

**ALPINE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, July 22, 2020 @ 7:30 P.M.**  
(This meeting was recorded in its entirety).

**CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Mayor and Council, Borough of Alpine, convened for this Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 7:30 P.M. The Public Announcement was read as follows: *In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law, and the Governor's Emergency Declaration the notice of this regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held Wednesday, July 22, 2020 has met the requirements of the law by being published in The Record, posted continuously on the bulletin board of the lobby of the Borough Hall and a copy filed in the office of the Borough Clerk.*

**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	*joined by telephone	

**Staff Attending:** Borough Attorney Russ Huntington, Borough Engineer Perry Frenzel, Municipal Clerk Stephanie Wehmann, Attorney Levi Kool, from Borough Attorney's office, also attended.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** No public present.

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE** A copy is on file in the Borough Clerk's office.

**ConnectOne Current Operating Acct** **\$2,913,866.61**

**Resolution #124:7'2020: Approval of Bills and Claims**

**OFFERED BY:** Councilman Cacouris **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 to approve the bills and claims, a copy of which are appended.

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

**Resolution #125: 7'2020: 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, July 22, 2020 to approve the return of the following bonds and escrow subject to review and approval by the Borough Engineer.

<b><u>Block/Lot</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Type</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
50/1.02	375 Hillside LLC	Planning Board Escrow	\$400.80
81.04/18.04	Rock Solid Builders, LLC	Planning Board Escrow	\$295.60

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

**Resolution #126:7'2020: Refund of 2020 Tax Overpayment**

**OFFERED BY:** Councilman Cacouris **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, July 22, 2020

**WHEREAS,** the following property owner has made an overpayment of property taxes for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2020, and;

**WHEREAS,** said property owner has requested refund of same in the amount as shown below.

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*These minutes have been approved by the Mayor & Council.*

**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:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
76	4	Petrocelli, Robert	7 Overlook Road	\$3,117.44

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

**Resolution #127:7'2020: Adjustment of Bid Threshold**

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, July 22, 2020

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution #015:1'2020, adopted January 1, 2020, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, appointed Rebecca Overgaard as its Qualified Purchasing Agent for CY 2020 and maintains its bid threshold at \$40,000 and its quote threshold at \$6,000; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(c) and 18A-3(b), the State Treasurer has authorized an adjustment to the bid threshold, effective July 1, 2020, for contracting units subject to the Local Public Contracts Law, which allows local contracting units with an appointed Qualified Purchasing Agent to increase their bid threshold to a maximum of \$44,000 and its quote threshold to \$6,600; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpine desires to increase its bid threshold from \$40,000 to \$44,000 and its quote threshold from \$6,000 to \$6,600.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby adjusts its bid threshold to \$44,000 and quote threshold to \$6,600, retroactive to July 1, 2020; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2 the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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

**Tax Assessor's Report.** Report on file

**MAYOR'S REPORT** Mayor Tomasko highlighted:

- Planning Board at a Special Meeting July 20 reviewed Borough Planner's Draft of the Re-examination of the Master Plan. Governing body can expect final version soon.
- Planning Board will meet in-person July 28 to resume Alpine III application hearing.

**REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Administration Department** No report.

**Building Department** Councilman Halbreich noted 16 scheduled inspections, 8 tree permits, 3 soil moving applications, 10 zoning review applications. Balance of report is on file in the Clerk's office.

**Department of Public Works** Councilman Frankel reported Borough Hall and Fire Department parking lots, Alpine Drive, Old Quarry Road, and Old Chapel Court were paved; a substantial and beautiful improvement. Balance of report is on file.

**Fire Department** Councilwoman Gerstein advised statistics are available for review.

**Police Department** Councilwoman Frankel noted report is on file.

**Resolution #128:7'2020: Accepting the Reports of the Standing Committees**

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 to accept the reports of the Standing Committees.

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT** Councilman Shadek relayed a brief message from Phil Simotas regarding status of school re-opening noting they are planning for a September re-opening but have not yet received definitive information from the State.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT** No report for open. He will provide a report in closed session.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT** Mr. Frenzel advised the 2021 NJDOT Municipal Aide Grant application for Marie Major Drive repaving was filed on June 29 and receipt acknowledged by NJDOT. Remainder of report is on file.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS** Resolutions #129:7'2020 - #131:7'2020  
Councilman Halbreich abstained #1

**1. Resolution #129:7'2020: Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting June 24, 2020**

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting June 24, 2020.

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

**2. Resolution #130:7'2020 Authorizing Municipal Snow Plowing Agreement with County of Bergen 2020-2022 Snow Plowing Seasons**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpine has participated in the annual Snow Plowing Program with the County of Bergen for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Bergen Department of Public Works has provided the Borough with the Agreement for the 2020-2022 snow plowing seasons,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpine agrees to furnish the necessary equipment and personnel required to perform snow plowing operations on County roads located within the Borough of Alpine for the two winter seasons commencing October 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2022, and

**WHEREAS**, per the terms of the agreement, the County of Bergen shall compensate the Borough of Alpine at a rate of \$110.00 per hour of active plowing. The County will not be required to pay for standby time. The County will continue to provide the municipality with salt sufficient for County roads.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough of Alpine that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the County of Bergen Department of Public Works for the 2020-2022 Snow Plowing Program.

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

**3. Resolution #131:7'2020 Approving DPW Quote Talon Claw Attachment (MR-ESC Coop)**

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

At this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey held on Wednesday, July 22, 2020.

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpine is a member of The Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ID# 65 MCECCPS) (formerly known as the Middlesex Regional Education Services Commission), a New Jersey State approved Cooperative Pricing System and hereby reaffirms that membership as per resolution adopted May 27, 2015 and agreement dated May 28, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, The Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System awarded to various vendors under the Co-op Bid #17/18-30 (Trucks - 26,000 lbs. GVW or Greater) for the commodity of one (1) new Henke Model 700 Series Talon loader bucket that scoops and pinches; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpine will be purchasing the new Henke Model 700 Series Talon loader bucket for the Alpine Department of Public Works through Trius, Inc., 5049 Industrial Road, Farmingdale, NJ 07727. Contract Period is #17/18-30 (Trucks - 26,000 lbs. GVW or Greater) is March 23, 2018 – March 22, 2020 and then extended to March 22, 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Alpine authorizes the purchase of one (1) new Henke Model 700 Series Talon loader bucket that scoops and pinches for the Alpine Department of Public Works under the Education Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System #65MCECCPS with the amount not to exceed Fifteen thousand one hundred fourteen dollars and sixty cents (\$15,114.60).

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

**End of Consent Agenda Resolutions**

**COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Resolution#132:7'2020: Executive Session A Resolution providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.**

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, July 22, 2020

**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 Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, assembled in public session on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, 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.

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

Mayor and Council convened the Executive Session at 7:38 PM and returned to the regular public session at 8:49 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein      **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel  
and approved by all to adjourn the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday July 22, 2020 at 8:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie Wehmann, Municipal Clerk