

RESOLUTION 2021-59
RESOLUTION ALLOWING FOR CONTRACTS
FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA'S
WATER MAIN AT HIGH STREET IN THE BOROUGH OF ALPHA

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Alpha – through the Mayor and the Borough's Engineer – has determined that a certain area of the Borough's potable water system, including the High Street area in the Borough of Alpha are or were in immediate need of repair as an emergent matter due to a sinkhole that emerged on Sunday, January 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Alpha acknowledges that the sinkhole on High Street – a County Road – was an absolute emergency as same spanned at least a 35 ft. by 25 ft. and up to 14 ft. deep in the public roadway; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Engineer explained that the situation is or was an emergency affecting or likely to imminently affect public health, welfare and/or safety requiring immediate attention; and

WHEREAS, said need for emergency work was unforeseen, will not be repeated and will not extend into next calendar year; and

WHEREAS, said contracts will only address the needs of the emergency – the repair and restoration of the roadway and subsurface.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpha, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the water main break and sinkhole in the Borough of Alpha at High Street – a County Road – in the Borough of Alpha, is considered an emergency pursuant to New Jersey law and Borough policy, and the Borough is permitted to enter into contracts for such emergency work, which shall not extend into the next calendar year, upon written certification of funds by the Borough CFO.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Borough Council that the following contracts are hereby approved for payment under the emergent circumstances of the water main break and sink hole:

Penn Bower – \$35,319.66 (sinkhole repair/subsurface work);

Pip's Paving Co. – \$22,000 (roadway paving);

National Water Main – \$1,500 (televised sanitary sewer main on High St.)(estimated);

Phillipsburg Town – \$5370.64 (police coverage of area/traffic control)

Elizabethtown Gas Co. – TBD (inspector on site);

Warren County – \$1,000 (inspector on site)(estimated);

New York Leak Detection –\$4,950.00 (emergent leak detection within the system); and

Penn Bower \$15,137.02 (repair of four leaks found at time of break by NY Leak Detection).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Acting Clerk, Temporary CFO, and/or Borough Engineer are authorized to execute all necessary documents to effectuate the contracts for such emergency work, up to the amount of \$110,000, which shall not extend into the next calendar year.

CERTIFICATION

I, Donna L. Messina, Acting Municipal 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 February 23, 2021 and that said Resolution was adopted by not less than the legal vote needed of the members of the Council.

Donna L. Messina, Acting Municipal Clerk
Witness my hand and seal of the Borough of Alpha
this 23rd day of February 2021.