

**ALPINE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 26, 2014 @ 7:30 P.M.
Borough Hall - 100 Church Street**

CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor and Council, Borough of Alpine, convened for this Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. in the Alpine Borough Hall. The Public Announcement was read and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, the notice of this Regular Meeting held Wednesday, March 26, 2014 has met the requirements of the law by being published in The Record 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. This meeting was recorded in its entirety.

ROLL CALL

Paul Tomasko, Mayor	Present	Vicki Frankel, Council President	Present
Paul Garjian, Councilman	Present	Michael Cacouris, Councilman	Present
Gayle Gerstein, Councilwoman	Present	Joan Ornstein, Councilwoman	Absent
John Halbreich, Councilman	Present		

Staff Present on Dais: Acting Municipal Clerk Jerry Beckmann,
Borough Engineer Gary Vander Veer, Borough Attorney Russ Huntington

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Bank Of America Current Operating Acct	3,281,071.73
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Resolution #058: 3'2014: Emergency Appropriation #2 to Increase the 2014 Temporary Budget

OFFERED BY: Councilman Cacouris **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel
at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 to

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to Current Fund appropriations; and

WHEREAS, no adequate provision has been made in the 2014 Temporary Budget for the aforesaid purpose, and R.S. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency appropriation for the purpose, and,

WHEREAS, the total temporary emergency resolutions adopted in the year 2014 pursuant to the provision of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (R.S. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total **\$1,593,502.12** and shall be provided for in the 2014 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, that in accordance with R.S. 40A:4-20, temporary emergency appropriations be and the same is hereby made for the following and that upon adoption, one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

OPERATIONS- Within the "CAP"

General Administration O/E	4-01-20-120-020	\$ 620.31
Postage, Meter & Box Rental	4-01-20-145-031	1,287.38
Police Interborough Radio	4-01-25-250-021	5,686.00

These minutes have been approved by the Mayor and Council.

Buildings & Grounds O/E	4-01-26-310-020	858.67
PSE&G	4-01-31-446-020	161.09
Gasoline	4-01-31-460-020	889.94
Social Security	4-01-36-472-000	686.25
Public Employee's Retirement Fund	4-01-36-471-000	38,767.13
Police & Fireman's Retirement Fund	4-01-36-475-000	<u>3,645.35</u>
		\$ 52,602.12
 <u>OPERATIONS – Outside the "CAP"</u>		
Clean Communities Grant O/E	4-01-41-770-020	<u>1,000.00</u>
		\$ 1,000.00
	TOTAL:	\$ 53,602.12

Vote: Ayes: Cacouris, Frankel, Garjian, Gerstein, Halbreich **Absent:** Ornstein
MOTION CARRIED

Resolution #059: 3'2014: 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, March 26, 2014 to approve the bills and claims, a copy of which are appended.

Vote: Ayes: Cacouris, Frankel, Garjian, Gerstein, Halbreich **Absent:** Ornstein
MOTION CARRIED

Resolution #060:3'2014 Introduction Ordinance #739 To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40a:4-45.14)

OFFERED BY: Councilman Cacouris **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel
at a special meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, March 26, 2014

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:

CALENDAR YEAR 2014

An ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

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, April 23, 2014 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, 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: Cacouris, Frankel, Garjian, Gerstein, Halbreich **Absent:** Ornstein
MOTION CARRIED

Resolution #061:3'2014 Introduction 2014 Municipal Budget

Councilman Cacouris wished to thank his fellow Mayor and Council along with staff Acting Municipal Clerk Beckmann and Treasurer Hayward. Mayor Tomasko likewise thanked Councilman Cacouris.

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday, March 26, 2014

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statement of revenues and appropriations attached hereto constitute the local Budget of the Borough of Alpine, Bergen County, New Jersey for the year 2014

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said budget be published in the Record Newspaper Group in the issue of April 2, 2014 and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Municipal Building on April 23, 2014 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

Vote: Ayes: Cacouris, Frankel, Garjian, Gerstein, Halbreich **Absent:** Ornstein

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution #062:3'2014 Temporary 2014 Capital Budget

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday, March 26, 2014

WHEREAS the local capital budget for the year 2014 has not been adopted

WHEREAS, it is desired to Introduce a Capital Ordinance

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen that the following temporary capital budget of 2014 be made:

FROM

CAPITAL BUDGET (Current Year Action) – need to revise 2014

Project	Estimated Total Cost	Improvement Fund	Grants in Aid and Other Funds	Debt Authorized
2014 Road Program	\$ 350,000	\$10,000		\$ 340,000
2014 Various Capital Improvements	\$ 64,000	\$ 3,200		\$ 60,800
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$ 414,000	\$ 13,200		\$400,800

3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2014-2016

Anticipated PROJECT Schedule and Funding Requirement

Project	Estimated Total Cost	Budget Year 2014
2014 Road Program	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
2014 Various Capital Improvements	\$ 64,000	\$ 64,000
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$ 414,000	\$ 414,000

3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2014-2016

Summary of Anticipated Funding and Amounts

Project	Estimated Total Cost	Capital Improvement Fund	Grants in Aid and Other Funds	Bonds and Notes General
2014 Road Program	\$ 350,000	\$10,000		\$340,000
2014 Various Capital Improvements	\$ 64,000	\$ 3,200		\$ 60,800
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$ 414,000	\$ 13,200		\$400,800

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services.

Vote: Ayes: Cacouris, Frankel, Garjian, Gerstein, Halbreich **Absent:** Ornstein

MOTION CARRIED

Tax Assessor's Report. Report on file in the Borough Clerk's Office.

MAYOR'S REPORT The Mayor reported on the following:

- Letter received from the Palisades Interstate Parkway Commission in accordance with NJSA 54:4A-5 certifying the amount of money Alpine would have derived for FY2013 as tax revenue for PIPC owned lands which are tax exempt: \$3,712,245.72.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration Department For today and the next three Wednesdays Acting Municipal Clerk will be attending his second course, Elections, as part of his path to certification. The Deputy Borough Clerk will be available.

Building Department Councilman Halbreich read the report's main statistics.

Highlights:41 inspections, 5 zoning review applications, 1 sign permits. The report is on file.

Department of Public Works Councilman Garjian thanked the DPW for performance during continued winter weather and noted 1st quarter JIF safety meeting report being compiled for submission, pot hole repairs continue, and repairs to equipment. The report is on file.

Fire Department Councilwoman Gerstein stated report is on file.

Resolution #063:3'2014 Approving Membership of Timothy K. Park

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, March 26, 2014 to approve the application of Timothy K. Park as Fireman in the Alpine Fire Department per the Chief's recommendation.

Vote: Ayes: Cacouris, Frankel, Garjian, Gerstein, Halbreich **Absent:** Ornstein

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution #064:3'2014 Approving Membership of Michael P. Hobeika

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, March 26, 2014 to approve the application of Michael P. Hobeika as Fireman in the Alpine Fire Department per the Chief's recommendation.

Vote: Ayes: Cacouris, Frankel, Garjian, Gerstein, Halbreich **Absent:** Ornstein

MOTION CARRIED

Police Department Report is on file.

Resolution #065:3'2014: 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, March 26, 2014 to accept the reports of the Standing Committees.

Vote: Ayes: Cacouris, Frankel, Garjian, Gerstein, Halbreich **Absent:** Ornstein

MOTION CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT Councilman Garjian advised the School Musical will be held April 4th at 7 PM and the Alpine School Congress went down to Trenton. He received a copy of a certificate of congratulations presented to Ariel Fromm in recognition of outstanding accomplishments and contribution of an authored bill chosen for debate.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT No report.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT Engineer Vander Veer distributed his report.

- **Church Street Municipal Aide 2013 Project** has been submitted to DOT. He has received preliminary comments and they have responded. They are ready to go to bid. Per an

earlier telephone conversation with the Mayor the cost is to be limited to the \$150,000 grant. They will need to provide an alternate bid item and the project will likely be cut back in scope to pave from Hillside Avenue to Closter Dock Road unless the bids are exceptionally good in which case they may be able to proceed further south of Hillside. This can probably be bid out next month and award sometime in May.

- **2014 Road Improvement Program** He attended the Riverside Cooperative meeting to obtain additional information on micro-surfacing. He reported back to the Mayor that there are four roads he can recommend to keep within the \$50,000 cap. This is not reconstruction so condition bears a lot on selection. Roads cannot be very deteriorated. The process only lays down about 1/4 - 3/8 of an inch and is intended to extend the life of the road about 5-8 years. These roads are just beginning to show cracks but not wide cracks or potholes which require reconstruction with traditional milling and paving. Quantities have to be submitted by April 10 for the regular mill and pave program and he will provide that information to the Clerk's office for forwarding to the Riverside Cooperative.

Mayor Tomasko thanked Mr. Vander Veer for attending the Riverside Cooperative along with himself and DPW Superintendent Wehmann.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS Resolutions #066:3'2014 - #077:3'2014

Councilwoman Gerstein recused from Montammy Golf Club matters; she is a member.

1. Approval of Minutes

a. Resolution #066:3'2014: Budget Meeting #2 February 26, 2014

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, March 26, 2014 to approve the minutes of Budget Meeting #2 February 26, 2014.

Vote: Ayes: Cacouris, Frankel, Garjian, Gerstein, Halbreich **Absent:** Ornstein

MOTION CARRIED

b. Resolution #067:3'2014:Regular Meeting February 26, 2014

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, March 26, 2014 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting February 26, 2014.

Vote: Ayes: Cacouris, Frankel, Garjian, Gerstein, Halbreich **Absent:** Ornstein

MOTION CARRIED

c. Resolution #068:3'2014:Executive Session February 26, 2014

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, March 26, 2014 to approve the minutes of the Executive Session February 26, 2014.

Vote: Ayes: Cacouris, Frankel, Garjian, Gerstein, Halbreich **Absent:** Ornstein

MOTION CARRIED

2. Resolution #069:3'2014: Authorizing Sale of SRECs No Longer Needed Using Flett Exchange

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine has certain photovoltaic equipment that generates electricity; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine has earned valuable Solar Renewable Energy Credits (S-REC's), in recognition of the clean energy produced by its photovoltaic equipment; and

WHEREAS, these S-REC's are not needed for public use and may therefore be sold as surplus personal property; and

WHEREAS, S-REC's may be sold through an online auction process, pursuant to the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act, P.L. 1002, c. 30 and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services, within the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, has approved the use of Flett Exchange, LLC, to conduct online auctions of S-REC's; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorizes the sale of its current S-REC's through an online auction conducted by Flett Exchange, LLC, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Alpine shall publish notice of the impending sale of the S-REC's in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 and a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Division of Local Government Services and the Board of Public Utilities.

Vote: Ayes: Cacouris, Frankel, Garjian, Gerstein, Halbreich **Absent:** Ornstein

MOTION CARRIED

3. Resolution #070:3'2014: Closter Volunteer Ambulance LOSAP for 2013

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, March 26, 2014

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine has established a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for Alpine Fire Department and has approved an Interlocal Agreement with the Borough of Closter for the Closter Volunteer Ambulance Rescue Corps which services Alpine, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine has received a certification from the Closter Volunteer Ambulance Rescue Corps of the annual list for the year 2013 commencing January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2013 of all volunteer members who have qualified for credit under the LOSAP program, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine has reviewed the said list and does hereby believe that the same should be certified.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine that the following named members of the Closter Volunteer Ambulance Rescue Corps have attained the minimum number of points and therefore qualify to receive an award for the 2013 reporting year:

Donald Albelli	David Ary	Margaret Barretta
Regina Duffy	Barbara Elarde, Lt.	Sean Foley
Andrew Galinac, Capt.	James Gordon	Herbert Ross
Rich Incontro	Terri Komar, Lt.	Tony Lupardi
Tom Migliore	Dan Palmadessa	Brian Pierro
Martin Prince	Frank Rotondo	Mark Safran
Stevan Selle	Ilana Yellin	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copy of this Resolution shall be posted for a period of thirty (30) days on the bulletin boards in the lobby of the Alpine Borough Hall and in the Closter Volunteer Ambulance Rescue Corps and a copy be forwarded to the Borough of Closter.

Vote: Ayes: Cacouris, Frankel, Garjian, Gerstein, Halbreich **Absent:** Ornstein

MOTION CARRIED

4. Resolution #071:3'2014: Conditional Authorization for BCUA Wastewater Management Planning

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine (the "Borough") is the designated agency with responsibility to prepare a Wastewater Management Plan ("WMP") under the DEP Water Quality Planning Regulations, N.J.A.C. 7:15; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Utilities Authority ("BCUA") has by letters dated December 23, 2013 and January 27, 2014, offered to provide the required planning services for the entire Borough and include the entire Borough in its 2014 WMP, provided that the Borough waives its responsibility to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to accept the BCUA offer subject to the conditions below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body that the Borough accepts the BCUA offer to engage in wastewater management planning for the entire Borough and to include the entire Borough in the BCUA's WMP update and waives its responsibility to do so, all subject to the following conditions:

1. The Borough shall remain as the designated planning agency.
2. The Borough may in the future, at its discretion, revoke the delegation and waiver made in this Resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mr. Clay Sherman, NJDEP, Division of Coastal & Land Use Planning Mail Code 401-07C, POB 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420; Mr. Eric Andersen, P.E. BCUA Chief Engineer/Director of Water Pollution Control Division, PO Box 9, Foot of Mehrhof Road, Little Ferry, New Jersey 07643.

Vote: Ayes: Cacouris, Frankel, Garjian, Gerstein, Halbreich **Absent:** Ornstein

MOTION CARRIED

5. Resolution #072:3'2014: Introduction Ordinance 740 2014 Salary Ordinance

OFFERED BY: SECONDED BY:

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, March 26, 2014.

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 PROVIDING FOR THE SALARIES, WAGES OR COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPINE IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY."

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, April 23, 2014 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: Cacouris, Frankel, Garjian, Gerstein, Halbreich **Absent:** Ornstein

MOTION CARRIED

6. Resolution #073:3'2014: Introduction Capital Bond Ord. 741 Various Capital Improvement Program

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, March 26, 2014,

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:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2014 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF ALPINE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$64,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$60,800 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COSTS THEREOF

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, April 23, 2014 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 by Title/Summary, 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: Cacouris, Frankel, Garjian, Gerstein, Halbreich **Absent:** Ornstein

MOTION CARRIED

7. Resolution #074:3'2014: Introduction Capital Bond Ord. 742 Road Improvement Program

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, March 28, 2012

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:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2014 ROAD PROGRAM IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF ALPINE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$350,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$340,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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, April

23, 2014 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 by Title/Summary, 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: Cacouris, Frankel, Garjian, Gerstein, Halbreich **Absent:** Ornstein

MOTION CARRIED

8. Resolution #075:3'2014: 2014 MELJIF Compliance: Amending Employee Manual

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, March 26, 2014

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine in conjunction with the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund has an employee handbook for personnel practices and policies; and

WHEREAS, every two years municipalities are required to update the employment practices and policies manual to remain eligible for certain MEL premium and deductive incentives; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine and the Borough Attorney reviewed the policies and updated certain provisions in the Borough's Employee Handbook and Managerial/Supervisory Procedures Manual in accordance with the recommendations of the MEL/JIF; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough's Employee Handbook is hereby approved, as amended in accordance with the recommendations of the MEL/JIF and Mayor and Council. Substantial changes exclusive of grammatical corrections or changes to table of contents and format are provided herein attached as Addendum A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an updated Employee Handbook will be distributed to all employees within the Borough of Alpine.

Vote: Ayes: Cacouris, Frankel, Garjian, Gerstein, Halbreich **Absent:** Ornstein

MOTION CARRIED

9. Resolution #076:3'2014: Approval Raffles Application: Kaplen JCC on Palisades @ Montammy Golf Club

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

at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on March 26, 2014 to approve the raffles application of the JCC on the Palisades to sponsor a 50/50 raffle on Monday, July 14, 2014 at Montammy Golf Club.

Vote: Ayes: Cacouris, Frankel, Garjian, Halbreich **Abstain:** Gerstein **Absent:** Ornstein

MOTION CARRIED

10. Resolution #077:3'2014: LG

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

at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on March 26, 2014

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Palisades are among the most dramatic geologic features in the region, with lush, green, rugged cliffs that inspired many of the Hudson River School painters; and

WHEREAS, this landscape is so important that the National Park Service has designated the New Jersey Palisades as both National Natural Landmark and National Historic Landmark under the National Historic Preservation Act; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of all New Jersey residents to be proud stewards of this naturally and historically significant treasure and fight for their continued protection; and

WHEREAS, the Palisades Interstate Park Commission has found that the height of the proposed LG USA Headquarters building above the tree line is not in accordance with its stewardship mission and the public trust to preserve the scenic beauty of the Palisades and would create a precedent inconsistent with its mission; and

WHEREAS, with a fourfold increase upon existing zoning, the 143-foot height of the proposed development of the LG USA Headquarters in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, poses a new threat and precedent to the scenic beauty of the Hudson River shoreline north of Fort Lee, and

WHEREAS, the development needs of an LG USA headquarters on this 27-acre site can be achieved at a lower building height that would not pose such a threat and precedent to the scenic beauty of the Palisades; and

WHEREAS, we are obligated to retain the vision of the Federation of Women's Clubs, which, one hundred years ago, collected funds from the residents of New York and New Jersey to purchase the land that would keep the Palisades pristine for all time;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Alpine, Bergen County, New Jersey, that it opposes the height of the LG USA headquarters building, as currently planned, and strongly urges the management of LG USA, Inc. to lower the proposed height of the building to below the tree line in order to preserve the scenic beauty of the Palisades.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to **William Cho, CEO, LG Electronics USA, 920 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632**, Governor Chris Christie, Senator Robert Menendez, Senator Cory Booker, Congressman Scott Garrett, Congressman Bill Pascrell, State Senator Gerald Cardinale, State Senator Loretta Weinberg, Assemblyman Holly Schepisi, Assemblyman Valerie Huttle, Assemblyman Gordon Johnson, County Executive Kathleen Donovan, the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the governing bodies of eastern Bergen County municipalities.

Vote: Ayes: Cacouris, Frankel, Garjian, Gerstein, Halbreich **Absent:** Ornstein

MOTION CARRIED

End of Consent Agenda Resolutions

COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL

Draft of the quarterly newsletter distributed to Council for review and comment.

Resolution #78:3'2014 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: Councilman Garjian **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein
at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, March 26, 2014

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)(8) Matter Relating to Employment Relationship: DPW

(b)(7+/9) Matter Relating to Potential Litigation or Imposition of a Penalty: Block 43 Lot 1

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, assembled in public session on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, 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: Cacouris, Frankel, Garjian, Gerstein, Halbreich **Absent:** Ornstein

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session began at 7:43 p.m. and the public portion reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

Resolution #079:3'2014: DPW Full Time Employee John Stuart Williams Davis

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

at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 to make John Stuart Williams Davis a full time employee of the Alpine D.P.W. effective April 1, 2014 at a salary commensurate with Equipment Operator I under the Salary Ordinance of the Borough of Alpine and waiving the introductory eligibility period for benefits as outlined in the Employee Manual.

Vote: Ayes: Cacouris, Frankel, Garjian, Gerstein, Halbreich **Absent:** Ornstein

MOTION CARRIED

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 March 26, 2014 at 7:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Beckmann, Acting Borough Clerk