

ALPINE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Wednesday, March 25, 2020
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 25, 2020 at 7:04 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 25, 2020 has met the requirements of the law by being published in The Record on January 7, 2020 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

Present:

Mayor Tomasko, Council President Frankel, Councilmen Frankel, Shadek
Councilman Halbreich phoned in at 7:04 PM
Councilman Cacouris phoned in at 7:22 PM (due to technical difficulties)

Absent: Councilwoman Gerstein

Staff Present: Borough Auditor Jeffrey Bliss, Stephanie Wehmann, Borough Clerk
Marilyn Hayward, Treasurer/Tax Collector/CFO phoned in at 7:02 PM

Discussion of the Proposed Budget

Mr. Bliss from the firm of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP was present and reviewed the distributed copies of his 2020 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 rate will go from 16.9 cents per \$100 of assessed value to 17.2 cents, a \$83 per year increase for a property assessed at \$2,775,000.

The tax collection rate for 2019 was 94.9%

Budget Workshop #1 adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann
Municipal Clerk