

Mayor Dunwell called the Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2016

Mayor Dunwell 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, 2016, 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 Dunwell led prayer and the salute to the flag.

Roll Call: Present; Councilwoman Grossman, Councilman Pettinelli, Councilman Preiss, Councilwoman Ronan, Councilman Schwar and Councilman Seiss. Also present, Attorney Christopher Troxell (*arrived at 9:30 PM*) and Borough Clerk, Laurie Barton.

Statement from Mayor Craig S. Dunwell concerning W.H Free Public Library.

Mayor Dunwell made a statement concerning the library, when it was formed and the legal issues the Borough is facing concerning funds and budgetary laws of excess surplus. Mayor Dunwell addressed the issue of former employee Myrna Minardi not being enrolled in pension system. Mayor Dunwell also addressed the issues of duplicate services that should not be such as audits, having their own Attorney and Treasurer.

Public Comment:

Sue Smeal – President, Alpha Library Board – Ms. Smeal stated that she wasn't made aware of any of the money issues and that no one came to the meetings to address it. Ms. Smeal commented on the high turnover with Library members. Lengthy discussions ensued regarding the libraries money and appointments.

Mike Savary, Park Avenue, commented on the past Mayor not bringing the information over to the Library Board.

Louis Cartabona, Fifth Avenue, commented on why Council wasn't informed of the recorder not working properly at the November 10th meeting. Mr. Cartabona inquired

about the postponed library meeting and contact information for him and Mr. Trent being forwarded to the proper persons.

Ann Hart, Sigsbee Avenue, inquired about having a copy of the law regarding rescinding motions and stated that his opinion has no legal affect. Lengthy discussions ensued regarding the difference between a legal opinion and law.

Mike Savary, Park Avenue, asked if they were close to getting the softener back up and running. Mr. Savary also asked if they were any closer to having all of the water meters put in. Mr. Savary asked if the 5th Avenue project was closed out. Mr. Savary inquired if there was any talk about something with the pool this year. Mr. Savary spoke about the sewer repair force main on Springtown Road that occurred on January 7th at 10am. Mr. Savary stated he walked over to the break and watched people who were wearing green safety vests. Mr. Savary added that John Ross came over to him, and told him he had to leave and said it in an obnoxious way. Mr. Savary added that Mr. Ross accused him of causing a disturbance and if didn't leave he would have the police remove him. Mr. Savary stated that Officer Sokoloski came over and said it was best if he left. Mr. Savary stated that John Ross owes him an apology and this incident should be investigated.

Chief Faulborn objected to the matter being discussed in public.

Mayor asked Councilman Preiss to look at the matter.

Mr. Savary stated that there is a big bill from that job, and questioned the costs and the legality of having a paid inspector on the job.

Nancy Serrone commented on why the two outgoing library board members were overlooked when they were already on the board. Discussions ensued regarding the library and the budget.

Louis Cartabona, 5th Ave., stated that in the past council members attended library board meetings and maybe this should be reinstated one again.

Sharon Decker, Sigsbee Avenue, stated that the sewer cover on the corner West Central, is falling in, one side is fixed but the other side is not, there is an orange cone there.

Resolutions:

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2016-45, motion seconded by Councilwoman Grossman. Roll Call: Ayes; Grossman, Pettinelli, Preiss, Ronan, Schwar, and Seiss. Nays: None.

**RESOLUTION 2016-45
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION
OF MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATE OF SALE**

WHEREAS, Certificate of Sale #97-10 was issued to the Borough of Alpha, 1001 East Boulevard, Alpha, New Jersey, for delinquent 1996 taxes on Block 46.01, Lot 10 (202 Third Avenue), assessed to Unknown C/O Edith Pettinelli, at a tax sale held on December 19, 1997; and

WHEREAS, this certificate has been fully satisfied;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Alpha are hereby authorized to endorse Certificate of Sale #97-10 for cancellation.

Councilman Seiss asked to table Resolution 2016-46.

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to approve Resolution 2016-47, motion seconded by Councilwoman Grossman. Roll Call: Grossman, Pettinelli, Preiss, Ronan, Schwar, and Seiss. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION 2016-47

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
TRANSFER OF 2015 RESERVE OF CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides for the transfer of excess appropriations by no less than 2/3 vote of full membership of the governing body during the last two months of the fiscal year and first three months of the next fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that excess appropriations exist in some accounts and there is need for supplemental appropriations in other accounts in the Year 2015 Current Fund Budget,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the following appropriation transfers are hereby approved:

	<u>Transfer To:</u>	<u>Transfer From:</u>
Recreation – OE	\$100	
Assessment of Taxes – S&W		\$50
Tax Collector – S&W		\$50

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Schwar made motion to approve the following minutes, motion seconded by Councilwoman Grossman. All were in favor with Councilman Preiss and Councilwoman Ronan abstaining and Councilman Seiss abstaining for December 8, 2015 minutes.

Regular Meeting Minutes 2015: 10/13/15, 10/27/15, 11/10/15, 11/23/15, 12/8/15, & 12/29/15

Department Reports:

Administration, Councilman Peter Pettinelli: Councilman Pettinelli reported that he received an email on the 1st or 2nd from the Clerk, terrible odor in the municipal building from a neighboring wood burning stove. The Clerk had to leave the building, that's how bad it was. Mr. Pettinelli will have Kevin Duddy check to be sure it meets all specifications. Mayor Dunwell added that there was a bid opening on Wednesday morning, smelled like it was a fire in the building, very strong wood burning smell. Councilwoman Grossman stated she reached out to Trane to assist and waiting for response. Mayor Dunwell said there's an issue of indoor air quality, fresh air supposed to come in from outside, If the they were to close the damper, no outside air will come in. Mayor Dunwell stated that there needs to be some sort of solution, employees cannot be subjected to this.

Councilman Pettinelli continued on with his report and asked Councilman Schwar for minutes from the budget meeting concerning executive session. Councilman Pettinelli requested 10 minutes executive session for potential litigation.

In closing, Councilman Pettinelli approved all bills, salaries, and wages for his department.

Finance, Councilman Michael Schwar: Councilman Schwar stated he is working with CFO preparing a list of vendors who get paid on a monthly or quarterly basis, will now be paid at the end of every month. Councilman Schwar reported that he has an insurance meeting tomorrow, any insurance questions, let him know. Councilman Schwar met with Planning Board Secretary on their budget, verified their advertising budget was enough. Councilman Schwar spoke with the Fire Chief regarding an action plan (five year), he sent him a budget comparison.

Councilman Schwar reported that 2015 is not closed out yet and will be in with the CFO tomorrow to work on that. Councilman Schwar explained that the appointment resolution the Borough did for the new Tax Assessor was incorrect and discussed the statute pertaining to appointment and the proper way it should be stated in the resolution.

In closing, Councilman Schwar approved all bills, salaries, and wages for his department.

Health & Welfare, Councilwoman Kathleen Ronan: Councilwoman Ronan spoke with the ACO. Had one call regarding a lost cat and there was a loose dog on 7th Avenue. Warren County Health Department report was received for the month of January.

In closing, Councilwoman Ronan approved all bills, salaries, and wages for her department.

Mayor Dunwell asked if there was any meeting with LMR. Councilwoman Ronan did speak with them; they are fine as picking up for us (dumpsters). Mayor Dunwell asked about the issue of purchasing vs. renting. Councilwoman Ronan requested 10 minutes executive session for contractual to discuss the issue.

Public Property, Councilwoman Tracy Grossman: Councilwoman Grossman was advised by the Engineer we did not receive the grant for walking trails. There are some federal grants and she is looking at that. Councilwoman Grossman reported on the meeting she had with the Engineer, Mayor Dunwell, and Councilman Preiss at Benke Field to go over the wish list. Councilwoman Grossman stated she asked the Engineer to get prices on additional things, and for concrete work and cost of a new tin roof. Councilwoman Grossman requested 20 minutes executive session for 7th Avenue, contractual.

In closing, Councilwoman Grossman approved all bills, salaries, and wages for her department.

Public Safety, Councilman Thomas Seiss: No report. Councilman Seiss requested 10 minutes executive session for personnel.

In closing, Councilman Seiss approved all bills for his department.

Public Works, Councilman Jack Preiss: Councilman Preiss spoke about residual plow issues; some people got plowed in, took care of those large mounds and lowered them. Councilman Preiss asked the Police Chief the feasibility of getting a handicapped

parking list as a priority to be aware of handicap parking for future snow storms. Mayor Dunwell explained the process of anyone seeking to get a handicap parking spot installed. Chief Falbourn explained that in Phillipsburg the DPW keeps a master list and a letter goes out each year confirming that they still are handicapped.

In closing, Councilman Preiss approved all bills, salaries, and wages for his department.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Dunwell reported on the Phillipsburg Sewer meeting. Phillipsburg changed the time, but the Mayor didn't get any info and missed most of the meeting.

Professionals & Official Reports:

Mayor, Craig S. Dunwell.: Mayor Dunwell met with the County Engineer, regarding the sewer force main repair; he wants to have a meeting to discuss several issues on Monday February 22nd in the afternoon. The Engineer stated to him that the High Street bridge is structurally deficient. The way it was constructed, salt was getting into the metal. Mayor Dunwell reported on stopping in the new business in town at Okayssions Katering on Saturday and asked that the Borough show our support for them and all local businesses.

Mayor Dunwell requested five minutes executive session for contractual, COAH. Councilman Seiss added that the Okayssions Katering is being used to cater the Fire Company's upcoming banquet.

Police Department, Chief James Faulborn: Police Chief Faulborn provided a report for the month of January.

OEM, Hunter Stagg: Mr. Stagg said John Ross has been a mentor to him his whole life, who is a highly respected sewer official in Clinton Township. Mr. Ross is a professional person. Mr. Stagg reported that the February snow storm was huge and reported that everything went really smooth on the emergency end. Mr. Stagg added that he was in contact with department heads and met new members. Councilman Schwar asked Mr. Stagg if he is in support of Resolution 2016-46, Mr. Stagg replied in the affirmative.

Motion made by Councilman Schwar and seconded by Councilwoman Grossman to approve Resolution 2016-46 to appoint Sean McDyer as Deputy Officer of Emergency Management. Roll call: Ayes: Grossman, Pettinelli, Preiss, Ronan, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

**RESOLUTION 2016-46
APPOINTMENT OF
DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that Sean McDyer is hereby appointed the Borough of Alpha's Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for the calendar year of 2016, rounding out the unexpired three-year term previously vacated.

Mr. Stagg inquired why Kevin Duddy was investigating the toxic smoke smell. Mr. Stagg added that it sounded like it was an emergency. Mayor Dunwell stated he assumed it was coming from the wood burning stove. Mayor Dunwell said it's been going on for a while now, not just this year. Councilwoman Ronan thanked Hunter for letting people know we were going to get some snow, and letting the resident know that the hydrants need to be cleared by law. Mr. Stagg reported that he went to a 911 coordinator meeting last week, to meet to discuss street names that need to be updated in their CAD system. Mr. Stagg reported that it will be mandatory in six months, that every alley has a name and has to be on map.

Fire Department, Chief Sean McDyer: Chief McDyer reported 10 calls for the month of January. The Chief gave paperwork to Councilman Seiss, to have the Attorney look at it, it's now law that hydrants are to be cleared by homeowner. We have to pass an ordinance to be able to act on new law. Chief McDyer announced the annual banquet being held on the 27th, tickets are \$25, starts at 6pm. Easter egg hunt will be offered by the Fire Department if the Borough is willing to fund it. Councilman Schwar made a motion to approve \$1,000 for the fire department to put on Easter Egg hunt, motion seconded by Councilwoman Grossman, all were in favor. The event will be held the Saturday before Easter. If weather is an issue, it will be held at the firehouse.

Engineer, Frank J. Seney: Mr. Seney deferred to his February 8th report distributed to Mayor and Council

Attorney, Christopher Troxell: Attorney Troxell spoke of the library appointments and explained the proper procedures on how the Mayors appointments are made. Lengthy discussions ensued once again on the topic of the motion that was made to rescind the Mayors appointments to the Library Board.

Councilman Seiss said we are getting nowhere fast and made a motion that the Attorney prepares an Ordinance to put two more people on the library board. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ronan. Roll call: Ayes: Pettinelli, Preiss, Ronan and Seiss. Nays: Grossman and Schwar.

Sewer Engineer – Jim Hill: Mr. Hill stated that discussion of the 519 sewer main repair should have taken place in closed session with regards to Mr. Savary's comments about John Ross. Mr. Hill spoke highly of the dedication and quality of work seen in Mr. Ross. Continuing on with his report that was distributed to Mayor and Council, Mr. Hill stated he need to move on two issues, switch product on odor control, and commonutor (sic).

Councilman Schwar made a motion to approve a new commonutor in the amount of \$5,840 for motor, and \$1,250 to install it. Councilman Seiss seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes: Grossman, Pettinelli, Preiss, Ronan, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

Councilman Schwar made motion to authorize the Sewer Engineer to change to dioxide for odor control problem as a trial. Councilwoman Grossman seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes:: Grossman, Pettinelli, Preiss, Ronan, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none.

Mayor Dunwell requested five minutes executive session for litigation, regarding Linde fence.

Municipal Clerk, Laurie A. Barton: Ms. Barton stated she needs to clarify the contract for Linde fence, the print shows it as Block 9 instead of Block 99. Attorney Troxell advised to change it to 99 and have the Mayor initial it.

Library Board: Sue Smeal: Ms. Smeal stated that Jeff Finnegan was coming in Wednesday evening to do a presentation on George Washington.

Second Public Comment:

Leo Pursell, High Street, inquired about the former Mayor making the appointment of terms to the Library Board back in November.

Ann Hart, Sigsbee Avenue, addressed again, the issue of the recent appointments made by Mayor Dunwell to the library board.

Louis Cartabona, 5th Avenue, asked for clarification on Councilman Pettinelli's executive session.

Leo Pursell – High Street, stated to verify that everybody knows on Council, that the Mayor makes appointments, but the Council doesn't necessarily need to agree with the appointments.

Payment of Bills & Claims

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

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

P.O. Type: All				Open: N	Paid: N	Void: N	
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				Exempt: Y			
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15-00494	09/26/15	EXPRESS-TIMES	TAX SALE ADVERTISING	Open	1,883.00	0.00	
15-00616	11/12/15	STAP STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	OFFICE SUPPLIES	Open	468.69	0.00	
15-00674	12/15/15	SUPLEE SUPLEE, CLOONEY & COMPANY	TRAINING - MICHELLE SWISHER	Open	7,500.00	0.00	
15-00675	12/15/15	LST LINE SYSTEMS, INC	DECEMBER PHONE CHARGES	Open	701.12	0.00	
15-00700	12/22/15	VERI VERIZON	LIBRARY PHONE CHARGES	Open	96.51	0.00	
16-00001	01/05/16	AMGAS AMERIGAS - CLINTON 7510	PROPANE	Open	400.62	0.00	
16-00008	01/05/16	ATLSA ATLANTIC SALT	SALT DELIVERY 12/21-22/15	Open	6,885.76	0.00	
16-00018	01/07/16	REMINGTO REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS	2015 GEN ENGINEERING SERVICES	Open	290.00	0.00	
16-00019	01/07/16	REMINGTO REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS	BANKE FIELD BLEACHER REPORT	Open	210.00	0.00	
16-00027	01/17/16	LMR LMR CLEANOUT & DISPOSAL	TRASH REMOVAL - DECEMBER	Open	12,833.33	0.00	
16-00032	01/17/16	SEAL SEAL MASTER	CALCIUM CHLORIDE	Open	1,016.95	0.00	
16-00045	01/20/16	STAP STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	OFFICE SUPPLIES	Open	340.20	0.00	
16-00048	01/21/16	FLEMD FLEMINGTON DEPARTMENT STORE	WORK BOOTS FOR CHARLES OLAH	Open	147.95	0.00	
16-00049	01/21/16	FLEMD FLEMINGTON DEPARTMENT STORE	WORK SHOES FOR LEO PURSELL	Open	145.00	0.00	
16-00050	01/21/16	FLEMD FLEMINGTON DEPARTMENT STORE	WORK SHOES FOR MIKE BURHAM	Open	129.95	0.00	
16-00057	01/21/16	BENSHAFF BEN SHAFFER RECREATION INC.	OUTDOOR GRILLS	Open	229.00	0.00	
16-00059	01/25/16	JCP&L JCP&L	ELECTRICITY CHARGES	Open	5,506.14	0.00	
16-00060	01/25/16	ELIZGA ELIZABETHTOWN GAS	GAS CHARGES	Open	1,007.45	0.00	
16-00061	01/25/16	QC EUROFIN QS, INC.	WATER TESTING	Open	55.00	0.00	
16-00062	01/25/16	GENER GENERAL CODE LLC	SUPPLEMENT NO. 25	Open	1,712.29	0.00	
16-00063	01/25/16	VITAL VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC	MOD IV/CAMA TAX SYSTEM	Open	102.00	0.00	
16-00064	01/25/16	TAYLOR TAYLOR RENTAL	FILL 100 LB PROPANE TANK	Open	80.00	0.00	
16-00066	02/02/16	NJSTA NJ STATE LEAGUE MUNICIPALITIES	Webinar Class: Budget & Audit	Open	25.00	0.00	
16-00067	02/02/16	TRENSJ TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	STATE TRAINING FEES - 4TH QTR	Open	885.00	0.00	
16-00068	02/02/16	OLAH CHARLIE OLAH	MEAL ALLOWANCE (1/23/16 STORM)	Open	100.00	0.00	
16-00069	02/02/16	BURHAM MIKE BURHAM	MEAL ALLOWANCE (1/23/16 STORM)	Open	90.00	0.00	
16-00070	02/02/16	PURS LEO PURSELL JR.	MEAL ALLOWANCE (1/23/16 STORM)	Open	80.00	0.00	
16-00071	02/02/16	COOPR COOPER ALARM SYSTEMS	REPLACE BATTERY--PANIC SYSTEM	Open	115.00	0.00	
16-00072	02/03/16	TROXE CHRISTOPHER M. TROXELL, ESQ	LEGAL FEES	Open	5,535.63	0.00	
16-00073	02/04/16	LMR LMR CLEANOUT & DISPOSAL	TRASH REMOVAL - JANUARY	Open	12,833.33	0.00	
16-00074	02/04/16	TCTAW TCTA OF SUSSEX & WARREN COUNTY	TCTA LUNCHEON - FEB 19, 2016	Open	35.00	0.00	
16-00075	02/04/16	NJPDES TREASURER-STATE OF NJ	WATER ALLOCATION PERMIT	Open	3,880.00	0.00	
16-00076	02/04/16	TRITE DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERV	COPIER LEASE - FEBRUARY	Open	159.49	0.00	
16-00077	02/04/16	ALLIED ALLIED OIL, LLC	93OCT PREMIUM NOLEAD GASOLINE	Open	582.91	0.00	
16-00078	02/04/16	NJWAT NJ WATER ASSOCIATION	2016 NJ WATER ASSOCIATION DUES	Open	340.00	0.00	
16-00079	02/04/16	PETTY PETTY CASH	PETTY CASH REIMBURSEMENT	Open	104.43	0.00	
16-00080	02/04/16	ASSOC ASSOCIATED FIRE	FIRE INSPECTION - FIELDHOUSE	Open	543.25	0.00	
16-00081	02/04/16	RIO RIO SYSTEMS AND SERVICES	2016 UTILITY METER SOFTWARE	Open	4,500.00	0.00	
16-00082	02/04/16	SCC SCC CONCRETE, INC.	FLOWABLE FILL	Open	902.00	0.00	
16-00083	02/06/16	PRINTMAN PRINT MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS	POSTAGE METER CHARGES FROM FP	Open	294.00	0.00	
16-00084	02/06/16	WILLEVER WILLEVER EXCAVATING	EMERGENCY SEWER LINE REPAIR	Open	26,827.26	0.00	
16-00085	02/06/16	COUN COUNTY OF WARREN TREASURER	ADDED/OMITTED ASSESSMENTS	Open	1,764.91	0.00	
16-00087	02/06/16	TOWNP TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG	POLICE COVERAGE - JANUARY 2016	Open	34,583.33	0.00	
16-00088	02/06/16	ALBOA ALPHA BOARD OF EDUCATION	JANUARY 2016 LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	Open	310,475.00	0.00	
16-00089	02/06/16	FORTD FORT DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE	2016 EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE	Open	27.75	0.00	
16-00090	02/06/16	HEALTH STATE OF NJ HEALTH BENEFITS	DEC'15/JAN'16 HEALTH BENEFITS	Open	17,417.56	0.00	
Total Purchase Orders: 46				Total P.O. Line Items: 0	Total List Amount: 463,841.81	Total Void Amount: 0.00	

Old Business:

Councilman Schwar discussed the ordinance that was passed last year regarding time limits on public comment. Motion was made by Councilwoman Ronan to go forward with having the Attorney prepare an amendment to repeal the five minute time limit. Motion seconded by Councilman Schwar, all were in favor with the exception of Councilman Pettinelli voting no.

Discussions ensued regarding the grass dump area and how it's monitored, due to people illegally dumping.

New Business:

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to approve Raffle License RA-2016-2: Stepping Stone School at Almond Tree Manor on 3/2/16, motion seconded by Councilwoman Grossman, all were in favor.

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to approve Pavilion Permit: Leo Pursell Jr. (on behalf of Huntington Fire Department): on 7/16/16, request waiver of fee, motion seconded by Councilwoman Grossman, all were in favor.

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Social Affair Permit: Lao Association of NJ at Alpha Fire Co. 3/26/16, motion seconded by Councilman Pettinelli, all were in favor.

Councilman Schwar readdressed the issue of appointing members to the Board of Health.

Councilman Pettinelli addressed his past recommendation of having the DPW to remodel Dolores' room, with removing a wall and put a door in to make Mr. Duddy's office bigger.

Executive Session:

Councilman Schwar made a motion to approve the following resolution to go into executive session for one hour and five minutes for contractual, litigation, and/or personnel. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Grossman, 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 one hour(s), five minutes, allowing for a five (5) minute recess between the regular session and the executive session.

Return to Regular Session:

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

Councilman Schwar made a motion to pass Resolution 2016-48 to appoint the new Tax Assessor, Councilman Pettinelli seconded, and all were in favor with the exception of Councilwoman Ronan abstaining.

**RESOLUTION 2016-48
HIRING VICTOR J. LUPI AS TAX ASSESSOR
FOR THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA**

WHEREAS, the position of Tax Assessor exists within the code of the Borough of Alpha and on the Salary Ordinance and Salary Resolution; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Alpha here appoints or confirms the appointment of Victor J. Lupi as Tax Assessor at the annual of \$14,999.00, through June 30, 2016, specifically from November 10, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and for a four (4) year term from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2020.

Adjournment:

Seeing no further business to come before Council, motion made by Councilman Seiss to adjourn this meeting at 11:55 pm , motion seconded by Councilman Pettinelli, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Barton

Borough Clerk