

Mayor Dunwell called the Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 10, 2017

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; Councilman Cartabona (*arrived at 8:10 pm*), Councilwoman Gable, Councilwoman Grossman, Councilman Pettinelli, Councilman Schwar and Councilman Seiss. Also present, Attorney Christopher Troxell and Borough Clerk, Laurie Barton.

*Public Comment-None*

#### *Resolutions*

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2017-24, motion seconded by Councilwoman Gable. Roll call: Ayes: Gable, Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none. Absent: Cartabona.

#### **RESOLUTION 2017-24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER RETAINER**

**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 construction management, inspection services and consulting engineering services for small Borough projects in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, upon written certification of funds by the Borough CFO.

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

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2017-25, motion seconded by Councilwoman Gable. Roll call: Ayes: Gable, Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none. Absent: Cartabona.

#### **BOROUGH OF ALPHA RESOLUTION 2016-25**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA, SETTING  
FORTH A POLICY REQUIRING THE TAX ASSESSOR TO NOTIFY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL  
OFFICER AND GOVERNING BODY OF ALL TAX APPEALS  
FILED BY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> OF EACH YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, active monitoring management of a municipality's ratable base is fundamental in helping ensure fiscal stability; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important for the Borough of Alpha Governing Body and the Chief Financial Officer to be kept apprised of all tax appeals filed against a municipality in a given year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tax Assessor of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey shall inform the Chief Financial Officer and the Governing Body of all tax appeals filed for that year before June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2017-26, motion seconded by Councilwoman Grossman. Roll call: Ayes: Gable, Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none. Absent: Cartabona.

**RESOLUTION 2017-26  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
TRANSFER OF 2016 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 2016 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>
Finance – Misc Expense (6-01-20-130-201)	\$2,425	
Planning/Zoning – Misc Expense (6-01-21-180-201)		\$2,425

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2017-27, motion seconded by Councilwoman Grossman. Roll call: Ayes: Gable, Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none. Absent: Cartabona.

**RESOLUTION 2017-27  
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A GENERAL CAPITAL BUDGET  
FOR THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council will be adopting a 2017 General Capital budget that will include funding for improvements to the borough's storm water collection system; and

**WHEREAS** State law requires that any capital improvement must be included in the annual capital budget of the municipality and if it is not, then the capital improvement program must be amended to reflect this capital expenditure; and

**WHEREAS** the Borough Council has not yet adopted a General Capital Budget for 2017 and consequently it is necessary to adopt a General Temporary Capital Budget prior to the adoption of the 2017 General Capital Budget.

**WHEREAS** the Borough Council recommends that the following General Capital Budget be adopted with this General Capital Budget being supplemented when the final 2017 Annual Budget is established.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA**, County of Warren, New Jersey that the recommendation of the Borough Council is hereby accepted, and the following General Capital Budget is hereby adopted:

PROJECT TITLE – Capital Improvements to the Storm Water Collection System

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST - \$9,000.00

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2017-28, motion seconded by Councilwoman Gable. Roll call: Ayes: Gable, Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none. Absent: Cartabona.

**RESOLUTION 2017-28  
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET  
FOR THE WATER & SEWER UTILITY FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council will be adopting a 2017 Utility Capital budget that will include funding for various improvements for water/sewer utility; and

**WHEREAS** State law requires that any capital improvement must be included in the annual capital budget of the municipality and if it is not, then the capital improvement program must be amended to reflect this capital expenditure; and

**WHEREAS** the Borough Council has not yet adopted a Utility Capital Budget for 2017 and consequently it is necessary to adopt a Temporary Utility Capital Budget prior to the adoption of the 2017 Utility Capital Budget.

**WHEREAS** the Borough Council recommends that the following Utility Capital Budget be adopted with this Utility Capital Budget being supplemented when the final 2017 Annual Budget is established.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA**, County of Warren, New Jersey that the recommendation of the Borough Council is hereby accepted, and the following Utility Capital Budget is hereby adopted:

PROJECT TITLE – Various Capital Improvements to the Water/Sewer Utility

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST - \$625,000.00

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2017-29, motion seconded by Councilwoman Gable. Roll call: Ayes: Gable, Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none. Absent: Cartabona.

**RESOLUTION 2017-29  
UTILITY ACCOUNT CREDIT  
FOR ROSE MOSCOTTA**

**WHEREAS**, Rose Moscotta had and her estate presently owns 966 Sigsbee Avenue, real property in the Borough of Alpha, making her estate a customer of the Borough of Alpha Potable Water Utility; and

**WHEREAS**, the said Moscotta property has been unoccupied since 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the said Moscotta property sustained a potable water leak in its service, causing high water readings, while none of the water flowing through went into the sanitary sewer system nor to the Phillipsburg sewer treatment plant; and

**WHEREAS**, the said Moscotta property (a/k/a Block 11, Lot 2 in the Borough) is due a credit or refund to this sewer account since the sewer billing is based on water readings from a leak and not actual usage at this property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough utility collector has calculated the 2016 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter sewer to be reduced by \$1,390.50 and the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter sewer to be reduced by \$954.54, plus applicable interest.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha hereby authorize that said sewer utility account of the said Moscotta property owner be credited \$2,345.04, plus any interest charged to the account for the last two quarters.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor, CFO, Utility Clerk, and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents to effect such credit.

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2017-30, motion seconded by Councilwoman Gable. Roll call: Ayes: Gable, Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none. Absent: Cartabona.

**RESOLUTION 2017-30  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
HIRING OF TEMPORARY DPW WORKER**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of Alpha deems the hiring of a full-time, temporary worker in the Borough Department of Public Works in the best interests of the Borough of Alpha.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Alpha that Charles Sands, Jr. be hired as a full-time, temporary employee for the Borough of Alpha for the at a rate of \$15.00 per hour for hours set by the director, contingent upon the completion of a successful background check, with no expectation of full-time, permanent employment and without any benefits. Said employment shall not last more than 90 days.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, CFO and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any related, necessary documents.

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2017-31, motion seconded by Councilwoman Gable. Roll call: Ayes: Gable, Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none. Absent: Cartabona.

**RESOLUTION 2017-31  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER  
TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER ON THE CONTRACT  
FOR PIPING & VALVE UPGRADES AT FRACE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha have determined that certain improvements are needed for the Borough's potable water utility system, including but not limited to the services and work associated with piping and valve upgrades at the Frace Street Water Treatment Plant in the Borough of Alpha; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha have openly and publicly bid such contract for said improvement work, pursuant to New Jersey law and previously awarded the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, PACT Two LLC of Ringoes, New Jersey, for \$325,000.00 based on the recommendation of the Borough Engineer.

**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 hereby authorized to proceed with a change order (less than 20% of the initial contract referenced above) on the contract for the piping and valve upgrades at the Frace Street Water Treatment Plant and to execute all documents in accordance therewith upon written certification of funds by the Borough CFO, as follows:

The following changes are hereby authorized by the Borough at the specified prices as outlined by PACT Two LLC proposal:

Change Order #3 – \$22,537.00 transferred or reclassified from the previously approved resolution (2016-112); \$12,783.00 for static mixers; and \$2,500.00 for a sampling sink

Total Change Order Amount:       \$37,820.00 .

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, Clerk, and/or Borough Engineer are authorized to execute all necessary documents to effectuate the contract change order with PACT Two LLC.

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2017-32, motion seconded by Councilwoman Gable. Roll call: Ayes: Gable, Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar and Seiss. Nays: none. Absent: Cartabona.

**RESOLUTION 2017-32  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER  
TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER ON THE CONTRACT  
FOR REDUNDANCY UPGRADES AT  
FRACE STREET WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha have determined that certain improvements are needed for the Borough's potable water utility system, including but not limited to the services and work associated with installing a redundancy upgrades at the Frace Street water treatment plant and the Pursel Street facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha have openly and publicly bid such contract for said improvement work, pursuant to New Jersey law and previously awarded the contract to PACT Two LLC of Ringoes, New Jersey, for \$190,000.00 based on the recommendation of the Borough Engineer.

**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 hereby authorized to proceed with a change order (less than 20% of the initial contract referenced above) on the contract for redundancy upgrades at the Frace Street Water Treatment Plant and to execute all documents in accordance therewith upon written certification of funds by the Borough CFO, as follows:

The following changes are hereby authorized by the Borough at the specified prices as outlined by PACT Two LLC proposal:

Change Order #2 – Reduction of \$22,537, as it is transferred or re-classed to the Valve and Piping Contract; \$4,355.00 for floor demolition and valve relocation; and \$3,624.00 for reconfiguration of well overboard.

Total Change Order Amount       -\$14,558.00 (a reduction).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, Clerk, and/or Borough Engineer are authorized to execute all necessary documents to effectuate the contract change order with PACT Two LLC.

Mayor Dunwell discussed having a resolution prepared regarding the computers in basement to auction off.

*Department Reports:*

*Administration, Councilwoman Jennifer Gable:* Councilwoman Gable reported on distributing the recently purchased tablets to Council at the budget meeting. New emails are being worked on to have everyone transferred over to the new system. A new developer is being sought for the new website. Councilwoman Gable requested five minutes in executive session for personnel and contractual.

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

*Finance, Councilman Michael Schwar:* Councilman Schwar announced the resignation of the CFO, Charles Daniels, with next Thursday being his last day. He will be working for Kinnelon Borough. Councilman Schwar stated he is exploring several options for the current situation. Councilman Schwar gave a brief update on the Trane payment issues.

Councilman Schwar requested five minutes in executive session for personnel. In closing, Councilman Schwar approved his bills, salaries and wages for his department.

*Health and Welfare, Councilman Peter Pettinelli:* Councilman Pettinelli reported that the rabies clinic is all set for the 14<sup>th</sup> of this month and is working with the Animal Control Officer with the clinic. Councilman Pettinelli requested 10 minutes in executive session for contractual. In closing, Councilman Pettinelli approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

*Public Property, Councilwoman Tracy Grossman:* Councilwoman Grossman reported the following: two dead trees removed from the park next to pavilion. The tree and brush removal along Edge road is part of the 2016 water project. Councilwoman Grossman reported on the damage done at the new soccer field caused by a local farmer. The farmer will make restorations to the field.

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

*Pubic Safety, Councilman Thomas Seiss:* Councilman Seiss had no report for his department. A report submitted by the Emergency Squad was given summarizing the calls for 2016. In closing, Councilman Seiss approved bills, salaries and wages for his department.

*Professionals & Official Reports:*

*Mayor, Craig S. Dunwell:* Mayor Dunwell announced the following appointments to the Land Use Board: Robert Gable, class IV member, term ending December 31, 2020. John Moscotta as Alternate, with term ending December 31, 2018.

Library Board: Steve Knoll, 5 year term, ending December 31, 2021.

Mayor Dunwell asked for a motion to appoint Kevin Duddy , one year term for Fire Protection Inspector, motion made by Councilman Schwar, seconded by Councilwoman Gable, all were in favor.

Mayor Dunwell asked for a motion to appoint Valentine DeSanto as the Plumbing Inspector, motion made by Councilman Seiss and seconded by Councilwoman Gable, all were in favor.

Mayor Dunwell announced the following Sub-Committee appointments:

*(First Name indicated as Chairperson of that committee)*

- Community Day: Grossman, Gable and Seiss.
- Computer: Pettinelli, Grossman and Seiss.
- Employee Contract: Cartabona, Schwar and Seiss.
- Emergency Services: Seiss, Cartabona and Gable.
- Historical: Seiss, Pettinelli and Cartabona.
- Newsletter: Pettinelli, Grossman and Cartabona.
- Open Space/Green Acres: Grossman, Cartabona and Schwar.
- Ordinance/Personnel: Gable, Pettinelli and Schwar.
- School Board: Gable, Grossman and Pettinelli.
- Shared Services: Schwar, Grossman and Gable.
- Water/Sewer: Cartabona, Schwar and Seiss.

Mayor Dunwell recognized, Borough Clerk, Laurie Barton for her assistance with the Safe Routes To School project. Mayor Dunwell thanked Engineer, Frank Seney for his assistance with the Firehouse Generator grant project.

*Engineer, Frank Seney:* Mr. Seney gave a summary report on the projects from 2016 and what steps are being taken to continue into the New Year with outstanding and upcoming projects.

*Sewer Engineer, Jim Hill:* Mr. Hill reported on the sewer projects and stated there is one final payment for the point repair project. Mr. Hill reported on submitting the bills due to Oswald. Looking ahead this year for the pump station, an alarm and monitoring system that ties into the meter pit. Plans were not received yet for the meter pit. Manhole lids not delivered yet. Mr. Hill stated that they check the bioxide levels weekly.

*Code Enforcement Officer, Thomas Fey:* Councilwoman Gable gave the report in Mr. Fey's absence: Mr. Fey did one visit, sent one summons and received six complaint calls.

*Borough Clerk, Laurie A. Barton:* The Clerk stated that it is now the busy time for the office with license renewals coming in. A large OPRA request came in and not having a Deputy Clerk, the Clerk stated that minutes will be delayed. The Clerk stated she is still finishing up year end files and the SRTS project.

*Library, Steve Knoll:* Mr. Knoll reviewed new children programs that are being held at the library. Mr. Knoll also reported on the adult book club and movie night. Mr. Knoll inquired about his appointment to the library board and asked if that should have been a motion to appoint. Mayor Dunwell agreed and asked for a motion for Mr. Knoll's appointment to the library. Motion made by Councilman Schwarz to approve the appointment of Steve Knoll to the library for a five-year term, motion seconded by Councilman Seiss, all were in favor.

#### *Public Comment*

George Cupon, Sampson Ave, inquired about having the bathrooms open for when he has pavilion rented in the summer, citing problems last year of them being locked.

Councilman Cartabona gave his department report for Public Works: The DPW employees cataloged the computer equipment that is stored in basement. Christmas Trees will start to be picked up by DPW. The water meter repairs are ongoing and salting of the roads due to inclement weather. Councilman Cartabona approved his bills salaries and wages for his department.

#### *Old Business*

Mayor Dunwell discussed the budget meeting that was last Thursday regarding the pool. Discussions ensued regarding the council's intentions, past referendums and the open space tax.

Mayor Dunwell requested the following executive sessions: 10 minutes for contractual concerning the pool and 15 minutes for contractual and personnel regarding DPW.

#### *Payment of Bills & Claims:*



Councilman Cartabona made a motion to make the director's report a part of the minutes. Councilman Schwar 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 Seiss seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes; Cartabona, Gable, Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar, and Seiss. Nays: none.

Councilman Schwar made a motion that the CFO is authorized to pay all salaries and wages approved by the director, Councilman Cartabona seconded. Roll call: Ayes; Cartabona, Gable, Grossman, Pettinelli, 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	
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PO #	PO Date	Vendor	PO Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	PO Type
16-00934	12/20/16	HOME	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	DPW SUPPLIES	Open	143.29	0.00
16-00950	12/26/16	ATLSA	ATLANTIC SALT	SALT DELIVERY 12/16/16	Open	6,567.44	0.00
17-00002	01/05/17	AQUA	AQUA NEW JERSEY	9/29-12/29/16 HYDRANT RENTAL	Open	69.84	0.00
17-00004	01/05/17	LMR	LMR CLEANOUT & DISPOSAL	TRASH REMOVAL - DECEMBER	Open	12,833.33	0.00
17-00005	01/05/17	TRITE	DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERV	COPIER LEASE 12/15/16-1/14/17	Open	144.59	0.00
17-00006	01/05/17	TCTA	TCTA OF NJ MEMBERSHIP SERVICES	2017 TCTA DUES - TAX COLLECTOR	Open	37.50	0.00
17-00007	01/05/17	NJPLAN	NEW JERSEY PLANNING OFFICIALS	2017 NJPO DUES	Open	325.00	0.00
17-00008	01/05/17	NJMMA	NJ MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT ASSOC.	YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEE	Open	220.00	0.00
17-00009	01/05/17	RAND	TOWNSHIP OF RANDOLPH	2017 MCCPC MEMBERSHIP DUES	Open	1,100.00	0.00
17-00010	01/05/17	NJSTA	NJ STATE LEAGUE MUNICIPALITIES	2017 NJSLOM MEMBERSHIP DUES	Open	342.00	0.00
17-00011	01/05/17	PUBLI	PUBLIC ALLIANCE INS. COVERAGE	2017 PAIC FIRST INSTALLMENT	Open	30,423.00	0.00
17-00012	01/05/17	NJSTA	NJ STATE LEAGUE MUNICIPALITIES	WEBINAR: BUDGET AND AUDIT	Open	25.00	0.00
17-00013	01/05/17	COYNE	COYNE CHEMICAL	SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE 15%	Open	1,655.00	0.00
17-00014	01/05/17	ALLIED	ALLIED OIL, LLC	93OCT PREMIUM NOLEAD GASOLINE	Open	2,469.56	0.00
17-00015	01/05/17	HDSUPPLY	HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS, LTD	PIPE/BOLTS/NUTS	Open	5,357.20	0.00
17-00017	01/09/17	JCP&L	JCP&L	ELECTRICITY CHARGES JAN 2017	Open	322.71	0.00
17-00018	01/09/17	ACTION	ACTION DATA SERVICES	PAYROLL SERVICES 12/18/16	Open	131.49	0.00
17-00019	01/09/17	EAS	EAS BY ACTION DATA	PAYROLL SERVICES 12/18/16	Open	101.63	0.00
17-00020	01/09/17	VITAL	VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC	JAN MOD IV/CAMA TAX SYSTEM	Open	105.00	0.00
17-00021	01/10/17	KLIFER	Kevin Lifer	CMFO Training/Yr End Closing	Open	2,025.00	0.00
17-00022	01/10/17	MANS	Township of Mansfield	CMFO Shared Serv: 10/1 - 12/31	Open	11,019.45	0.00
17-00023	01/10/17	TROXE	CHRISTOPHER M. TROXELL, ESQ	2017 Jan Legal Svcs - Retainer	Open	4,150.00	0.00
17-00024	01/10/17	SLC	RIO SUPPLY, INC.	2" WATER METER/PARTS FOR POOL	Open	820.00	0.00
17-00025	01/10/17	NORTHEAS	NORTHEAST TREE EXPERT CO., INC	TREE REMOVAL EDGE RD/BORO PARK	Open	2,500.00	0.00
17-00026	01/10/17	TRENJ	TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	STATE TRAINING FEES - 4TH QTR	Open	445.00	0.00
17-00027	01/10/17	AMGAS	AMERIGAS - CLINTON 7510	PROPANE	Open	2,975.03	0.00
17-00028	01/10/17	DEERPARK	READY REFRESH BY NESTLE, A DIV	WATER DELIVERY 11/30/16	Open	24.74	0.00
Total Purchase Orders: 27				Total P.O. Line Items: 0	Total List Amount: 86,332.80	Total Void Amount: 0.00	

*New Business*

Councilman Seiss stated that the firehouse roast beef dinner will be held on January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4-7 pm.

Motion made by Councilman Seiss to approve pavilion permit with alcohol for the Knights of Columbus for July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by Councilman Schwar, all were in favor with the exception of Councilman Cartabona abstaining.

*Executive Session:*

Councilwoman Gable made a motion to approve the following resolution to go into executive session for 55 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 55 minutes, allowing for a seven (7) minute recess between the regular session and the executive session.

*Return to Regular Session:*

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

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve the Resolution 2017-33, motion seconded by Councilman Pettinelli. Roll call: Ayes; Cartabona, Gable, Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar, and Seiss. Nays: None.

**RESOLUTION 2017-33**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GREASE TRAP OFFICER**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that Thomas Fey is hereby appointed to the position of grease trap enforcement officer at an annual salary of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the calendar year 2017.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, CFO and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign any related documentation.

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve the Resolution 2017-34, motion seconded by Councilman Pettinelli. Roll call: Ayes; Cartabona, Gable, Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar, and Seiss. Nays: None.

**RESOLUTION 2017-34  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MERCANTILE LICENSE  
ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that Thomas Fey is hereby appointed to the position of mercantile license enforcement officer at an annual salary of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the calendar year 2017.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, CFO and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign any related documentation.

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve Resolution 2017-35, motion seconded by Councilman Pettinelli. Roll call: Ayes; Cartabona, Gable, Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar, and Seiss. Nays: None.

**BOROUGH OF ALPHA  
RESOLUTION 2017-35  
APPROVAL TO SETTLE COAH CASE**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpha filed suit for a declaration of compliance with the *Mount Laurel* doctrine and the Fair Housing Act of 1985 in accordance with the law(s) and regulations of the State of New Jersey, including that involving or stemming from the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing (“COAH”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of Alpha has agreed to a settlement in the matter along the terms as amended and set forth and agreed to between the Borough of Alpha and Fair Share Housing Center (“FSHC”), who was deemed to have party status in this case and a string of similar cases filed in the Superior Court.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Alpha that the Borough of Alpha hereby approves the settlement of the *Matter of the Borough of Alpha* – Docket Number L-233-15, filed in the Superior Court of New Jersey – and the amended document setting forth same.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, Borough Clerk, Borough Planner and/or Borough Attorney are authorized to sign the necessary and related documentation to effect this settlement, along with any other acts needed to complete same.

*Adjournment:*

Seeing no further business to come before Council, motion made by Councilwoman Gable to adjourn this meeting at 9:50 pm, motion seconded by Councilwoman Grossman, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

*Laurie A. Barton*

Borough Clerk