

**ALPINE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, NOVEMBER 22, 2021 @ 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 22, 2021 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 Open Public Meetings Law the notice of this regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, November 22, 2021 at 7:30 PM has met the requirements of the law by being published as part of the annual meeting notice 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
Gayle Gerstein, Councilwoman	Present	Laurence Shadek, Councilman	Present
Arthur Frankel, Councilman	Present	Scott Bosworth, Councilman	Present
Steven Cohen, Councilman	Present		

**Staff Present on Dais:** Borough Attorney Russ Huntington, Borough Engineer Perry Frenzel, Municipal Clerk Stephanie Wehmann

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** None

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE** Mayor Tomasko offered the report for this month:  
**ConnectOne Bank Current Operating Account** **\$4,935,976.10**

**Resolution #199:11'2021: Return of Bonds and Escrow**

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, November 22, 2021 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>
72/19	Green, Jay	Performance Bond	\$3,500.00
		Re-vegetation	\$1,500.00
		Engineering Escrow	<u>\$1,301.00</u>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,301.00</b>
81.07/4	Kim, Christopher	Septic bond	\$10,000.00
		Engineering Escrow	<u>\$1,974.00</u>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,974.00</b>
79.03/8.06	Wang, En Shih	Septic Repair Escrow	\$186.50

**VOTE: Ayes:** A. Frankel, Bosworth, Cohen, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

**Resolution #200:11'2021: Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of 2021 Budget Appropriations (#1)**

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, November 22, 2021 to approve the bills and claims, a copy of which are appended.

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.

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

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 2021 Budget Appropriations.

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Public Employees Retirement System	1-01-36-471-000	929.07
Police & Fire Retirement System	1-01-36-475-000	309.79
Suez Water Co.	1-01-31-445-020	\$1,040.79
Legal Services	1-01-20-155-020	\$2,279.65

**VOTE: Ayes:** A. Frankel, Bosworth, Cohen, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

**Resolution #201:11'2021: Approval of Bills and Claims**

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, November 22, 2021 to approve the bills and claims, a copy of which are appended.

**VOTE: Ayes:** A. Frankel, Bosworth, Cohen, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Attended NJS League of Municipalities Annual Conference along with Borough Attorney and Tax Assessor. The Conference provides an excellent opportunity for education, information sharing and networking.
- Article in the NJLM Magazine by Mayor and MEL Chairman Thomas Mercel re: control of insurance costs through emphasis on making safety a priority.
- Record Article "New Jersey Finalizing Major Development Restrictions to Combat Future Flooding." DEP is very concerned with impact of development on flooding.

**REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Administration Department** No report

**Building Department** Councilman Shadek reported 56 scheduled inspections, 1 driveway permit, 1 soil moving application and 5 zoning review applications. The rest of the report including the zoning office and property maintenance report and fees collected is on file.

**Department of Public Works** Councilman Frankel advised report is on file. Mayor Tomasko DPW is endeavoring to keep up with leaf pickup as leaves are falling later this year.

**Fire Department** Councilwoman Gerstein advised statistics on file.

**Resolution #202:11'2021: Approval of Fire Department Membership Application:**

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on November 22, 2021 to approve the application for **Bryan G. Hakim** for Membership as a Firefighter in the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department.

**VOTE: Ayes:** A. Frankel, Cohen, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Shadek **Abstain:** Bosworth, **MOTION APPROVED**

**Police Department** Councilwoman Frankel advised there were 4 summonses issued, 4 traffic accidents with 2 injuries. The rest of the report is on file.

**Resolution #203:11'2021: 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 22, 2021 to accept the reports of the Standing Committees.

**VOTE: Ayes:** A. Frankel, Bosworth, Cohen, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT** No report.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT** No report.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT** Mr. Frenzel's report is on file. He highlighted:

- Stormwater ordinance update required as noted under consent agenda to reflect the significant changes instituted by DEP since 205 re: N.J.A.C. 7:8 Stormwater Regulations. A significant portion deals with stormwater management for major developments. Bergen County is the regional administrator and responsible for getting all the municipalities in the county to upgrade their ordinances.
- 2020 NJDOT State Aide Road Improvement Project for Cambridge Way. The bid was awarded to the apparent low bidder Frank Macchione. Subsequently it was determined during NJDOT review that AJM Contractors had a mathematical error in their bid and were, in fact, the low bidder. Therefore, the resolution must be amended to reflect award of the bid to AJM Contractors and re-submission to DOT which will likely delay the paving project until Spring 2022.
- 2022 NJDOT State Aide Road Improvement Project for Glen Going Drive was approved in the amount of \$190,000.00.

Mayor Tomasko commended Mr. Frenzel on obtaining these grants.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS** Resolutions #194:11'2021 - #197:11'2021

Mr. Cohen abstains from 1a&b. Mr. Bosworth abstains from 1a&b and 6

**1. Resolutions Approval of Minutes**

**a. Resolution #204:11'2021 Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting October 27, 2021**

**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 22, 2021 to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 27, 2021.

**VOTE: Ayes:** A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Shadek **Absent:** Bosworth, Cohen **MOTION APPROVED**

**b. Resolution #205:11'2021 Approval of Minutes Executive Session Meeting October 27, 2021**

**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 22, 2021 to approve the minutes of the executive session meeting held on October 27, 2021

**VOTE: Ayes:** A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Shadek **Absent:** Bosworth, Cohen **MOTION APPROVED**

**2. Resolution #206:11'2021: Introduction of Ordinance #810 Stormwater Control Ordinance (replaces Boro Code Ch. 190**

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

**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 ADOPT A STORMWATER CONTROL ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS AND CONTROLS FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT**

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 December 15, 2021, 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 a summary of 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:** A. Frankel, Bosworth, Cohen, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

**3. Resolution#207:11'2021: Alpine Municipal Alliance Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2020- June 2025 (FY 2023)**

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on November 22, 2021

**WHEREAS**, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

**WHEREAS**, The Borough Council of the Borough of Alpine , County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Bergen;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Palisades Triborough CAP Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2023 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$ 12179.84
Cash Match	\$ 3044.96
In-Kind	\$ 9134.89

2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

**VOTE: Ayes:** A. Frankel, Bosworth, Cohen, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

**4. Resolution#208:11'2021: Amending Award of Bid for 2020 State Aid Municipal Aid Project – Cambridge Way Improvements.**

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

At a regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council on Monday, November 22, 2021.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 169:08'2021 the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine previously awarded the bid for the 2020 Cambridge Way Improvements to Frank A. Macchione Paving Plus of Rochelle Park, NJ at \$131,248.32, subject to review by the Borough Attorney and concurrence of the award by NJDOT, prior to execution of a contract; and

**WHEREAS**, NJDOT advised the Borough Engineer of its review findings on November 3, 2021, resulting in a correction to the bid tabulation for AJM Contractors; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid tabulation correction reduced AJM’s overall bid price by \$1,480.00, thus reducing the total bid for AJM Contractors to \$130,469.00 and resulting in the AJM bid being \$779.32 lower than that of Frank A. Macchione Paving Plus;

Company, Town, State	Bid	Corrected Bid Tabulation per NJDOT Review
Frank A. Macchione Paving Plus, Rochelle Park, NJ	131,248.32	n/a
AJM Contractors, Inc., Clifton, NJ	131,949.00	130,469.00
D&L Paving Contractors, Inc., Nutley, NJ	133,869.80	n/a
American Asphalt & Trucking, LLC, West Orange, NJ	139,437.37	n/a
D.L.S. Contracting, Inc., Fairfield, NJ	143,243.00	n/a
4 Clean-Up, Inc., North Bergen, NJ	147,373.00	n/a

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, at the regular meeting Monday, November 22, 2021, that the prior bid be award Frank A. Macchione Paving Plus of Rochelle Park, NJ be rescinded pursuant to and as required by the review by the NJDOT.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Borough Attorney and NJDOT review, the bid be awarded to AJM Contractors, Inc of Clifton, NJ at \$130,469.00 and a contract executed accordingly.

**VOTE: Ayes:** A. Frankel, Bosworth, Cohen, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

**5. Resolution#209:11'2021: Authorization to Hire a Standby School Crossing Guard for the 2021-2022.**

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

At a regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council on Monday, November 22, 2021.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 170:08'2021 dated August 25, 2021, two school crossing guards were hired to perform the duties of same for the Police Department at a rate per the Salary Ordinance for the 2021-2022 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department recommends hiring an additional crossing guard, subject to medical clearance, to serve in a standby or backup capacity to either one of the two regularly scheduled crossing guards as the need may arise during the 2021-2022 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, it is understood by all parties that these positions are considered seasonal, part time work at hourly salaries not to exceed what is provided for in the Salary Ordinance of the Borough of Alpine;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine that **Police Department is authorized to hire a standby crossing guard** to perform the duties of School Crossing Guard for the Police Department at a rate per the Salary Ordinance for the 2021-2022 school year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the standby crossing guard shall be given a copy of the Employee Handbook and requisite training as determined and provided for by the Alpine Police Department.

A copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Police Chief, the Treasurer and the Borough Clerk/Personnel Administrator.

**VOTE: Ayes:** A. Frankel, Bosworth, Cohen, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

**6. Resolution#210:11'2021: Authorize Purchases of Goods and Services in 2021 through the State of NJ Cooperative Purchasing Program – Firefighter Protective Clothing & Equipment**

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

At a regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council on Monday, November 22, 2021.

**WHEREAS** pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12A and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), the Borough may, by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, the procurement of goods and services through a cooperative purchasing program is an "open and fair" process under the New Jersey Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS** the Borough of Alpine plans to utilize the State Contract Vendor(s) listed below, for the purchase of firefighter protective clothing and equipment. Such transaction subject to all conditions applicable to the current State contract: Commodity: #T0790 Firefighter Protective Clothing and Equipment, Contract#: 17-FLEET-00805.

**WHEREAS**, funds for this purpose have been provided for in the accounting records of the Borough of Alpine:

Capital Ordinance 796 C-04-55-986-201	\$ 3,016.00
Capital Ordinance 806 C-04-55-991-201	<u>\$ 13,459.50</u>
	\$ 16,475.50

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough of Alpine, in the County of Bergen, that the Borough's Qualified Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to purchase goods or services in 2021 from the approved New Jersey State Contract Vendor listed above pursuant to all conditions of the State contract; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, that the Borough of Alpine enter into an agreement with Witmer Public Safety Group of Coatesville, PA authorized vendor distributor for the above contract for the above noted goods and services in

accordance with the aforementioned contract and the specifications attached hereto, in an amount not to exceed \$16,475.50 to be charged to the account(s) above or as otherwise determined to be correct by the Chief Financial Officer's pending certification of funds.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), a certification of available funds shall be executed by the Chief Financial Officer and attached to the file copy of the purchase order or other similar document.

**VOTE: Ayes:** A. Frankel, Cohen, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Shadek **Abstain:** Bosworth, **MOTION APPROVED**

***End of Consent Agenda***

**Government Body Acknowledgement of Best Practices Inventory** The Best Practices Inventory was certified and submitted on October 29, 2021, prior to the November 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline. The Mayor met with Borough Officials to review the BPI questions and responses prior to submission. This year's inventory was comprised of 48 questions (including 21 unscored survey questions). At the time of submission there was an inventory score of 20. 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 2021-17. The entire report with questions and answers is available for review.

**COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL**

**Annual Meeting Notice Draft** circulated for review. The Sine Die and Reorganization Meetings are tentatively set for Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 4 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Cohen and approved by all to adjourn the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday November 22, 2021 at 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie Wehmann, Municipal Clerk