

**ALPINE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 26, 2013 @ 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, June 26, 2013 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, June 26, 2013 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 @7:35 PM
Gayle Gerstein, Councilwoman	Present	Joan Ornstein, Councilwoman	Present
John Halbreich, Councilman	Present		

Staff Present on Dais: Borough Clerk Gail Warming-Tanno, Borough Engineer Gary Vander Veer, Borough Attorney Russ Huntington

Presentation to Captain Michael LaViola (Retirement effective 8/1/2013)

Captain LaViola's last day will be July 3. Mayor Tomasko reminded Captain LaViola was honored as Grand Marshall at the Memorial Day parade. Mayor Tomasko and Council President/Police Commissioner Vicki Frankel presented a plaque to Captain LaViola that reads as follows:

**PRESENTED TO MICHAEL LAVIOLA
IN RECOGNITION OF AND APPRECIATION FOR THIRTY-SEVEN AND ONE HALF YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE
BOROUGH OF ALPINE POLICE DEPARTMENT
FROM MARCH 1976 TO JULY 2013
CULMINATING IN THE RANK OF CAPTAIN
PAUL H. TOMASKO, MAYOR
VICKI FRANKEL, POLICE COMMISSIONER
AND THE ALPINE COUNCIL
JUNE 26, 2013**

Captain LaViola hoped he had touched a lot of lives, in particular the children of the town, which he specialized in as Juvenile and D.A.R.E. officer, as well as the adults. He noted police officers wear many hats and complimented his fellow officers. In turn his life has been touched by everyone he has worked for and with and he wishes them well.

APPOINTMENT & OATH OF OFFICE: PATROLMAN MATTHEW GOUGH

Mayor's Appointment: Mayor Tomasko thanked the Police Committee consisting of Commissioner Vicki Frankel, Councilwoman Ornstein and Councilman John Halbreich. Mayor Tomasko appointed Matthew Gough as Patrolman in the Alpine Police Department effective July 1, 2013.

These minutes have been approved by the Mayor and Council.

Resolution #102:6'2013 Affirming the appointment of Matthew Gough

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Frankel, seconded by Councilwoman Gerstein at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, June 26, 2013 to affirm the appointment of Matthew Gough as Patrolman in the Alpine Police Department effective July 1, 2013

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

MOTION CARRIED

OATH OF OFFICE: Mayor Tomasko administered the oath of office to Patrolman Matthew Gough in the company of Commissioner Frankel, Acting Chief Belcolle and Officer Gough's family and friends. Officer Gough thanked Acting Chief Belcolle, Alpine police officers who were in attendance and his family.

Mayor Tomasko advised everyone there would be a reception following this evening's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS No public comments.

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

Bank Of America Current Operating Acct \$1,956,961.98

Resolution #103: 6'2013: 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, June 26, 2013 to approve the bills and claims, a copy of which are appended.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution #104:6'2013 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, June 26, 2013 to approve the return of the following bonds and escrow subject to review and approval by the Borough Engineer.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
Minnetian, Christopher & Anna	72/26	ZBA Escrow	\$19.51	
Sabathia, Carsten & Amber	71/22	ZBA Escrow	\$642.00	
Goldman, Alex & Raimonda	41/7	Tree Bond	\$2,000.00	
		Re-vegetation Bond	\$2,100.00	
		Performance Bond	\$2,000.00	
		Escrow	\$197.00	
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			\$6,297.00	
		Total		\$6,958.51

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

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution #105: 6'2013: Authorizing Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lienholder

OFFERED BY: Councilman Cacouris **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, June 26, 2013

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on October 11, 2012, a lien was sold on Block 22 Lot 26, also known as 46 Tamarack Road, Alpine, NJ for 2011 delinquent taxes; and,

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #12-00001, was sold to Rosehill Fund 2, LLC, P.O. Box 503, Rye, NY 10580 for a 0% redemption fee and a premium in the amount of \$46,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, Anthony J. Vaccarino and Giselle A. Vaccarino, the purchasers of the real property located at 46 Tamarack Road, Block 22 Lot 26, Alpine, NJ, have effected redemption of Certificate #12-00001 in the amount of \$36,468.96,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Borough Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$36,468.96 payable to Rosehill Fund 2, LLC, P.O. Box 503, Rye, NY 10580 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #12-00001,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$46,000.00 to the aforementioned lien holder for return of the premium.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution #106: 6'2013: Special item of revenue – Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, June 26, 2013

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and,

WHEREAS, said director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amounts; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine has been approved by the State of NJ, Department of Law and Public Safety, for participation in the Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Grant in the amount of \$4,678; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine is desirous to anticipate and appropriate such monies in the amount of \$4,678; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Alpine, Bergen County, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an additional item of revenue in the budget for 2013 in the sum of \$4,678 which item is now available as a revenue from the Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund pursuant to the provision of the statute; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$4,678 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund \$4,678.00

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and the Borough Treasurer.

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

MOTION CARRIED

TAX ASSESSOR's REPORT Report on file

MAYOR'S REPORT No report.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration Department No report.

Building Department Councilman Halbreich advised there were 62 scheduled inspections, 8 tree permits, 2 soil moving applications and 11 zoning review applications. The rest of the report is on file.

Department of Public Works Councilman Garjian thanked Superintendent Wehmann for coordinating 2nd Qtr Safety Committee Meetings and Claims Review. The rest of the report is on file for review.

Fire Department Report is on file.

Police Department Report is on file.

Resolution #107:6'2013: Accepting the Reports of the Standing Committees

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Garjian at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, June 26, 2013 to accept the reports of the Standing Committees.

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

MOTION CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT Graduations held. School is out.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT No report.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT Report is on file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS Resolutions #108:6'2013 - #110:6'2013

Councilman Cacouris abstains from #1 & 2. He was absent.

1. Resolution #108:6'2013: Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting May 22, 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, June 26, 2013 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting May 22, 2013.

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

MOTION CARRIED

2. Resolution #109:6'2013: Approval of Minutes -Executive Session Meeting May 22, 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, June 26, 2013 to approve minutes of the Executive Session Meeting May 22, 2013.

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

MOTION CARRIED

3. Resolution #110:6'2013:Authorize Use Church Street Field – Tenafly/Alpine Soccer

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, June 26, 2013 to approve the request by the Tenafly Soccer for Use of the Borough (Church Street) field beginning August 26, 2013 through November 18, 2013: weekday afternoons between 3:30 pm and 6:45 pm and Saturdays and Sundays between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm.

Such use is also subject to the Borough's Risk Management Policies for Use of Facilities, including but not limited to provision of a Certificate of Insurance listing the Borough as additional insured.

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

MOTION CARRIED

End of Consent Agenda Resolutions

COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL

Mayor Tomasko distributed a draft of the quarterly newsletter to Council for their review.

ADJOURNMENT Upon a motion by Councilwoman Frankel seconded by Councilwoman Gerstein this regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail warming-Tanno, Borough Clerk