

**ALPINE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, September 23, 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, September 23, 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, September 23, 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	Gayle Gerstein, Councilwoman	Present
*John Halbreich, Councilman	Present	Laurence Shadek, Councilman	Present
*Arthur Frankel, Councilman	Present		

**Staff Attending:** Borough Attorney Levi Kool for Attorney Russell Huntington, Borough Engineer Perry Frenzel, Municipal Clerk Stephanie Wehmann

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** No public present.

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

**ConnectOne Current Operating Acct** **\$3,233,258.45**

**Resolution #151:9'2020: 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, September 23, 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>
44/6	Policano, Robert & Dineen	ZBA Escrow	\$308.50
			<b>\$308.50</b>

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

**Resolution #152:9'2020: 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, September 23, 2020 to approve the bills and claims, a copy of which are appended.

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

**Tax Assessor's Report.** Report on file.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** Mayor Tomasko highlighted:

- Planning Board approved re-examination of the Master Plan at their meeting 9/22/2020 and is available for review from Planning Board Secretary Marilyn Hayward.
- Public Notice received for an application pending before the Borough of Demarest Planning Board October 7, 2020 at 7:30 PM at their municipal building to construct 24 townhouses on the Kurtz property. Alpine Planning Board was advised last evening and its possible that some members will attend. Councilman Cacouris asked if Council choose to attend should speak to the application. Mayor Tomasko advised members of

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*These minutes have been approved by the Mayor & Council.*

the public have a right to be heard. As elected officials of the neighboring Borough he would personally be inclined to hold back and observe the reaction of that town's residents to the proposal.

- Safety Committee met yesterday. Thanks to Chair Stephanie Wehmann. The Borough's safety record is exemplary.
- 2019 Audit Exit Report conducted yesterday. Once again, this year there are no recommendations. The Council will need to attest to their review of the report at an upcoming meeting.
- Bergen County Open Space Committee met yesterday evening. He thanks Nancy Wehmann for attending in his stead due to the time conflicting with the Planning Board meeting. This was in regard to our application for open space funding towards the acquisition of 6 East Main Street.
- Official Mail-In ballots for Alpine's actively registered voters have been mailed and should be in their mail boxes today which is ahead of schedule. Information has been posted in the lobby, on the Borough website and will be included in the newsletter.

**REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Administration Department** No report.

**Building Department** Councilman Halbreich noted 39 scheduled inspections, 7 tree permits, 1 soil moving application, 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.

**Police Department** Councilwoman Frankel advised 5 summonses issued for the month, 7 motor vehicle accidents and the rest of the report is on file.

**Resolution #153:9'2020: 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, September 23, 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** Councilman Shadek reported communication from Board of Ed President Phil Simotas commending Superintendent/Principal Maureen McCann and team who have done a fantastic job preparing the school to receive students. Mr. Simotas is happy to report Alpine is one of the few districts in the area that will open with a hybrid schedule. More than 80% of the students will be attending class in person when they start after Labor Day. The school has been outfitted with signage, social distancing instructions, sneeze guards on each desk, protocols for teachers and students and the new building custodian has the school looking spectacularly clean with most of the rooms freshly painted and the floors stripped and resealed. Student enrollment is at record levels at 155 including several tuition paying students. Additional Tenafly parents have expressed interest in paying tuition to send their children to the school. They can expect Alpine to receive positive attention for the way they are handling the pandemic crises.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT** No report.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT** He has reached out to the County for an update on the Closter Dock Road / Rt 9W intersection design. Rest of the report is on file.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. ORDINANCE # 798 – ENACTING CHAPTER 210 TOWING & STORAGE**

**1. PUBLIC HEARING** Opened to the public and being none, closed.

**Resolution #154:9'2020 Adoption of Ordinance #800**

**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, September 23, 2020

**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 ENACTING CHAPTER 210 OF THE  
BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPINE ENTITLED  
“TOWING AND STORAGE”**

does hereby pass its second and final reading and is hereby adopted and Notice of  
same be published according to law.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS** Resolutions #155:9'2020 - #157:9'2020

**1a. Resolution #155:9'2020: Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting August 26, 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, September 23, 2020 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting August 26,  
2020.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

**1b. Resolution #156:9'2020: Approval of Minutes Executive Session August 26, 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, September 23, 2020 to approve the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting  
August 26, 2020.

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

**MOTION APPROVED**

**2. Resolution #157:9'2020 Award of Bid for Vehicles No Longer Needed for Public Use &  
Authorization to Rebid Vehicles for which Bids Rejected**

**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, September 23, 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 and the  
Jersey Journal on September 9, 2020

Veh #	Dept	Year	Make	Model	VIN or Description	Mileage	Minimum Bid
1	Police	2009	Ford	Crown Victoria	2FAHP71VX9X117588	100,000	\$2,000.00; as is
2	Police	2012	Ford	Expedition	1FMJU1G56CEF62990	30,000	\$13,000.00; as is
3	Police	2013	Dodge	Charger	2C3CDXAT2DH721493	100,000	\$7,000.00; as is
4	DPW	1995	GMC	Topkick Dump Truck with Monroe Plow & Salter	1GDP7H1J6SJ510748	26,665	\$1,000.00; as is
5	DPW	1997	Ford	F-350 Mason Dump with Fisher Plow	3FEKF38F8VMA11826	60,377	\$2,000.00; as is
6	Admin	2006	Ford	Crown Victoria	2FAHP71W26X104306	111,437	\$1,500.00; as is

**AND WHEREAS**, as advertised sealed bids were received and opened on Thursday, September 17, 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	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
	2009 Ford Crown Victoria	2012 Ford Expedition	2013 Dodge Charger	1995 GMC Topkick w/ Monroe Plow & Salter	1997 Ford F-350 Mason Dump w/ Fisher Plow	2006 Ford Crown Victoria
Liberty Motors, Inc., Jersey City	\$919.99	\$1,838.99	\$3,339.99	\$653.99	\$2,023.99	\$651.99

**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
#5 1997 Ford F-350 Mason Dump w/ Fisher Plow	Liberty Motors, Inc., Jersey City	\$2,023.99

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council that the bids for the following vehicles are rejected in the public interest for not having met the minimum bid as advertised and it is hereby authorized to re-advertise for bids for the sale of vehicles as revised below.

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

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

**COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Resolution#158:9'2020: 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:** Councilman Cacouris  
at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, September 23, 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**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, assembled in public session on Wednesday, September 23, 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, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor and Council convened the Executive Session at 7:43 PM and returned to the regular public session at 8:53 PM and immediately adjourned.

**ADJOURNMENT OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Shadek  
and approved by all to adjourn the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday September 23, 2020 at 8:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann, Municipal Clerk