

**ALPINE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, November 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, November 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, November 28, 2018 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 @7:31PM	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 Perry Frenzel, Borough Clerk Stephanie Wehmann

PUBLIC COMMENTS none

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE Councilman Cacouris highlighted the report.

Bank Of New Jersey Current Operating Acct **\$4,072,098.14**

Resolution #180: 11'2018: 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, November 28, 2018 to approve the return of the following bonds and escrow subject to review and approval by the Borough Engineer.

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
120/2.01	Schwartz, Edmondo & Miyako	Driveway Escrow	\$132.00
71/21	Harrison, Joan & Robert	Engineering Escrow	\$52.00
90/3.012	Vaccarino, Anthony & Giselle	Driveway Escrow	\$92.00
55/8	Hillcorp, Inc.	ZBA Escrow	\$1,300.00
49.02/21	Lou, Samuel	Re-vegetation Bond	\$1,500.00
		Performance Bond	\$5,515.00
		Engineering / Soil Escrow	\$377.00

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

Resolution #181:11'2018: Authorize Transfer 2018 Budget Appropriations #1

OFFERED BY: Councilman Cacouris **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel
at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Monday, November 28, 2018

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 2017 Budget Appropriations.

		<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Legal Services	8-01-20-155-020	\$512.71	
Police & Fire Retirement System	8-01-36-475-000		\$175.64
Defined Contribution Retirement System	8-01-36-476-000		\$337.07
TOTAL		\$512.71	\$512.71

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

Resolution #182: 11'2018: 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, November 28, 2018 to approve the bills and claims, a copy of which are appended.

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

Tax Assessor's Report. Report on file.

MAYOR'S REPORT The Mayor reported on the following:

- Reorganization meeting will be Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 4:00 PM.
- Attended NJLM Annual Conference – information is available. Also attending were the Borough Attorney, Municipal Clerk, CFO and Construction Code / Zoning Official.
- Council President Vicki Frankel wished to announce Mayor Tomasko was inducted into the New Jersey League of Municipalities' *Mayors Hall of Fame* on November 14, 2018 during the 103rd Annual League Conference. The Mayor was inducted at the Gold Level in recognition of his 20 years of mayoral service.
- Attended Governors Shared Services Symposium in Madison, NJ – information available.
- Attended State Senator Sweeney's Path to Progress symposium at Bergen Community College focused on economies of pension, health benefits and merging school districts – report available.
- The passing of two long time Alpine residents is noted: Joe Donegan and Alex Yuelys
- Mary Ellen Snow will be honored by the Junior League of Bergen County Saturday December 1, 2018 at their annual Festival of Trees fundraiser hosed at Alpine Country Club from 7pm – 11 pm. They Mayor plans to attend. Details are available.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration Department No report.

Building Department Councilman Halbreich reported 49 scheduled inspections, 5 tree permits, 1 soil moving application, and 4 zoning review applications. Balance of report is on file.

Department of Public Works Councilman Frankel advised the report is on file. Mayor Tomasko noted the early winter storm delayed leaf pickup.

Fire Department Councilwoman Gerstein advised statistics are available for review.

Resolution #183:11'2018: Approval of Firefighter Samuel L. Messer

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

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

WHEREAS, a resolution to approve an application by **Samuel L. Messer** for membership as a firefighter in the Alpine Fire Department was previously adopted on June 27, 2018; and

WHEREAS, reaffirmation of approval is necessary to process his application with the N.J. State Firemen’s Association;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine to approve the application for Samuel L. Messer for Membership as a Firefighter in the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, Halbreich A. Frankel, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**
Police Department Councilwoman Frankel reported 20 summonses were issued in October, 4 motor vehicle accidents with 1 injury. The rest of the report is on file.

Resolution #184:11’2018: 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, November 28, 2018 to accept the reports of the Standing Committees.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON’S REPORT Councilman Shadek reported

- the Winter Concert will be Thursday, December 13 at 7 PM
- As noted on the school website Alpine School is ranked 1st in Bergen County and 5th in NJ for middle schools.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY’S REPORT No report.

BOROUGH ENGINEER’S REPORT Mr. Frenzel advised despite several delays due to weather Litchfield Way paving was finally completed. Council praised the work.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS Resolutions #185:11’2018 - #190:11’2018

Councilmen Cacouris and Shadek recuse from Items 1a & 1b as they were absent. Regarding appointments Mayor Tomasko noted 8 interviews were conducted based on qualified resumes received. Councilman Halbreich concurred they are recommending two great candidates as noted in the resolutions.

1. Resolution #185:11’2018: Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting October 24, 2018

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, November 28, 2018 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting October 24, 2018.

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

2. Resolution #186:11’2018: Approval of Minutes Executive Session October 24, 2018

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, November 28, 2018 to approve the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting October 24, 2018.

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

3. **Resolution #187:11'2018 Curbside Recycling Award of Bid – Buldo Carting, Inc.**
OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein

At this meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, November 28, 2018

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine advertised for bids for a curbside recycling contract in the Star Ledger and The Record on October 30, 2018 and posted same on the Borough website from October 30, 2018 – November 15, 2018 and

WHEREAS, bids were opened November 15, 2018 at 10 AM at the Borough Hall, 100 Church Street, Alpine, NJ 07620 and the Borough of Alpine received one bid:

Company / City, State	
Buldo Carting, Inc. River Vale, NJ	Option 1: 62,400/yr – 187,200 3 yr Option 2: 85,800/yr – 255,000 3 yr

WHEREAS, the bid(s) were reviewed by the Borough Attorney; and

WHEREAS, Buldo Carting, Inc. of River Vale, NJ as sole bidder is the lowest responsible bidder for the curbside recycling contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine that a contract be awarded to: Buldo Carting, Inc. of River Vale, NJ for Option 1 being \$62,400 per year for 3 years at a total contract price of \$187,200 with an option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year periods to commence January 1, 2019 in accordance with the terms of the bid specifications and Borough ordinances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer has certified, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30 14.5 that sufficient legally appropriated funds will be available for this purpose subject to appropriation of adequate funds as may be required in the Temporary Budget and Adopted Municipal Budget for the years as cited in the contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute a contract in a form as approved by the Borough Attorney.

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

4. **Resolution #188:11'2018: Appointment Fire Protection Subcode Official / Inspector**

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

At the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council, Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey held on November 28, 2018

WHEREAS, the current Fire Protection Subcode Official has tendered his resignation effective December 31, 2018;

WHEREAS, funds for the position of Fire Protection Sub Code Official are provided by Ordinance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby appoint Michael Sartori to a four-year term as Fire Protection Subcode Official and Inspector for the Borough of Alpine pursuant to Section 52:27D-126 and 126.1 of the Uniform Construction Code Act at an annual salary of \$19,000.00 (inclusive of Plumbing Subcode Official and Inspector) effective January 1, 2019, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appointment is subject to approval by the Department of Community Affairs and that a copy of this resolution is to be forwarded to the NJ Department of Community Affairs, Division of Codes and Standards, Office of Regulatory Affairs PO Box 818, Trenton, NJ 08625-0818 for that purpose.

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

5. Resolution #189:11'2018: Appointment Fire Official

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

At the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council, Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey held on November 28, 2018.

WHEREAS, the current Fire Official/Inspector has tendered his resignation effective December 31, 2018;

WHEREAS, funds for the position of Fire Official are provided by Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the Chief of the Alpine Fire Department has recommended Peter J. DeVries

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby appoint Peter J. DeVries to a two-year term as Fire Official for the Borough of Alpine pursuant to Section 52:27D-192 et seq. of the Uniform Fire Safety Act and Borough Code Chapter 119 Fire Prevention at an annual salary of \$3,650 effective January 1, 2019, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appointment is subject to approval by the Department of Community Affairs and that a copy of this resolution is to be forwarded to the NJS Division of Fire Safety, P.O. Box 809, Trenton, NJ 08625 for that purpose.

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

6. Resolution #190:11'2018: Appointment Plumbing Subcode Official / Inspector

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

At the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council, Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey held on November 28, 2018

WHEREAS, the current Plumbing Subcode Official has tendered his resignation effective December 31, 2018;

WHEREAS, funds for the position of Plumbing Sub Code Official are provided by Ordinance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby appoint Michael Sartori to a four-year term as Plumbing Subcode Official and Plumbing Inspector for the Borough of Alpine pursuant to Section 52:27D-126 of the Uniform Construction Code Act at a prorated annual salary of \$19,000.00 (inclusive of Fire Protection Subcode Official / Inspector) effective January 1, 2019, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appointment is subject to approval by the Department of Community Affairs and that a copy of this resolution is to be forwarded to the NJ Department of Community Affairs, Division of Codes and Standards, Office of Regulatory Affairs PO Box 818, Trenton, NJ 08625-0818 for that purpose.

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

End of Consent Agenda

Governing Body Acknowledgment of State Best Practices Inventory The Best Practices Inventory was certified by the Chief Administrative and Chief Financial Officers and submitted November 9, 2018, prior to the November 12, 2018 deadline. The Mayor met with Borough Officials on November 6th to review the BPI questions and responses. This year's inventory reflected an expanded focus with a total of 61 questions, an increase from last year which was 25. At the time of submission there were 54 "yes", "not applicable" or "prospective" responses. This score should result in no penalty or withholding of Property Tax relief (CMPTRA) and Energy Tax Receipts (ETR) based on the rubric provided in Local Finance Notice 2018-26. The entire report with questions and answers is available for review.

COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL

Mayor Tomasko reviewed a letter drafted to the administration of the United Methodist Church and requested approval to send it out. Attorney Huntington also reviewed the letter.

Resolution #191:11'2018: Letter to United Methodist Church

OFFERED BY: Councilman Halbreich **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Cacouris

At the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council, Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey held on November 28, 2018

Authorizing the Municipal Clerk to send a letter to the administration of the United Methodist Church expressing the governing body's unanimous hope that the Alpine Community Church, our town's only religious edifice and most significant historic structure, will continue to be used as a House of Worship, its highest and best use.

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

ADJOURNMENT

OFFERED BY: Councilman 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 November 28, 2018 at 7:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann, Municipal Clerk