

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 23, 2024 @ 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 October 23, 2024, 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
Steven Cohen, Councilman	Absent	Vicki Frankel, Councilwoman	Absent
Arthur Frankel, Councilman	Present*(by phone)	Scott Bosworth, Councilman	Present
David Kupferschmid, Councilman	Present		

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Tomasko opened for public comment. Being none, the meeting was closed to the public.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ConnectOne Bank Current Operating Account \$2,588,045.72

Resolution #185:10'2024 Return of Bonds and Escrow

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

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on October 23, 2024, to return the following bonds or escrows:

Block	Lot	Name	Type	Amount
39.01	15	Sun Ryung Lee	Re-Vegetation Bond	\$3,600.00
39.01	15	Sun Ryung Lee	Performance Bond	\$5,174.82
39.01	15	Sun Ryung Lee	Tree Bond	\$5,304.52
39.01	15	Sun Ryung Lee	Driveway	\$ 300.00
39.01	15	Sun Ryung Lee	Soil & Engineering	\$ 735.00
TOTAL				\$15,150.34

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bosworth, Gerstein, A. Frankel, Kupferschmid **Absent:** V. Frankel, S. Cohen

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #186:10'2024 Approval of Bills and Claims

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

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on October 23, 2024, to approve the bills and claims as outlined in the Finance Report in the amount of \$1,402,409.97.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bosworth, A. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** V. Frankel, Cohen

MOTION APPROVED

Thanks to the DPW Superintendent's filing a claim in relation to emissions, the Borough received \$2100.00.

TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORT on file

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference will be held November 19-21 in Atlantic City. It is an excellent opportunity to take courses and meet people. The Mayor, Clerk, CFO, and Construction Code Official will be attending. The former CFO will also be attending, independently.
- The DEP is on the verge of introducing 1100 additional pages of regulation in protection against climate threats based on their projection of significant sea-level rise. Stormwater regulations are likely to be tightened up.
- The Institute of Local Government Attorneys has become interested in affordable housing. They have put out communications advocating that the affordable housing numbers be based on COs issued.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration Department no report.

Building Department 78 scheduled inspections; 2 tree permit applications; 3 soil moving applications; 3 zoning review applications; 1 miscellaneous application. The report is on file.

Department of Public Works The report is on file.

Fire Department The statistics are on file and available for review.

Police Department Mayor Tomasko: 384 calls for service in September; 35 motor vehicle and 3 borough ordinance summonses; 4 radar/laser summonses on Route 9W; 2 on Closter Dock Road. There were 5 motor vehicle accidents investigated. 12 alarms have been received and 5 warnings for false alarms issued. The report is on file.

Resolution #187:10'2024: Accepting the Reports of the Standing Committees

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein

SECONDED BY: Councilman Frankel

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the borough of Alpine held on October 23, 2024, to accept the reports of the Standing Committees.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bosworth, A. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** V. Frankel, Cohen

MOTION APPROVED

BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT The school picnic went very well; this Friday is the Halloween party. Kate McKinnon, actress and comedian, visited the school to promote her book.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT No report

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT Three bids were opened on 10/10/2024 for the first section of the Anderson Avenue Improvements Project. The lowest bidder was J A Alexander, who did work on Glen Goin, and with whom the Borough was very satisfied. The Council will be asked tonight to award the contract.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS #188:10'2024-191:10'2024

Resolution #188:10'2024 Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting September 25, 2024

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein

SECONDED BY: Councilman Kupferschmid

At the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on October 23, 2024, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2024.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bosworth, Gerstein, A. Frankel, Kupferschmid **Absent:** V. Frankel, Cohen

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #189:10'2024 Report of Bid Results & Award of Bid for Anderson Avenue Improvements-Section I (FY2023 NJDOT Municipal State Aid Project)

Report of Bid Results- Anderson Avenue Improvements- Section I

Advertised in The Record Thursday, September 26, 2024; Received and opened 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 10, 2024 at Borough Hall, 100 Church Street, Alpine, NJ

Company, Town, State	Bid
DLS Contracting Inc., Fairfield, NJ	\$179,236.80

D&L Paving Contractors Inc, Nutley, NJ	\$166,821.96
JA Alexander Inc, Bloomfield, NJ	\$166,490.44

Resolution: Award of Bid for FY2023 Anderson Avenue Improvements - Section I (State Aid Project)

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

At a regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council on Wednesday, October 23, 2024.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine requested bids for the FY2023 Anderson Avenue Improvements- Section I (State Aid Project) as detailed in the Notice to Bidders and sealed bids were received at the Borough Hall up until 10:00 a.m. October 10, 2024, as advertised in The Record on Thursday, September 26, 2024; 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 **JA Alexander Inc. at \$166,490.44**; and

WHEREAS all of the bids were reviewed by the Borough Engineer who recommends acceptance of the lowest responsible bid from **JA Alexander Inc. at \$166,490.44**; subject to review by the Borough Attorney, QPA and concurrence of the award by NJDOT.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, at the regular meeting Wednesday, October 23, 2024, that the bid be awarded **JA Alexander Inc. at \$166,490.44**; subject to review by the Borough Attorney and concurrence of the award by NJDOT.

Vote: Ayes: Bosworth, A. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** Cohen, V. Frankel

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #190:10'2024 Authorizing Borough Engineer to Prepare Bid Package and Advertise for Bids for Anderson Avenue Improvements-Section II (FY 2024 Municipal State Aid Project)

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare bid specifications and advertise for Bids for the NJDOT Municipal Aid Project for Anderson Avenue Improvements- Section II (FY 2024) (section between Johnson Court and Buckingham Dr.), pending final adoption and estoppel period of a Capital Bond Ordinance for this purpose.

Vote: Ayes: Bosworth, A. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** Cohen, V. Frankel

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #191:10'2024 Endorse Planning Board Approval of Soil Moving Permit-27 Warren Lane B:72/L:23

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on October 23, 2024

WHEREAS, Borough Ordinance 183-3D(5) lays down the procedure for review of an application for a soil movement permit in compliance with N.J.S.A. 40:20D-26b; and

WHEREAS, the application was reviewed by the Planning Board at a hearing held **September 24, 2024**, and the Planning Board laid down their written recommendation to the Mayor and Council with respect to this application in a resolution approved at their regular meeting held on **October 22, 2024**; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has examined the application and the recommendations of the Planning Board and has considered the results of the public hearing before the Planning Board;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine finds that the proposed soil movement will not create conditions inimical to the public health, welfare and safety, nor create any drainage, soil erosion or other conditions of danger and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby approves said application subject to all conditions as laid out in the Planning Board's resolution of **October 22, 2024**.

Vote: Ayes: Bosworth, A. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** Cohen, V. Frankel

MOTION APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS

The Bid Results for the Sale of Vehicles No Longer Needed for Public Use: The total for three vehicles is \$9,056. The fourth vehicle is currently pending auction.

**REPORT OF BID RESULTS
SALE OF VEHICLES NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE**

Authorized by Resolution dated August 28, 2024
 Advertised in The Record on Friday, October 4, 2024
 Bid Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 7:30PM
 Conducted Utilizing Online Auction Services of GovDeals, Inc. (GovDeals.com)

VEHICLE	BIDDER/ BUYER	AWARDED BID
2019 DODGE CHARGER VIN 2C3CDXKT4KH511277	MAHER KOUR, CLIFTON COLFAX AUTOMALL, CLIFTON, NJ	\$7,105
2014 DODGE CHARGER VIN 2C3CDXAT8EH344847	JUERGEN SCHWAB GLEN BURNIE, MD	\$1,275
2011 FORD EXPEDITION, VIN 1FMJU1G59BEF53845	HIGHEST BIDDER DEFAULTED/ VEHICLE PENDING RE-AUCTION	NOT APPLICABLE
2001 GMC DUPM TRUCK, VIN 1FMJU1G59BEF53845	JOE VELBA MIDWAY AUTO INC., MORGANVILLE, NJ	\$676
TOTAL		\$9,056

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None/Not needed

The Mayor thanked Stephanie for keeping the meetings brief and organized.

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 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann
Municipal Clerk