

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 24, 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 July 24, 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	Present	Vicki Frankel, Councilwoman	Absent
Arthur Frankel, Councilman	Present*phone	Scott Bosworth, Councilman	Present
David Kupferschmid, Councilman	Present		

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Tomasko opened for public comment. David Kurtz (73/10) stated that he learned at last night's Planning Board meeting that the 19 Allison Zoning application was approved in one day (9/26-27) and wanted to understand how that happened so quickly. The Mayor thanked him for bringing it to the Mayor and Council's attention and said that it would be looked into. Being no additional comments, the meeting was closed to the public.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ConnectOne Bank Current Operating Account \$3,047,452.75

Resolution #146:7'2024 Return Bonds and Escrow

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

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on July 24, 2024, to return the following bonds or escrows:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
70	6	Kim Cho	Engineering	\$244.00
81.05	6	Fei Keh Sung/Ching Chang	Driveway	\$177.00
120	6	Glasgal	Septic	\$185.00

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #147:07'2024 Requesting Approval for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2024 Budget – Division of Law and Public Safety: Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Grant

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and,

WHEREAS, said director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amounts, and,

WHEREAS, after the adoption of the 2024 municipal budget, the Borough of Alpine was awarded an Alcohol Education And Rehabilitation Grant in the amount of \$367.75 from the State of New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine is desirous to anticipate and appropriate such monies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Alpine, Bergen County, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an additional item of revenue in the budget for 2024 in the sum of \$365.75 which item is now available as a revenue pursuant to the provision of statute, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$365.75 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

Operations Excluded from Caps

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenue:

Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation \$367.75

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and the Borough Treasurer.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #148:7'2024 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 July 24, 2024, to approve the bills and claims as outlined in the Finance Report in the amount of \$142,999.37.

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

MOTION APPROVED

TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORT on file

MAYOR'S REPORT

- About two weeks ago the new tax rate was received from the County. The tax bills were mailed out last week. The rate was up 3½ percent, largely attributable to the 7% increase in the County's portion.
- We have surpassed last year's number of overall members at the swim club. Thank you to those who support the swim club.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration Department no report

Building Department Councilman Kupferschmid: 59 scheduled inspections, 1 driveway permit, 2 soil moving applications, 5 tree permits, 8 zoning application reviews, 3 miscellaneous items. The report is on file.

Department of Public Works The report is on file.

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

Police Department Mayor Tomasko: 432 calls for service; 47 motor vehicle and borough ordinance summonses (3 radar summonses on Route 9W). The report is on file.

Resolution #149:7'2024: Accepting the Reports of the Standing Committees

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

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the borough of Alpine held on July 24, 2024, to accept the reports of the Standing Committees.

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

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BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT The school is preparing for the next school year.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT Bills concerning accessory structures and parking have both been sent to committee at the State level.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT nothing new to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance#831: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 826 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

Public Hearing: Mayor Tomasko opened for public comment. Being none, public comments closed.

Resolution #150:7'2024 Adoption Ordinance#831

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Frankel

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday, July 24, 2024

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 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 826 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.”

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

MOTION APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS: RESOLUTIONS #151:7'2024-153:7'2024

Resolution #151:7'2024 Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting June 26, 2024

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein

SECONDED BY: Councilman Cohen

At the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on July 24, 2024 to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2024.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #152:07'2024 Endorse Planning Board Approval of Soil Moving Permit – 46 Tamarack Road, B:22;L:26

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein

SECONDED BY: Councilman Cohen

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on July 24, 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 June 25, 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 July 23, 2024 (copy attached hereto); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has examined the application and the recommendations of the Planning Board and have 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 find 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 approve said application subject to all conditions as laid out in the Planning Board's resolution of July 23, 2024.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #153:07'2024 Resolution Consenting to the Proposed Northeast Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan Amendment

INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein

SECONDED BY: Councilman Cohen

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine desires to provide for the orderly development of wastewater facilities within the development known as the Frick Estates as described more fully herein; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protections (NJDEP) requires that proposed wastewater treatment and conveyance facilities and wastewater treatment service areas, as well as related subjects, conform with an approved WQM plan; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP has established the WQM plan amendment procedure through the WQMP rules at N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5 as the method of incorporating unplanned facilities into a WQM plan; and

WHEREAS, a proposed WQM plan amendment publicly noticed in the New Jersey Register on July 1, 2024 for Frick Estates – Section IV, Block 55, Lots 25.01 (portion) 26 (portion), 27, 28, 29 (portion) and 30, Alpine Borough,

Bergen County, PI 435443, Activity AMD 190008, has been prepared by Hubschman Engineering and Dykstra Walker Design Group.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that:

1. The Borough of Alpine hereby consents to the Frick Estates – Section IV, publicly noticed on July 1, 2024, prepared by Hubschmann Engineering and Dykstra Walker Design Group, for the purpose of its incorporation into the applicable WQM plan(s).
2. This consent shall be submitted to the NJDEP pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-3(g)6.

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

MOTION APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL

Public Comment: The Mayor opened the meeting to the public. Hearing none, the meeting was closed to the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on July 24, 2024,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b subsection designated below:

(b)(7) Matters Relating to Pending Contract Negotiation and attorney-client privilege

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, assembled in public session on July 24, 2024, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Borough Council that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

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

MOTION APPROVED

The Mayor & Council entered into executive session at 7:44 PM, reconvening the public session at 7:59 PM and immediately adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Gerstein, seconded by Councilman Cohen approved by all, this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann
Municipal Clerk

**BOROUGH OF ALPINE
ORDINANCE NO. 831**

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 826 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.”

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine as follows:

These minutes have been approved by the Mayor and Council.

Section 1. That the respective salaries, wages or compensation of the following officers, employees, officials of the Borough of Alpine be hereby fixed at the following rate, effective as of January 1, 2024 except as may be specifically noted.

<u>Office or Position:</u>	Yearly Salary Effective January 1, 2024
Police Chief (pursuant to current contract)	215,000

Section 2. That all ordinances or parts or ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall be retroactively effective as of January 1, 2024 upon the date of adoption of this Ordinance.

INTRODUCED: June 26, 2024

ADOPTED: July 24, 2024

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

Absent: V. Frankel

MOTION APPROVED