

**ALPINE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday, March 27, 2024**  
**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 27, 2024 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 27, 2024 has met the requirements of the law by being published in The Record on January 10, 2024 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	Present	Vicki Frankel, Councilwoman	Absent
Steve Cohen, Councilman	Present*Phone	David Kupferschmid, Councilman	Present
Arthur Frankel, Councilman	Present*Phone		

**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 2024 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 .192 cents per \$100 of assessed value to .198 cents, a \$166 per year increase for a property assessed at \$2,762,000.
- The tax collection rate for 2023 was 98.34%
- The Mayor thanked Mr. Bliss and Ms. Hayward for their work on the budget process.

**Public Comments:**

Budget Workshop #1 adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann  
Municipal Clerk