

**ALPINE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 24, 2016 @ 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, February 24, 2016 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, February 24, 2016 has met the requirements of the law by being published in The Record as part of the Annual Notice on January 7, 2016, 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
Michael Cacouris, Councilman	Present	Gayle Gerstein, Councilwoman	Present
John Halbreich, Councilman	Present	Laurence Shadek, Councilman	Present
Arthur Frankel, Councilman	Present		

Staff Present on Dais: Borough Attorney Russ Huntington, Borough Engineer Gary Vander Veer, Municipal Clerk Stephanie Wehmann

CEREMONIAL OATH OF OFFICE: Patrolman Vincent Ariano was officially sworn in on February 3, 2016. The Mayor and Police Commissioner Vicki Frankel were pleased to again re-administer his oath in front of friends, family and fellow officers. Mayor Tomasko thanked the Police Committee (Councilpersons V. Frankel, Cacouris and Halbreich) for their hard work.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Mayor Tomasko opened the meeting for public comments.

John McCaffrey, 203 Hickory Lane, Closter, NJ Closter resident and Alpine taxpayer spoke on:

Preservation of Dubois Spring Mr. McCaffrey stated he's documented the spring's existence over the years. He noted recent disturbances he believes are purposeful attempts to do away with the spring and questioned— although the Borough vacated its rights to the spring per Ordinance 382, does that mean the Mayor and Council don't have to protect clean open waters? He, along with neighbors (who were not present) are putting together documents to show the Mayor and Council, Planning Board, Board of Health and State agencies charged with protecting clean waters and he hopes they will protect the DuBois Spring. Mayor Tomasko reminded the proper venue for this matter is the Planning Board.

Borough of Alpine vs. McCaffrey Mr. McCaffrey feels he has met all conditions of the settlement. He knows there have been some concerns back and forth but wants the Mayor and Council to review and stop the spending. The Borough Attorney advised no comment as the matter is in litigation.

Alpine Three property. He notes trees marked but has yet to see permanent boundary markers at the four corners to determine metes and bounds and asked who would be inspecting test holes. Mayor Tomasko advised the Health Officer and/or the Borough Engineer will be involved as per usual practice.

Being no further comments the public comment portion was closed.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE Councilman Cacouris highlighted the report a copy of which is on file in the Borough Clerk's office.

Bank of New Jersey Current Operating Account **\$3,726,035.73**

Resolution #051: 2'2016: Emergency Appropriation to Increase the 2016 Temporary Budget

OFFERED BY: Councilman Cacouris **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016

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

These minutes have been approved by the Mayor & Council.

WHEREAS, no adequate provision has been made in the 2016 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 2016 pursuant to the provision of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (R.S. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$1,431,370.44 and shall be provided for in the 2016 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"

General Administration O/E	6-01-20-120-020	\$199.44
TOTAL:		\$199.44

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution #052: 2'2016: 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, February 24, 2016 to approve the bills and claims a copy of which are appended.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution #053:2'2016 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, February 24, 2016 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>
Schonberg, Stephen & Hirsch, Toby	78/2	Bond Reduction:	
		Performance Bond	\$86,800.00
		Re-vegetation Bond	17,500.00
		Tree Bond	<u>22,750.00</u>
			\$127,050.00
Tomasko, Paul	55/5	Driveway Escrow	\$246.50
Cliffs Investment Group, LLC	72/9	Planning Board Escrow	\$1,388.87

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **MOTION CARRIED**

Tax Assessor's Report. Report on file in the Borough Clerk's Office.

MAYOR'S REPORT The Mayor and Councilman Cacouris thanked fellow Council members and staff (Treasurer, Municipal Clerk and Deputy Clerk) for their hard work on the budget in progress.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration Department No report.

Building Department Councilman Halbreich reported 53 scheduled inspections, 2 tree permits, 1 soil moving application, 6 zoning review applications. Balance of the report is on file.

Department of Public Works Councilman Frankel noted a great job by the DPW plowing, sanding and salting kept roads in good shape during the past month's weather events. Report is on file.

Fire Department Councilwoman Gerstein advised statistics are available and commended Chief Hoffmann who was in attendance adding they appreciate everything he does for the town.

Police Department Councilwoman Frankel reported there were 30 summonses issued and 5 motor vehicle accidents with 2 injuries. There was a lock down drill at the school. Lt. Kavanagh retired in January after 21½ years.

Resolution #054:2'2016: Accepting the Reports of the Standing Committees

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 to accept the reports of the Standing Committees.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **MOTION CARRIED**

BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT No report.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT Borough Engineer Vander Veer distributed his report and highlighted:

Alpine School Field Enhancement He will coordinate with Clerk's office to set up a meeting with the appropriate parties to move this project forward.

2016 Road Improvement Program Submitted data to Riverside Cooperative ahead of deadline.

State Municipal Stormwater Permit Renewal – Preliminary Draft The state has provided a preliminary draft for permit renewal seeking comments by April 15th. The State would then issue the draft permit for publication, solicitation of additional comments and public hearing. Timetable is not yet clear. He has prepared a "brief" seven page summary of the 40+ page fine print document. They propose significant changes increasing requirements, recordkeeping, inspections, and education requirements which will incur costs in excess of what the Borough currently pays. The State makes no mention of additional funding sources to offset the increased man hours and costs municipalities will incur as a result of the proposed regulations. Mayor Tomasko asked Council to review Mr. Vander Veer's summation which represents a significant increase in the expectations placed upon Alpine and all the other Tier A municipalities in the state. It was noted all but two municipalities in Bergen County are rated as Tier A.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS Resolutions #055:2'2016 - #060:2'2016

Consent agenda moved by Councilwoman Frankel, seconded by Councilwoman Gerstein. Councilwoman Gerstein abstained from XI.A.4. Ordinance Waiver for Montammy Fireworks. Resolutions and votes laid out in full as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes

a. Resolution #055:2'2016:Budget Meeting #1 January 27, 2016

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, February 24, 2016 to approve the minutes of the budget workshop #1 January 27, 2016.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **MOTION CARRIED**

b. Resolution #056:2'2016:Regular Meeting of January 27, 2016

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, February 24, 2016 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting January 27, 2016.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **MOTION CARRIED**

c. Resolution #057:2'2016:Executive Session January 27, 2016

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, February 24, 2016 to approve the minutes of the Executive Session January 27, 2016.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **MOTION CARRIED**

2. Resolution 058:2'2016: Approval Cleaning Contract

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, February 24, 2016.

to authorize the Municipal Clerk to sign an agreement with Henry Liegeois for Cleaning Services for the Borough Hall for a term of one year at a cost of \$13,391.72 commencing March 1, 2016 and terminating February 28, 2017 which cost is to be shared equally with the United States Postal Service pursuant to the terms of the lease agreement between the Borough of Alpine and the United States Postal Service, which will pay Alpine its share of the cost as part of its rent.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **MOTION CARRIED**

3. Resolution #059:2'2016: Sale of SRECS

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine has certain photovoltaic equipment that generates electricity; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine has earned valuable Solar Renewable Energy Credits (S-REC's), in recognition of the clean energy produced by its photovoltaic equipment; and

WHEREAS, these S-REC's are not needed for public use and may therefore be sold as surplus personal property; and

WHEREAS, S-REC's may be sold through an online auction process, pursuant to the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act, P.L. 1002, c. 30 and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services, within the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, has approved the use of Flett Exchange, LLC, to conduct online auctions of S-REC's; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorizes the sale of its current S-REC's through an online auction conducted by Flett Exchange, LLC, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Alpine shall publish notice of the impending sale of the S-REC's in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 and a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Division of Local Government Services and the Board of Public Utilities.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **MOTION CARRIED**

4. Resolution #060:2'2016: Waiver for Montammy Fireworks

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine grants permission for Montammy Golf Club to stage a fireworks display on Saturday, June 11, 2016 upon condition that Montammy Golf Club comply with requirements of the insurance risk manager including but not limited to provision of a Hold Harmless Agreement, a Certificate of Insurance in the amount to be determined by the insurance risk manager and naming the Borough of Alpine as Additional Insured and compliance with any requirements of the Fire Department and Town Officials to ensure safe operation of the display.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Cacouris, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **Abstain:** Gerstein **MOTION CARRIED**

End of Consent Agenda

COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL None

ADJOURNMENT

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

and approved by all to adjourn the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday February 24, 2016 at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann
Municipal Clerk