

**ALPINE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 21, 2015 @ 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 Monday, September 21, 2015 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 Monday, September 21, 2015 has met the requirements of the law by being published in The Record as part of the Annual Notice, posted on the bulletin board of the lobby in the Borough Hall and a copy filed in the office of the Borough Clerk. This meeting was recorded in its entirety.

As noted in the Annual Notice tonight's meeting date was changed from the fourth Wednesday to make accommodation for Yom Kippur.

ROLL CALL

Paul Tomasko, Mayor	Present	Vicki Frankel, Council President	Present
Michael Cacouris, Councilman	Present	Gayle Gerstein, Councilwoman	Present
John Halbreich, Councilman	Present	Laurence Shaddek, Councilman	Present
Arthur Frankel, Councilman	Present		

Staff Present on Dais: Gary Vander Veer, Borough Engineer; Nancy Wehmann, Acting Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

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

Bank Of America Current Operating Acct **\$3,150,477.35**

Resolution #191:9'2015: 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 Monday, September 21, 2015 to approve the bills and claims, a copy of which are appended.

Vote: Ayes: Cacouris, V.Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shaddek

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution #192:9'2015: Approve Return of Bonds and/or Escrow

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Monday, September 21, 2015 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>
Jee, damian & Jane	39.01/9.15	Tree Bond	\$17,000.00
		Performance Bond	37,000.00
		Re-vegetation Bond	10,500.00
		Soil Moving Escrow	1,103.50
		TOTAL:	\$65,603.50

Vote: Ayes: Cacouris, V.Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shaddek

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Cacouris advised the Borough’s current depository, Bank of America Closter Branch, has steadily diminished services deemphasizing their municipal business. As a result of regulatory issues and capital requirements they issued a letter in September advising they would formally terminate their relationship with the Borough effective December 2, 2015. Borough Treasurer, Hayward researched Bank of New Jersey, a smaller institution that has been steadily increasing their municipal business and is used by Haworth and Harrington Park. Councilman Cacouris spoke with Haworth and Harrington Park Treasurers who confirmed their satisfaction. Questions regarding risk management have been addressed. They will cover ADP payroll expenses. Working with the Mayor and Treasurer they put forth the following resolution.

Resolution #193:9’2015: Amend Cash Management Plan: Official Depository

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Monday, September 21, 2015

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:5-14 et. seq. Local Fiscal Affairs Law, requires that each municipality adopt a Cash Management Plan designed to assure the deposit, investment and proper disbursement of local funds that shall be approved annually; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine adopted a Cash Management Plan at their Reorganization meeting held January 5, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine find it now to be in the best interests of the Borough to change the financial institution listed therein from Bank of America to Bank of New Jersey,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine does hereby amend Section A. Designation of Official Depositories of the Cash Management Plan as adopted on January 5, 2015 as follows:

A. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES:

The following financial institutions are designated as official depositories:

Bank of New Jersey

All depositories must conform to the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (“GUDPA”), and shall provide Notification of Eligibility from the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking, on a semi-annual basis. Said notices must be available for annual audit. In addition, designated depositories shall maintain maximum FDIC or FSLIC coverage of all Borough funds on deposit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer for institution as soon as practically possible.

Discussion: Mayor Tomasko thanked Councilman Cacouris and Treasurer Hayward.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Cacouris noted they are also reviewing tax payment methods and may propose some changes in policy at a future meeting.

Tax Assessor’s Report. On file.

MAYOR'S REPORT The Mayor reported on the following:

- Thanks to the 38 Alpine families and 18 out of town families who joined the Alpine Swim Club this year and enjoyed this wonderful but underutilized facility that is an enhancement to our town. Further thanks go to the time and efforts of the volunteer board that ran the pool.
- **Walk With the Mayor** As will be noted in the quarterly newsletter and responding to the Surgeon General's call to action to "Step It Up!" to promote walking and walkable communities Mayor Tomasko will be available at the Borough Hall Parking Lot 10 AM Saturday, October 3rd (rain date Sunday) for the first such walk. The route and any further walks will be determined by the number and interest of those who respond.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration Department Councilman Shaddek advised there is no report.

Building Department Councilman Halbreich read the report's main statistics: 77 inspections, 1 driveway permit, 9 tree permits, 1 soil moving application and 6 zoning review applications.

Department of Public Works Councilman Frankel noted fall leaf collection begins October 6th and the balance of the report is on file.

Fire Department Councilwoman Gerstein sadly reported on the passing of Alpine Volunteer Fireman Derek Khorosian. Flags have been lowered to half mast and notices regarding services posted. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Alpine Fire Department.

Police Department Councilwoman Frankel advised there were 5 MVAs with 4 injuries, 22 summonses issued, and the rest of the report is on file.

Resolution #194 :9'2015: 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 Monday, September 21, 2015 to accept the reports of the Standing Committees.

Vote: Ayes: Cacouris, V.Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shaddek

MOTION CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT Attorney Huntington had advised he could not be present.

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

- **2015 Road Improvement Program / Riverside Cooperative** Work completed.
- **2016 DOT Grant Application** will be submitted prior to the deadline.
- **Alpine School Field Renovation** Two bids were received on September 18, 2015 and both were well in excess of the amount budgeted. Recommendation is to reject all bids and re-evaluate the scope of work to rebid at some time in the future. Without objection Agenda Item XII.C. was acted upon at this time.

BIDS FOR THE PROJECT:

SOCCER FIELD UPGRADE PHASE II (Hillside Ave/School Field)

Report of Bid Results- Alpine School Field Reconstruction

Advertised in The Record on Wednesday, September 6, 2015

Received and opened 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 18, 2015 at Borough Hall

Zenith Construction Services Orange, NJ	\$174,100.00
Sita Construction Co., Inc. Goshen, NY	\$143,375.00

Resolution #195 :9'2015: Re: Bids Alpine School Field Reconstruction

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine has requested bids for the Alpine School Field Reconstruction as detailed in the Notice to Bidders

WHEREAS sealed bids were received at the Borough Hall up until 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 18, 2015 as advertised in The Record on Sunday, September 6, 2015

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

WHEREAS 2 bids were received as listed above and were reviewed by the Borough Engineer and both bids exceed the amount budgeted for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, at the regular meeting Monday, September 21, 2015, that both bids be rejected for the reason stated: Both bids substantially exceed the amount appropriated for the project.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Vander Veer reminded Acting Clerk Wehmann to return the bid bonds who acknowledged this would be done tomorrow. Mayor Tomasko asked Mr. Vander Veer if he wanted authorization to rebid at this time. Mr. Vander Veer recommended they wait until early next spring to allow time for a closer review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS Resolutions #196:9'2015 - #198:9'2015

Councilman Cacouris abstains from items 1a & b

1.a. Resolution #196:9'2015: Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting August 26, 2015

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Monday, September 21, 2015 to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 26, 2015.

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

MOTION CARRIED

1.b. Resolution #197:9'2015: Approval of Minutes Executive Session August 26, 2015

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Monday, September 21, 2015 to approve the minutes of the executive session meeting held August 26, 2015.

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

MOTION CARRIED

2. Resolution #198:9'2015: Ratify Agreement & Authorize Ad for Bids Curbside Recycling

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

at this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Monday, September 21, 2015

WHEREAS, termination of the agreement with Bella Cleaning & Carting, LLC by mutual agreement created an emergent need to contract for interim curbside recycling services; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council per Resolution #190:8'2015 adopted August 28, 2015 authorized the Municipal Attorney and Acting Borough Clerk to secure the services of the second bidder until such time as the contract can be rebid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine ratify the agreement executed by the Mayor and Acting Borough Clerk with Buldo Carting, Inc. of River Vale, NJ effective September 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 at the same monthly rate as the current contract which is already provided for in the current municipal budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Acting Municipal Clerk is authorized to advertise and receive bids for either a 2-year or a 3-year contract for curbside recycling to be received Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Borough Hall.

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

MOTION CARRIED

End of Consent Agenda

**B. Resolution #199:9'2015: Award of Bid: Sale of Vehicle No Longer Needed for Public Use
1984 Mack Fire Truck**

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Monday, September 21, 2015

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine authorized the advertisement for sale by sealed bids of a Borough vehicle no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the following vehicle was advertised for sale in the Bergen Record and the Jersey Journal on September 3, 2015.

Dept	#	Year	Make	Model	VIN	Mileage	Minimum Bid
Fire	1	1984	Mack	Fire Truck - 963	1M1H143C5EM001142	15,677	\$5,000.00

AND WHEREAS, one sealed bid was received and opened on Thursday, September 17, 2015 as advertised in The Record and The Jersey Journal on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 10:00 AM at the Borough Hall Council Chambers at which time the results were read publicly by the Borough Clerk as follows:

Bidder	2014 Mack Fire Truck
Jim Hodges, Hodges & Sons Plumbing & Htg	\$6,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine that the following bid received for the 1984 Mack Fire Truck, be accepted:

Winning Bid

for Amount of Bid

Jim Hodges

\$6,000.00

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

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL

Mayor Tomasko distributed draft quarterly newsletter to Council. Councilman Halbreich requested they include a memoriam notice for Derek Khorosian which will be done.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Frankel, seconded by Councilwoman Gerstein and approved by all to adjourn the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 7:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Wehmann,
Deputy Borough Clerk / Acting Clerk