

Mayor Hanics called the Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 7:00 p.m. on October 27, 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, and Councilman Schwar. Also present: Attorney Christopher Troxell. Absent: Councilman Seiss and Borough Clerk, Laurie Barton.

Public Comment:

Tom Fey, East Blvd., stated the tree lighting is set for December 4th at 6pm. The school choir, cub scouts, and brownies will be decorating and attending.

Marianne Mauer, Evergreen Apartments, spoke about her water/sewer bill and noticed that there are additional surcharges for her water/sewer.

John Burke, Evergreen Apartments also stated his issues. He is getting white chunks in filtered water. He is currently having his water tested at his own expense.

Craig Dunwell, 7th Ave., spoke of the increases, agrees on rate increase but feels it should have been done over time, not all at once. Mr. Dunwell also spoke about parking during football games. Questioned the widening of Vulcanite Avenue and believes it is wide enough for parking on both sides of the street. Also spoke of the manhole situation. Stated 7th Avenue is within the two-year maintenance bond and should be covered there for expenses.

Resolutions:

Motion made by Councilman Rooks to approve Resolution 2015-112, motion seconded by Councilwoman Grossman. Roll Call: Ayes; Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks and Schwar. Nays; None.

**RESOLUTION 2015-112
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
NJDOT SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT
SCHLEY AVENUE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey applied and received grant monies from the NJDOT under their Federal Safe Route to School Grant Program for Schley Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Phase II from North Boulevard to East Vulcanite Avenue (Project)

WHEREAS, the Project promotes safe pedestrian travel for the Borough's elementary school children by providing concrete sidewalk, painted crosswalks and signage along the school route from North Boulevard to East Vulcanite Avenue

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey advertised on their website and conducted a Public Hearing regarding the Project at their April 28th Council Meeting:

WHEREAS, the Public gave full support of the Project at the Public Hearing and expressed satisfaction that the Project would promote safe pedestrian travel for the Borough's elementary school children

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that they are in full support of the Project and look forward the start and completion of the construction of the project.

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2015-113, motion seconded by Councilwoman Grossman. Roll Call: Ayes; Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks and Schwar. Nays; None.

**RESOLUTION 2015-113
RESOLUTION FOR POTENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT
BLOCK 103 LOT 1 – LEHIGH FUEL CORP PROPERTY – 7TH AND NEW BRUNSWICK
AVENUE**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the New Jersey economic Development Authority has a grant program known as the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF);

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey has submitted a HDSRF grant application to perform environmental investigations of Block 103, Lot 1; 7th and New Brunswick Avenues, (AKA Lehigh Fuel Corp Property) in the Borough of Alpha is a site eligible to receive a grant from this Fund;

WHEREAS, the site has a potential for redevelopment based on its location, zoning, and features:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that they have declared Block 103, Lot 1 in the Borough of Alpha to have potential redevelopment within three (#) years of full environmental site remediation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution will be forwarded to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve Resolution 2015-114, motion seconded by Councilwoman Grossman. Roll call: Ayes; Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks and Schwar. Nays; None.

**RESOLUTION 2015-114
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER TO SUBMIT A GRANT
APPLICATION HAZARDOUS DISCHARGE SITE REMEDIATION FUND (HDSRF)**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpha has an abandon or potentially underutilized facility that has the potential for environmental liability associated with potential soil and groundwater contamination;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority has a grant program available known as the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF);

WHEREAS, the HDSRF provides grants to municipalities to perform environmental investigations of these sites and Block 103, Lot 1; 7th and New Brunswick Avenues, (AKA Lehigh Fuel Corp Property) in the Borough of Alpha is a site eligible to receive a grant from this Fund;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Borough Engineer Remington & Vernick Engineers is authorized to prepare a grant application and submit it on behalf of the Borough of Alpha for Block 103, Lot 1; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Alpha and that their signature(S) constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and hereby approves the execution of the grant agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution will be forwarded to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Councilman Rooks to approve the regular minutes of April 9, 2015 and April 14, 2015. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Grossman, all were in favor. Motion made by Councilman Rooks to approve the executive session minutes of March 10, 2015, March 24, 2015, and April 14, 2015, motion seconded by Councilwoman Grossman, all were in favor to approve and hold.

Department Reports:

Administration, Councilman Pettinelli: Provided an update on computers. In closing, Councilman Pettinelli approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Finance, Councilman Schwar: Councilman Schwar discussed the budget process for 2016 and advised the budget meeting will be on November 4, 2015 at 7pm. Councilman Schwar requested Requested five minutes in executive session for Litigation regarding the Library and requested another five minutes for Personnel regarding the Tax Assessor. In closing, Councilman Schwar approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Health & Welfare, Councilman Cartabona: No report. Councilman Cartabona requested 10 minutes in executive session for contractual regarding LMR dumpsters. In closing Councilman Cartabona approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Public Property, Councilwoman Grossman: Councilwoman Grossman agreed to pay bills with exception for Bill #15-00551 which Mayor Hanics stated it will be discussed under new business. Councilwoman Grossman requested five minutes in executive session for Litigation regarding Wayne Street.

Public Safety, Councilman Rooks: No report. Councilman Rooks approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

Public Works, Councilman Seiss: No report.

Professionals & Official Reports:

Mayor, Edward Hanics, Jr.: Mayor Hanics advised the tribute to the Veterans will be held at PHS on November 8, 2015 at 1pm. Mayor Hanics asked the Deputy Clerk to make a note for Laurie Barton, (Clerk) that the 11/10 Council Meeting will begin at 6pm to discuss Best Practices for one hour prior to the public meeting and will need to be advertised as such.

Police Department, Chief James Faulborn: No report.

Fire Department, Chief Sean McDyer: No report.

Attorney, Christopher Troxell: No report.

Engineer – Gregory Sullivan: Mr. Sullivan attended the meeting in absence of Frank Seney and provided information on pricing for the Benke Field restoration.

Sewer Engineer – Jim Hill: Mr. Hill provided an update of the manhole issue on 7th Avenue.

Code Enforcement –Thomas Fey: Mr. Fey sated he is sending several certified letters to abandoned properties or residents that have already received letters by regular mail in which they have not responded.

Payment of Bills & Claims:

Councilman Pettinelli made a motion to make the director’s report a part of the minutes. Councilman Rooks 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 Rooks seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes; Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Rooks and Schwar. Nays; None.

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

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P.O. Type: All		Open: N		Paid: N		Void: N	
Range: First to Last		Rcvd: Y		Held: Y		Aprv: N	
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PO #	PO Date	Vendor	PO Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	PO Type
15-00223	06/09/15	EXPRES	EXPRESS-TIMES	AD FOR PART-TIME DEPUTY CLERK	Open	1,256.00	0.00
15-00437	09/01/15	HACHC	HACH COMPANY	WATER DEPT TEST EQUIPMENT	Open	346.49	0.00
15-00513	10/01/15	ONECA	ONE CALL CONCEPTS	SEPTEMBER SERVICE	Open	13.64	0.00
15-00519	10/05/15	ULINE	ULINE SHIPPING SUPPLIES	DOG WASTE SYSTEM	Open	770.28	0.00
15-00532	10/09/15	WARREN	WARREN MATERIALS	HIGH PERFORMANCE COLD PATCH	Open	207.36	0.00
15-00533	10/09/15	DOG	NJ DEPT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SER	DOG LICENSE REPORTS-JUL,AU,SEP	Open	3.60	0.00
15-00534	10/09/15	TRDCF	TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	1ST,2ND,3RD QTR MARRIAGE LIC	Open	300.00	0.00
15-00535	10/09/15	CASTLE	CASTLE SEPTIC SERVICE CORP	TOILET RENTAL CHARGES	Open	365.00	0.00
15-00537	10/13/15	VERIZ	VERIZON WIRELESS	C. OLAH WIRELESS PHONE CHARGES	Open	50.52	0.00
15-00538	10/13/15	ACTION	ACTION DATA SERVICES	PAYROLL SERVICES	Open	129.65	0.00
15-00539	10/13/15	EAS	EAS BY ACTION DATA	PAYROLL SERVICES	Open	43.19	0.00
15-00540	10/13/15	QC	QC, INC.	WATER TESTING	Open	206.00	0.00
15-00547	10/15/15	CCP	CCP INDUSTRIES	GLASSES, EARPLUGS, SOAP	Open	189.52	0.00
15-00550	10/17/15	LSI	LINE SYSTEMS, INC	PHONE CHARGES	Open	708.82	0.00
15-00551	10/17/15	EMERG	PHILLIPSBURG EMERGENCY SQUAD	2015 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION	Open	15,600.00	0.00
15-00552	10/20/15	TOWNP	TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG	2015 POLICE COVERAGE	Open	168,750.00	0.00
15-00553	10/20/15	ALBOA	ALPHA BOARD OF EDUCATION	2015 SCHOOL TAX	Open	310,475.40	0.00
15-00554	10/20/15	ELIZGA	ELIZABETHTOWN GAS	GAS CHARGES	Open	219.58	0.00
15-00555	10/20/15	AQUA	AQUA NEW JERSEY	HYDRANT RENTAL	Open	66.87	0.00
15-00556	10/20/15	ADVANCE	ADVANCED BUSINESS EQUIPMENT	QUARTERLY COST PER COPY	Open	144.00	0.00
15-00557	10/20/15	COYNE	COYNE CHEMICAL	SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE 15%	Open	3,450.60	0.00
15-00558	10/20/15	VITAL	VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC	MOD IV/CAMA TAX SYSTEM	Open	102.00	0.00
15-00559	10/20/15	VERI DSL	VERIZON ONLINE	VERIZON ONLINE/INTERNET	Open	96.99	0.00
15-00560	10/20/15	TRITE	DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERV	COPIER LEASE	Open	167.47	0.00
15-00561	10/20/15	JCPL	JCP&L	ELECTRICITY CHARGES	Open	4,602.59	0.00
15-00562	10/20/15	WALTE	WH WALTERS FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Lib State Aid-Fund Correction	Open	1,036.00	0.00
15-00563	10/21/15	REMINGTO	REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS	Inspection of water Upgrade	Open	840.00	0.00
15-00564	10/21/15	REMINGTO	REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS	Frace Water Treatment Plant	Open	435.00	0.00
15-00565	10/21/15	REMINGTO	REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS	Upgrade of water Sys Controls	Open	942.50	0.00
15-00566	10/21/15	REMINGTO	REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS	Digital Tax Map and GIS	Open	2,301.07	0.00
15-00567	10/21/15	REMINGTO	REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS	Piping/Valve Upgrade at Frace	Open	72.50	0.00
15-00568	10/21/15	REMINGTO	REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS	Alpha Street well Pump Test	Open	507.50	0.00
15-00569	10/21/15	REMINGTO	REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS	NJDEP Water Conservation Plan	Open	652.50	0.00
15-00570	10/21/15	REMINGTO	REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS	Schley Ave Sidewalk - Phase 2	Open	8,611.00	0.00
15-00571	10/21/15	REMINGTO	REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS	NJDOT Trust Fund Mcpl Aid	Open	470.00	0.00
15-00572	10/21/15	REMINGTO	REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS	Licensed water Operator 15-17	Open	6,000.00	0.00
15-00573	10/21/15	VERI	VERIZON	LIBRARY PHONE CHARGES 10/10/15	Open	96.52	0.00
15-00574	10/21/15	REMINGTO	REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS	Alpha General Engineering	Open	6,168.75	0.00
15-00575	10/21/15	REMINGTO	REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS	Frace water Treatment Plant	Open	2,760.00	0.00
15-00576	10/21/15	FIRE	TREASURER STATE OF NEW JERSEY	2015 BCFE REG/RENEWAL FEES	Open	472.00	0.00
15-00577	10/21/15	REMINGTO	REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS	Recon of 7th Ave	Open	27,496.30	0.00
15-00579	10/22/15	BALLY	BALLY'S ATLANTIC CITY	BOOKING NO. 38070 NJSLOM 2015	Open	274.00	0.00
15-00582	10/24/15	ALFIR	ALPHA VOLUNTEER FIRE CO	FACTORY VISIT TO PIERCE MFG	Open	3,600.00	0.00
15-00583	10/24/15	ALFIR	ALPHA VOLUNTEER FIRE CO	REIMBURSEMENT TO INSTALL RADIO	Open	1,523.00	0.00
15-00585	10/24/15	BARANSKY	DANIEL BARANSKY	2015 N-2 OPERATOR - JUL-OCT	Open	3,333.32	0.00
Total Purchase Orders: 45				Total P.O. Line Items: 0	Total List Amount: 575,857.53	Total Void Amount: 0.00	

Executive Session:

Councilman Rooks made a motion to approve the following resolution to go into executive session for fifteen minutes for litigation, personnel, and contractual discussion.

Motion seconded by Councilman Schwar, 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 15 minutes, allowing for a five (5) minute recess between the regular session and the executive session.

Return to Regular Session

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

Adjournment:

Seeing no further business to come before Council, motion made by Councilwoman Grossman to adjourn meeting at 9:31 P.M., motion seconded by Councilman Rooks, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Sharpe

Deputy Borough Clerk