

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 26, 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 March 26, 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	Absent
David Kupferschmid, Councilman	Present		

*by phone

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

Mayor Tomasko welcomed the Alpine School Eighth Grade, along with their History teacher, Ms. Bargisen and their Superintendent/Principal, Ms. McCann. The students explained that they were learning about civics and were at the meeting as part of that learning experience. The Mayor introduced everyone on the dais and the Police Chief Matthew Kent; Planning Board member Robert Policano; Borough Auditor Jeffrey Bliss; and CFO, Tax Collector, and Treasurer, Marilyn Hayward. The Mayor spoke about the semi-sesquicentennial, the 250th anniversary of our country, to be celebrated next year. Mayor Tomasko shared the 10 obligations of people in our society, on which he heard a recent presentation: staying informed, involved, open to compromise, and civil, rejecting violence; valuing norms; promoting common good; respecting government service; supporting the teaching of civics; and putting the country first. Mayor Tomasko encouraged everyone to attend the Memorial Day parade and ceremony, followed by the gathering back at the Borough Hall field.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Tomasko opened for public comment. Hearing none, the public comment portion was closed.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ConnectOne Bank Current Operating Account

\$4,559,702.34

Resolution: Return of Bonds or Escrow (not used/not needed)

Resolution 067:03'2025: Emergency Appropriation #2 to Increase the 2025 Temporary Budget

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, March 26, 2025;

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

WHEREAS, no adequate provision has been made in the 2025 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 2025 pursuant to the provision of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (R.S. 40A:4-20), including this resolution total \$2,194,675.66 shall be provided for in the 2025 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 "Cap"

Financial Administration O/E	5-01-20-130-020	\$ 590.36
Postage/ Meter	5-01-20-145-031	1,240.45
Police Dept. O/E	5-01-25-240-020	3,367.05
Acquisition of Police Vehicles	5-01-25-240-046	3,350.84
Health Officer – Contractual	5-01-27-330-011	4,936.69
Environmental Services O/E	5-01-27-335-020	88.25
Street Lighting	5-01-31-435-020	707.30
Veolia Water	5-01-31-445-020	190.35
PSE&G – Natural Gas	5-01-31-446-020	3,508.84
Police & Fireman's Retirement System	5-01-36-475-000	428,082.59
Public Employee's Retirement System (retro)	5-01-36-471-000	3,959.94

TOTAL: \$450,022.66

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

Resolution 068:03'2025: Emergency Temporary Appropriation-Capital Improvements

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

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

WHEREAS, no adequate provision has been made in the 2025 Temporary Budget for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purpose above mentioned, and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2025 pursuant to the provision of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 including this resolution total \$60,000 for the Current Fund and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. An Emergency Temporary Appropriations be and the same is hereby made for:

CURRENT FUND

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Capital Improvement Fund

\$60,000

2. Said emergency temporary appropriation will be funded by the adoption of the 2025 budget.
3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

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

Resolution 069:03'2025: Emergency Temporary Appropriation-Acquisition of 24 Robin Lane

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

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to the acquisition of property known as 24 Robin Lane, and

WHEREAS, no adequate provision has been made in the 2025 Temporary Budget for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purpose above mentioned, and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2025 pursuant to the provision of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 including this resolution total \$1,560,000 for the Current Fund and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. An Emergency Temporary Appropriations be and the same is hereby made for:

CURRENT FUND

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Acquisition of Property

\$1,500,000

2. Said emergency temporary appropriation will be funded by the adoption of a capital ordinance prior to the adoption of the 2025 budget.
3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

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

Resolution 070:03'2025: Approval of Bills and Claims

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein

SECONDED BY: Councilman Abad

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on March 26, 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 071:03'2025 Governing Body Certification of Compliance with EEOC Enforcement Guidance

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein

SECONDED BY: Councilman Kupferschmid

At this regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey held on March 26, 2025

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution 072:03'2025 Introduction of Ordinance #838: To Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits & Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) CY 2025

INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein

SECONDED BY: Councilman Kupferschmid

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% or the cost of living adjustment, whichever is less, unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of living adjustment for calendar year 2025 budgets is calculated at 2.5% pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and amounts to \$140,454; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpine in the County of Bergen finds it's advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2025 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that an additional 1.0% increase in the budget of said year, amounting to \$56,181 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpine, in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the 2025 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Alpine shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$196,635, and that the 2025 municipal budget for the Borough of Alpine be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

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

Resolution 073:03'2025: Introduction of 2025 Municipal Budget

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

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 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said budget be published in The Record in the issue of April 2, 2025, and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Municipal Building on April 23, 2025 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

Mayor Tomasko thanked the Borough Auditor, Borough CFO/Tax Collector/Treasurer, and Councilmen Abad, Bosworth, and Kupferschmid for their work on the Budget.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution 074:03'2025: Introduction of 2025 Temporary Capital Budget

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

WHEREAS, the local capital budget for the year 2025 has not been adopted.

WHEREAS, it is desired to Introduce a Bond Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen that the following temporary capital budget amendment be made:

CAPITAL BUDGET (Current Year Action)

1 Project	2 Project Number	3 Estimated Total Cost	4 Amounts Reserved in Prior Years	Planned Funding services for Current Year 2024					6 To Be Funded in Future Years
				5a 2024 Budget Appropriations	5b Improvement Fund	5c Capital Surplus	5d Grants in Aid and Other Funds	5e Debt Authorized	
Various Capital Improvements & Acquisitions		\$1,470,000			\$62,061		\$186,939	\$1,221,000	
Acquisition of Property		\$1,500,000	\$650,000				\$850,00		
TOTALS ALL PROJECTS		\$2,970,000	\$650,000		\$62,061		\$1,036,939	\$1,221,000	

3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (2025 – 2027)

ANTICIPATED PROJECT SCHEDULE AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

DRAFT: These minutes have been approved by the Mayor and Council.

	2 Project Number	3 Estimated Total Cost	4 Estimated Completion Time	Budget Year 2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Various Capital Improvements & Acquisitions		\$1,470,000		\$1,470,000					
Acquisition of Property		\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000					
TOTALS ALL PROJECTS		\$2,970,000		\$2,970,000					

SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCES AND AMOUNTS

1 Project	2 Estimated Total Cost	3 Budget Appropriations		4 Capital Improvement Fund	5 Capital Surplus	6 Grants in Aid and Other Funds	7 BONDS AND NOTES			
		Current Year 2025	Future Years				General	Self Liquidating	Assessment	School
Various Capital Improvements & Acquisitions	\$1,470,000			\$62,061		\$186,939	\$1,221,000			
Acquisition of Property	\$1,500,000					\$1,500,000				
TOTALS ALL PROJECTS	\$2,970,000			\$62,061		\$1,686,939	\$1,221,000			

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution 075:03'2025: Refund of Tax Overpayment Block 49.02/Lot 21

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

WHEREAS, a payment was made through an automatic bank withdrawal for Block, 49.02, Lot 21 on behalf of the former owner of Block 49.02, Lot 21;

WHEREAS, the former owner contacted the Tax Collector and informed that he no longer owned Block 49.02, Lot 21 but did not inform the tax office to remove his automatic bank withdrawal from the tax payment system;

WHEREAS, the former owner has orally requested that this payment be refunded to him;

WHEREAS, the former owner provided the address below as his new address:

WHEREAS, the former owner's real estate agent came to the tax office to verify same, having represented both the buyer and the seller of Block 49.02, Lot 21;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Borough Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a refund for the tax overpayment, as follows:

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Payor</u>	<u>Refund Amount</u>
49.02/21	Samuel Lou 7 Oak Drive Great Neck, NY 11021	\$4,352.00

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution 076:03'2025: Request for Approval for the Change in Name of Custodian of Petty Cash for the Borough of Alpine

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine had authorized Judith Curran to serve as the Custodian of Petty Cash;

WHEREAS, Judith Curran was custodian of the Petty Cash Funds for the Borough of Alpine until her resignation date of February 28, 2025;

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40-5:21, the Borough of Alpine is changing custodians from Judith Curran to Marilyn Hayward as Chief Financial Officer due to Judith Curran's resignation, subject to the Ms. Hayward being bonded in the amount of \$1,000,000 by virtue of a surety bond;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Alpine, Bergen County, New Jersey, hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Borough Treasurer.

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

MOTION APPROVED

TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORT on file

MAYOR'S REPORT There was a Safety Committee meeting last week. We are in good stead with our insurance carrier. The Mayor thanked Stephanie Wehmann for her work. Mayor Tomasko visited the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs and the Division of Local Government Services in Trenton last week and discussed issues such as affordable housing and the Open Public Records Act, as well as the need for more classes to be given for positions such as Chief Financial Officer and in more convenient locations.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration Department As of the end of February, the Borough has responded to 111 OPRA requests this year.

Building Department 36 Scheduled Inspections, 2 tree permits, 2 Zoning Review applications, and 1 miscellaneous application.

Department of Public Works There was an after-hours call for a downed tree. Spring cleanup has commenced, including chipping all of the roadside brush, cutting back growth along roadsides and at intersections, removing a number of dead trees, and picking up litter. A consultant was escorted through the Borough-owned buildings for the completion of the RTK Survey.

Fire Department statistics on file.

Police Department There were 342 calls for service; 47 motor vehicle/Borough ordinance summonses, 2 radar summonses on Route 9W, 1 on Closter Dock Road; and 6 motor vehicle accidents. There were 31 burglar alarms, 0 burglaries, and 12 false alarms. The report is on file.

Resolution 077:03'2025: Accepting the Reports of the Standing Committees

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 to accept the reports of the standing committees.

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

MOTION APPROVED

BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT The Board of Education has proposed their Budget, and overall the result is pleasing. The number of outside students, which are a source of revenue, is near an all-time high.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT no report

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT On March 13 the Borough took bids for the Borough walking track, all of which were substantially above the engineer's estimate and amount of the grant. Approval is being requested to reject the bids and review the costs with the possibility of rebidding. Also, regarding the Route 9W/Closter Dock Road intersection improvement, the County responded two weeks ago with additional requirements, all of which have already been addressed. There will be exploration for location underground utilities. The County has asked for the Borough's surveyors to complete this process. It is hoped that a date will be provided shortly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS none

NEW BUSINESS: CONSENT AGENDA

DRAFT: These minutes have been approved by the Mayor and Council.

Resolution 078:03'2025: Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting February 26, 2025**OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein**SECONDED BY:** Councilman Abad

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 to accept the reports of the standing committees.

Vote: Ayes: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** Frankel**MOTION APPROVED****Resolution 079:03'2025: Appointment of Chief Financial Officer, Tax Collector & Treasurer****OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein**SECONDED BY:** Councilman Abad

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on March 26, 2025

WHEREAS, the positions of Chief Financial Officer, Certified Tax Collector and Treasurer became vacant effective March 1, 2025 upon the resignation of the current CFO/CTC/Treasurer Judith Curran on February 28, 2025 and;

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.10 as pertains to municipal chief financial officer states the term of office shall be four years, which shall run from the January 1 in the year in which the chief financial officer is appointed and the compensation shall be separately set forth in a municipal salary ordinance; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-142 as pertains to tax collector states every municipal tax collector shall hold his office for a term of 4 years from the first day of January next following his appointment and vacancies other than due to expiration of term shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, former Chief Financial Officer, Tax Collector and Treasurer, Marilyn Hayward has maintained the required certifications and meets the qualifications to fill the positions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as of her part-time start date of March 3, 2025, Marilyn Hayward be appointed as Chief Financial Officer, Tax Collector and Treasurer on a part-time basis not to exceed 25 hours per week at a salary of \$55,000 per the 2025 salary ordinance without benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Marilyn Hayward be appointed as Chief Financial Officer for the unexpired portion of a four-year term which runs retroactively pursuant to state statute from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Marilyn Hayward be appointed as Certified Tax Collector for the unexpired portion of the current four-year term ending December 31, 2028.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Marilyn Hayward be appointed as Treasurer for the unexpired portion of a one-year term ending December 31, 2025;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution be sent to the Division of Local Government Services.

Vote: Ayes: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** Frankel**MOTION APPROVED****Resolution 080:03'2025: Appointment of Assistant to Finance Office****OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein**SECONDED BY:** Councilman Abad

At this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 to confirm appointment of Laura Mongello as full-time Finance Office Assistant at the starting salary of \$80,000 per year with benefits and conditions of employment per the current Employee Handbook with an effective start date retroactive to March 6, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby granted flexibility to schedule the Assistant's hours that may differ from the Employee Handbook provided the schedule meets the requirements of the office.

Vote: Ayes: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** Frankel**MOTION APPROVED****Resolution 081:03'2025: Introduction Ordinance #839: 2025 Salary Ordinance****OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein**SECONDED BY:** Councilman Abad

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on March 26, 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 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 April 23, 2025 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: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** Frankel **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution 082:03'2025: Introduction Ordinance #840: 2025 Capital Bond-Various Improvements

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the ordinance entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND MAJOR REPAIRS TO HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND A NEW FIRE ENGINE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF ALPINE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,470,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS."

heretofore introduced, does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 23rd day of April, 2025, at 7:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at the regular meeting place of the Borough Council and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

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

Resolution 083:03'2025: Landscaping Services Agreement for Swim Club

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, March 26, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Borough is in need of landscaping services for its municipal pool; and

WHEREAS, the cost of landscaping services between May 1, 2025 and October 31, 2025 are estimated at less than \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, said amount is less than the bid threshold under the Local Public Contracts Law:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine that Kings Woods Landscaping is hired to perform the landscaping services at the municipal pool from May 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025 for a price of \$200.00 per month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kings Woods Landscaping is assigned a parking area in the DPW parking lot on a monthly basis for a parking fee at the rate of \$200.00 per month for a period of time commencing May 1, 2025 and not later than October 31, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine of the intent to reaffirm that this Kings Woods Landscaping agreement has been in effect since 2004.

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

Resolution 084:03'2025: 2025 Alpine Swim Club Fees

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

At this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025.

DRAFT: These minutes have been approved by the Mayor and Council.

WHEREAS, Borough Ordinance 754 provides that the Mayor and Council shall annually set the fees of the Alpine Swim Club; and

WHEREAS, the Alpine Swim Club Subcommittee have recommended the following fee schedule for the 2025 season:

2025 Fee Schedule for Alpine Swim Club	
Alpine resident, single or family	\$ 400.00
Non-resident, family	\$ 950.00
Non-resident, single	\$ 600.00
Non-resident discount for payment before May 15th <i>Applies to all non-resident memberships</i>	\$ (50.00)
Alpine resident discount for payment before May 15th	None
Alpine resident nanny addition* <i>* Requires documentation of proof of employment</i>	\$ 150.00
Non-resident nanny addition* <i>* Requires documentation of proof of employment</i>	\$ 150.00
Guest Fees per person/per visit (over 2 years of age)* <i>* Limit: three visits per guest per season</i>	\$ 10.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine adopt same as the 2025 Fee Schedule for the Alpine Swim Club.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution 085:03'2025: Authorization of Bergen County Mosquito Spraying

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on March 26, 2025

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Mosquito Control Division has in the past conducted aerial spraying for mosquito larvae in the Borough of Alpine during mosquito breeding months in the best interests of the health and safety of the residents, and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Mosquito Control Division is required by law to have on file a letter from the Borough of Alpine granting permission to perform this service, as needed, throughout the summer months, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk be authorized to write a letter granting the Bergen County Mosquito Control Division to provide said services for the 2025 season, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk notify the Bergen County Mosquito Control Division of the Mayor and Council stipulation that the Borough of Alpine be provided with **24-hour advance notice preceding any spraying activity** within the Borough.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution 086:03'2025: Authorizing Utilization of Alpine Police Officers for Gran Fondo New York Bike Tour-Sunday, May 18, 2025

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

At this regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor & Council, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey held on March 26, 2025

WHEREAS, Gran Fondo New York (GFNY) is a for-profit organization that donates to local charities and has held their 100 Mile Bike Tour event in previous years; and

WHEREAS, GFNY has again requested assistance from Alpine Police to control traffic to enable the cyclists to ride on a traffic-moderated course. The route is largely the same as in past years: northbound entering Alpine's 9W northbound from PIP's Henry Hudson Drive, at PIP Exit 2 and southbound entering 9W from NYS and finishing along PIP's Henry Hudson Drive; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Matthew Kent will be actively coordinating with GFNY regarding the necessary police assistance and has no objections, subject to GFNY's necessary coordination with all surrounding towns involved; and

WHEREAS, GFNY agrees to pay all costs associated with this permission and police overtime upon receipt of invoices; and

WHEREAS, the Certificate of Liability Insurance and Hold Harmless Agreement provided by GFNY have been reviewed and approved by the Borough's Risk Manager;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine authorize the utilization of Alpine Police Officers for GFNY's 100 Mile Bike Tour to be held on Sunday, May 18, 2025.

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

Resolution 087:03'2025: Report of Bid Results & Award of Bid for School Field Walking Track (FY2023 NJDCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant Project)

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

Company, Town, State	Bid
Green Valley Group, Inc., Nanuet, NY	\$138,699.00
D&L Paving Contractors, Inc., Nutley, NJ	\$147,749.14
Diamond Construction, Brick, NJ	\$183,367.42

At a regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council on Wednesday, March 26, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine requested bids for the FY2023 School Field Walking Track (NJDCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant Project) as detailed in the Notice to Bidders and sealed bids were received at the Borough Hall up until 10:00 a.m. March 13, 2025, as advertised in The Record on Thursday, February 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS these bids were opened in the presence of the Borough Clerk and Borough Engineer, and

WHEREAS three (3) bids were received as listed above and apparent low bidder was identified to be **Green Valley Group, Inc. of Nanuet, NY at \$138,699.00**; and

WHEREAS all of the bids were reviewed by the Borough Engineer who recommends **rejection of all bids as the lowest bid substantially exceeds cost estimates for the goods and services and exceeds the contracting unit's appropriation for same**;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, at the regular meeting Wednesday, March 26, 2025, **that all bids be rejected in accordance with Borough Engineer recommendation.**

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

Resolution 088:03'2025: Introduction of Ordinance #841: A Capital Ordinance for the Acquisition of Property (24 Robin Lane, Block 39, Lot 8)

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, March 26, 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:

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,500,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF ALPINE AND TO APPROPRIATE \$850,000 FROM A BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND GRANT AND \$650,000 FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND.

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, 2025 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: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** Frankel **MOTION APPROVED**
END CONSENT

COMMUNICATIONS WRITTEN AND ORAL

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None/Not needed

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Gerstein, seconded by Councilman Kupferschmid, and approved by all, this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann
Municipal Clerk

2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
of the Borough of Alpine
County of Bergen
for the fiscal year 2025
Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2025	2024
1. Surplus	\$ 1,025,000	\$ 1,070,000
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	1,719,768	1,719,113
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	377,000	200,000
4. Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	4,106,626	3,937,347
Total General Revenues	\$ 7,228,394	\$ 6,926,460

Summary of Appropriations	2025 Budget	Final 2024 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	\$ 3,073,000	\$ 2,918,548
Other Expenses	1,961,613	1,856,387
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	901,481	932,255
3. Capital Improvements	60,000	12,000
4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)	337,300	327,270
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	895,000	880,000
Total General Appropriations	\$ 7,228,394	\$ 6,926,460
Total Number of Employees	32	31

2025 Dedicated Open Space Trust Fund

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2025	2024
1. Amount to be Raised by Taxes	\$ 100,462	\$ 99,308
2. Reserve Funds		
Total General Revenues	\$ 100,462	\$ 99,308

Summary of Appropriations	2025 Budget	Final 2024 Budget
1. Salaries and Wages		
2. Other Expenses		
3. Capital Improvements		
4. Debt Service		
5. Reserve for Future Use	\$ 100,462	\$ 99,308
Total General Appropriations	\$ 100,462	\$ 99,308

Debt Information - Bonds, Notes and Loans				
	General	Open Space		
Interest on Bonds		-		
Interest on Notes	87,300			
Principal on Bonds				
Principal on Notes	250,000			
Repayment of Loans				
Outstanding Balance - 12/31/2024	2,054,000	-		