

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 25, 2025 @ 7:30 P.M.
BOROUGH HALL - 100 CHURCH STREET - ALPINE, NJ
(This meeting was recorded in its entirety)**

CALL TO ORDER / PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor and Council, Borough of Alpine, convened for this Regular Meeting on June 25, 2025, at 7:30 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 Regular meeting has met the requirements of the law by being e-mailed to The Record, posted on the bulletin board of the lobby in the Borough Hall and on the website and a copy filed in the office of the Borough Clerk.*

ROLL CALL

Paul H. Tomasko, Mayor	Present	Gayle Gerstein, Council President	Present
George Abad, Councilman	Present	Scott Bosworth, Councilman	Present
Steven Cohen, Councilman	Present	Arthur Frankel, Councilman	Present
David Kupferschmid, Councilman	Present		

Staff Present on Dais: Borough Engineer Perry Frenzel, Borough Attorney Levi Kool, Borough Clerk Stephanie Wehmann

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Tomasko opened for public comment. Robert Policano asked about Ordinance 843 and what exactly was involved. The Mayor explained that the two houses would still have access and that there would be minimal change. The Borough attorney explained that there would still be access. Seeing no further, the public comment portion was closed.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ConnectOne Bank Current Operating Account **\$3,381,646.57**

Resolution 123:06'2025: Return of Bonds or Escrow

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

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on June 25, 2025, to return the following bonds or escrows:

Block	Lot	Name	Type	Amount
22	15	Forem, Aron	Tree Bond	\$12,607.27
			Re-Veg Bond	6,897.86
			Soil Moving	4,290.75
			Engineering	1,044.75
TOTAL				\$25,840.27
49	11	Jahan, Hooshang & Johre	Engineering	\$ 731.00

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution 124:06'2025: Approval of Bills and Claims

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

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on June 25, 2025, to approve the bills and claims as outlined in the Finance Report.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution 125:06'2025: Refund of 2025 Tax Overpayment: 48 Rio Vista Dr B:22/L:20

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

WHEREAS, the following property owner made a duplicate payment of property taxes for 2nd quarter of 2025, and;

WHEREAS, said property owner has requested a refund of the duplicate payment in the amount as shown below.

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 the necessary check in the following amount and made payable to the property owner:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
22	20	Kwon, David & Mindy	48 Rio Vista Drive	\$19,038.00

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution 126:06'2025: Group Affidavit for the 2024 Audit

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Cohen **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein
at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year **2024** has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs, and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled: General Comments and Recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled: 'General Comments – Recommendations' as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto, and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board, and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 - to wit: R.S. 52:27BB-52 - "A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provision of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

Councilman Cohen, Finance Commissioner, shared that there is a new hire: Alex Mailander will be the Assistant Finance Officer. The formal resolution will follow in July. His start date is July 15.

TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORT The report is available for review

MAYOR'S REPORT The Riverside Coop met last Thursday. The Mayor was happy to share with the group that the Alpine resurfacing is done. Congratulations to Councilwoman Gerstein and Councilman Bosworth for the many votes they received at the recent Primary. The Alpine School graduated 19 students on June 12. The Valedictorian was Caroline Baquiran, Salutatorian Summer Leoce, and the Citizenship Award Winner was Lillian Victoria Song. Twelve Alpine students also graduated from Tenafly High School last Thursday. The Safety Committee met on June 17; a Loss Control Report indicated no suggestions for improvement.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration Department There were 60 OPRA requests during the past month, bringing the total to 277 for the year. The Swim Club is ready for the daily activities to start on July 4.

Building Department 106 scheduled inspections, 1 driveway permit, 5 tree permits, 2 soil moving applications, 6 zoning review applications, and 3 miscellaneous applications. The report is on file.

Department of Public Works A water heater was replaced at the COAH building. A tractor trailer became stuck in the mud there. The DPW had to repair the field after helping it to get freed. The DPW report is on file.

Fire Department The statistics are on file.

Resolution 127:06'2025: Approve Junior Firefighter Application-David Asulin

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 to approve the Junior Firefighter application for David Asulin.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

Police Department There were 29 summonses issued. There were 7 motor vehicle accidents, 3 resulting in injuries. The balance of the report is on file. The Chief is present for the meeting.

Resolution 128:06'2025: Accepting the Reports of the Standing Committees

OFFERED BY: Councilman Abad **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Cohen

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 to accept the reports of the standing committees.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT no report

BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT no report

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT The contractor for the Anderson Avenue improvements needs to give a finite date. A request for a grant for the repaving of Buckingham has been filed. The grants should be announced in the fall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 842: Amend 2025 Salary Ordinance No. 839

Public Hearing The meeting was opened to the public for comments. Hearing none, the meeting was closed to the public for comments.

Resolution 129:06'2025: Adoption Ordinance No. 842

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025

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 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 839 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.”

does hereby pass its second and final reading and is hereby adopted and Notice of same be published according to law.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

Ordinance No. 843: An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Appletree Lane in the Borough of Alpine

Public Hearing The meeting was opened to the public for comments. Hearing none, the meeting was closed to the public for comments.

Resolution 130:06'2025: Adoption Ordinance No. 843

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on June 25, 2025.

WHEREAS, F.E. Alpine, Inc., and affiliated entities (collectively, the “Developer”) have received approval pursuant to a Settlement Agreement dated October 25, 2023, to develop property identified as Block 55, Lots 25.01, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Alpine; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Settlement Agreement, the Borough of Alpine agreed to vacate a portion of Appletree Lane not needed for public purposes, specifically the portion beginning at the terminus of the southwesterly right-of-way line of Appletree Lane and proceeding approximately 55 feet, as more particularly described in the legal description annexed to the ordinance as Schedule “A”; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that said portion of Appletree Lane is not necessary for public use and that vacating the same serves the public interest and fulfills the terms of the Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Council has introduced and published an ordinance entitled “**An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Appletree Lane in the Borough of Alpine,**” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:49-2 and N.J.S.A. 40:67-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance was duly considered and adopted at a public meeting of the Mayor and Council after notice and opportunity for public comment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The ordinance entitled “*An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Appletree Lane in the Borough of Alpine*” is hereby adopted.
2. The Borough Clerk is directed to file a certified copy of this resolution and the adopted ordinance with the Bergen County Clerk and the Bergen County Planning Board.
3. The Borough Clerk shall also provide notice of the adoption of this ordinance as required by law.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

NEW BUSINESS CONSENT AGENDA

Item 1B (executive session minutes) are subject to the borough Attorney's minor revisions.

Resolution 131:06'2025: Approval of Minutes-Regular Meeting and Executive Session May 28, 2025

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 to approve the minutes of The Regular Meeting May 28, 2025.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution 132:06'2025: Endorsing the 2025 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, (hereinafter, “Alpine”) has a demonstrated history of voluntary compliance with its constitutional affordable housing obligations; and

These minutes have been approved by the Mayor and Council.

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Phil Murphy signed into law P.L. 2024, c.2, an Amendment to the 1985 Fair Housing Act (hereinafter "Amended FHA" or "Act"); and

WHEREAS, among other things, the Act abolished the Council on Affordable Housing (hereinafter, "COAH"), and replaced it with seven retired, on recall judges designated as the Program and authorized the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, (hereinafter, respectively, "Director" and "AOC") to create a framework to process applications for affordable housing compliance certification; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act and to Directive #14-24 issued by the Director on December 13, 2024, a municipality desiring to participate in the Program was obligated to take the following actions by January 31, 2025: (1) adopt a "binding resolution" determining its present and prospective need affordable housing obligations and (2) to file an action in the form of a declaratory judgment complaint in the County in which the municipality is located within 48 hours after the municipality's adoption of a binding resolution; and

WHEREAS, Alpine adopted a binding resolution on its present and prospective need affordable housing obligations and filed the required declaratory judgment action in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Act also requires that a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (hereinafter, "HEFSP") be prepared and adopted by the Alpine Planning Board (hereinafter, "Planning Board"), and endorsed by the Alpine Governing Body (hereinafter, "Governing Body"), by June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board adopted the HEFSP entitled "Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, Borough of Alpine, Bergen County, New Jersey" prepared by Burgis Associates, Inc., dated June 10, 2025 ("2025 HEFSP"), as an amendment to Alpine's Master Plan on June 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to endorse 2025 HEFSP adopted by the Planning Board on June 24, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Governing Body does hereby endorse the 2025 HEFSP adopted by the Planning Board on June 24, 2025.
2. The Governing Body does hereby authorize the filing of this Resolution endorsing the 2025 HEFSP adopted by the Planning Board on eCourts for review by the Program.
3. The Mayor and Clerk, together with other appropriate officers and employees of Alpine, are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution 133:06'2025: Award of Quote (DPW)-John Deere Maintenance Repairs

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

At this meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025,

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has identified a need for maintenance repairs of its Bucket Loader (replacement of front and rear axle brakes and oil cooler); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine Department of Public Works has solicited and received quotes for these repairs, one from Ricardo Jaurez Equipment LLC of Tenafly, NJ for \$10,127.25 and one from JESCO Inc. of South Plainfield, NJ for \$15,845.33; and

WHEREAS, these quotes were reviewed, and a recommendation made by the DPW Superintendent that the quote be awarded to Ricardo Jaurez Equipment LLC of Tenafly, NJ as the lowest responsible quote totaling \$10,127.25; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose have been provided for through Capital Ordinance #840 in the following account(s):

Account: C-04-25-840-205

pending final adoption and estoppel period of a Capital Bond Ordinance for this purpose.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine hereby award the quote for DPW Bucket Loader maintenance repairs to Ricardo Jaurez Equipment LLC of Tenafly, NJ for \$10,127.25 The Chief Financial Officer has provided the Certification of Availability of Funds.

Vote: Ayes: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution 134:06'2025: Award of Quote (DPW/Buildings & Grounds) Painting & Flooring for Police Department**OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Kupferschmid

At this meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025,

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has identified a need replace the carpeting at and repaint the Police Department headquarters; and**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpine Department of Public Works has solicited and received quotes for this project, one from EDP Painting Company of Bedminster, NJ for \$9,990.00 and one from A Plus Enterprise NJ Inc. of North Brunswick, NJ for \$25,247.21; and**WHEREAS**, these quotes were reviewed, and a recommendation made by the DPW Superintendent that the quote be awarded to EDP Painting Company of Bedminster, NJ as the lowest responsible quote totaling \$9,990.00; and**WHEREAS**, funds for this purpose have been provided for through Capital Ordinance #840 in the following accounts:

Account: C-04-25-840-206

pending final adoption and estoppel period of a Capital Bond Ordinance for this purpose.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine hereby award the quote for repainting and recarpeting of the Police Department headquarters to EDP Painting Company of Bedminster, NJ for \$9,990.00. The Chief Financial Officer has provided the Certification of Availability of Funds.**Vote: Ayes:** Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid**MOTION APPROVED****Resolution 135:06'2025: Award of Quote (DPW/Buildings & Grounds) Replacement of Affordable Housing Hot Water Heaters****OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Kupferschmid

At this meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025,

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has identified a need replace the hot water heaters at the affordable housing complex; and**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpine Department of Public Works has solicited and received quotes for this project, one from Candela Plumbing & Heating LLC of Lodi, NJ for \$17,600.00 (labor & supplies), one from Hometown Plumbing Contractors of Tenafly, NJ for \$3,200.00 (labor only) and one from General Plumbing Supply of Tenafly, NJ for \$7,146.44 (supplies only); and**WHEREAS**, these quotes were reviewed, and a recommendation made by the DPW Superintendent that the quote be awarded to Hometown Plumbing Contractors of Tenafly, NJ for \$3,200.00 (labor only) and General Plumbing Supply of Tenafly, NJ for \$7,146.44 (supplies only) as the lowest responsible quotes totaling \$10,346.44; and**WHEREAS**, funds for this purpose have been provided for through the following accounts:

Account: 90100

pending final adoption and estoppel period of a Capital Bond Ordinance for this purpose.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine hereby award the quote for replacing the hot water heaters at the affordable housing complex (QTY: 8) to Hometown Plumbing Contractors of Tenafly, NJ for \$3,200.00 (labor only) and General Plumbing Supply of Tenafly, NJ for \$7,146.44 (supplies only). The Chief Financial Officer has provided the Certification of Availability of Funds.**Vote: Ayes:** Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid**MOTION APPROVED****Resolution 136:06'2025: Authorizing Using a Cooperative Purchasing Program Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC) & Notice of Intent to Award Contract for Fire Apparatus****OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Kupferschmid

At a regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held Wednesday, June 25, 2025

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Borough of Alpine to purchase a new fire pumper apparatus; and**WHEREAS**, P.L. 2011, c. 139 permits local government units to utilize national cooperative contracts as a method of procurement for goods and services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2.(b)(3); and

WHEREAS, Borough of Alpine Resolution #176:9'2014 authorizes the Borough of Alpine to utilize the Houston-Galveston Area Council's National Cooperative Purchasing Program (hereinafter HGAC) as a duly qualified cooperative purchasing entity recognized by the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Resolution, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine entered into an agreement with HGAC thereby allowing the Borough to make purchases through HGAC in compliance with P.L. 2011, c. 139; and

WHEREAS, HGAC has awarded contract **HGAC Contract FS12-23 to Fire & Safety Services Ltd.**; and

WHEREAS, the Alpine Fire Department solicited and received a quote dated May 13, 2025 from Pierce Manufacturing, Inc of Appleton, Wisconsin, represented in New Jersey by Fire & Safety Services, Ltd. of South Plainfield, NJ as the New Jersey sole source authorized dealer/vendor under National Purchasing Contract #FS12-23, for one (1) Pierce Enforcer Pumper Fire Apparatus (base model 23P-105-Enforcer Pumper-1023, 750 tank/ 1500 pump) with options utilizing National Houston-Galveston Area Council's Cooperative National Purchasing Program (HGAC) National Purchasing Contract in the amount of \$1,094,356.77; and

WHEREAS, prior to the award of this contract a Notice of Intention to Award a Contract must be published in the official newspaper; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the purchase is \$1,094,356.77 and funding for this purchase is available through Bond Ordinance No. 840 account number C-04-25-840-203.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine that the following be approved:

- 1) Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to publish a Notice of Intention to Award a Contract to Pierce Manufacturing, Inc., of Appleton, WI, represented by Fire & Safety Services Ltd., the New Jersey sole source authorized dealer/vendor of pursuant to the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Purchasing Program for the purchase of Pierce fire apparatus 23P-105-Enforcer Pumper-1023 (Enforcer Pumper 750 tank 1500 pump 1023) at a cost of \$1,094,356.77.
- 2) Any objections to this award of contract should be directed to the Borough Clerk, 100 Church Street, P.O. Box 1095, Alpine, NJ 07620 as set forth in the Notice of Intention, with a comment period of no less than 10 calendar days from the date of publication.
- 3) The awarded contract to Pierce Manufacturing, Inc represented by Fire & Safety Services Ltd. is contingent upon no timely objections being received.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution 137:06'2025: Approval to Submit Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the FY 2026 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project – Buckingham Drive

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

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Transportation has made funding available to Counties and Municipalities through grant applications through the Municipal Aid Program, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine, Bergen County intends to apply for funds through this program for Buckingham Drive Improvements as noted in the Borough Engineer's Report at the Mayor and Council meeting on May 28, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Alpine formally and retroactively approves the grant application for the above stated project, submitted by the Borough Engineer on June 4, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Engineer was hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as **MA-2026- BUCKINGHAM DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS-00239** for Alpine Borough to the New Jersey Department of Transportation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Borough of Alpine and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution 138:06'2025: Calling for the Restoration of Energy Taxes to Municipalities

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

At this meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025,

WHEREAS, taxes on gas and electric utilities were originally collected by the host municipalities to be used for local purposes and to compensate the public for the use of their rights of way; and

WHEREAS, when the State made itself the collection agent for these taxes, it promised to dedicate the proceeds to municipal property tax relief; since, just as municipalities collect property taxes for the benefit of school districts, counties and other entities; the State is supposed to collect Energy Taxes for the benefit of municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, for years State budget makers have diverted funding from Energy Taxes to fund State programs; and instead of being spent on local programs and services and used to offset property taxes, the money has been spent as successive Legislatures and Administrations have seen fit; and

WHEREAS, while the State may need to have the right to override the statutory dedication of these revenues to local governments, in order to deal with emergencies and crises that may occur; current State policymakers should not exercise that right automatically; and

WHEREAS, while that right should be the exception, it has become the rule; and

WHEREAS, by keeping flat funding of the appropriation for CMPTRA year-over-year, State Budget makers have been able to continue collecting Energy Taxes, while keeping additional revenue that should have been returned to provide property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, in SFY 2023, the State did provide some much-needed relief in the allocation of \$75 million of new funds identified as the Municipal Relief Fund; and

WHEREAS, in SFY 2024, the State allocated \$150 million in Municipal Relief Funds, however, in SFY 2025 and, as proposed in SFY 2026, no allocation will exist; and

WHEREAS, in SFY 2024 the Energy Tax Receipts Program should have received over \$350 million to restore municipalities back to 2008 levels, however, the State's diversion of Energy Taxes has continued to grow causing more of a financial gap; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative impact of years of flat funding and underfunding has left many municipalities with serious needs and burdensome property taxes; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials are in the best position to decide the best use of these resources, which were always intended to fund local programs and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Alpine, in the County of Bergen calls for the immediate restoration of funding diverted from Energy Taxes intended for local use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, respectfully, call on State policy makers to end the diversion of our municipal resources to cover State spending and to provide us with this important tool to relieve the worst-in-the-nation property tax burden borne, for too long, by the people of New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to Assemblyman Robert Auth, Assemblyman John V. Azzariti, Jr., Senator Holly T. Schepisi, the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs Jacquelyn Suárez, the State Treasurer Elizabeth Maher Muoio, the Lieutenant Governor Tahesha Way, the Governor of the State of New Jersey Phil Murphy, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Vote: Ayes: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution 139:06'2025: Approval of Salary Increases for DPW Superintendent & Foreman

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

And approved by all those eligible to vote at a regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held Wednesday, June 25, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council reviewed the job requirements and performance of the full-time employees of the Department of Public Works, finding same worthy of monetary recognition meriting salary adjustments;

WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the DPW Superintendent, **J. Stuart Davis**, currently Equipment Operator I be promoted to the position of **DPW Foreman** at the adjusted salary for such position set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the following DPW salaries be adjusted as per below and as set at per the 2025 Salary Ordinance No. 842:

DPW Superintendent - \$160,395.00

Foreman (Equipment Operator I) - \$ 101, 812.00

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution 140:06'2025: Approval of Salary Increases for Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on June 25, 2025

WHEREAS, Marilyn Hayward was appointed as part-time Chief Financial Officer/ Tax Collector per resolution dated March 26, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, due to unanticipated office workload, the CFO/Tax Collector salary be increased to \$75,000, retroactive to March 28, 2025. Position remains part-time without benefits.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution 141:06'2025: Approval of Finance Office Assistant (Part-Time)

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

At this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 to confirm appointment of Joshua Salles as **part-time Finance Office Assistant** and effective start date retroactive to June 23, 2025. This position is part-time without benefits at a rate of \$500.00 per payroll period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby granted flexibility to schedule provided the schedule meets the requirements of the office.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution 142:06'2025: Environmental Commission Appointment

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025

WHEREAS, there is a need to fill a vacancy for a full member within the Environmental Commission

WHEREAS, Marie Bosworth was previously appointed to the Environmental Commission by resolution dated May 24, 2023 as Alternate Member I

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to confirm the Mayor's appointment of **Marie Bosworth as Member** of the Alpine Environmental Commission for the unexpired portion of a three-year term, expiring December 31, 2026.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Abad, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

Abstain: Bosworth

MOTION APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS none indicated

Councilman Bosworth brought to everyone's attention the passing of Anthony Barbieri. Mayor Tomasko read the Borough's newsletter tribute to Mr. Barieri.

EXECUTIVE SESSION none/not needed

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Councilman Cohen, seconded by Councilwoman Gerstein, and approved by all, this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann
Municipal Clerk

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE
ORDINANCE NO. 842**

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 839 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.”

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine as follows:

Section 1. That the respective salaries, wages or compensation of the following officers, employees, officials of the Borough of Alpine be hereby fixed at the following rate, effective as of January 1, 2025 except as may be specifically noted.

<u>Office or Position:</u>	Yearly Salary: 2025 (Unless Otherwise Noted)
Borough Clerk	108,018
Registrar of Vital Statistics	1,686
Recycling Administrator	2,627
Secretary / Board of Health	6,125
The responsibilities encompassed by the Borough Clerk also include the duties of Registrar of Vital Statistics, Recycling Administrator and Board of Health Secretary and are performed during regular business hours per Section 4a of the Employee handbook at a TOTAL yearly salary of	118,456
Deputy Borough Clerk	46,238
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics	1,263
Secretary / Board of Adjustment	6,365
Secretary / Planning Board	7,136
The responsibilities encompassed by the Office Assistant also include the duties of Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics and Board of Adjustment Secretary and Planning Board Secretary and are performed during regular business hours per Section 4a of the Employee handbook at a TOTAL yearly salary of	61,002
Interim Chief Financial Officer/ Tax Collector/ Treasurer/ Tax Search Officer	55,000
The responsibilities encompassed by the Chief Financial Officer also include the duties of Treasurer, Tax Collector and Tax Search Officer and are performed during regular business hours per Section 4a of the Employee handbook at a TOTAL yearly salary of To be prorated for the period of March-December 2025	
Municipal Housing Liaison	15,000
Assistant to Finance Office (to be prorated March – December 2025)	80,000
Qualified Purchasing Agent	4,743
Tax Assessor	18,503
Police Chief	226,051
Emergency Management Coordinator	4,458
Superintendent D.P.W	160,395
Property Maintenance Official	6,811
The responsibilities encompassed by the DPW Superintendent also include the duties of Property Maintenance Official and are performed during regular business hours per the Employee handbook at a TOTAL yearly salary of	167,206
Equipment Operator One D.P.W.	101,812
Recycling Coordinator	5,464
The responsibilities encompassed by the Equipment Operator One D.P.W. also include the duties of the Recycling Coordinator and are performed during regular business hours per Section 4a of the Employee handbook at a TOTAL yearly salary of	107,276
Equipment Operator Two D.P.W.	73,241
Construction Code Official	20,550
Building Subcode Official/Inspector	20,550
Plumbing Subcode Official/Inspector	15,413
The responsibilities encompassed by the Construction Code Official also include the duties of the Building Subcode Official/Inspector and Plumbing Subcode Official/Inspector and are performed during regular business hours per Section 4a of the Employee handbook at the above hourly rates not to exceed a TOTAL yearly salary of	56,513
Construction Office Technical Assistant	81,463

These minutes have been approved by the Mayor and Council.

Electrical Subcode Official/Inspector	15,335
Fire Official (Inspector)	4,242
Fire Protection Subcode Official	5,812
Zoning Official	14,525
The responsibilities encompassed by the Fire Official (Inspector) also include the duties of the Fire Protection Subcode Official and Zoning Officer and are performed during regular business hours per Section 4a of the Employee handbook at the above hourly rates not to exceed a TOTAL yearly salary of	24,579
Municipal Court Judge	11,936
Prosecutor	7,293
Public Defender	2,560
Court Administrator	12,063
Crossing Guard (per hour)	25.00

Section 2. In addition to other benefits and compensation, eligible employees covered by this ordinance shall receive an annual longevity increment as provided herein. The longevity increment shall be two (2%) of the employee’s base annual wage upon completion of five (5) years of full-time continuous service. The longevity increment shall be paid commencing January 1 of the year following an employee’s fifth anniversary and January 1 immediately following such fifth anniversary. Thereafter, the longevity increment shall be increased by four-tenths of 1% per year with a maximum of twelve (12%).

Section 3. All employees covered in this ordinance who are enrolled in the NJ State Health Benefit Plan offered by the Borough are required to contribute to the cost of the annual premium. Effective January 1, 2025, employee contribution will be capped at 25% of their 2025 annual healthcare premium.

Section 4. A Department of Public Work’s Employee who is scheduled for stand-by on a week-end or holiday shall receive \$75.00 per day.

Section 5. If need arises, during inclement weather, temporary employees of the DPW to be paid hourly at a range of 16.00 to 27.00 per hour.

Section 6. If need arises temporary administrative personnel and temporary seasonal DPW personnel to be paid hourly at a range of 16.00 to 23.00 per hour.

Section 7. Swim Club employees to be paid hourly at a range of 16.00 to 20.00 per hour.

Section 8. Special inspections as ordered by the Construction Code Official shall be paid at the rate of \$50 per inspection, in addition to salary, where applicable.

Section 9. The aforementioned salaries and wages shall be paid on a bi-weekly basis for a total of 26 payments.

Section 10. This Ordinance shall be retroactive to January 1, 2025 for all employees in the employ of the Borough of Alpine in the offices or positions hereinabove named as of the date of adoption of this Ordinance except as specifically noted.

Section 11. All ordinances or parts or ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE
ORDINANCE NO. 843**

**AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF APPLETREE LANE
IN THE BOROUGH OF ALPINE**

WHEREAS, by Settlement Agreement dated October 25, 2023, F.E. ALPINE, INC.; SYLCO INVESTMENTS #4, LLC; SYLCO INVESTMENTS 854, LLC; 850 CLOSTER DOCK ROAD, LLC; 842 CLOSTER DOCK ROAD, LLC; AND SYLCO INVESTMENTS #5, LLC (Collectively, “Developer”) received approval from the Borough of Alpine to develop property known and designated as Block 55, Lots 25.01, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Alpine;

WHEREAS, as part of such approval, the Borough of Alpine has agreed to vacate a portion of Appletree Lane not needed for public purposes beginning at the terminus of the southwesterly right-of-way line of Appletree Lane and proceeding to a point approximately 55 feet thereafter, as more particularly described in the legal description attached hereto and made a part hereof as **Schedule “A”**;

WHEREAS, except as otherwise herein provided, said street or portion thereof is not necessary for any public purpose nor is it necessary for streets and highway use within the Borough of Alpine;

WHEREAS, in order to comply with the aforesaid Settlement Agreement, the public interest is best served by releasing and vacating the described portion of Appletree Lane;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance shall take effect upon the approval by the Planning Board of the Borough of Alpine of the site plan for the development of Block 55, Lots 25.01, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Alpine;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPINE, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:67-1 et seq., as follows:

Section 1. That portion of Appletree Lane, beginning at the terminus of the southwesterly right-of-way line of Appletree Lane and proceeding to a point approximately 55 feet thereafter, and more particularly described in Schedule “A”, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby vacated as a public street and the rights of the public are hereby released and extinguished, except all rights and privileges, if any, then possessed by public utilities, as defined in N.J.S.A. 48:2-13 et seq., and by any cable television company, as defined in the Cable Television Act, N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq., the Borough of Alpine, the Bergen County Utilities Authority, and their successors and/or assigns, to maintain, repair and replace existing facilities, including, but not limited to sanitary and storm water systems, adjacent to, under or over the portion of Appletree Lane to be vacated.