

**ALPINE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 21, 2016 @ 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 Monday, November 21, 2016 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 Monday, November 21, 2016 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 Shadek, Councilman	Present
Arthur Frankel, Councilman	Present		

Staff Present on Dais: Borough Attorney Russ Huntington, Borough Engineer Gary Vander Veer, Municipal Clerk Stephanie Wehmann

COUNTY HISTORICAL PRESENTATION Mayor Tomasko welcomed Bergen County Clerk John Hogan.

Prior to George Washington's time it was the County Clerk, appointed by the king, who maintained records such as land records. He is the 36th Clerk dating back to those times and noted the County Clerk for 8 months during George Washington's time was also named John Hogan. As all 70 towns were established each had to file their documents with the County Clerk such as original incorporation papers and results of the first elections. They issue exempt firefighter certificates (for firemen who have served seven years or more) and have these original documents. He has worked to preserve these documents scanning and storing originals in acid free sleeves. In addition to preservation his goal is to share some of these original documents that are unique to each municipality in the form of a collage presentation choosing the best preserved and most memorable documents. The display includes maps filed in 1875 and 1878, original incorporation papers and an exempt firefighter certificate. Mr. Hogan explained one collage poster is presented to the town and a second copy will be displayed in the Land Records Management Division which will also include a historical research area.

County Clerk Hogan advised the County Clerk's office is available to set up a three-day 10AM – 2PM satellite office in the municipal building offering services for passports, business trade names, notary public, photo cards for senior citizens, veterans and exempt firemen, voter registration, vote by mail applications and about half the services that they offer in their Hackensack office. They also help match veterans with appropriate resources and services. They cannot process land records locally at this time. The County Clerk's office generates \$71 million per year for the County of Bergen and another \$71 million for the State of New Jersey. They run on a budget of \$4.7 million with 55 employees. They will come speak to any civic group such as senior citizens and youth groups. Mayor Tomasko thanked Mr. Hogan and advised they will advertise in the next newsletter to ascertain interest.

PUBLIC COMMENTS No comments.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE A copy of the monthly Finance Report including the First Quarter Statement of Revenues and Expenditures is on file in the Borough Clerk's office.

Bank Of New Jersey Current Operating Acct	\$2,872,665.27
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Resolution #197:11'2016: 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 Monday, November 21, 2016 to approve the bills and claims, a copy of which are appended.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #198:11'2016: Return of Bonds and/or Escrow

OFFERED BY: Councilman Cacouris **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Monday, November 21, 2016 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>
Mayer, Jeffrey & Katina	81.02/4	Revegetation Bond	\$10,000.00
		Performance Bond	47,000.00
		Engineering Escrow	786.75
TOTAL:			\$57,786.75

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #199:11'2016: Refund of 2016 Tax Overpayment (Duplicate Payment)

OFFERED BY: Councilman Cacouris **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Monday, November 21, 2016

WHEREAS, the following property owner has made an overpayment of property taxes for the year 2016 resulting from duplicate payments received from the taxpayer and the tax servicing agency;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by 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>
55	29	Zuch, Susan	842 Closter Dock Road	\$3,724.06

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #200:11'2016: Authorizing Transfer #1 of 2016 Budget Appropriations

OFFERED BY: Councilman Cacouris **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Monday, November 21, 2016

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 2016 Budget Appropriations.

		<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Legal Services	6-01-20-155-020	\$677.30	
Public Employees Retirement System	6-01-36-471-000		\$469.14
Police & Fireman's Retirement System	6-01-36-475-000		\$208.16
TOTAL		\$677.30	\$677.30

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #201:11'2016: Rescind Resolution #153:8-2016 – Cancellation of Capital Ordinance 730 Appropriation Balances

OFFERED BY: Councilman Cacouris **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Monday, November 21, 2016

WHEREAS, the ordinance appropriation balances on Ordinance 730 were cancelled of record by the Governing Body of the Borough of Alpine Resolution #153:8'2016, dated August 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS, it was subsequently determined by the borough auditors that, since the grants receivable for Ordinance 730 were also cancelled by Governing Body Resolution dated August 24, 2016, a funding source is needed for a portion of the funds spent under this ordinance which were not funded by the grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Alpine, the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Resolution #153:8'2016, dated August 24, 2016 which cancelled the following ordinance appropriation balances be rescinded:

<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Improvement Description</u>	<u>Capital Fund Balance</u>	<u>Deferred Charges Unfunded</u>
730	2012 Road Program	\$209,251	\$313,025
	Total	\$209,251	\$313,025

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer.

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

MOTION APPROVED

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

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Tomasko reported on the following:

- Attended NJS League of Municipalities convention in Atlantic City last week along with Attorney Huntington and Construction Code Official/Zoning Officer Alden Blackwell. There were hundreds of exhibits and many worthwhile courses.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration Department No report.

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

Highlights: 78 scheduled inspections, 7 tree permits, 1 soil moving application, and 8 zoning review applications. The rest of the report is on file.

Department of Public Works Councilman Frankel advised the report is on file. Mayor Tomasko noted the DPW, as usual, is keeping up with the demands of the season contrary to what he sees in other towns.

Fire Department Councilwoman Gerstein noted all statistics are on file.

Police Department Councilwoman Frankel reported 50 summonses issued and 3 motor vehicle accidents with 0 injuries. The rest of the report is on file.

Resolution #202:11'2016: 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 Monday, November 21, 2016 to accept the reports of the Standing Committees.

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

MOTION ADOPTED

BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT No report.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT Mr. Vander Veer could not attend. His report is on file.

NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS Resolutions #203:11'2016 - #208:11'2016

1a. Resolution #203:11'2016: Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting October 26, 2016

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Monday, November 21, 2016 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting October 26, 2016.

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

MOTION ADOPTED

1b. Resolution #204:11'2016: Approval of Minutes Executive Session Meeting October 26, 2016

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Monday, November 21, 2016 to approve the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting October 26, 2016.

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

MOTION ADOPTED

2. Resolution #205:11'2016: Resolution: Authorization to Advertise & Receive Bids for Sale Vehicle(s) No Longer Needed for Public Use

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Monday, November 21, 2016

WHEREAS, the following vehicles and equipment are no longer be needed for public use:

Dept	#	Year	Make	Model	VIN or Description	Mileage	Minimum Bid
FD	1	2008	Ford	Expedition	1FMFK16578LA47402	121,928	\$5,000; as is
FD	1	1992	MAC	Pumper	1M2K194CONM003037	14,920	\$8,000; as is
PD	1	2010	Ford	Crown Victoria	2FABP7BV6AX117127	78,013	None; as is
PD	1	2004	Ford	Explorer	1FMZU73K64UA41793	115,080	None; as is
Health	1	2007	Ford	Crown Victoria	2FAHP71W57X128956	69,011	\$2,500; as is

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine hereby authorizes the above vehicles and equipment to be advertised for sale to the highest bidder as obtained by sealed bids in accordance with the provisions of the advertisement.

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

MOTION CARRIED

3. Resolution #206:11'2016: Award of QUOTE: Specialty Equipment Fire Vehicle

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

At this meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Monday, November 21, 2016

WHEREAS, a need has been identified to purchase and install specialty equipment in the 2017 Chevy Tahoe Fire Vehicle for the Fire Department

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine solicited and received quotes for this service, one from Goosetown Communications of Congers, NY for \$6,491.65 and one from Eagle Fire and Safety of Highland Falls, NY for \$6,611.35; and

WHEREAS, these quotes were reviewed, and a recommendation made by the Fire Chief the bid be awarded to Goosetown Communications of Congers, NY as the lowest responsible quote totaling \$6,491.65; and

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose have been provided for in the following account: 6-01-25-265-032 New Equipment and this vendors Business Registration Certificate is on file.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine hereby award the quote to purchase and install specialty equipment for the Fire Department to Goosetown Communications of Congers, NY for \$6,491.65. The Chief Financial Officer has provided the Certification of Availability of Funds.

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

MOTION ADOPTED

4. Resolution #207:11'2016: Appointing Coordinator for Borough's Emergency Telephone (9-1-1) System

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

At this meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Monday, November 21, 2016

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine ("Borough") is required pursuant to State law and the regulations of the State Department of Treasury to appoint a coordinator for the Borough's emergency telephone system ("9-1-1 System"); and

WHEREAS, the municipal coordinator of the 9-1-1 System is responsible for maintaining a plan for enhanced emergency services throughout the Borough and for developing such revisions to the plan as may be necessary for review by the Mayor and Council of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough are desirous of appointing Police Chief Christopher Belcolle to serve as municipal coordinator for the 9-1-1 System in accordance with the requirements and procedures mandated under N.J.S.A. 52: 17C-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:24-5.1 et seq.,

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

1. That Chief Christopher Belcolle of the Alpine Police Department is hereby appointed to serve as the municipal coordinator for the Borough's 9-1-1 System.

- 2. That Chief Belcolle shall perform all such duties and carry out all of the responsibilities as set forth in the existing plan for enhanced emergency services throughout the Borough and in accordance with the requirements and procedures mandated under N.J.S.A. 52:17C-1 et seq., and N.J.A.C. 17:24-5.1 et seq.,
- 3. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

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

MOTION ADOPTED

4. Resolution #208:11'2016: Introduction Ordinance 766 to Amend Ordinance 757

Salaries

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Monday, November 21, 2016

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. 757 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, December 14, 2016 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: Shadek, Cacouris, V. Frankel, Gerstein, A. Frankel, Halbreich

MOTION ADOPTED

End of Consent Agenda

COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL - None

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 Monday, November 21, 2016 at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann
Municipal Clerk