

**ALPINE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 28, 2018 @ 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 28, 2018 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 28, 2018 has met the requirements of the law by being published in The Record as part of the Annual Notice on January 5, 2018, 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE Councilman Cacouris highlighted the report a copy of which is on file in the Borough Clerk's office. He noted the higher cash balance is the result of residents prepaying property tax in response to the federal income tax legislation.

Bank of New Jersey Current Operating Account **\$5,824,679.77**

Resolution #048:2'2018: Authorizing the Transfer of 2017 Budget Appropriations Reserves #2

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A-59 Permits transfers of appropriation reserves from the preceding year to be made during the first three months of the following fiscal year. This section reads as follows:

- a. If during the first three months of any fiscal year, the amount of any appropriation reserve for the immediately preceding fiscal year is insufficient to pay the claims authorized or incurred during said preceding year which were chargeable to said appropriation, and there shall be an excess in any appropriation reserves over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill its purpose, the governing body may, by resolution adopt by not less than a 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess to any appropriation reserve or an appropriation in the prior budget deemed to be insufficient to fulfill its purpose of for which no reserve was provided.

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 2017 Budget Reserve: Appropriations in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-59.

		<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Legal Department O/E	7-01-20-155-020	\$4,541.97	
Fire Department O/E	7-01-25-262-020		\$ 253.97
LOSAP	7-01-25-265-039	_____	<u>\$4,288.00</u>
TOTAL		\$4,541.97	\$4,541.97

VOTE: Ayes: Cacouris, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

These minutes have been approved by the Mayor & Council.

Resolution #049: 2'2018: 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 28, 2018 to approve the bills and claims copies of which are appended.

VOTE: Ayes: Cacouris, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution #050:2'2018 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 28, 2018 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>
Bechtel Communications Li, Ning & Liu, Pei Len	11/1	Engineering Re-Veg Bond Performance Bond Engineering Escrow Tree Bond	1,595.75 3,500.00 17,000.00 1,039.25 3,500.00
Waldman, Kevin	71/16	Tree Bond	1,500.00
LaBarbiera, Joseph	81.03/1	Planning Board	1,137.05
Perez, Ramon & Carmen	59/3	Planning Board	1,025.85
Garabet, Leon	47/1	Planning Board	323.99
LaBarbiera, Joseph	76/2	Planning Board	536.38
Grinberg, Boris & Marina	49.02/17	Planning Board	1,178.35

VOTE: Ayes: Cacouris, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

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

MAYOR'S REPORT The Mayor reported on the following:

- MEL Local Elected Officials Training. Councilpersons Cacouris, A. Frankel, and V. Frankel attended. The next class is March 20th at 6 pm in Hillsdale.
- KARP Alpine, LLC. Demarest Zoning Board hearing scheduled for April 17.
- Former Councilman Robert L Mulliken, Jr. passed away.
- State PILOT Notice re: taxes Alpine would have derived if Palisades Interstate Park Commission was taxable is \$4,052,670.00.
- The draft budget is ready for submission to the Borough Auditor who will prepare the final version, and attend next month's budget workshop. The Mayor, CFO and/or auditor are available to answer any questions prior to introduction at next month's regular meeting. Thanks to Councilwoman Frankel for her assistance.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration Department Councilman Shadek – no report.

Building Department Councilman Halbreich reported 53 scheduled inspections and 2 zoning review applications. Balance of the report is on file.

Department of Public Works Councilman Frankel noted DPW did a good job during the heavy snowfall on February 17-18.

Fire Department Councilwoman Gerstein – statistics are on file.

Police Department Councilwoman Frankel noted there were 11 summonses issued and 7 motor vehicle accidents with 2 injuries. The rest of the report is on file.

Resolution #051:2'2018: 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 28, 2018 to accept the reports of the Standing Committees.

VOTE: Ayes: Cacouris, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT In light of the recent mass shooting in Parkland, FL Mayor Tomasko made note the Alpine Police Department works closely with the school on security measures.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT No report.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT Borough Engineer Vander Veer distributed his report.

- **NJDOT 2018 Municipal Aide** Notice received Alpine's application for a grant of \$162,100.00 for the improvement of Litchfield Way has been approved. The project is slated for inclusion in this year's road improvement capital bond ordinance. Mr. Vander Veer requested authorization to begin preparation of bid documents in anticipation of bid process. Mayor Tomasko thanked Mr. Vander Veer for his work on obtaining the grant.

Resolution #052:2'2018: Authorize Borough Engineer to Prepare Bid Package in Anticipation of Bid Process.

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein
at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare bid documents for the Municipal Aide Road Improvement Project – Litchfield Way.

VOTE: Ayes: Cacouris, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS Resolutions #053:2'2018 - #059:2'2018

1. Approval of Minutes

a. Resolution #053:2'2018:Regular Meeting January 24, 2018

OFFERED BY: Councilman A. Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein
at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 24, 2018.

VOTE: Ayes: Cacouris, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

b. Resolution #054:2'2018:Executive Session January 24, 2018

OFFERED BY: Councilman A. Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein
at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on January 24, 2018.

VOTE: Ayes: Cacouris, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

2. Resolution #055:2'2018: Introduction Ordinance # 773 Modifying Right-of-Way/Utility Easement w/Board of Education

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018

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 AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF A RIGHT OF WAY AND UTILITY EASEMENT TO THE ALPINE BOARD OF EDUCATION OVER BLOCK 39, LOT 2.02 IN CONNECTION WITH THE SEPTIC SYSTEM AND RECREATION FIELDS AND ALSO PROVIDING FOR THE VACATING OF AN EXISTING EASEMENT

pass on first reading and remain on file with the Clerk for public inspection until public hearing thereon and further consideration thereof, which hearing shall be held in the Borough Hall, 100 Church Street, Alpine,

New Jersey on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at which time and place all persons interested in said Ordinance will be heard.

The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish said Ordinance ten days prior to the date fixed for further consideration for final passage together with the Notice of Hearing thereon in The Record according to law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of said Ordinance shall be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Borough Hall and copies shall be made available to the members of the public who shall request the same.

VOTE: Ayes: Cacouris, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

3. Resolution #056:2'2018: LOSAP Eligibility for 2017 – Closter Ambulance Rescue Corp

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine has established a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for Alpine Fire Department and has approved an Interlocal Agreement with the Borough of Closter for the Closter Volunteer Ambulance Rescue Corps, which services Alpine, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine has received a certification from the Closter Volunteer Ambulance Rescue Corps of the annual list for the year 2017, commencing January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017 of all volunteer members who have qualified for credit under the LOSAP program, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine has reviewed the said list and does hereby believe that the same should be certified.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine that the following named members of the Closter Volunteer Ambulance Rescue Corps have attained the minimum number of points and therefore qualify to receive an award for the 2017 reporting year:

Amin Afshar	Joseph Akselrod	A.J. Baretta
Robert Beddoe	Margaret Buchanan (formerly Baretta)	Laureen Dahle
Walter Dankiewicz	Terry DeLyon (formerly Komar)	Regina Duffy
Sean Foley	Brooke Glidden	John Glidden
James Gordon	Ross Herbert	Anthony Iocco
Luke Isaacson	Anthony Lupardi, Jr.	Hadar Maresky
Sam Messer	Vanessa Quito	Mark Safran
Steven Selle	Maayan Shalvi	Alan (Walter) Wilson

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copy of this Resolution shall be posted for a period of thirty (30) days on the bulletin boards in the lobby of the Alpine Borough Hall and in the Closter Volunteer Ambulance Rescue Corps and a copy be forwarded to the Borough of Closter.

VOTE: Ayes: Cacouris, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

4. Resolution #057:2'2018: 2018 Alpine Swim Club Fees

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018

WHEREAS, Borough Ordinance 754 provides that the Mayor and Council shall annually set the fees of the Alpine Swim & Racquet Club; and

WHEREAS, the Alpine Swim and Racquet Club Subcommittee have recommended the following fee schedule:

2018 Fee Schedule for Alpine Swim & Racquet Club	
Alpine resident, single or family	\$ 375.00
Closter resident, single or family	\$ 600.00
Non-resident, family	\$ 950.00
Non-resident, single	\$ 600.00
Non-resident discount for payment before May 1 st <i>Applies to all Non-resident memberships and Closter-resident Single Memberships (excludes Closter-resident Family Memberships)</i>	\$ (50.00)
Alpine resident discount for payment before May 1st	None
Alpine resident nanny addition*	\$ 150.00
Closter nanny addition*	\$ 150.00
Non-resident nanny addition*	\$ 150.00
<i>*requires documentation of proof of employment</i>	
Guest Fees per person/per visit (over 2 years of age)	\$ 10.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine adopt same as the 2018 Fee Schedule for the Alpine Swim and Racquet Club.

VOTE: Ayes: Cacouris, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

5. Resolution #058:2'2018: Authorizing Sale of Solar Renewable Energy Credits (S-RECs)

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018

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-RECs), in recognition of the clean energy produced by its photovoltaic equipment; and

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

WHEREAS, S-RECs 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-RECs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorizes the sale of its current S-RECs 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-RECs 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: Cacouris, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

6. Resolution #059:2'2018: Authorizing Receipt of Engineering Escrow – SUEZ Block 90 Lot 4

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018

WHEREAS, SUEZ Water New Jersey intends to construct a pump station at utility property located at 149 Anderson Avenue (Block 90, Lot 4); and

WHEREAS, SUEZ Water New Jersey requested a pre-submission meeting with the Borough to review the project; and

WHEREAS, SUEZ Water New Jersey has agreed to establish an engineering escrow to cover the Borough's engineering fees associated with this project, including attendance at the pre-submission meeting, which the Borough Engineer estimates should not exceed \$500.00;

WHEREAS, it is understood that this escrow is separate from any escrow that may be required for fees related to zoning or site plan review for this project;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council authorize receipt of escrow in the amount of \$500.00 from SUEZ Water New Jersey to cover the Borough's engineering expenses associated with this project and that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Treasurer.

VOTE: Ayes: Cacouris, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

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 28, 2018 at 7:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann
Municipal Clerk