

ALPINE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 22, 2017 @ 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, March 22, 2017 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, March 22, 2017 has met the requirements of the law by being published in The Record as part of the Annual Notice, 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 Shaddek, Councilman	Absent
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 A copy is on file in the Borough Clerk's office.

Bank Of New Jersey Current Operating Acct

\$4,176,017.77

Resolution #060: 3'2017: Emergency Appropriation to Increase the 2017 Temporary Budget

OFFERED BY: Councilman Cacouris **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel
at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on
Wednesday, March 22, 2017

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to Current Fund appropriations; and

WHEREAS, no adequate provision has been made in the 2017 Temporary Budget for the aforesaid purpose, and R.S. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency appropriation for the purpose, and,

WHEREAS, the total temporary emergency resolutions adopted in the year 2017 pursuant to the provision of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (R.S. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$1,577,555.36 and shall be provided for in the 2017 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, that in accordance with R.S. 40A:4-20, temporary emergency appropriations be and the same is hereby made for the following and that upon adoption, one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

OPERATIONS: Within "Cap"

General Administration O/E	7-01-20-120-020	\$ 96.59
Liability Insurance	7-01-23-210-020	\$ 16,160.66
Workers Compensation	7-01-23-215-000	\$ 18,275.68
Interboro Police Radio	7-01-25-250-021	\$ 5,586.00

These minutes have been approved by the Mayor and Council.

Street Lighting	7-01-31-435-020	\$	305.46
PSE&G/Direct Energy	7-01-31-446-020	\$	509.70
Public Employees Retirement System	7-01-36-471-000	\$	377.00
Police & Firemen's Retirement System	7-01-36-475-000	\$	150,474.27
TOTAL:			\$191,785.36

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #061: 3'2017: 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, March 22, 2017 to approve the bills and claims, a copy of which are appended.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #062: 3'2017: 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, March 22, 2017 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>
McCaffrey, John	42/4	Security Fund	\$5,515.00
Macchiavello Construction Corp.	81.06/12	Road Opening Bond	500.00
S.J. Paving Inc.	22/19	Curb Bond	500.00
Ye, Xiong Fei	53/8	Driveway Escrow	<u>27.50</u>
			\$6,542.50

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #063:3'2017 Introduction Ordinance #767 To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40a:4-45.14) For Calendar Year 2017

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, March 22, 2017

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:

CALENDAR YEAR 2017

An ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

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 Council Chambers, Alpine Municipal Building, Church Street, Alpine, New Jersey on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 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 in full, 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: V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, A. Frankel, Halbreich **Absent:** Shadek

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #064:3'2017 Introduction 2017 Municipal Budget

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday, March 22, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statement of revenues and appropriations attached hereto constitute the local Budget of the Borough of Alpine, Bergen County, New Jersey for the year 2017

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said budget be published in the Record Newspaper Group in the issue of March 30, 2017 and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Municipal Building on April 26, 2016 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, A. Frankel, Halbreich **Absent:** Shadok

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{Statement of Revenues and Appropriations appended to minutes}

Resolution #065:3'2017 Introduction 2017 Temporary Capital Budget

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday, March 22, 2017

WHEREAS the local capital budget for the year 2017 has not been adopted

WHEREAS, it is desired to Introduce a Capital Ordinance

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen that the following temporary capital budget of 2017 be made:

CAPITAL BUDGET (Current Year Action)
2017

1 Project	2 Project Number	3 Estimated Total Cost	4 Amounts Reserved in Prior Years	Planned Funding Services for Current Year 2017					6 To be Funded In Future Years
				5a 2017 Budget Appropriations	5b Improvement Fund	5c Capital Surplus	5d Grants in Aid and Other Funds	5e Debt Authorized	
2017 Road Program		\$335,000						\$335,000	
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS		\$335,000						\$335,000	

3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2017-2019
Anticipated PROJECT Schedule and Funding Requirement

1 Project	2 Project Number	3 Estimated Total Cost	4 Estimated Completion Time	5 Funding Amounts per Year					
				Budget Year 2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
2017 Road Program		\$335,000		\$335,000					
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS		\$335,000		\$335,000					

3 YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM 2017-2019
Summary of Anticipated Funding Sources and Amounts

1 Project	2 Estimated Total Cost	3 Budget Appropriations		4 Capital Improvement Fund	5 Capital Surplus	6 Grant in Aid And Other Funds	7 Bonds and Noted			
		Current Year 2017	Future Years				General	Self Liquidating	Assessment	School
2017 Road Program	\$335,000						\$335,000			
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	\$335,000						\$335,000			

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services.

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

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Tax Assessor's Report. Report on file in the Borough Clerk's Office. Councilman Cacouris noted the tax assessor added a home missing from the rolls and the owner will be backed billed to the full extent of the law. We're in good hands with the new tax assessor.

MAYOR'S REPORT The Mayor reported on the following:

- The Mayor appointed Councilwoman Frankel and Councilwoman Gerstein to the Memorial Day Ad Hoc Committee he chairs to help with decisions and preparations.
- The draft newsletter he distributed includes information on the Bergen County Parks survey which will assist Bergen County as they draft the Parks Master Plan. He strongly encourages Councilmembers to participate in the survey and weigh in on keeping the passive parkland to our north passive.
- The JIF MEL ethics class is available in Hillsdale and Wyckoff and online. The Municipal Clerk can provide details and assistance. The Borough saves \$250 for each elected official who participates. The Mayor, Councilwoman Gerstein and Municipal Clerk Wehmann attended the class in Harrington Park last month.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration Department Councilman Shadek was unable to attend. No report

Building Department Councilman Halbreich read the report's main statistics:

47 scheduled inspections, 3 tree permits, and 4 zoning review applications. Balance of the reports is on file in the Clerk's office.

Department of Public Works Councilman Frankel noted the DPW handled the March 14th snowstorm fantastically clearing the roads for safe passage. Balance of the report is on file. Councilwoman Gerstein echoed that the condition of Alpine's roads surpassed those of neighboring towns. Mayor Tomasko agreed roads were passable for emergency purposes (one did occur) throughout the day and well under control by 5 pm.

Fire Department Councilwoman Gerstein advised statistics are available for review.

Police Department Councilwoman Frankel reported in February 41 motor vehicle summonses issued, 7 motor vehicle accidents with 1 injury.

Resolution #066 :3'2017: 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, March 22, 2017 to accept the reports of the Standing Committees.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT Mayor Tomasko advised the Board of Education is working toward the finalization of their budget with a little more than 2% increase. The school play, Enchanted Sleeping Beauty, will be presented this Friday and Saturday.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT Attorney Huntington advised a concern regarding a road opening permit application was settled and the resolution is withdrawn.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT Engineer Vander Veer distributed his report and highlighted the following:

- Ready to bid **2016 NJDOT Municipal Aid** project for the southern portion of Church Street and Graham Street. He hopes to receive bids so they can be ready to award the bid following adoption of the capital bond ordinance.
- **2017 NJDOT Road Improvement** program is on track to bid the project next month with a tentative award date of May 10th. The intent is to schedule both projects for completion over the summer.
- **Municipal Stormwater Permit** is being actively worked on and is due by May 2nd.
- **NJDEP's Draft Stormwater Permit Renewal Requirements.** Mr. Vander Veer had distributed his report outlining proposed changes along with his comments; it is lengthy but not as lengthy as the draft document itself. The anticipated changes to this program administered by the State will include a significant increase in costs associated with a lot of additional recordkeeping and mapping. The public comment period ends April 3rd. The State proposes adoption of these new rules sometime later this year. Mayor Tomasko read into the record a resolution adopted at yesterday's Bergen County League of Municipalities. A copy is appended to these minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS Resolutions #067:3'2017 - #072:3'2017
Councilman Cacouris abstained from the minutes as he was absent.

1. Approval of Minutes

a. Resolution #067:3'2017: Budget Meeting February 22, 2017

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, March 22, 2017 to approve the minutes of Budget Meeting February 22, 2017.

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

MOTION APPROVED

b. Resolution #068:3'2017:Regular Meeting February 22, 2017

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, March 22, 2017 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting February 22, 2017.

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

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2. Resolution #069:3'2017: Introduction Ordinance 768 2017 Salary Ordinance

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, March 22, 2017.

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 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.”

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 Council Chambers, Alpine Municipal Building, Church Street, Alpine, New Jersey on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 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 in full or by title, 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: V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, A. Frankel, Halbreich **Absent:** Shaddek

MOTION APPROVED

3. Resolution #070:3'2017: Introduction Capital Bond Ord. 770 2017 Road Improvements

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein
at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, March 22, 2017,

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:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2017 ROAD PROGRAM IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF ALPINE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$335,000 THEREFOR (INCLUDING A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$155,500) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$335,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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 Council Chambers, Alpine Municipal Building, Church Street, Alpine, New Jersey on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 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 by Title/Summary, 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: V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, A. Frankel, Halbreich **Absent:** Shaddek

MOTION APPROVED

4. Resolution #071:3'2017: Introduction Ord. 770 Amend Ch. 36-3(C) AFD LOSAP

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

at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, March 22, 2017,

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 CHAPTER 36-3(C) ENTITLED "LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAMS"

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 Council Chambers, Alpine Municipal Building, Church Street, Alpine, New Jersey on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 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 by Title/Summary, 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: V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, A. Frankel, Halbreich **Absent:** Shadek

5. Resolution #072:3'2017: Appointing Tax Assessor and Borough Attorney for Tax Appeal Matters

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, March 22, 2017

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on March 22, 2017:

WHEREAS, there is a need for the Borough Tax Assessor and the Borough Attorney to take certain actions regarding tax appeals with the Borough of Alpine; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine have authorized the Borough Tax Assessor and the Borough Attorney to take such certain action;

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

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine confirm the authority of the Borough Tax Assessor and the Borough Attorney to take certain actions regarding tax appeals including the following:

- Commencement of actions seeking to raise assessments;
- Settlement of pending appeals;
- Retention of expert witnesses; and
- Such other actions incidental to the above as may be needed.

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

MOTION APPROVED

End of Consent Agenda Resolutions

COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL Draft newsletter distributed for Council review.

ADJOURNMENT

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

and approved by all to adjourn the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday March 22, 2017 at 7:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann, Municipal Clerk

2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
of the Borough of Alpine
County of Bergen for the fiscal year 2017
Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2017	2016
1. Surplus	1,100,000.00	1,150,000
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	1,283,248.00	1,393,148
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	170,000.00	122,000
4. Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	3,252,705.00	3,205,876
Total General Revenues	5,805,953.00	5,871,024

Summary of Appropriations	2017 Budget	Final 2016 Budget
	1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	2,567,000
Other Expenses	1,448,600	1,434,547
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	590,195	537,988
3. Capital Improvements	16,000	0
4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)	434,158	596,389
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	750,000	730,000
Total General Appropriations	5,805,953	5,871,024
Total Number of Employees	34	34

2017 Dedicated Open Space Trust Fund

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2017	2016
1. Amount to be Raised by Taxes	\$ 99,006	\$ 98,225
2. Reserve Funds		
Total General Revenues	\$ 99,006	\$ 98,225

Summary of Appropriations	2017	Final 2016
	1. Reserve for Future Use	\$ 99,006
2. Salaries & Wages		
3. Other Expenses		
Total General Appropriations	\$ 99,006	\$ 98,225

Debt Information - Bonds, Notes and Loans				
	General	Water Utility	Sewer Utility	Utility – Other
Interest on Bonds and Notes		N/A	N/A	N/A
Interest on Notes	57,596			
Principal on Bonds	0			
Principal on Notes	373,000			
Repayment of Loans	3,562			
Outstanding Balance - 12/31/16	2,896,728			

These minutes have been approved by the Mayor and Council.

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE MS4 DRAFT RENEWAL PERMIT

WHEREAS, the 140-page MS4 Draft Renewal Permit regulations entail the following modified and/or new requirements:

- More frequent site inspections of stormwater outlets.
- Significant increase in record keeping, at the DPW yard, engineering, and municipal office.
- Enhanced mapping needs regarding the stormwater outlets and other storm water facilities (both public and PRIVATE).
- Enhanced public awareness requirements.
- Enhanced education requirements; engineering review personnel and municipal Land Use Board/ Governing Body review.

WHEREAS, to satisfy the above requirements, additional costs will be incurred, both engineering and municipal personnel;

WHEREAS, no mention is made within the Draft Permit documents with respect to any additional funding from the State; and

WHEREAS, the BCLOM generally supports efforts regarding clean water as evidenced by its recent resolution supporting Superfund status for the Hackensack River, but finds the 140-page Draft Permit burdensome and costly to its taxpayers, especially at a time when both our State and Federal governments are attempting to reduce regulations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the BCLOM opposes implementation of the MS4 Draft Renewal permit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BCLOM requests a less burdensome approach and/or funding to offset the cost of these additional regulations to the taxpayers of its member municipalities;

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, copies of this resolution be distributed to Governor Christie, NJDEP Commissioner Martin, Michele Putnam, Director of Water Resources, Kerry Kirk Pflugh, Director of Local Government Assistance, State Legislators, all Bergen County municipalities, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Unanimously approved (2 abstentions) by those in attendance at a duly constituted meeting of the Bergen County League of Municipalities which represents all 70 towns in Bergen County on March 21, 2017.