

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 27, 2023 @ 7:30 PM  
Borough Hall – 100 Church Street – Alpine, NJ  
(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 September 27, 2023 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	Vicki Frankel, Councilwoman	Present
Arthur Frankel, Councilman	Present	Scott Bosworth, Councilman	Present
David Kupferschmid, Councilman	Present		

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

**POLICE COMMENDATION** Mayor Tomasko wished to commend the Alpine Police Department and several officers in particular noting this recognition will also be included in the next newsletter:

**Arrests of Alpine Burglary Suspects:** *On July 18 Officer Matt Gough assisted in a joint investigation with both the Bergen County Prosecutors Office and other Bergen County Police Departments on the execution of a search warrant in Elizabeth, NJ. The warrant resulted in the arrest of three suspects on charges of conspiracy to commit burglary, money laundering, receiving stolen property, possession of false government documents and possession of burglary tools. These suspects are very possibly linked to burglaries in Alpine in the past. On August 24, 2023 at 4:30 in the morning Alpine Police Officers Brian Prunk and Christopher Amato responded to a residence in Timberline for a burglary in progress. A search of the area with multiple police departments and other agencies resulted in the arrest of three suspects. All three suspects were processed at Alpine Police Department and transported to a Bergen County jail. Multiple charges were filed against all three suspects specifically attempted burglary, resisting and conspiracy to commit burglary. We commend the fine officers of the Alpine Police Department for their work and their dedication to keeping Alpine Safe around the clock."*

Applause followed. Mayor Tomasko observed Chief Kent along with almost the entire department were present to hear this commendation. He also welcomed retired officer Stuart Conboy.

Councilwoman Frankel added: "We'd like to thank you for being the well trained diligent officers we expected you to be. We're proud that you were there when needed. We thank you for your important role in making our town the safe and wonderful place it is to live. Thank you again for all your helpfulness."

Officer Prunk wished to emphasize that this was not just the work of two officers. None of this would have happened without the team effort of the entire department. Sergeant Colussi and Officer Ariano quickly responded back to work to assist. Sergeant Simpson and Officer Dippe came in to secure the prisoners for a lengthy amount of time prior to transport by Officers Bourke and Morzetta. Everyone in the department pitched in and continues to do so as this remains an ongoing investigation.

Councilman Kupferschmid echoed his appreciation for all of the emergency responders whose work does not go unnoticed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** None

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE** Councilman Cohen reported.

**ConnectOne Bank (fka Bank of New Jersey) Current Operating Account \$3,911,426.82**

**Resolution #161:09'2023: Return of Bonds and Escrow**

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

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on September 27, 2023 to return the following escrow and/or bonds:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
49	15	Riccobono, Paul & Suzanne	Engineering	\$ 237.00
75	13	Blancato, Frank & Irina	Engineering	\$ 459.25
72	26.01	Hwang, Ki Soo	Engineering	\$ 243.00
		<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$ 939.25</b>

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

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

**Resolution #162:09'2023: 2023 Property Tax Credit Due To County Board Judgment 81.02/3**

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

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on September 27, 2023 **WHEREAS**, a Judgment was entered on August 2, 2023, mailed on August 11, 2023 from the Bergen County Tax Board reducing the assessments on the following:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Owner's Name</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Reduced Assessment</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>4<sup>th</sup> qtr Credit</u>
81.02	3	Lebow Alpha II, LLP	\$7,800,000.	\$7,500,000.	2023	\$2,370.00

**WHEREAS**, the reduction in assessment was not recorded in time for the 2023 Assessment records for the above referenced property and was billed at the higher assessed value for 2023, resulting in an overbilling;

**WHEREAS**, an overbilling was made for the tax year listed above and therefore should be credited to the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, or any outstanding balances due from prior quarters;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, state of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Borough Treasurer to issue a credit for the tax overbilling.

**Ayes:** Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Kupferschmid, **MOTION APPROVED**

**Resolution #163:09'2023: Approval of Bills and Claims**

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

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on September 27, 2023 to approve the bills and claims as outlined in the Finance Report.

**Ayes:** Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Kupferschmid, **MOTION APPROVED**

**TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORT** Report on file.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Attended September 19 meetings
  - Safety Committee chaired by Ms. Wehmann. High record of safety compliance maintained.
  - Preconstruction Meeting for Marie Major Drive led by Engineer Frenzel with Ms. Wehmann's assistance. On track to complete before the end of October.
  - Board of Health meeting led by Secretary Wehmann
- Noted retirement of Brian Frugis and resolutions on the agenda to confirm appointments of current employees David Niborsky and Keith Dalton to take over his responsibilities in the Building Department.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES**

- **Administration Department** Councilman Bosworth: no report.
- **Building Department** Councilman Kupferschmid: 67 regular inspections, 2 tree permits, 2 soil moving permit applications and 3 zoning reviews. They're doing a wonderful job despite staffing challenges.
- **Department of Public Works** Councilman Frankel: report is on file. Mayor Tomasko noted half deals with maintenance of the affordable housing units built 20 years ago to satisfy Alpine's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> round housing obligations. As years pass this takes up more and more of DPW time careful consideration is required if the Borough wishes to assume any such obligation in future vs. an outside entity overseeing.
- **Fire Department** Councilwoman Gerstein wished to put forth an application for Lane Goldstein. Mayor Tomasko highlighted Mr. Goldstein's experience as a past Fire Chief in Fort Lee.

**Resolution #164:09'2023: Firefighter Application approval – Lane Goldstein**

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on September 27, 2023 to approve the application for **Lane Goldstein** for Membership as a Firefighter in the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department, subject to receipt of supplemental documentation as required.

**Ayes:** Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

- **Police Department** Councilwoman Frankel: 43 summonses issued in August, 1 MVA with 1 injury. New officers continue their training.

**Resolution #165:09'2023: 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 27, 2023 to accept the reports of the Standing Committees.

**Ayes:** Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Kupferschmid, **MOTION APPROVED**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT** Councilman Kupferschmid reported status quo. Mayor Tomasko advised public welcome to Back To School BBQ. Fee \$20. A flyer is posted on the public bulletin board. Ms. Wehmann noted due to expected rain this Friday this event has been postponed to the following Friday.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT** Mr. Kool deferred to executive session

**BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT** Mr. Frenzel's report on file. Marie Major Drive repaving is moving forward.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS: CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS #166:9'2023 - #178:9'2023** (*Abstention as noted in vote.*)

**Resolution #166:09'2023: Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting August 23, 2023****OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Cohen

At the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on September 27, 2023 to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2023

**VOTE: Ayes:** Bosworth, Cohen, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Kupferschmid **Abstain:** Gerstein**MOTION APPROVED****Resolution #167:09'2023: Approval of Minutes Executive Session Meeting August 23, 2023****OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Cohen

At the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on September 27, 2023 to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2023

**VOTE: Ayes:** Bosworth, Cohen, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Kupferschmid **Abstain:** Gerstein**MOTION APPROVED****Resolution #168:09'2023: Award Contract for Payroll Services****OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Cohen

At this meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpine has determined a need for third party payroll services for the Finance Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance Department recommends the Borough renew its' agreement with Action Data Services at an annual fee of \$7,703.00 and

**WHEREAS**, for purposes of cost stabilization the term of this Agreement will be for two (2) years beginning October 1, 2023 and expiring September 30, 2025, at which time the agreement shall be automatically renewed at the same terms and conditions set forth in the contract for an additional (1) year term unless terminated by either party in writing at least 90 days prior to expiration and subject to the availability and appropriation annually of sufficient funds as may be required to meet the extended obligation.

**WHEREAS**, funds for this purpose have been provided for in the following account:

3-01-20-130-030 Financial Administration Operating: Payroll Services

and this vendor's Business Registration Certificate is on file.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine hereby award a two-year contract with a one-year extension clause commencing October 1, 2023 for the Finance Department to Action Data Services of Fairfield, NJ as noted above. The Chief Financial Officer has provided the Certification of Availability of Funds.

**VOTE: Ayes:** Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED****Resolution #169:09'2023: Endorse Planning Board Approval of Soil Moving Permit with Waivers 59 Robin Lane 31/4****OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Cohen

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

**WHEREAS**, Borough Ordinance 183-3D(5) lays down the procedure for review of an application for a soil movement permit in compliance with N.J.S.A. 40:20D-26b; and

**WHEREAS**, the application was reviewed by the Planning Board at a hearing held August 22, 2023, and the Planning Board laid down their written recommendation to the Mayor and Council with respect to this application in a resolution approved at their regular meeting held on September 26 (copy attached hereto); and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council has examined the application and the recommendations of the Planning Board and have considered the results of the public hearing before the Planning Board;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine find that the proposed soil movement will not create conditions inimical to the public health, welfare and safety, nor create any drainage, soil erosion or other conditions of danger and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council hereby approve said application subject to all conditions as laid out in the Planning Board’s resolution of September 26, 2023.

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

**Resolution #170:09’2023: Authorizing Annual National MS Society Bike Ride Event 10/22/23**

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

At this regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor & Council, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey held on September 27, 2023

**WHEREAS**, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society raises money for charity and has held their Annual Bike MS Bike Event in previous years; and

**WHEREAS**, The National MS Society has requested authorization from the towns through which riders will traverse. The route in Alpine will be along Route 9W South on Sunday, October 22, 2023, entering from the Palisades Interstate Park at Alpine Approach Road. The time will be from approximately 8:30 am to 12:20 pm; and

**WHEREAS**, Acting Police Chief Kent has no objections and will be actively coordinating with The National MS Society regarding any necessary police assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, The National MS Society has provided their Certificate of Liability Insurance and a Hold Harmless Agreement and authorization of the event is subject to review and approval by the Borough’s Risk Management Consultant;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine authorize the National Multiple Sclerosis Society’s Annual Bike MS New York City Bike Ride Event to be held on Sunday, October 22, 2023.

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

**Resolution #171:09’2023: Curbside Recycling Award of Bid – Buldo Contracting**

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on September 27, 2023

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpine advertised for bids for a curbside recycling contract in the Star Ledger and The Record on July 14, 2023 and posted same on the Borough website from July 14, 2023, to September 14, 2023 and

**WHEREAS**, bids were opened September 14, 2023 at 10 AM at the Borough Hall, 100 Church Street, Alpine, NJ 07620 and the Borough of Alpine received one bid:

Company / City, State	Bid Amount
Buldo Carting Inc. River Vale, NJ	OPTION 1 (Dual Stream): \$88,800/ year; \$266,400 3-year OPTION 2 (Single Stream): \$91,000/year; \$273,000 3-year

**WHEREAS**, the bid(s) were reviewed by the Borough Attorney and Municipal Recycling Coordinator; and

**WHEREAS**, Buldo Carting, Inc. of River Vale, NJ as sole bidder is the lowest responsible bidder for the curbside recycling contract.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine that a contract be awarded to: Buldo Carting, Inc. of River Vale, NJ for Option 1 being \$88,800 per year for 3 years at a total

contract price of \$266,400 with an option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year periods to commence January 1, 2024 in accordance with the terms of the bid specifications and Borough ordinances.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer has certified, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30 14.5 that sufficient legally appropriated funds will be available for this purpose subject to appropriation of adequate funds as may be required in the Temporary Budget and Adopted Municipal Budget for the years as cited in the contract.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute a contract in a form as approved by the Borough Attorney.

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

**Resolution #172:09'2023: Awarding Contract to DISH Wireless for Lease of Space for Co-Location on Telecommunications Tower**

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on September 27, 2023

**WHEREAS**, the Local Lands and Building Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14 allows a municipality to lease any real property not needed for public use to the highest bidder by open public bidding at auction or by submission of sealed bids; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough Alpine previously solicited bids for the lease of the property located at Block 11, Lot 1 of the Borough of Alpine's tax map and for the co-location on a cellular communications facility thereon; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough solicited sealed bids for the Lease of the co-location space and property located at Block 11, Lot 1 of the Borough of Alpine's tax map and for the co-location on the cellular telecommunications tower and facility thereon, since the property would best serve the public in that capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 21, 2023 the Borough received and publicly opened one bid from Dish Wireless, L.L.C. in the amount of an annual rental payment of \$50,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has reviewed the bid submitted by Dish Wireless, L.L.C. and finds the proposed lease rates and terms contained in the bid to be acceptable to the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the Borough Council have determined it to be in the best interest of the Borough to award a contract to Dish Wireless, L.L.C. and to authorize entering into a lease agreement and related contract with Dish Wireless, L.L.C. pursuant to the bid specifications issued.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Alpine that, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq., the Local Land and Buildings Law, the bid of Dish Wireless, L.L.C. is hereby accepted and Dish Wireless, L.L.C. is hereby awarded a contract in the amount of an initial annual base rent of \$50,000.00, subject to the additional terms and conditions contained in the bid specifications and Dish Wireless, L.L.C.'s bid proposal for the lease of the co-location space and property located at Block 11, Lot of the Borough of Alpine's tax map and for the co-location on the cellular telecommunications tower and facility thereon, and subject to a lease in the form annexed hereto and a co-location agreement to be executed in forms substantially similar to those attached to the bid specifications; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough of Alpine hereby authorizes the Borough Clerk and other necessary Borough employees or officials to prepare all legal documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution, to be approved by the Borough Clerk; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Council that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Lease Agreement with Dish Wireless, L.L.C. and any other documents, in a form consistent with the bid specifications and acceptable in form to the Borough Administrator and Mayor; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Clerk of the Borough of Alpine.

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

**Resolution #173:09'2023: Appointment of Construction Code Official/ Building subcode Official / Building Inspector**

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

At the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council held on September 27, 2023

**WHEREAS**, the positions of Construction Code Official and Building Subcode Official/Building Inspector became vacant effective September 8, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, David Nizborski has served the Borough of Alpine as the Plumbing Sub-Code Official and Inspector since August 1, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined to appoint Mr. Nizborski to serve as Construction Code Official and Building Subcode Official/Building Inspector. For these additional part-time positions, Mr. Nizborski shall receive compensation per the current salary ordinance, without additional benefits; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that David Nizborski be and is hereby appointed to the positions of Construction Code Official and Building Subcode Official/Building Inspector, each for a four (4) year term effective September 8, 2023.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, these appointments are subject to approval by the Department of Community Affairs to whom a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded upon adoption.

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

#### **Resolution #174:09'2023: Appointment of Zoning Officer**

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

At the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council held on September 27, 2023

**WHEREAS**, the position of Zoning Officer became vacant effective September 8, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Keith Dalton has served the Borough of Alpine as the Fire Sub-Code Official and Inspector since August 1, 2019 and Fire Official since April 19, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined to appoint Mr. Dalton to serve as Zoning Officer. For this additional part-time position, Mr. Dalton shall receive compensation per the current salary ordinance, without additional benefits; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Keith Dalton be and is hereby appointed to the position of Zoning Officer for the unexpired portion of a one-year term effective September 8, 2023;

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

#### **Resolution #175:09'2023: Award of quote (DPW) for the Interior Painting & Carpet Installation – Borough Hall Administrative Offices**

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

At this meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023,

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works has identified a need re-paint and re-carpet the (second floor) administrative offices of the Borough Hall;

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpine Department of Public Works has solicited and received quotes for this project, one from EDP Painting Company of Bedminster, NJ for \$7,850.00 and one from Flooring Installation Systems, Inc. of Old Bridge, NJ for \$16,200.00; and

**WHEREAS**, these quotes were reviewed, and a recommendation made by the DPW Superintendent that the quote be awarded to EDP Painting Company of Bedminster, NJ as the lowest responsible quote totaling \$7,850.00; and

**WHEREAS**, funds for this purpose have been provided for through Capital Ordinance #796 in the following accounts:

Account: C-04-55-988-202 \$5,440.00

C-04-55-988-203 \$2,920.00

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine hereby award the quote for interior painting and carpet installation in the Borough Hall second floor administrative offices to EDP Painting Company of Bedminster, NJ for \$7,850.00. The Chief Financial Officer has provided the Certification of Availability of Funds.

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

#### **Resolution #176:09'2023: Award of Quote (DPW) Bucket Loader Tires**

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

At this meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023,

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works has identified a need to replace the tires for its Bucket Loader; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpine Department of Public Works has solicited and received quotes for this project, one from Inter City Tire of Elizabeth, NJ for \$7,689.55 and one from Custom Bandag Inc. of Secaucus, NJ for \$8556.40; and

**WHEREAS**, these quotes were reviewed, and a recommendation made by the DPW Superintendent that the quote be awarded Inter City Tire of Elizabeth, NJ as the lowest responsible quote totaling \$7,689.55; and

**WHEREAS**, funds for this purpose have been provided for through Capital Ordinance #820 in the following account(s):

Account: C-04-55-998-204

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine hereby award the quote for DPW Bucket Loader tires to Inter City Tire of Elizabeth, NJ for \$7,689.55. The Chief Financial Officer has provided the Certification of Availability of Funds.

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

### **Resolution #177:09'2023: Recognizing the Month of September as Hunger Action Month**

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023

**WHEREAS**, hunger and food insecurity are a reality for far too many of our neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, those who are food insecure are without reliable access to an adequate amount of affordable, nutritious food. Food insecurity can affect anyone, whether they are recently unemployed, underemployed, or supporting a large family; and

**WHEREAS**, food insecurity is a symptom of broader challenges, such as unemployment, disability, retirement or unforeseen financial hardships; and

**WHEREAS**, those who do not have their basic needs met are further hampered in their path toward self-sufficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, ongoing economic instability has increased food insecurity amongst individuals and families throughout Bergen County and across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, food pantries in Bergen County have experienced an approximately 22% increase in need for food assistance compared to last year, and a 40% increase in need from the unprecedented levels seen in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, there are residents in every municipality in Bergen County who receive SNAP benefits, illustrating that this is an issue impacting residents all across Bergen County; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic coattails of the pandemic are long, and despite the end of Federal and state emergency declarations, tremendous need still exists within our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bergen County Food Security Task Force was established to support food pantries in Bergen County by increasing the supply of healthy food options, connecting those in need to vital services, and investing in long term infrastructure to build a more resilient pantry network to ensure no one in Bergen County goes hungry; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bergen County Food Security Task Force has been incorporated into the Department of Human Services as the new Office of Food Security to reaffirm that the county's commitment to fighting hunger continues past the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the energy, philanthropy, and hands-on efforts of a multitude of volunteers throughout the county make a tremendous impact in combatting hunger in our community, and are vital in meeting the struggles of our neighbors with compassion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpine is fortunate to host a collection box for the Norwood Food Pantry within our municipality; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council hereby recognizes the month of September 2023 as "Hunger Action Month" in the Borough of Alpine, and encourages all Bergen County residents to support their local food pantries.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Mayor and Council is committed to ending hunger in Bergen County and will spread awareness and increase engagement in our community to solve this problem

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

**Resolution #178:09'2023: Introduction Ordinance #822 Amending Section 220-18-C(2) of the Alpine Municipal Code Entitled "Certificate of Occupancy"**

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, September 23, 2023

**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 BY THE BOROUGH OF ALPINE IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING SECTION 220-18-C(2) OF THE ALPINE MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY"**

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, October 25, 2023 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, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

**End of Consent Agenda**

**COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL**

**Resolution #179:09'2023: Executive Session**

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

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on September 27, 2023

**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 June 28, 2023, 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:** Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

The Mayor & Council entered into executive session at 7:45 PM, reconvening the public session at 8:55 PM and immediately adjourned.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Gerstein, seconded by Councilman Cohen and approved by all this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann  
Municipal Clerk