

**ALPINE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 22, 2017 @ 7:30 P.M.
Borough Hall - 100 Church Street**

CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor and Council, Borough of Alpine, convened for this Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 7:31 P.M. in the Alpine Borough Hall. The Public Announcement was read and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, the notice of this Regular Meeting held Wednesday, February 22, 2017 has met the requirements of the law by being published in The Record as part of the Annual Notice on January 6, 2017, posted on the bulletin board of the lobby in the Borough Hall and a copy filed in the office of the Borough Clerk. This meeting was recorded in its entirety.

ROLL CALL

Paul Tomasko, Mayor	Present	Vicki Frankel, Council President	Present
Michael Cacouris, Councilman	Absent	Gayle Gerstein, Councilwoman	Present
John Halbreich, Councilman	Present	Laurence Shadek, Councilman	Present
Arthur Frankel, Councilman	Present		

Staff Present on Dais: Borough Attorney Russ Huntington, Borough Engineer Gary Vander Veer, Municipal Clerk Stephanie Wehmann

Police Promotion. Councilwoman Frankel reported that in consideration of the Police Department's current needs for leadership and after evaluating the records, qualifications, attitude, maturity, judgment and prospects for successful advancement of those officers who asked to be considered for promotion, the Police Committee requests that Patrolman Robert Colussi be promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Mayor Tomasko thanked the Committee and Chief Belcolle for their efforts and stated he was happy to make that appointment.

Resolution #049:2'2017: Promotion of Patrolman Robert Colussi To Sergeant

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017

WHEREAS, Chapter 45-1 of the Municipal Code for the Borough of Alpine calls for a Police Department consisting of among other positions, one (1) or more Sergeants; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council for the Borough of Alpine wish to promote Patrolman Robert Colussi to the position of Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, this promotion shall be effective on March 1, 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine that Patrolman Robert Colussi be promoted to the position of Sergeant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Police Chief Christopher Belcolle.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **Absent:** Cacouris

MOTION CARRIED

Oath of Office: Mayor Tomasko and Council President V. Frankel administered the oath of office to Robert Colussi for the position of Sergeant in the Alpine Police Department in front of friends, family and fellow officers. Mayor Tomasko thanked the Police Committee (Councilpersons V. Frankel, Cacouris and Halbreich) for their hard work. Sergeant Colussi thanked everyone present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Mayor Tomasko opened the meeting for public comments. There were none. Mayor Tomasko recognized and welcomed a young resident, Mr. Pendleton, who was present to learn about government as part of his Boy Scout requirements.

These minutes have been approved by the Mayor & Council.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE Councilman Cacouris could not attend due to illness. Mayor Tomasko highlighted the report a copy of which is on file in the Borough Clerk's office.

Bank of New Jersey Current Operating Account **\$4,051,492.02**

Resolution #050:2'2017: Approval of Bills and Claims

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Gerstein at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 to approve the bills and claims a copy of which are appended.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **Absent:** Cacouris

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution #051:2'2017 Return of Bonds and Escrow

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Gerstein at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 to approve the return of the following bonds and escrow subject to review and approval by the Borough Engineer.

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
39.01/9.12	Cho, James & Nicole	Tree Bond	\$21,000.00
		Re-vegetation Bond	15,000.00
		Performance Bond	73,651.78
		Escrow	<u>1,219.25</u>
			\$ 89,871.03
121/7	Edwards, Mark & Suzanne	Escrow	\$ 67.75

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **Absent:** Cacouris

MOTION CARRIED

Tax Assessor's Report. Report on file in the Borough Clerk's Office.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Tomasko reported on the following

- Attended JIF Ethics class along with Councilwoman Gerstein and Municipal Clerk Stephanie Wehmann. He thanked them for attending and advised Council that local classes are still available: Wyckoff February 28th 7 PM, Midland Park March 23rd 6 PM and Hillsdale May 2nd 6 PM. For every official attending the Borough receives \$250 savings off our insurance premium.
- NJ DEP invites comments and provided public notice of public hearing March 22nd in Trenton regarding the NJ Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Draft Tier A permit for municipal separate storm sewer system (MS-4) permit renewal. Engineer Vander Veer advised he has not yet had an opportunity to read the 140+ page document. Mayor Tomasko noted last year they reviewed the preliminary draft and this is the progression. NJDEP is aware of the burdens that these regulations present to municipalities and are trying to work with towns as best they can.
- A complimentary letter was received from resident and Zoning Board Chair Richard Glazer: "I want to let you know how thankful we are for the outstanding services provided by the Alpine DPW. Our street was cleared several times and sand / salt spread so that Ellens Way was fully passable during and after the storm. Please convey our sincerest thanks and kudos to all in the DPW and the Police Department for a spectacular response to this storm."
- County Tax Board provided annual notice regarding tax revenue Alpine would have derived in 2016 from Palisade Interstate Park Commission lands which are exempt from taxation under the statutes of this state. The amount is \$3,898,668.54.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration Department Councilman Shadek had no report.

Building Department Councilman Halbreich reported 69 scheduled inspections, 1 fence permit, 1 tree permit, 4 zoning review applications. Balance of the report is on file.

Department of Public Works Councilman Frankel commended Acting DPW Superintendent of his report noting 2.6 tons of metal were recycled on behalf of the town, 4 snow events were handled in a fantastic manner so as to have the least inconvenience to our town. Potholes are being timely filled.

Fire Department Councilwoman Gerstein advised statistics are available. Mayor Tomasko thanked Assistant Chief Hoffmann who was in attendance.

Police Department Councilwoman Frankel reported there were 57 motor vehicle summonses issued and 5 motor vehicle accidents with 1 injury.

Resolution #052:2'2017: Accepting the Reports of the Standing Committees

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Gerstein
at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 to accept the reports of the Standing Committees.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **Absent:** Cacouris

MOTION CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT Councilman Shadek had no report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT Attorney Huntington had no report.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT Borough Engineer Vander Veer distributed his report which provided status reports on the Alpine School Field Enhancement and Robin Lane Culvert Restoration. The 2016 NJDOT Municipal Aid (Church Street and Graham Street) Project is ready to bid. The 2017 Road Improvement Project will soon be ready to bid by the Riverside Cooperative. Both Projects require adoption of a capital bond ordinance prior to entering into a contract. Mayor Tomasko advised they plan to schedule introduction in March with public hearing and adoption in April. Mr. Vander Veer will schedule advertisement and receipt of bids accordingly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS Resolutions #053:2'2016 - #060:2'2016
Councilwoman Frankel was absent last month and abstains from approval of minutes.

1. Resolution #053:2'2017 Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of January 25, 2017

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Gerstein
at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting January 25, 2017.

Vote: Ayes: Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **Abstain:** V. Frankel, **Absent:** Cacouris

MOTION CARRIED

2. Resolution #054:2'2017: 2017 Alpine Swim Club Fees

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Gerstein
at this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017

WHEREAS, Borough Ordinance 754 provides that the Mayor and Council shall annually set the fees of the Alpine Swim & Racquet Club; and

WHEREAS, the Alpine Swim and Racquet Club Subcommittee have recommended the following fee schedule:

2017 Fee Schedule for Alpine Swim & Racquet Club	
Alpine resident, single or family	\$ 375.00
Closter resident, single or family	\$ 600.00
Non-resident, family	\$ 950.00
Non-resident, single	\$ 600.00

Non-resident (family only) discount for payment before May 1 st (excludes Closter)	\$ (50.00)
Alpine resident discount for payment before May 1st	None
Alpine resident nanny addition*	\$ 150.00
Closter nanny addition*	\$ 150.00
Non-resident or nanny addition*	\$ 150.00
<i>*requires documentation of proof of employment</i>	
Guest Fees per person/per visit (over 2 years of age)	\$ 10.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine adopt same as the 2017 Fee Schedule for the Alpine Swim and Racquet Club.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **Absent:** Cacouris

MOTION CARRIED

3. Resolution #055:2'2017: Authorizing the Sale of Solar Renewable Energy Credits (S-RECs) Through an Online Auction Conducted by Flett Exchange, LLC

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine has certain photovoltaic equipment that generates electricity; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine has earned valuable Solar Renewable Energy Credits (S-RECs), in recognition of the clean energy produced by its photovoltaic equipment; and

WHEREAS, these S-RECs are not needed for public use and may therefore be sold as surplus personal property; and

WHEREAS, S-RECs may be sold through an online auction process, pursuant to the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act, P.L. 1002, c. 30 and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services, within the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, has approved the use of Flett Exchange, LLC, to conduct online auctions of S-RECs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorizes the sale of its current S-RECs through an online auction conducted by Flett Exchange, LLC, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Alpine shall publish notice of the impending sale of the S-RECs in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 and a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Division of Local Government Services and the Board of Public Utilities.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **Absent:** Cacouris

MOTION CARRIED

4. Resolution #056:2'2017: Authorizing Interlocal Agreement with the BCUA to Submit Annual Recycling Tonnage Report

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017

WHEREAS, the NJ DEP requires submission of a mandated Annual Recycling Tonnage Report as required by the New Jersey Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) P.L. 2008, Chapter 6 which must be signed by a Certified Recycling Professional; and

WHEREAS, Alpine's Recycling Coordinator will prepare the report but is not currently certified as a Certified Recycling Professional; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Utilities Authority offers the service of submitting the prepared report at no cost to the municipality as part of their Certified Recycling Professional Tonnage Grant Assistance Program to ensure that all Bergen County municipalities receive their share of the NJ DEP's tonnage grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen to authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement service

agreement with the Bergen County Utilities Authority for the services of a Certified Recycling Professional to submit the 2016 Annual Recycling Tonnage Report as prepared by the Borough's Recycling Coordinator. The term of this agreement will be for one year commencing March 1, 2017.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **Absent:** Cacouris

MOTION CARRIED

5. Resolution #057:2'2017: Authorizing Purchases of Goods and Services in 2017 Through the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program

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

at this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017

WHEREAS pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12A and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), the Borough may, by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS the Borough of Alpine has a need to purchase on a timely basis, goods and services utilizing State Contracts during 2017 and

WHEREAS, the procurement of goods and services through a cooperative purchasing program is an "open and fair" process under the New Jersey Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS the Borough of Alpine plans to utilize the State Contract Vendor listed below, such transaction shall be subject to all conditions applicable to the current State contracts; now, therefore

<i>Commodities:</i>	<i>T0109 Radio Communication Equipment & Accessories</i>
<i>Service Vendor Name:</i>	<i>Motorola Solutions Inc</i>
<i>State Contract #:</i>	<i>NJ 83909</i>

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Alpine, in the County of Bergen, that the Borough's Qualified Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to purchase goods or services in 2017 from the approved New Jersey State Contract Vendors listed above pursuant to all conditions of the State contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), prior to placing any order for goods or services in accordance with this Resolution, a certification of available funds shall be executed by the Chief Financial Officer and attached to the file copy of the purchase order or other similar document.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **Absent:** Cacouris

MOTION CARRIED

6. Resolution #057:2'2017: Authorizing Acquisition & Installation Radio Communication Equipment and Accessories – Police Dept.

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

at this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine is in need of acquiring and installing Radio Communication Equipment and Accessories for the Alpine Police Department; and

WHEREAS pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:11-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), the Borough may, by resolution and without obtaining multiple quotes or advertising for bids, purchase goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS the Borough of Alpine by prior resolution has approved purchases from the State Contract Vendor listed below for this item; and

WHEREAS, the procurement of goods and services through a cooperative purchasing program is an "open and fair" process under the New Jersey Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose have been provided for in Account Number: C-04-55-936-202 (Capital Fund Ordinance #724) in the accounting records of the Borough of Alpine;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, that the Borough of Alpine enter into an agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. PO Box 305 Bordentown, NJ 08505, Marcial Mojena, Authorized vendor for State Contract 83909 for the for the acquisition and installation of Radio Communication Equipment and Accessories, in accordance with the aforementioned contract and the specifications attached hereto, in an amount not to exceed \$7,810.00 to be charged to the account above or as otherwise determined to be correct by the Chief Financial Officer's pending certification of funds.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **Absent:** Cacouris

MOTION CARRIED

7. Resolution: Authorizing Utilization of Alpine Police Officers for Gran Fondo New York Bike Tour – Sunday, May 21st

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

At this regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor & Council, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey held on February 22, 2017

WHEREAS, Gran Fondo New York (GFNY) raises money for local charities and has held their 100 Mile Bike Tour event in previous years; and

WHEREAS, GFNY has again requested assistance from Alpine Police to control traffic to enable the cyclists to ride on a traffic-moderated course. The route is largely the same as the past 6 years: northbound entering Alpine's 9W northbound from PIP's Henry Hudson Drive, at PIP Exit 2 and southbound entering 9W from NYS and finishing along PIP's Henry Hudson Drive; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Belcolle has no objections and will be actively coordinating with GFNY regarding the necessary police assistance; and

WHEREAS, GFNY agrees to pay all costs associated with this permission and police overtime upon receipt of invoices; and

WHEREAS, the Certificate of Liability Insurance and Hold Harmless Agreement provided by GFNY has been reviewed and approved by our Risk Manager;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine authorize the utilization of Alpine Police Officers for GFNY's 100 Mile Bike Tour to be held on Sunday, May 21, 2017.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **Absent:** Cacouris

MOTION CARRIED

End of Consent Agenda

COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL None

ADJOURNMENT

OFFERED BY: Councilman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Gerstein

and approved by all to adjourn the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday February 22, 2017 at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann
Municipal Clerk