

**ALPINE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, October 28, 2020 @ 7:30 P.M.
(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 Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 7:30 P.M. The Public Announcement was read as follows: *In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law, and the Governor's Emergency Declaration the notice of this regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held Wednesday, October 28, 2020 has met the requirements of the law by being published in The Record, posted continuously on the bulletin board of the lobby of the Borough Hall and a copy filed in the office of the Borough Clerk.*

ROLL CALL *joined by telephone

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

Staff Attending: Borough Attorney Russell Huntington, Borough Engineer Perry Frenzel, Municipal Clerk Stephanie Wehmann

PUBLIC COMMENTS No comments.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE A copy is on file in the Borough Clerk's office.

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\$2,828,269.01

Resolution #159:10'2020: Requesting Approval for Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2020 Budget- *Municipal Alliance Grant*

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and,

WHEREAS, said director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amounts, and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine received approval from the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the Municipal Alliance Grant Fiscal Year 2020 5TH quarter extension (July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020) and for the Grant Fiscal Year 2021 (Oct. 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021); and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine is desirous to anticipate and appropriate such monies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Alpine, Bergen County, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an additional item of revenue in the budget for the Fiscal Year 2020 5th quarter extension in the sum of \$284.00; and for the Fiscal Year 2021 grant cycle in the sum of \$3,126.15, which item is now available as a revenue pursuant to the provision of statute, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$3,410.15 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Operations Excluded from Caps

Municipal Alliance Grant:	\$3,410.15
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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and the Borough Treasurer.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, A. Frankel, Halbreich, Shaddek **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution #160:10'2020: Change Title and Text of an Appropriation- Municipal Alliance

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-85 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may, at the request of, or with the consent of, the governing body of any county or municipality, make such correction of the title, text or amount of any appropriation appearing in the budget as may be necessary to make said item of appropriation available for the purpose or purposes required for the needs of any such county or municipality.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S. 40A:4-85, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to make the following corrections in the budget year 2020:

That the appropriation provided for in the approved budget entitled:

Municipal Alliance Coordinator Salaries & Wages

Be reduced by the sum of \$852.54

And an appropriation in the amount of \$852.54 be added to the budget entitled:

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues

Excluded from Caps

Municipal Alliance Program – Matching Funds

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing correction is, in the opinion of the governing body, warranted and authorized by the statute above referred to, and is necessary for the orderly operation of the Borough of Alpine for the reasons hereinafter set forth:

The Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse has awarded the Borough a grant for the Fiscal Year 2020 extension of July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 and for the Fiscal Year 2021 budget period of October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; the amount of grant and the related match requirement not becoming known until after passage of the 2020 budget. In order to accept the Municipal Alliance Grant, legal provision for the required match must be made. The above correction will provide for the said legal provision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, A. Frankel, Halbreich, Shaddek

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #161:10'2020: Return of Bonds and Escrow

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 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>
72/19	Green, Jay	ZBA Escrow (appl.withdrawn)	\$2,000.00
47/10	Woodrow, Michael	Zba Escrow	\$511.23
30/4	Fortier, Alan	Engineering & Soil Escrow	\$3,100.75
55/10	Perfection Excavating	Septic Repair	\$243.50
39/9.03	Helf, Steven	Septic Repair	\$215.00
TOTAL:			\$6,070.48

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, A. Frankel, Halbreich, Shaddek **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution #162:10'2020: Approval of Bills and Claims

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 to approve the bills and claims, a copy of which are appended.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, A. Frankel, Halbreich, Shaddek **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution #163:10'2020: Group Affidavit for the 2019 Audit

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2019 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs, and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled: General Comments and Recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled: 'General Comments – Recommendations' as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto, and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board, and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 - to wit: R.S. 52:27BB-52 - "A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provision of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, A. Frankel, Halbreich, Shaddek **MOTION APPROVED**

Tax Assessor's Report. Report on file.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Tomasko highlighted:

- MEL Manual: "Power of Collaboration" distributed by Clerk provides a lot of information and insights into risk management for elected officials.
- NJ DOT Conference call regarding proposed Route 9W Bike and Pedestrian Improvement Project. The Mayor, Borough Clerk, Borough Engineer, Police Chief and DPW

Superintendent were on the call along with officials from Tenafly, Englewood Cliffs. Pending PIPC consent for use of about 10 feet of property on the eastern side of Route 9W NJDOT proposes widening from Palisades Avenue to the NY state line where there is lack of a shoulder and need for additional space. The Borough of Alpine approved a resolution for this back in 2015. It's taken NJDOT this long to get to this point because there is no identified funding source.

- Halloween. After conversations with the Police Chief a decision was made to not allow door to door Trick or Treating this year in the interest of safety for our residents and the trick-or-treaters. The Chief will post notices via digital signs, lobby and Swift Reach.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration Department No report.

Building Department Councilman Halbreich noted 67 scheduled inspections, 5 tree permits, 2 soil moving applications, 5 zoning review applications. Balance of report is on file in the Clerk's office.

Department of Public Works Councilman Frankel noted the report is on file.

Fire Department Councilwoman Gerstein advised statistics are available for review. They have 5 applications for membership for consideration:

Approval of Fire Department Membership Applications

Resolution #164:10'2020: Approving Firefighter: Panagiotis Mantziaris

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 to approve the application for **Panagiotis Mantziaris** for Membership as a Firefighter in the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Resolution #165:10'2020: Approving Firefighter: Omar Assan

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 to approve the application for **Omar Hassan** for Membership as a Firefighter in the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Resolution #166:10'2020: Approving Junior Firefighter: Luke Stein

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 to approve the application for **Luke Stein** for Membership as a Junior Firefighter in the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Resolution #167:10'2020: Approving Junior Firefighter: Bryan Messinger

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 to approve the application for **Bryan Messinger** for Membership as a Junior Firefighter in the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Resolution #168:10'2020: Approving Junior Firefighter: Daniel Mina

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 to approve the application for **Daniel Mina** for Membership as a Junior Firefighter in the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department.

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

The Mayor noted we should consider ourselves fortunate to have this number of individuals willing to volunteer for this service and submit to all the required training.

Police Department Councilwoman Frankel advised 9 summonses issued for the month, 3 motor vehicle accidents and the rest of the report is on file.

Resolution #169:10'2020: Accepting the Reports of the Standing Committees

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 to accept the reports of the Standing Committees.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT Mayor Tomasko discussed Halloween with Superintendent. The school started out 80% in-person and 20% virtual and has progressed to near all in-person. Councilman Cacouris questioned COVID protocol. NJDOH/CDC guidelines would be followed. Councilman Shadek noted they report all adapting well but are still operating on a half day schedule to avoid need for inhouse lunch period. Only 15 students have opted for a totally virtual platform. Fiscally strong; they're managing fiscal impact well.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT Defer to Executive Session

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT Bergen County has restarted work towards Closter Dock Road Route 9W Intersection re-design including replacement of County culvert.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS Resolutions #170:10'2020 - #174:10'2020

1a. Resolution #170:10'2020: Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting September 23, 2020

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting September 23, 2020.

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

1b. Resolution #171:10'2020: Approval of Minutes Executive Session September 23, 2020

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 to approve the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting September 23, 2020.

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

2. Resolution #172:10'2020 Authorizing Purchases of Goods and Services in 2020 through the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program – Purchase of Radio Communication Equipment and Accessories- Fire Department

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

at this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020

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 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(s) listed below, for the purchase of Radio Communication Equipment and Equipment as attached. Such transaction subject to all conditions applicable to the current State contracts: Commodity: #T0109 Radio Equipment & Accessories #83909

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose have been provided for in the accounting records of the Borough of Alpine: Capital Account#C-04-55-986-202 (Capital Bond Ordinance #796).

NOW, THEREFORE 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 2020 from the approved New Jersey State Contract Vendor listed above pursuant to all conditions of the State contract; and

BE IT FURTHER 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. of Woodcliff lake, NJ as authorized vendor distributor for the above contracts for the above noted goods and services in accordance with the aforementioned contract and the specifications attached hereto, in an amount not to exceed \$30,551.05 to be charged to the account(s) above or as otherwise determined to be correct by the Chief Financial Officer's pending certification of funds.

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, Cacouris, Gerstein, A. Frankel, Halbreich, Shadek

MOTION APPROVED

2. Resolution #173:10'2020 Alpine Municipal Alliance Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2020-June 2025

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

at this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Bergen Municipal Alliance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Tenafly, Alpine, & Englewood Cliffs CAP Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2021 in the amount of:

DEDR \$ 9831.77
 Cash Match \$ 2457.95
 In-Kind \$ 7373.82

2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

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

MOTION APPROVED

2. Resolution #174:10'2020 Award of Bid for Vehicles No Longer Needed for Public Use

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

at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine authorized the advertisement for sale by sealed bids of a Borough vehicle no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the following vehicles were advertised for sale in the Bergen Record on October 8, 2020; and

Veh #	Dept	Year	Make	Model	VIN or Description	Mileage	Minimum Bid
1	Police	2009	Ford	Crown Victoria	2FAHP71VX9X117588	100,000	\$1,000.00; as is
2	Police	2012	Ford	Expedition	1FMJU1G56CEF62990	30,000	\$2,000.00; as is
3	Police	2013	Dodge	Charger	2C3CDXAT2DH721493	100,000	\$4,000.00; as is
4	DPW	1995	GMC	Topkick Dump Truck with Monroe Plow & Salter	1GDP7H1J6SJ510748	26,665	\$750.00; as is
5	Admin	2006	Ford	Crown Victoria	2FAHP71W26X104306	111,437	\$1,000.00; as is

WHEREAS, as advertised sealed bids were received and opened on **Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 11:00 AM** at the Borough Hall Council Chambers at which time the results were read publicly by the Borough Clerk as follows:

Vehicle # Bidders	#1 2009 Ford Crown Victoria	#2 2012 Ford Expedition	#3 2013 Dodge Charger	#4 1995 GMC Topkick w/ Monroe Plow & Salter	#5 2006 Ford Crown Victoria
Liberty Motors, Inc., Jersey City, NJ	\$1,339.99	\$2,238.99	\$4,444.99	\$351.99	\$1,239.99
Advanced Car Service Alpine, NJ	\$1,100.00			\$775.00	
Jersey One Auto Sales Jersey City, NJ	\$1,157.00				\$1,033.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine that the following bids received be accepted:

Vehicle/Equipment	Winning Bidder	Amount of Bid
#1 2009 Ford Crown Victoria	Liberty Motors, Inc., Jersey City	\$1,339.99
#2 2012 Ford Expedition	Liberty Motors, Inc., Jersey City	\$2,238.99
#3 2013 Dodge Charger	Liberty Motors, Inc., Jersey City	\$4,444.99
#4 1995 GMC Topkick w/ Monroe plow & salter	Advanced Car Service, Alpine	\$775.00
#5 2006 Ford Crown Victoria	Liberty Motors, Inc., Jersey City	\$1,239.99

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, A. Frankel, Halbreich, Shaddek

MOTION APPROVED

B) Resolution: #175:10'2020 Retroactive Extension of Medical Leave for Non-Work-Related Injury

Councilwoman Frankel explained the committee has determined a retroactive extension is warranted due to this unique situation: pandemic delayed treatment course. Patrolman White received required notice and in attendance at this meeting.

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on October 28, 2020

WHEREAS, Patrolman Arthur White was incapacitated from a period beginning January 3, 2020 and ending upon his return to work on September 23, 2020 due to a non-work-related incident; and

WHEREAS, Sections 23 et. seq. of the Agreement between the Borough of Alpine and PBA Local #399, effective January 1, 2020 provides that an Employee shall be retained on the payroll at full salary and benefits for a continued period of six months during the continuance of said incapacitation; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement between the Borough of Alpine and PBA Local #399, effective January 1, 2020 provides that after expiration of the said (6) six-month period, if the Employee is still unable to return to duty, the Governing Body shall review the case on its merits for the purpose of determining whether sick leave should be continued, discontinued or modified; and

WHEREAS, Patrolman White was originally scheduled to return to work on June 1, 2020. However, this timeline was extended due to delayed surgery because of health insurance issues, and delayed physical therapy because of the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of Patrolman White’s return to work, he was retained at full pay and benefits subsequent to the end of the initial six-month period, from July 3, 2020 through September 23, 2020, representing a total of 456 hours (38 days) that Patrolman White would have been scheduled to work; and

WHEREAS, the Police Committee has subsequently reviewed the individual case of Patrolman White on its merits and recommends to the Mayor and Council:

Continuation at full salary and benefits during the period from July 3, 2020 through September 23, 2020 be retroactively granted without any charge against Patrolman White’s accumulated sick bank hours which currently total 292 hours.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine concurs with the Police Committee and that the above-named employee be retroactively granted full salary and benefits for the period July 3, 2020 through September 23, 2020 as outlined above and based on the merits of his individual case.

Discussion: Councilman Cacouris fully supports the resolution but as a matter of practice requested in future, they be provided with the quantified costs of such actions.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, A. Frankel, Halbreich, Shaddek

MOTION APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution#176:10'2020: Executive Session A Resolution providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b subsection designated below:

(b)(7) Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege: Affordable Housing

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, assembled in public session on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Borough Council that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, A. Frankel, Halbreich, Shaddek **MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor and Council convened the Executive Session at 7:46 PM and reconvened in public session at 8:56 PM whereupon Councilman Shaddek reported a brief update on the school he had just received (See Board of Education Report).

ADJOURNMENT OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein and approved by all to adjourn the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday October 28, 2020 at 8:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann, Municipal Clerk