

Mayor Dunwell called the Meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Alpha to order at 7:04 p.m. on April 24, 2018.

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 4, 2018, 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, Councilwoman Grossman, Councilman Pettinelli, Councilman Schwar, Councilman Seiss and Councilman Singleton.

Mayor Dunwell announced that Jason Tarsi from the Warren County OEM was scheduled to speak tonight regarding the Pursell St. water tower. That was canceled for this evening. Mayor Dunwell went on to remind everyone that this is public comment time and no questions will be answered. Any questions will be directed to the appropriate director, professional or the mayor and they will answer those questions during their reporting time.

Public Comment:

Mr. Pursell 940 High St., inquired about a drug arrest on High St. in March and was asking if anyone else had heard about it.

Lisa LaCaruba, 1805 Springtown Rd., question a bill list for Eurofins and was wondering if they were a good water testing business. She further went to describe some fines they received in Pennsylvania.

Ms. Jody Jenkowski, [sp] 1666 Springtown Rd., ask about LMR's current residency status. She still sees them operating out of the location and she further described some ordinance violations. She also asked who is responsible for having them removed from that property.

Lisa LaCaruba, 1805 Springtown Rd., commented that if LMR behaved unprofessionally, their contract should have been revoked.

Jack Frank, 1604 3rd Ave., had questioned as to why the format was changed regarding the public comment section. Mayor Dunwell went on to clarify what the ordinance allows for about public comment. Jack also questioned a permit for the number of LMR trucks that can park under the canopy and he stated that he believes they are in violation of the permit.

Ms. Jody Jenkowski, [sp] 1666 Springtown Rd, inquired about the timeline on the repairing of the benches and fences at the sports field and asked if we were able to get any estimates on that work.

Lisa LaCaruba, 1805 Springtown Rd., commented that the LMR issue has been going on for some time and has gone back and forth between the LUB and Borough Council for some time. Lisa stated that she wanted Mr. Duddy here to provide answers tonight. Mr. Duddy was not in attendance.

Gina Pesaresi, 1308 South Blvd [?], representing AYAA thanked the Borough for their support in keeping the garbage collected as well as ensuring the bathrooms are kept clean. She also reported on the activities of the AYAA. Councilman Cartabona stated that he appreciated AYAA's work they have done for the community.

Mrs. Frank, 1604 3rd Ave., wanted to let reiterate the earlier comment about the fencing and her concerns about the safety issues it poses.

Mike Winters, Springtown Rd., added to the prior comments regarding LMR and how it got to where it is today. He stated when LMR moved in they had variances for a set amount of trucks and this quickly escalated into what it is today. To address any future issues, he would like to see proper notice to residents, and suggested posting variance requests online. He stated that this will allow the residents to ask the better questions.

Lisa LaCaruba, 1805 Springtown Rd., had additional questions to ask of the directors and/or professionals regarding computer purchases, advertisement payments, and scheduling of Land Use Board agenda items.

Ordinances: None

Resolutions:

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2018-32, motion seconded by Councilman Singleton. Roll Call; Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar, Seiss, and Singleton. Nays: None.

**RESOLUTION 2018-67
100% DISABLED VETERAN
BLOCK 62, LOT 2
511 FIFTH AVENUE**

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has granted exempt status on 3/14/2018 to property owner Jason Daunton for Block 62, Lot 2;

WHEREAS, if the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha agree with the above effective date the property taxes in the amount of \$1,276.80 for the 2018/2nd quarter will be exempt and once we have a certified tax rate for 2018 the 2018/1st quarter will be prorated accordingly;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha on this 24th day of April 2018 that the above referenced property is tax exempt and the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to make the necessary adjustments to reflect this.

CERTIFICATION

I, Donna L. Messina Acting, Clerk of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Common Council at a meeting of said Common Council on April 24th, 2018 and that said Resolution was adopted by not less than the legal vote needed of the members of the Council.

*Donna L. Messina, Acting Borough Clerk
Witness my hand and seal of the Borough of Alpha
This 24th day of April 2018,*

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve the minutes from 03/13/18, motion seconded by Councilwoman Grossman. Councilman Pettinelli questioned some items in the minutes.

Motion made by Councilman Pettinelli to table the minutes from 3/13/18, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona. Roll Call; Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Seiss and Singleton. Nays: none Abstentions: Schwar.

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve the minutes from 03/27/18, motion seconded by Councilwoman Grossman. Councilman Pettinelli asked for some revisions in the minutes.

Motion made by Councilman Pettinelli to table the minutes from 03/27/18, motion seconded by Councilman Cartabona. Roll Call; Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Seiss and Singleton. Nays: Schwar.

Department Reports:

Administration, Councilman Singleton, reported that he received the code enforcement officer's report, and that the Clerk's office is working on setting a date for the Website Kick-off Meeting. To address a question that Ms. LaCaruba had earlier as to why the Clerk's office needed a new computer, the Clerk replied that her computer crashed. He also addressed a question regarding why we used Print Plus to copy documents stating that scope and timeframe of the project dictated that. Councilman Singleton asked for 10 minutes in executive session for personnel. In closing, Councilman Singleton approved all bills, salaries, and wages for his department.

Finance, Councilman Schwar, reported on PAIC and Warren County Governing Officials meeting dates. He is working with the CFO to get a list of the capital projects for 2018 to the QPA so that he will have enough information to work with as we begin work on these various projects. At the next meeting we should have the okay to clear out the remaining escrow accounts. Councilman Schwar also reminded everyone that the Financial Disclosure are due by 4/30/18 and added that the tax assessor informed him of two tax appeals for this year. Councilman Schwar also asked the we consider the resolution that was created to amend the agenda for the professionals and committee reports as well the ordinance for those with two water meters. Mayor Dunwell reviewed the importance of Financial Disclosure statements and what the requirements are when filing.

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

Health & Welfare, Councilman Pettinelli, reported on a rabid skunk that was captured. The cleanup for June 8 & 9 is now set and the Clerk's office will get that posted. Councilman Pettinelli also noted in response to the Clerk's email that addressed Ordinance 134 (Animal Control), Pete will sit down with the animal control officer to see what is feasible. He also agreed that the replacement fee for a license should be three dollars (\$3.00). Now, we cannot charge a replacement fee since it isn't in the ordinance. Councilman Pettinelli said he would have this ready by the next meeting.

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

Public Property, Councilwoman Grossman, reported that Pohatcong would like to use our softball field. She also reported on the maintenance projects set for this spring and summer. The Park Attendant has started and the game plan is to start off with overall cleaning of the areas and she will report back to us anything that needs additional attention. Councilwoman Grossman also indicated the Phillipsburg is now providing a way to dispose of electronics on a regular basis and asked that we consider that for Alpha. Councilman Seiss asked Tracy when she was going to be getting the fences repaired. She stated that she is just waiting on a second quote. Councilman Seiss stated that part of the quote was for the dumpster area at the Firehouse. Councilman Cartabona stated that there is a need to remove a row of trees that are migrating into a neighboring property as well as a retaining wall that is falling. He would like to coordinate efforts with the work that is being done as reported by Tracy.

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

Public Safety, Councilman Seiss, following up on addresses for all our facilities that we have. Two of them already have addresses, those being Pursell St. and 1st St. but Alpha St. does not. He will check into the sewer pump station. Councilman Seiss also reported that he had a call from Mr. Hawk on Williams St. and 5th Ave. regarding the parking problems they have been having in that area. He asked the police chief to look at what can be done due to the road being so narrow. The recommendations are that we replace the signs since they are faded and since all the residents have off-street parking

we should make both sides of the street 'no parking'. There will be further review of the current ordinance to see what is already in place. Councilman Seiss also addressed two questions asked during public comment regarding the 200-ft. law and stated that it is the state law also any scheduling with the Land Use Board is the responsibility of the board secretary. Councilman Seiss also advised that if anyone gets accosted by anyone, they should immediately call the police, referencing to a statement made by a resident earlier during public comment.

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

Public Works, Councilman Cartabona, reported that they removed the snow equipment from the truck in preparation for chipping. Chipping will start this Thursday and reminded the residents that branches are not to go in the street. He also reported on the activities of the DPW including cleaning of catch basins, sink hole repair and street sweeping. The ad for full-time, temporary laborers have been placed. There was further discussion on the number of tasks that could be done by the hiring of the temporary laborers, and sink holes in the Borough. Mayor Dunwell asked that two more things be added to the DPW task list, the first being on 6th Ave. where work was done and a galvanized saddle will now need to be replaced; and an old water line that needs to be killed which is on the corner of Argyle St. and Schley Ave. There was further discussion about water pressure in the town.

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

Committee Reports:

Councilman Cartabona reported that the Warren County Economic Advisory Committee wanted municipalities to form their own group and asked permission from the Mayor to form an ad-hoc group to satisfy this ask so that we can liaison with the county. Councilwoman Grossman agreed to join the ad-hoc group.

Mayor Dunwell stated that the Sewer Committee Meeting has been rescheduled. The mayor will send an email out regarding this. At this time, Councilman Cartabona asked for 10 minutes in executive session, contractual regarding our water system.

Professionals and Officials Reports:

Mayor, Craig S. Dunwell: Mayor Dunwell addressed the questions that were asked during the public comment portion of the agenda regarding: QC labs was used for a long time in Alpha to do water testing. The mayor reported the process for testing and stated that QC labs was purchased by Eurofins a few years ago. The Borough has never been notified by any agency that any of our testing results were falsified in any way. Stephanie from RVE also weighed in on the topic and said that the licensing operator has received pricing from other labs for testing. Mayor Dunwell added that the wet well at the sewer pump station was cleaned last year and went on to describe the process. The mayor went on to discuss the LMR issues that were brought to the attention of the Governing Body regarding the number of vehicles that can be stored. Mayor Dunwell made the residents aware of a conversation he had with our Zoning and Construction official, Kevin Duddy where Mr. Duddy said if he were to cite LMR he would most likely lose in court. Based on that, Mayor Dunwell stated that he didn't think there was any additional action that the Borough could take at that time. He further added that there was a Notice of Violation issued and the applicant modified the application before the LUB. Additionally, Mayor Dunwell stated that it would not be appropriate for Governing Body to comment on an application that is pending in front of the LUB. The Mayor read into record that he does not exercise any veto control over any employee in the Borough of Alpha. Mayor Dunwell addressed the comment that was made earlier about a letter he shared with Mr. Collentrel [sp?]. He stated that he takes residents' concerns seriously and when he gets an accusation that a business owner is threatening a resident, he makes a point to handle that immediately. Councilman Cartabona added that he would like to rescind the permission that the Borough gave them for changing items from one truck to another on that site. Mayor Dunwell also addressed the question as to why he was allowing interaction between the AYAA representative and the Governing Body and not the residents. Councilman Pettinelli asked when will the water moratorium be over. The mayor stated when DEP says it is over.

Fire Chief, Sean McDyer: No one present.

Emergency Squad, No one present.

Emergency Management, Todd Pantuso: Reported that the CERT training began last Thursday. He asked if the Clerk could put a link on the website to Register Ready that will assist special needs individuals in the event of an emergency. Work continues on the National Night Out on August 2nd. Mayor Dunwell asked for the following in executive session: 15 minutes, contractual, 2018 Water Improvement Project; five minutes, contractual, 2016 Water Improvement Project; 10 minutes, contractual, Frace St. water treatment plant; 10 minutes, contractual, water tower leases; 10 minutes, contractual, litigation.

Attorney, Chris Troxell: Attorney Troxell requested five minutes, contractual, lease; five minutes, contractual, professional; five minutes, litigation; five minutes, personnel.

Engineer, Stephanie Cuthbert: Stephanie referred everyone to the latest May report previously handed out, giving updates with ongoing projects. She addressed Councilman Pettinelli's question regarding firm capacity. The DEP has been petitioned for firm capacity. With all of the water improvements that have been made, getting the 2nd well online, and putting in all of the redundancies, we should be ready to meet with the DEP. Stephanie answered some questions regarding the cleaning of the degasifier [sp?]. She also provided an update on sanitary project number 2 as well as redundancies.

CFO, Lorraine Rossetti: No report.

Clerk's Office, Donna Messina: The Clerk provided a full report on the activities of the office.

Recycling Coordinator, Thomas Fey: No one present.

Code Enforcement Officer, Thomas Fey: No one present.

Library Board, Steve Noll: Referred everyone to the email he sent out last week, asking for 15 minutes in executive session. Mayor Dunwell said the Governing Body will be discussing this topic from the Library Board in executive session tonight. Mr. Noll asked for further clarification on the issues the Governing Body would be discussing. Ms. LaCaruba asked that Councilman Pettinelli be named as an alternate. There was more conversation regarding this topic. There was additional discussion regarding a RICE notice for a library member. Attorney Troxell suggested a representative from the library be granted 15 minutes in executive session to discuss the matter. Mayor Dunwell stated that the Governing Body will discuss how we will proceed with this matter in executive

session tonight. Library President Steve Noll asked if we have an emergency action plan for our building that would go into effect in the event of an emergency. Mayor indicated that he has asked for a quote on interior locks for all doors. There was additional conversation regarding security. Councilman Cartabona suggested that since this is a public safety issue that safety procedures for the building should be worked out with Councilman Seiss and the OEM and Public Property. Councilman Pettinelli asked for procedures with regard to RICE notices. Mayor Dunwell added that he will be seeking legal advice as to whether or not he could even participate in any discussion now since there is currently a quorum in the room and feels it is therefore it is not appropriate to be discussing any library business.

Public Comment:

Leo Pursell, 948 High St., asked if there is was any Clean Communities money available to cover the hiring of the two temporary, full-time DPW laborers. Councilman Cartabona indicated that we will look into this.

Mike Winters, Springtown Rd., wanted to revisit the LMR issue one more time regarding the garbage trucks and the important balance between the law and the welfare of the Borough residents. He is asking the Council to consider all things when making decisions.

Lisa LaCaruba, 1805 Springtown Rd., commented on an LMR OPRA request she received and said that when she compared her request to the same request that Mr. Frank had there were two pages missing. Councilman Cartabona weighed in on the LMR issue.

Payment of Bills and Claims:

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

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

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

P.O. Type: All		Open: N	Paid: N	Void: N				
Range: First to Last		Rcvd: Y	Held: Y	Aprv: N				
Format: Condensed		Bid: Y	State: Y	Other: Y				
Exempt: Y								
PO #	PO Date	Vendor	PO Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	PO Type	
18-00036	01/23/18	LAYNE	LAYNE WATER RESOURCES	AIR STRIPPER TOWER INSPECTION	Open	2,800.00	0.00	
18-00120	02/20/18	JEWELL	JEWELL COMPUTING SOLUTIONS LLC	LENOVO COMPUTER FOR CLERK	Open	759.00	0.00	
18-00135	02/27/18	ES2	ES2 ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS &	GRUNDFOS METERING PUMPS	Open	8,609.68	0.00	
18-00194	04/02/18	ABE MAT	A.B.E MATERIALS	HIGH PERFORMANCE COLD PATCH	Open	211.25	0.00	
18-00198	04/03/18	HOME	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	WATER HEATER-SEWER PLANT/SUPPL	Open	304.48	0.00	
18-00199	04/03/18	QC	EUROFINS QC, INC.	WATER TESTING 3/9,16/18	Open	250.00	0.00	
18-00207	04/09/18	METZE	METZ & SON ELECTRICAL, INC	LIGHT/RECEPTACLE--FIELDHOUSE	Open	328.50	0.00	
18-00210	04/09/18	METZE	METZ & SON ELECTRICAL, INC	SERVICE CALL--SEWER	Open	219.00	0.00	
18-00211	04/10/18	TRDCF	TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	1ST QTR MARRIAGE LICENSE RPT	Open	50.00	0.00	
18-00214	04/11/18	PRINT	PRINT PLUS	COPYING OF DOCUMENTS	Open	129.91	0.00	
18-00216	04/11/18	HANICS	CINDY HANICS	2018 EASTER EGG HUNT SUPPLIES	Open	936.91	0.00	
18-00217	04/11/18	VERIZ	VERIZON WIRELESS	PURSELL/DUNWELL CELL PHONES	Open	158.01	0.00	
18-00218	04/11/18	ALLIED	ALLIED OIL, LLC	93OCT PREMIUM NOLEAD GASOLINE	Open	371.34	0.00	
18-00219	04/11/18	ACTION	ACTION DATA SERVICES	PAYROLL SERVICES 3/24,4/7/18	Open	272.83	0.00	
18-00220	04/11/18	EAS	EAS BY ACTION DATA	PAYROLL SERVICES 3/24,4/7/18	Open	86.38	0.00	
18-00221	04/12/18	JEWELL	JEWELL COMPUTING SOLUTIONS LLC	COMPUTER SUPPORT SERVICES	Open	849.73	0.00	
18-00223	04/12/18	DONSTILL	DON STILL	SEWER--VENTILATION IMPROVEMENT	Open	630.00	0.00	
18-00224	04/12/18	COUN	COUNTY OF WARREN TREASURER	2018 2ND QTR COUNTY TAXES	Open	348,199.29	0.00	
18-00225	04/12/18	COUNT	COUNTY OF WARREN TREASURER'S	2018 2ND QTR OPEN SPACE TAXES	Open	20,774.36	0.00	
18-00227	04/13/18	ATLSA	ATLANTIC SALT	SALT DELIVERY 4/4/18	Open	1,629.68	0.00	
18-00228	04/13/18	JCPL	JCP&L	ELECTRICITY CHARGES APRIL 2018	Open	2,680.77	0.00	
18-00229	04/16/18	GIBBO	GIBBONS P.C.	BOND ORDINANCE PREPARATION	Open	475.00	0.00	
18-00230	04/16/18	DEACO	THOMAS DEACON	SEMINAR REIMBURSEMENT	Open	49.00	0.00	
18-00231	04/16/18	NJADVME	NJ ADVANCE MEDIA	ADVERTISING FEES	Open	6,460.58	0.00	
18-00232	04/17/18	TCTA	TCTA OF NJ	2018 TCTA DUES - TAX COLLECTOR	Open	37.50	0.00	
18-00233	04/17/18	VERI	VERIZON	LIBRARY PHONE CHARGES APR 2018	Open	44.98	0.00	
18-00234	04/17/18	LSI	BLOCK LINE SYSTEMS	APR PHONE CHARGES	Open	878.13	0.00	
18-00241	04/19/18	ELIZGA	ELIZABETHTOWN GAS	GAS CHARGES APR 2018	Open	1,109.38	0.00	
18-00242	04/19/18	FORTD	FORT DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE	2018 EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE	Open	27.75	0.00	
18-00243	04/19/18	HEALTH	STATE OF NJ HEALTH BENEFITS	MAR 2018 HEALTH BENEFITS	Open	2,865.33	0.00	
18-00244	04/19/18	NATWATER	NATIONAL WATER MAIN CLEANING	CLEAN WET WELLS-SPRINGTOWN RD	Open	7,140.00	0.00	
18-00246	04/20/18	BARANSKY	RANKIN BARANSKY BIOSYS RESRCH	N-2 OPERATOR APR-DEC 2018	Open	893.33	0.00	
18-00247	04/20/18	SERVICEE	SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLE TV	APR-DEC INTERNET CHARGES	Open	216.88	0.00	
18-00248	04/20/18	JEWELL	JEWELL COMPUTING SOLUTIONS LLC	BACKUP SERVICE/OFFICE 365-2018	Open	589.73	0.00	
18-00249	04/20/18	VITAL	VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC	APR-DEC MOD IV/CAMA TAX SYSTEM	Open	105.00	0.00	
Total Purchase Orders:		35	Total P.O. Line Items:	0	Total List Amount:	411,143.71	Total Void Amount:	0.00

Old Business:

Councilman Cartabona stated that he is still considering what it would take to put a bike path in on Springtown Rd. where it breaks off of Lee Ave. by the firehouse down to the ball field. Mayor Dunwell indicated to Councilman Cartabona that there may be some contractual issues with one of the cell antenna lessees regarding the row of trees and retaining wall work that was discussed earlier.

New Business:

Councilman Seiss, proposed that we make the intersection of Schley Ave. and W. Central Ave. and make that a four-way stop.

Councilman Seiss made a motion to approve a pavilion permit for Helen Marino, 4/28/18 with alcohol, Councilman Pettinelli seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes; Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar, Seiss, and Singleton. Nays: Cartabona.

Councilman Schwar made a motion to approve a pavilion permit for Sarah Strassle, 5/26/18 with alcohol, Councilwoman Grossman seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes; Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar, Seiss, and Singleton. Nays: Cartabona.

Councilman Seiss made a motion to approve a pavilion permit for Matthew Beatty, 5/27/18 without alcohol, Councilman Schwar seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes; Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar, Seiss, and Singleton. Nays; none.

Councilman Schwar made a motion to approve a pavilion permit for James McDonald, 6/24/18 with alcohol, Councilman Pettinelli seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes; Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar, Seiss, and Singleton. Nays: Cartabona.

Councilman Schwar made a motion to approve a pavilion permit for Kristen Korbobo, 6/30/18 with alcohol, Councilman Pettinelli seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes; Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar, Seiss, and Singleton. Nays: Cartabona.

Councilman Schwar made a motion to approve a pavilion permit for Kristen Korbobo, 7/28/18 with alcohol, Councilman Seiss seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes; Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar, Seiss, and Singleton. Nays: Cartabona.

Councilman Seiss made a motion to approve a pavilion permit and waive the fee for Huntington Volunteer Fire Co, 8/18/18, with alcohol, Councilman Pettinelli seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes; Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar, Seiss, and Singleton. Nays: Cartabona.

Councilman Pettinelli asked the mayor to interpret the ordinance that describes the powers of the mayor regarding appointments when there is a vacancy. Attorney Troxell suggested that this be discussed with the Ordinance Committee. Councilman Pettinelli requested 10 minutes in executive session for potential litigation.

Executive Session:

Councilman Singleton made a motion to approve the following resolution to go back into executive session for one hour and 1 hour and 40 minutes for contractual, litigation, and/or personnel. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Grossman, all were in favor.

Mayor Dunwell asked the residence to vacate Council Chamber and they would be invited back after executive session.

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 1 hour(s), 40 minutes, allowing for a five (5) minute recess between the regular session and the executive session.

Return to Regular Session:

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

Mayor Dunwell stated that before executive session, the public was asked to vacate Council Chamber and to wait in the hallway. Councilman Seiss went back out to the hallway and invited anyone there to return to Council Chamber. No one has come back into Council Chamber.

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to authorize the Director of Public Works to seek quotes for land clearing contract for a 30-foot wide section on block 100, lot 3.01 in the Borough contingent upon an agreement of easement and notice to proceed no sooner than May 9, 2018, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Grossman. Roll Call: Ayes; Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar, Seiss and Singleton. Nays; none.

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to authorize the attorney to prepare an easement agreement for block 100, lot 3 and block 100, lot 3.01 for the purpose of running a watermain up to Edge Rd. and placing a hydrant there, motion seconded by Councilman Singleton. Roll Call: Ayes; Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar, Seiss and Singleton. Nays; none.

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve Resolution 2018-68, motion seconded by Councilman Singleton. Roll Call; Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar, and Singleton. Nays: Seiss.

BOROUGH OF ALPHA

RESOLUTION 2018-68

Resolution Authorizing the award of quotes for Frace Water Treatment Plant Degasser Media Replacement

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpha operates a water treatment plant and has a need for continuity of operations and replacement of certain media; and,

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) allows for the obtaining of quotes between 15% of the lawful bid threshold and the bid threshold as established; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpha is in the process of obtaining quotes in accord with the New Jersey Local Publics Contract Law, (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et., seq.,) and,

WHEREAS, the quotes are currently being sought from the companies of Municipal Maintenance, PACT Two, LLC and Layne; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to provide authorization prior to receiving all quotes, not to exceed \$17,000.00, to the Director of the Department of Public Works to award to the lowest responsive and responsible, quoted response.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha that:

1. The Director of the Department of Public Works is authorized to award a quoted requisition to the lowest responding company providing a quote in accord with the principles established within the New Jersey Local Publics Contract Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award is not to exceed the amount of \$17,000.00

CERTIFICATION

I, Donna L. Messina Acting, Clerk of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Common Council at a meeting of said Common Council on April 24th, 2018 and that said Resolution was adopted by not less than the legal vote needed of the members of the Council.

*Donna L. Messina, Acting Borough Clerk
Witness my hand and seal of the Borough of Alpha
This 24th day of April 2018,*

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve Resolution 2018-69, motion seconded by Councilwoman Grossman. Roll Call; Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar, Seiss and Singleton. Nays: none.

Resolution 2018-69

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA
AWARDING A CONTRACT TO CLIFF OBERLY FOR THE LEASE OF FARMLAND
KNOWN AS BLOCK 96, LOT 5 AND BLOCK 103, LOT 1 FOR THE 2018 CALENDAR
YEAR**

WHEREAS, the Borough is in need of a tenant to provide farming activities on a lease basis at Block 96, Lot 5 and Block 103, Lot 1 on the tax maps of the Borough of Alpha, Warren County, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough solicited requests for proposals and which were received on March 27, 2018 from the following organization:

**CLIFF OBERLY - \$6,248.00 FOR LEASING OF SAID PROPERTY FOR THE YEAR
2018**

WHEREAS, the Borough has reviewed the proposals and recommend award to Cliff Oberly the lease award; and

WHEREAS, this contract has been advertised and awarded on a "fair and open basis" and nothing further shall be required under the Pay-to-Play legislation (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, Warren County, that the proposal from Cliff Oberly for the amount as specified herein and in accordance with the specifications and contract is hereby accepted and the Mayor is authorized to execute the necessary contracts to implement this contract award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be provided to the Borough Attorney for implementation.

CERTIFICATION

I, Donna L. Messina Acting, Clerk of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Common Council at a meeting of said Common Council on April 24th, 2018 and that said Resolution was adopted by not less than the legal vote needed of the members of the Council.

*Donna L. Messina, Acting Borough Clerk
Witness my hand and seal of the Borough of Alpha
This 24th day of April 2018,*

Motion made by Councilman Schwar to approve Resolution 2018-70, motion seconded by Councilman Seiss. Roll Call; Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar, Seiss and Singleton. Nays: none.

BOROUGH OF ALPHA

RESOLUTION 2018-70

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN EASEMENT AGREEMENT AND LICENSE FOR BLOCK 35.01, LOT 7

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpha maintains its own municipal potable water system; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough has a potable waterline which runs off of Sampson Avenue and through Block 35.01, Lot 7, servicing other properties; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpha believe an easement to allow the Borough to maintain the waterline is in the Borough's best interests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to execute an easement agreement and license relating to the Borough's water line crossing Block 35.01, Lot 7, understanding the consideration was the installment of a new water service off of the said Borough waterline, which was replaced.

CERTIFICATION

I, Donna L. Messina Acting, Clerk of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Common Council at a meeting of said Common Council on April 24th, 2018 and that said Resolution was adopted by not less than the legal vote needed of the members of the Council.

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Attorney Troxell read the following resolution, Resolution 2018-71 into record.

Motion made by Councilman Cartabona to approve Resolution 2018-70, motion seconded by Councilwoman Grossman. Roll Call; Ayes: Cartabona, Grossman, Pettinelli, Schwar, Seiss and Singleton. Nays: none.

BOROUGH OF ALPHA

RESOLUTION 2018-71

Resolution Authorizing the Award for Quotes for Data Collection Work

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpha seeks quotes for data collection work for litigation; and,

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) allows for the obtaining of quotes between 15% of the lawful bid threshold and the bid threshold as established; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpha is in the process of obtaining quotes in accord with the New Jersey Local Publics Contract Law, (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et., seq.,) and,

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to provide authorization prior to receiving all quotes, not to exceed \$17,000.00, to the Director of Finance to award to the lowest responsive and responsible, quoted response.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha that:

1. The Director of Finance is authorized to award a quoted requisition to the lowest responding company providing a quote in accord with the principles established within the New Jersey Local Publics Contract Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award is not to exceed the amount of \$17,000.00.

CERTIFICATION

I, Donna L. Messina Acting, Clerk of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Common Council at a meeting of said Common Council on April 24th, 2018 and that said Resolution was adopted by not less than the legal vote needed of the members of the Council.

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Adjournment:

Seeing no further business to come before Council, motion made by Councilman Singleton to adjourn this meeting at 11:04 PM, motion seconded by Councilman Pettinelli, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Messina
Acting Borough Clerk