

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 17, 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 November 17, 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. Christopher Amato, Police Officer with the Alpine Police Department, who is now out of work with a work-related injury, related that he met with the Mayor, CFO, and another officer. He stated that the Governing Body agreed unanimously in October to stop contributing to full pay. He outlined his injury, surgery, and recovery. He asked that full pay be continued month to month based on the merits of the case.

Hearing no further, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ConnectOne Bank Current Operating Account **\$4,958,149.72**

Resolution 201:11'2025 Return of Bonds and Escrow

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Cohen **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Frankel

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on November 17, 2025, to return the following bonds or escrows:

Block	Lot	Name	Type	Amount
81.04	17	Gottlieb, Seth (11 Autumn Terrace LLC)	Engineering	\$311.75

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution 202:11'2025 Refund of Tax Overpayment-11 Pike Street, B: 49/L:5

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

WHEREAS, the following property owner made a duplicate payment of property taxes for 4TH 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:

Block	Lot	Owner	Address	Amount
49.02	5	Mekhjjan, Tania	11 Pike Street	\$4,142.00

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution 203:11'2025: Authorizing Transfer of 2025 Budget Appropriations (Transfer #1)

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Cohen **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Abad

WHEREAS, title 40A:4-58 of the New Jersey Statutes provides that should it become necessary during the last two months of the fiscal year to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated therefore, and there shall be an excess in any appropriation over and above the amount claimed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation, the Governing Body may by Resolution setting forth the facts (adopted by not less than 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof), transfer the amount of such excess of those appropriations deemed to be insufficient.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Alpine, the Borough Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the 2025 Budget Appropriations.

		<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Financial Administration S/W	5-01-20-130-010	\$ 600.00	
Financial Administration O/E	5-01-20-130-020		\$ 600.00
Engineering Services	5-01-20-155-020	\$5,318.85	
Fire Dept. Operating Expenses	5-01-25-265-020		\$5,318.85
Engineering Services	5-01-20-165-020	\$ 53.68	
Public Employees Retirement System	5-01-36-471-000	\$ 36.06	
Police & Fire Retirement Systems	5-01-36-475-000		\$ 89.74
Electricity	5-01-31-430-020	\$ 750.00	
PSE&G (natural gas)	5-01-31-446-020		\$ 750.00
	TOTAL:	\$6,758.59	\$6,758.59

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution 204:11'2025: 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 November 17, 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

TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORT The report is available for review.

MAYOR'S REPORT Congratulations to Council President Gerstein and Councilman Bosworth for their votes in the Election. The League of Municipalities meets at the convention this week. The Mayor and several members of the staff and Governing Body will attend. The 249th commemoration of the retreat from Fort Lee will be held 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Saturday at the Fort Lee Historic Park. **The Mayor nominated Phil Simotas as the 2025 Volunteer of the Year. Councilman Abad made a motion to support the nomination, second Councilwoman Gerstein and supported by the entire Governing Body.**

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration Department There were 49 OPRA requests during the past month, bringing the total to 534 for the year.

Building Department 66 scheduled inspections, 7 tree permits, 4 soil moving applications, and 2 zoning review applications.

Department of Public Works Work was done in several of the COAH units; leaf cleanup is on schedule and brush clipping has been completed; the trucks are continuously serviced; the Swim Club and lawn sprinklers were

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winterized. Preparations are underway for winter weather; flooding conditions were addressed on 10/31/2025, and a large fallen tree was removed.

Fire Department The statistics are on file.

Police Department 26 summonses were issued; 8 motor vehicle accidents were investigated; 4 injuries were sustained). The entire report is available for review.

Resolution 205:11'2025: Accepting the Reports of the Standing Committees

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Monday, November 17, 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 Parent Teacher conferences took place this month. Thanksgiving break begins midday November 26. The Student Council raised money for the Disabled American Veterans.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT No report

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT On October 29, bids were received for the milling and paving of the second section of Anderson Avenue (up to Buckingham). The lowest bidder was JA Alexander, who was the contractor for the first section and did very well. We were awarded \$151,000 for the 2026 DOT work, which will pay for Buckingham to be completely repaved. Mayor Tomasko asked whether there has been any response from the County to the Borough's multiple requests to extend the right turn lane from Closter Dock Road onto Route 9W. Mr. Frenzel will follow up with the County again.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 846 AMENDING SECTION 209-9 SCHEDULE 1: NO PARKING

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

Resolution 206:11'2025 Adoption of Ordinance No. 846

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Monday, November 17, 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 TO AMEND SECTION 209-9 SCHEDULE I: NO PARKING

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

NEW BUSINESS CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 207:11'2025 Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting October 22, 2025

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

At this meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Monday, November 17, 2025, members voted as follows:

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution 208:11'2025 Report of Bid Results- Anderson Avenue Improvements- Section II

Advertised in The Record on Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Received and opened 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 29, 2025

at Borough Hall, 100 Church Street, Alpine, NJ

Company Town, State	Bid
J.A. Alexander Inc., Bloomfield, NJ	\$175,956.52

4 Clean-Up Inc., North Bergen, NJ	\$212,222.30
D & L Paving Contractors Inc., Nutley, NJ	\$198,109.30
AJM Contractors Inc., Clifton, NJ	\$185,498.40
DLS Contracting Inc., Fairfield, NJ	\$189,064.00
Cifelli & Son General Contracting Inc, Nutley, NJ	\$230,236.00

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

At a regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council on Monday, November 17, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine requested bids for the FY2024 Anderson Avenue Improvements- Section II (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 29, 2025, as advertised in The Record on Wednesday, October 15, 2025; and

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

WHEREAS Six (6) bids were received as listed above and apparent low bidder was identified to be **JA Alexander Inc. at \$175,956.52**; 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 \$175,956.52**; 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 held Monday, November 17, 2025, that the bid be awarded **JA Alexander Inc. at \$175,956.52**; subject to review by the Borough Attorney and concurrence of the award by NJDOT.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution 209:11'2025 Renewal of Employee Assistance Program Agreement with Bergen County Department of Health Services (One-Year Term, 2026)

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on November 17, 2025

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared-Services Act (USSA) found at N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 was passed in an effort to encourage and ease the sharing of services; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Borough of Alpine and its Health Department to provide state mandated health services of a technical and professional nature and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine desires to contract for the furnishing of certain of these health services by the BCDHS to the Borough of Alpine, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-1 *et seq.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine as follows:

1. That the Municipal Clerk and the Mayor are hereby authorized and directed to execute the letter of agreement to renew the shared service agreements noted below for a one-year term (2026) with the Bergen County Department of Health Services for the year 2026 for the following "not to exceed" amounts:

Employee Assistance Program (EAP)* (\$22.25 per employee) \$689.75

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution 210:11'2025 Authorize 2026-2027 Shared Services Agreement BCDHS Bloodborne Pathogen Program

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Monday, November 17, 2025

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared-Services Act (USSA) found at N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 was passed in an effort to encourage and ease the sharing of services; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Borough of Alpine and its Health Department to provide state mandated health services of a technical and professional nature and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine desires to contract for the furnishing of certain of these health services by the BCDHS to the Borough of Alpine, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-1 *et seq.*; as provided for in the contract and summarized as follows:

Bloodborne Pathogens Program Coordination pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:60-1 *et seq.* and in compliance with P.E.O.S.H.A. as follows: Exposure Control Plan Development; Policies and Procedures; Training Programs; and

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Record/Report Generation and Retention and billing support documentation at a cost not to exceed **\$25 per each** trained employee.

WHEREAS, for purposes of cost stabilization the term of this Agreement will be for two (2) years beginning January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2027;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine as follows:

2. That the Borough Clerk and/or the Mayor are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the Bergen County Department of Health Services to perform the public health services of a professional nature which services and costs are outlined above
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this agreement shall be dependent upon the future appropriation of funds in the 2026 and 2027 fiscal year budget for the purposes of this contract and the Chief Financial Officer providing a certification, to be affixed to this resolution, as to the availability of funds for this contract upon that appropriation.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution 211:11'2025 AWARD OF QUOTE (DPW/Buildings & Grounds) Replacement of Affordable Housing HVAC System (Unit B)

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

At this meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Monday, November 17, 2025

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has identified a need replace HVAC system for Unit B 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 Hayward Gordon Corp. of Alpine, NJ for \$10,125.00 and one from A2 Solutions Heating & Air Conditioning of Hackensack, NJ for \$10,999.00; and

WHEREAS, these quotes were reviewed, and a recommendation made by the DPW Superintendent that the quote be awarded to Hayward Gordon Corp. of Alpine, NJ for \$10,125.00 as the lowest responsible quote; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose have been provided for through the following accounts:

Account: 90100

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine hereby award the quote for replacing the HVAC system at the affordable housing complex Unit B to Hayward Gordon Corp. of Alpine, NJ for \$10,125.00 The Chief Financial Officer has provided the Certification of Availability of Funds.

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

MOTION APPROVED

The Mayor shared that the **Best Practices Inventory** was certified and submitted on October 23, 2025, before the October 24th deadline. The Mayor met with Borough Officials to review the BPI questions and responses prior to submission. This year's inventory was comprised of 70 questions including unscored survey questions. At the time of submission there was an inventory score of 40. This score should result in no penalty or withholding of Property Tax Relief (CMPTRA) and Energy Tax Receipts (ETR), or other applicable state aid, based on the rubric provided in Local Finance Notice 2025-13. The entire report with questions and answers is available for review.

Mayor Tomasko expressed his gratitude and pride for the employees of the Borough.

EXECUTIVE SESSION none/not needed

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Gerstein, seconded by Councilman Bosworth, and approved by all, this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann
Municipal Clerk**BOROUGH OF ALPINE
ORDINANCE NO. 846****AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 209-9 SCHEDULE I: NO PARKING**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine that Section 209-9. Schedule I: No Parking shall be amended as follows:

§ 209-9. Schedule I: No Parking.

In accordance with the provisions of § 209-3C, no person shall park a vehicle at any time on any of the following described streets:

Street	Sides	Location
Anderson Avenue [Added 4-26-2023 by Ord. No. 821]	East	Along the easterly curbline between the north end and Hickory Lane
Berkery Place [Added 9-23-2009 by Ord. No. 706]	Both	Between signs as designated and posted
Church Street	Both	Between the southerly curbline of Closter Dock Road and the northerly side line of Haring Lane, with such line extended to the west side of Church Street
		Between the northerly curbline of Hillside Avenue and the point of intersection of the northerly curbline of Miles Street with Church Street
	East	Between the intersection of the southerly curbline of Schoolhouse Lane and the northerly curbline of Haring Lane
Closter Dock Road	Both	Between the westerly curbline of U.S. Route 9W and a point 150 feet to the west on both sides of the road
	South	Between Church Street and a point 250 feet west of U.S. Route 9W
Haring Lane	Both	Between the easterly curbline of Church Street and the point of intersection of the easterly line of the Fire Department driveway with Haring Lane
Hillside Avenue	Both	250 feet from the intersection of Hillside Avenue and Church Street along both sides of Hillside Avenue
Hilltop Lane	Both	Starting at Hillside Avenue running south until you reach the opening to the main parking lot at the southern end of the roadway
Old Dock Road	Both West	Between the northerly curbline of Closter Dock Road and the point of intersection of Old Dock Road and Ridge Street <u>The entirety of Old Dock Road</u>
Ridge Street	West	Between the point of intersection of Ridge Street and Old Dock Road and the southerly curbline of Forest Street

If any section, subsection, part, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, such section, subsection, part, clause or phrase shall be deemed to be severable from the remainder of this Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.