

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

February 1, 2024 @ 7:30 PM

Borough Hall – 100 Church Street – Alpine, NJ

**This is the rescheduled meeting of the previously cancelled January 24, 2024 regular meeting.*

(This meeting was recorded in its entirety)

CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor and Council, Borough of Alpine, convened for this Regular Meeting on February 1, 2024 at 7:30 P.M. in the Alpine Borough Hall. The Public Announcement was read: *In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, the notice of this Regular meeting has met the requirements of the law by being e-mailed to The Record, posted on the bulletin board of the lobby in the Borough Hall and a copy filed in the office of the Borough Clerk.*

ROLL CALL

Paul H. Tomasko, Mayor	Present	Gayle Gerstein, Council President	Present
Steven Cohen, Councilman	Present* <i>phone</i>	Vicki Frankel, Councilwoman	Absent
Arthur Frankel, Councilman	Absent	Scott Bosworth, Councilman	Present
David Kupferschmid, Councilman	Present		

Staff Present on Dais: Borough Attorney Levi Kool**phone*, Borough Engineer Perry Frenzel, Borough Clerk Stephanie Wehmann,

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ConnectOne Bank Current Operating Account \$3,770,103.74

Resolution #034:2'2024: Return of Bonds and Escrow

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Kupferschmid

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on February 1, 2024 to return the following escrow and/or bonds:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
39	1	Alpine Board of Education	Engineering Escrow	\$1,5994.80

VOTE: AYES: Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** A. Frankel, V. Frankel, **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution #035:2'2024: Authorizing the Transfer of 2023 Budget Appropriations Reserves (Transfer #1)

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Kupferschmid

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on February 1, 2024 N.J.S.A 40A-59 Permits transfers of appropriation reserves from the preceding year to be made during the first three months of the following fiscal year. This section reads as follows:

- a. If during the first three months of any fiscal year, the amount of any appropriation reserve for the immediately preceding fiscal year is insufficient to pay the claims authorized or incurred during said preceding year which were chargeable to said appropriation, and there shall be an excess in any appropriation reserves over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill its purpose, the governing body may, by resolution adopt by not less than a 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess to any appropriation reserve or an appropriation in the prior budget deemed to be insufficient to fulfill its purpose of for which no reserve was provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Alpine the Borough Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the 2023 Budget Reserve

Appropriations in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-59:		<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Streets & Roads S/W	3-01-26-290-010	\$ 12,254.23	
Liability Insurance	3-01-23-210-020		\$ 703.76
Police Dept. S/W	3-01-25-240-010		\$ 6,378.60
Fire Dept. O/E	3-01-25-265-020		\$ 160.04
Electricity	3-01-31-430-020		\$ 1,960.28
PSE&G	3-01-31-446-020		\$ 75.60
Gasoline	3-01-31-460-020		\$ 2,975.95
TOTAL		\$ 12,254.23	\$12,254.23

VOTE: AYES: Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** A. Frankel, V. Frankel, **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution #036:2'2024: Approval of Bills and Claims**OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Kupferschmid

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on February 1, 2024 to approve the bills and claims as outlined in the Finance Report.

VOTE: AYES: Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** A. Frankel, V. Frankel, **MOTION APPROVED****TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORT** Report on file.**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Councilman Kupferschmid was presented with a Certificate of Commendation from Bergen County Sheriff Anthony Cureton.
- Fairness Hearing held January 26, 2024 in Bergen County Superior Court. The Borough was granted a preliminary judgment of repose in anticipation of final judgment in about six months following a compliance review.
- Interviews for finance personnel conducted and a qualified candidate has accepted the position.
- PSE&G has requested BPU approval for an 11% increase.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES**Administration Department** No report**Building Department** Councilman Kupferschmid: 46 scheduled inspections, 2 tree permits, 3 soil moving applications and 6 zoning review applications. The report is on file.**Department of Public Works** Report is on file.**Fire Department** Councilwoman Gerstein advised statistics available for review.**Police Department** Report is on file.**Resolution #037:02'2024: Accepting the Reports of the Standing Committees****OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Kupferschmid

At the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on February 1, 2024 to accept the reports of the Standing Committees.

VOTE: AYES: Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** A. Frankel, V. Frankel, **MOTION APPROVED****BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT** Councilman Kupferschmid attended the recent Board of Education meeting. The BOE has applied for and awarded three grants for various repair projects. Mayor Tomasko noted the third graders have been hosting a supervised fundraiser for charity in the Borough lobby.**BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT** Attorney Kool requests a resolution be added to the consent agenda authorizing a real estate appraisal for Block 39 Lot 8, a vacant property adjacent to municipal property, for potential acquisition with Open Space Trust and/or Green Acres funds. The Mayor and Council did not object to listing the resolution.**BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT** Mr. Frenzel reported no changes. Report is on file.**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None**NEW BUSINESS: CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS #038:2'2024 - #043:2'2024****Resolution #038:2'2024: Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting December 20, 2023****OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Kupferschmid

At the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on February 1, 2024 to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2023.

VOTE: AYES: Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** A. Frankel, V. Frankel, **MOTION APPROVED****Resolution #039:2'2024: Approval of Minutes Sine Die Meeting January 4, 2024****OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Kupferschmid

At the Regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on February 1, 2024 to approve the Sine Die Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2024.

VOTE: AYES: Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** A. Frankel, V. Frankel, **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution #040:2'2024: Approval of Minutes Reorganization Meeting January 4, 2024

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Kupferschmid

At the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on February 1, 2024 to approve the Reorganization Meeting Minutes of January 4 2023.

VOTE: AYES: Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** A. Frankel, V. Frankel, **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution #041:2'2024: Award of Quote and Authorization of Cleaning Services Agreement

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Kupferschmid

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on February 1, 2024

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine received quotes for janitorial / cleaning services for the Borough for the term of February 1, 2024 to January 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, two companies provided price quotes: JPA Maintenance, Inc., of Demarest, NJ for \$22,872.00 and Fermaint Cleaning Services, LLC of Union City, NJ for \$29,400.00; and

WHEREAS, these quotes were reviewed, and a recommendation made by the DPW Superintendent that the quote be awarded to **JPA Maintenance, Inc.** of Demarest, NJ as the lowest responsible quote totaling **\$22,872.00**; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine hereby award the quote and authorize the Mayor and/or Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with JPA Maintenance, Inc. for the term February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025. Funds are available in the 2024 Temporary Budget to fund the first two months of the contract and shall be subject to further appropriation of funds for the contract period. Upon final adoption of the 2024 Municipal Budget the Chief Financial Officer shall provide written certification, to be affixed to this resolution, as to the availability of funds for the duration of the contract.

VOTE: AYES: Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** A. Frankel, V. Frankel, **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution #042:2'2024: Introduction of Ordinance No. 824: An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 725 and Chapter 10 of the Borough Code

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Kupferschmid

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Thursday, February 1, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that an Ordinance entitled:

"AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 725 AND CHAPTER 10 OF THE BOROUGH CODE"

pass on first reading and remain on file with the Clerk for public inspection until public hearing thereon and further consideration thereof, which hearing shall be held in the Council Chambers, Alpine Municipal Building, Church Street, Alpine, New Jersey on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time and place all persons interested in said Ordinance will be heard. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish said Ordinance in full or by title, together with the Notice of Hearing thereon in the Record according to law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of said Ordinance shall be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Borough Hall and copies shall be made available to the members of the public who shall request the same.

VOTE: AYES: Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** A. Frankel, V. Frankel, **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution #043:2'2024: Authorizing Professional Services Agreement with Mark E. Hendricks for Appraisal of Block 39 Lot 8.

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Kupferschmid

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council seeks to retain professional appraisal services to assist in obtaining Open Space Trust and/or Green Acres funding for the acquisition of a vacant property designated as Block 39 Lot 8 on the Borough Tax Map, and

WHEREAS, Mark E. Hendricks of Hendricks Appraisal Company, LLC of West Orange, NJ proposes to provide these services at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00, and

WHEREAS, award of this contract complies with NJSA 19:44A-20.4 and/or 20.5 and/or 40A:11-5(a)(i) as applicable and the Chief Financial Officer has certified sufficient funds are available in the Borough Open Space Trust Fund to pay for these services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Mark E. Hendricks of Hendricks Appraisal Company, LLC of West Orange, for provision of the appraisal report and specified services as noted in the proposal, a copy of which is on file with this resolution.

VOTE: AYES: Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** A. Frankel, V. Frankel, **MOTION APPROVED**

End of Consent Agenda

COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None/Not Needed

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Gerstein, seconded by Councilman Kupferschmid, and approved by all this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann
Municipal Clerk