15-00378	08/08/15	CFKRE	CFK RENOVATIONS	RES 2015-75: MERCANTILE REFUND	Open	75.00	0.00			
15-00379	08/08/15	DRAUTO	D&R AUTO GROUP	RES 2015-75: MERCANTILE REFUND	Open	75.00	0.00			
15-00380	08/08/15	ENGMED	ENGINEERED MEDICAL SOLUTIONS	RES 2015-75: MERCANTILE REFUND	Open	75.00	0.00			
15-00381	08/08/15	HAI SAUTO	HAI'S AUTO REPAIR	RES 2015-75: MERCANTILE REFUND	Open	75.00	0.00			
15-00382	08/08/15	CARRO	CHARLES E. CARRO, ESQ	RES 2015-75: MERCANTILE REFUND	Open	100.00	0.00			
15-00383	08/08/15	LMR	LMR CLEANOUT & DISPOSAL	RES 2015-75: MERCANTILE REFUND	Open	75.00	0.00			
15-00384	08/08/15	VANCLE	VANCLEEF ENGINEERING ASSOCIATE	15-001 GJ Oliver Escrow	Open	1,804.50	0.00			
15-00385	08/08/15	TOPNOTCH	TOP NOTCH	RES 2015-75: MERCANTILE REFUND	Open	75.00	0.00			
15-00386	08/08/15	TRAYSHAW	TRAYSHAWN MOTORS	RES 2015-75: MERCANTILE REFUND	Open	100.00	0.00			
15-00387	08/08/15	WILLSTRU	WILL'S TRUCKING CO.	RES 2015-75: MERCANTILE REFUND	Open	75.00	0.00			
15-00388	08/08/15	JCP&L	JCP&L	JULY ELECTRIC BILL	Open	232.96	0.00			
15-00389	08/08/15	TROXE	CHRISTOPHER M. TROXELL, ESQ	2015 MUNICIPAL ATTY SVS - JULY	Open	3,750.00	0.00			
15-00390	08/11/15	TOWNP	TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG	MUNICIPAL COURT 2015 2ND QTR	Open	5,000.00	0.00			
15-00391	08/11/15	THEGR	THE GRAND HOTEL	NJ COUNTY TAX BOARD CONFERENCE	Open	190.00	0.00			
15-00392	08/11/15	VERI	VERIZON	LIBRARY PHONE CHARGES 7/10/15	Open	85.55	0.00			
15-00393	08/11/15	NJCTBA	NJCTBA-PATTY MARSH, REGISTRAR	NJ CNTY TAX BD 2015 EDUCA CONF	Open	222.50	0.00			
Total Purchase Orders:				36	Total P.O. Line Items:	0	Total List Amount:	35,023.89	Total Void Amount:	0.00

Old Business:

Councilman Seiss stating he is working on obtaining three quotes to have a tank put in at treatment plant.

New Business:

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve the pavilion permit for Gina Tarsi for September 12th with alcohol, motion seconded by Councilman Pettinelli, all were in favor with the exception of Councilman Cartabona abstaining.

Motion made by Councilman Pettinelli to approve the process to begin interviewing for a third DPW employee, seconded by Councilman Rooks, all were in favor.

Executive Session:

Councilman Seiss made a motion to approve the following resolution to go into executive session for 20 minutes for contractual. Motion seconded by Councilman Pettinelli, 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 20 minutes, allowing for a five (5) minute recess between the regular session and the executive session.

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to return to the regular session, motion seconded by Councilman Rooks, all were in favor.

Adjournment:

Seeing no further business to come before Council, motion made by Councilman Seiss to adjourn at 9:53 P.M., motion seconded by Councilman Pettinelli, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Sharpe

Deputy Clerk