## ALPINE MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, June 27, 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, June 27, 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, June 27, 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	Present@7:32pm	Gayle Gerstein, Councilwoman	Present
John Halbreich, Councilman	Present	Laurence Shadek, Councilman	Present
Arthur Frankel, Councilman	Present		

<u>Staff Present on Dais:</u> Dermot Doyle for Borough Attorney Russ Huntington, Borough Engineer Perry Frenzel, Borough Clerk Stephanie Wehmann

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** Mayor Tomasko opened the meeting to the public for comments.

**Richard Incontro, 36 Schoolhouse Lane,** provided information on a lecture series available on Narcan, an anti-opioid drug administered by both the police and the ambulance corps. Mayor Tomasko thanked Mr. Incontro and asked Police Commissioner Frankel to relay to the Police Chief.

Being no further comments Mayor Tomasko closed the public comment portion.

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

Bank Of New Jersey Current Operating Acct \$3,485,704.14

Resolution #109: 6'2018: 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, June 27, 2018 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 #110: 6'2018: 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, June 27, 2018 to approve the return of the following bonds and escrow subject to review and approval by the Borough Engineer.

Block/Lot	<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
75/19	Simmons, Ryan & DiLeo, Diane	Engineering Escrow	\$834.25
11/2	Montammy Golf Club	Re-vegetation Bond	\$10,000.00
		Performance Bond	\$61,102.27
75/12	Haralabatos, George	Driveway Escrow	\$133.75

TOTAL \$72,070.27

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:

- Mayors Committee on Life Sciences invites nominees for their Patient Courage Award which recognizes persons who have overcome a serious illness or chronic disease. He welcomes suggestions. Last year's recipient was Ralph Wehmann.
- Alpine's 2018 Volunteers of the Year After discussion with Council two persons are recommended for this recognition based on their contributions to the Alpine Public School. Mayor Tomasko asked for a formal resolution of nomination.

Resolution #111:6'2018: 2018 Volunteer of the Year Awards

**OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 to designate **Susan Herera** and **Sharon Kurtz** as Alpine's 2018 Volunteers of the Year

Discussion: Councilwoman Gerstein stated she worked with them and they have contributed an unbelievable amount of time and effort over a long period of time.

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

#### MOTION APPROVED

- Safety Committee meeting last week was chaired by Stephanie Wehmann. The
  committee meets quarterly providing information and updates on training. Immediately
  following the meeting, Russ Huntington, as attorney for the BC JIF/MEL provided a
  Supervisory Training class for Mayor and Council members, the heads of boards,
  commission, supervisors and departments heads on safety and employee liability. The
  Mayor and Councilwomen Frankel and Gerstein were among the attendees.
- Attended Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the Alpine School Enhancement Project. As noted earlier Susan Herera and Sharon Kurtz were the driving force for this project.
- Alpine Swim Club regular season begins this weekend.

#### REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration Department No report.

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

53 scheduled inspections, 1 driveway permit, 5 tree permits, 3 soil moving application, and 2 zoning review applications. Balance of the reports is on file in the Clerk's office.

**Department of Public Works** Councilman Frankel reported the Memorial Day ceremony was a big success. Superintendent Rickenbaugh and crew did a great job. The balance of the report is on file.

Fire Department Councilwoman Gerstein advised statistics are available for review.

## Resolution #112:6'2018: Firefighter Application – Samuel L. Messer

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 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** 

Resolution #113:6'2018: Junior Firefighter Application – Joseph Abad

required.

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 to approve the application for Joseph Abad for Membership in the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department as a Junior Firefighter, subject to receipt of supplemental documentation as

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

**MOTION APPROVED** 

**Police Department** Councilwoman Frankel reported 38 summonses were issued in May, 7 motor vehicle accidents with 1 injury. The rest of the report is on file.

Resolution #114:6'2018: 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, June 27, 2018 to accept the reports of the Standing Committees.

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

MOTION APPROVED

<u>BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT</u> Councilman Shadek reported on two commencements for Alpine School and Tenafly High School.

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

**BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT** Mr. Frenzel summarized updates as follows:

- 2018 Road Improvement Program Riverside Cooperative completed June 7, 2018 by D&L Paving. They did an excellent job. Mayor Tomasko thanked Mr. Frenzel for his oversight.
- NJDOT Municipal Aide, 2018, Litchfield Way. Bid package being prepared with intent to advertise and receive bids for award at the next meeting.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Ordinance #778 Repealing Chapter 164 Peddling & Solicitation

Public Hearing: Opened to the public for comments and, being none, closed.

Resolution #115:6'2018: Adoption of Ordinance 778

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, June 27, 2018

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 REPEAL CHAPTER 164 ENTITLED "PEDDLING AND SOLICITING WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF ALPINE"

does hereby pass its second and final reading and is hereby adopted and Notice of same be published according to law.

**Vote: Ayes:** V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED** {Ordinance 778 appended to these minutes in its entirety.}

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS** Resolutions #116:6'2018 - #120:6'2018

1. Resolution #116:6'2018: Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting May 25, 2018

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting May 25, 2018.

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

**MOTION APPROVED** 

2. Resolution #117:6'2018 Authorizing Lease/Purchase Of Two (2) 2018 Dodge Charger Pursuit Base Police Vehicles W/Optional AWD & Extended Warranty Under Cranford Co-Op Contract 17-01 Police & Administrative Vehicles (2018 Model Year) System Identifier 47-CPCPS

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein SECONDED BY: Councilman Frankel

at this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, June 27, 2018

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine is party to a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Cranford Police Department Cooperative Pricing System, a cooperative purchasing program organized pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40:A:11-10 and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7, the Borough may, by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase goods or services under the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System which is considered 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 Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine wish to enter into a three (3) year lease with option to purchase Two (2) 2018 Dodge Charger Pursuit Base Vehicles w/Optional AWD and a 5-year extended warranty at a discounted rate through the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System Contract 17-01 Police & Administrative Vehicles (2018 Model Year) System Identifier 47-CPCPS; and

WHEREAS, Carman Dodge 196 S. Dupont Highway, New Castle, Delaware, 19720 Contact: Richard Coyle, authorized vendor has been awarded Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System Contract 17-01 Police & Administrative Vehicles (2018 Model Year) System Identifier 47-CPCPS expiring 08/31/2018 for Two (2) 2018 Dodge Charger Pursuit Base Vehicles w/Optional AWD and a 5-year extended warranty; and

WHEREAS, Carman Dodge and the Ford Credit Municipal Finance Program submitted a proposal indicating they will fund the monies to lease Two (2) 2018 Dodge Charger Pursuit Base Vehicles w/Optional AWD and a 5 year extended warranty at a discounted rate from Carman Dodge, an authorized vendor, through a 36 month term lease, with an annual percentage rate of 6.15% through Ford Credit Municipal Finance Program and the total amount to be funded is \$30,137.00 plus \$1.00 per vehicle plus a one-time \$545.00 underwriting fee for a total of \$60,819.00 paid out over thirty-six (36) monthly payments of \$1,844.88. At the end of the lease, the Borough will buy the vehicles for the purchase price of \$1 per vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the lease fund has been appropriated through the Police Department 2018 Operating Budget General Account Number 8-01-25-240-046 [Acquisition of Police Vehicles] for the first five (5) monthly payments totaling \$9,224.40 and

WHEREAS, this resolution will be deemed extended by inclusion in subsequent year operating budgets as follows:

Appropriation of the next twelve (12) monthly payments totaling \$22,138.56 in the 2019 Operating Budget; and Appropriation of the next twelve (12) monthly payments totaling \$22,138.56 in the 2020 Operating Budget; and Appropriation of the next seven (7) monthly payments totaling \$12,914.16 plus \$2.00 in the 2021 Operating Budget; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the lease with purchase option of Two (2) 2018 Dodge Charger Pursuit Base Vehicles w/Optional AWD is expected not to exceed \$60,819.00 and \$2.00 over 36 months and funds are available for this purpose as is indicated by the Chief Financial Officer attached certification for the availability of 2018 funds for this contract,

**NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey herein authorize the Police Chief to execute a lease/purchase agreement for the purchase of Two (2) 2018 Dodge Charger Pursuit Base Vehicles w/Optional AWD and a 5-year extended warranty from Carman Dodge, an authorized vendor, and Ford Credit Municipal Finance Program for a 36-month lease not to exceed \$60,819.00 and \$2.00 over 36 months. At the end of the lease, the Borough will own the vehicles for the cost of \$1.00 per vehicle.

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

MOTION APPROVED

3. Resolution #118:6'2018: Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for Curbside Recycling Contract (Current Expires 12/31/2018)

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein SECONDED BY: Councilman Shadek

at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, June 27, 2018

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on **Wednesday**, **June 27**, **2018** to advertise and receive bids for a two (2) year or three (3) year contract for curbside recycling.

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

**MOTION APPROVED** 

4. Resolution #119:6'2018: Introduction Ordinance #779 Amending ordinance #777 2018 Capital Bond – Various Improvements

**OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Frankel at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, June 27, 2018

**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 AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 777 FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPINE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ON APRIL 25, 2018 (WHICH PROVIDES FOR VARIOUS 2018 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS), TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION SET FORTH THEREIN

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, July 25, 2018 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, Halbreich A. Frankel, Shadek

**MOTION APPROVED** 

# 5. Resolution #120:6'2018: Urging the Legislature to Amend S-716, S-477 and S-17668 Capital Bond – Various Improvements

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein SECONDED BY: Councilman Frankel

**WHEREAS**, while it is commendable that legislation is being considered to provide additional compensation to Firefighters with cancer, S-716 as currently written, without responsible amendments, will prove to be very expensive to municipalities and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, while it is also commendable that the statute of limitations is being extended for claims involving sexual abuse, S-477 as currently written would eliminate the statute of limitations entirely, leaving officials and volunteers with the near impossible task of defending a claim that is decades old; and

WHEREAS, under current law family members can already collect substantial compensation for actual losses such as medical bills, lost income as well as loss of companionship; and

WHEREAS, without appropriate amendments, the combined impact of these bills would devastate local government insurance budgets at a time when the local taxpayers are being squeezed because of changes in the Federal Tax code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Alpine that:

- S-716 be <u>amended</u> to provide that the cancer presumption be limited to types of cancer that scientific evidence establishes that Firefighters develop at a higher rate than the general public, and
- S-716 be <u>amended</u> to end the presumption at age 65 when the Firefighter becomes eligible for Medicare. Alternatively, S-716 should be amended to remove volunteers and establish a special program for them along the lines recently adopted by New York, Connecticut, Michigan, Colorado and Georgia, and
- S-716 also be <u>amended</u> so that the standard to rebut the presumption remains at the current "preponderance of the evidence", and
- S-477 be <u>amended</u> to increase the state of limitation on claims involving sexual molestation against public entities to 7 years, subject to no limitation against the molester, and
- S-1766 be <u>amended</u> to remove public entities from "emotional distress" compensation for wrongful death claims subject to Title 59, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, the legislative delegation of District 37, the Senate President and the Speaker of the Assembly.

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

**MOTION APPROVED** 

#### **End of Consent Agenda**

## **Bergen County Community Development Representatives**

Mayors Appointment: B.C. Community Development Regional Committee Representative

Mayor Tomasko appointed the following representative to serve on the Community Development Committee for the term of one-year coinciding with the fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019: **Councilman Michael Cacouris.** Although not required Mayor Tomasko invited Council to affirm his appointee along with theirs.

Resolution#121:6'2018: Council Appointment Council Representative for Bergen County Community Development Regional Committee and affirming Mayor's Appointment.

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein SECONDED BY: Councilman Shadek

at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, June 27, 2018

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine has entered into a Three Year cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen as provided under the Interlocal Services Act NJSA 40A:8A-1 et. seq. and Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 for the Program Years 2018, 2019 and 2020 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021) per resolution dated May 24, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, said Agreement requires that one Municipal Representative be appointed by the Governing Body of the community to be part of the Community Development Regional Committee for the term of one-year coinciding with the fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body hereby appoints Council President Vicki Frankel as its representative to participate on the Community Development Regional Committee and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Council hereby affirms the Mayor's appointment of **Councilman Michael Cacouris**.

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

MOTION CARRIED

# Resolution #122:6'2018: Appointing Representative to Bergen County Open Space Trust Regional Advisory Committee

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein SECONDED BY: Councilman Cacouris

at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, June 27, 2018

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine has entered into a Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen as provided under the Interlocal Services Act NJSA 40A:8A-1 et. seq. to participate in the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement requires that one Municipal Representative be appointed by the Governing Body of the community to be part of the Community Development Regional Committee for the term of one year coinciding with the fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body hereby appoints Council President Vicki Frankel as its representative to participate on the Open Space Trust Regional Committee.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Executive Director of the Bergen County Open Space Fund.

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

**MOTION CARRIED** 

## **COMMUNCIATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL**

Mayor Tomasko distributed the draft newsletter for review and comment by tomorrow.

Mayor Tomasko read Mr. Vander Veer's note: "Thank you for all the send off at the last meeting. It was a very emotional moment and one that I will never forget. All I ever wanted to do was to perform my job to the best of my abilities. I guess God was kind to me. Thank you for the honor of serving the Borough of Alpine for so many years. I will truly miss you all."

### <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

**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 June 27, 2018 at 7:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann, Municipal Clerk

# BOROUGH OF ALPINE ORDINANCE NO. 778

## AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 164 ENTITLED "PEDDLING AND SOLICITING WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF ALPINE"

**BE IT ORDERED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, Bergen County, New Jersey that Chapter 164, Articles I, II, and III be, and hereby are, repealed in their entirety.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any section, subsection, part, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, such section, subsection, part, clause or phrase shall be deemed to be severable from the remainder of this Ordinance.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that his Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

Adopted: June 27, 2018