

ALPINE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Wednesday, March 22, 2023
Budget Work Session #1 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor and Council, Borough of Alpine, convened for this Budget Workshop on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 7:00 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 Budget Work Session Meeting held Wednesday, March 22, 2023 has met the requirements of the law by being published in The Record on January 9, 2023 as part of the Annual Notice, 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 Tomasko, Mayor	Present	Gayle Gerstein, Council President	Present
Scott Bosworth, Councilman	Absent	Vicki Frankel, Councilwoman	Present
Steve Cohen, Councilman	Absent	David Kupferschmid, Councilman	Present
Arthur Frankel, Councilman	Present		

Staff Present:

Marilyn Hayward, Treasurer/Tax Collector/CFO
Jeffrey Bliss, Borough Accountant/Auditor
Stephanie Wehmann, Borough Clerk

Discussion of the Proposed Budget:

- Mr. Bliss from the firm of Lerch, Vinci & Bliss LLP was present and reviewed the distributed copies of his 2023 Budget Overview. Mr. Bliss reviewed all revenues and appropriations and presented to the Mayor and Council with a clear understanding of the budget scheduled for introduction at the regular meeting to follow.
- The municipal tax rate will go from .182 cents per \$100 of assessed value to .192 cents, a \$275 per year increase for a property assessed at \$2,750,000.
- The tax collection rate for 2022 was 98.54%
- The Mayor thanked Mr. Bliss and Ms. Hayward for their work on the budget process.

Public Comments:

Mr. Robert Policano asked for clarification regarding solar SRECs, tax collectables and liability insurance which was provided.

Budget Workshop #1 adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann
Municipal Clerk