

**ALPINE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
SINE DIE MEETING**

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 4:00 PM at Borough Hall
100 Church Street, Alpine, NJ 07620
{This meeting was taped in its entirety}

CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor and Council, Borough of Alpine, convened for this Sine Die Meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 4:00 PM in the Alpine Borough Hall. The Public Announcement was read:

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law, and the Governor's Emergency Declaration the notice of this Sine Die and Reorganization meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 4:00 PM has met the requirements of the law by being published in The Record, posted on the Borough website and the bulletin board of the lobby of the Borough Hall and a copy filed in the office of the Borough Clerk. In addition, due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, instructions to the public on how to access this meeting by telephone have been posted in the Borough lobby and on the Borough website as part of the posted meeting agenda.

ROLL CALL *joined via teleconference

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

Also Present: Russell R. Huntington, Borough Attorney, Perry Frenzel, Borough Engineer, Stephanie Wehmann, Borough Clerk

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FINANCIAL REPORT

CONNECT ONE BANK CURRENT OPERATING ACCOUNT \$ 3,190,736.12

The 2020 percentage of tax collections was 97.43%.

Resolution #202:2020SD: Authorizing Transfer 2020 Budget Appropriations (Transfer #3)

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

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WHEREAS, title 40A:4-58 of the New Jersey Statutes provides that should it become necessary during the last two months of the fiscal year to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated therefore, and there shall be an excess in any appropriation over and above the amount claimed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation, the Governing Body may by Resolution setting forth the facts (adopted by not less than 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof), transfer the amount of such excess of those appropriations deemed to be insufficient.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Alpine, the Borough Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the 2019 Budget Appropriations.

		<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Police Dept. Salaries and Wages	0-01-25-240-010		\$115,258.54
Telephone & Fax Lines	0-01-31-440-020		\$ 1,730.75
Employee Group Insurance	0-01-23-220-020		\$ 400.14
Legal Services	0-01-20-155-020	\$48,394.72	
Streets & Roads Salaries and Wages	0-01-26-290-010	\$48,384.71	
Police Dept. Operating Expenses	0-01-25-240-020	\$16,000.00	
Acquisition of Police vehicles	0-01-25-240-046	\$ 4,600.00	
		\$117,389.43	\$117,389.43

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

Resolution #203:2020SD: Authorizing the Tax Collector to Receive Property Tax Payments Online in Association with the Edmunds and Associates WIPP (Web Inquiry and Payment Portal) Program

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

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WHEREAS, the Government Electronic Payment Acceptance Act (P.L. 1955, c.325) ("Act") authorizes a municipality to establish a credit card payment system or electronic funds transfer system upon the passage of a Resolution by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services has adopted rules and regulations implementing the Act; and,

WHEREAS, the acceptance of online property tax payments with credit card, debit card or e-check will provide a convenience and safe payment method for the Borough of Alpine taxpayers; and,

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is currently utilizing the Edmunds and Associates Tax Collection software program for the collection of property taxes and recommends the implementation of online property tax payments through the Edmunds and Associates WIPP Program for an initial set up fee of \$600 and an annual maintenance fee of \$620 and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Alpine Mayor & Council, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, pursuant to the provisions of the Act and the rules and regulations established by the Division of Local Government Services that the Borough of Alpine authorizes credit card, debit card and e-check payments for property taxes via the online WIPP portal.

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

Resolution #204:2020SD: Approval of Bills and Claims

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

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to approve the bills and claims a copy of which are attached hereto.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution #205:2020SD Employee Time Requests

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

at the Sine Die meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 to permit the following employees to roll over 2020 vacation time to calendar year 2021 due to constraints of office workload as follows:

- Nancy Wehmann is permitted to carry over 4.5 days
- Catherine Booth is permitted to carry over 5.0 days
- Marilyn Hayward is permitted to carry over 0.5 days
- Stephanie Wehmann is permitted to carry over 5.0 days
- Greg Zarembo is permitted to carry over 3.0 days
- Gary Vanderwerf is permitted to carry over 2.0 days

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

COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL Alden Blackwell submitted his letter of resignation effective January 28, 2021. He will be honored at the next regular meeting January 27, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT Upon a motion by Councilwoman Frankel, seconded by Councilwoman Gerstein and approved by all the Sine Die meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council adjourned at 4:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Stephanie Wehmann, Municipal Clerk