

**ALPINE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, December 21, 2022 @ 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, December 21, 2022 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, December 21, 2022 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 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF 2022**

Paul Tomasko, Mayor	Present	Vicki Frankel, Council President	Present
Gayle Gerstein, Councilwoman	Present	Scott Bosworth, Councilman	Absent
Arthur Frankel, Councilman	Present	Steven Cohen, Councilman	Present
David Kupferschmid, Councilman	Present		

**Staff Present on Dais:**

Borough Attorney Russ Huntington, Attorney Levi Kool of Huntington Bailey, Borough Engineer Perry Frenzel, Municipal Clerk Stephanie Wehmann

**SWEARING-IN OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Mayor reported that he was honored to light a Menorah candle for Chanukah.
- Mayor introduced and welcomed two members of public joining the meeting: Robert Policano and Shai Barbi.

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE** Connect One Bank Current Operating Account **3,411,641.80**

**Resolution #184:12'2022: Refund of Property Tax Overpayment – Verizon Block 200 Lot 1**

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

At the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, December 21, 2022,

**WHEREAS**, Block 200 Lot 1 was deemed an exempt property in 2013, and

**WHEREAS**, 2013 property taxes for first and second quarters were billed and paid prior to the cancellation of assessment, and this overpayment remains on the account to date and should be cleared of record,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Borough Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a refund for the tax overpayment, as follows:

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Owner's Name</u>	<u>Refund Amount</u>
200/1	Verizon	\$2,986.00

**VOTE: Ayes:** Cohen, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

**Absent:** Bosworth

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Resolution #185:12'2022: Authorizing Transfer of 2022 Budget Appropriations (Transfer #2)**

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

At the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 to authorize the transfer of 2022 Budget Appropriations.

**Transfer #2 of 2022 Budget Appropriations**

Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of 2022 Budget Appropriations

**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 2022 Budget Appropriations.

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Police Dept. Salaries & Wages/Overtime	2-01-25-240-010	\$60,159.90
Electricity	2-01-31-430-020	\$3,041.29
Street Lighting	2-01-31-435-020	\$3,811.79
Gasoline	2-01-31-460-020	\$6,150.99

Police Dept. Operating Exp.	2-01-25-240-020	\$10,000.00
Acquisition of Police Vehicles	2-01-25-240-046	\$ 2,364.74
Legal Services	2-01-20-155-020	\$20,000.00
Engineering Services	2-01-20-165-020	\$10,000.00
Building Dept. Operating Exp.	2-01-22-195-020	\$ 6,000.00
Financial Admin Operating Exp.	2-01-20-130-020	\$ 1,000.00
Postage, Meter	2-01-20-145-031	\$ 1,500.00
Planning Board Operating Exp.	2-01-21-180-020	\$ 1,500.00
Zoning Board Operating Exp.	2-01-21-185-020	\$ 5,000.00
Employee Group Insurance	2-01-23-220-020	\$ 9,800.00
Fire Dept. Operating Exp.	2-01-25-265-020	\$ 5,999.23

**TOTAL: \$73,163.97 \$73,163.97**

**VOTE: Ayes:** Cohen, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

**Absent:** Bosworth

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Resolution #186:12'2022: Approval of Bills & Claims**

**OFFERED BY:** Councilman Cohen

**SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel

At the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 to approve the bills and claims of which copies are appended.

**VOTE: Ayes:** Cohen, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

**Absent:** Bosworth

**MOTION APPROVED**

**TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORT** On File.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- The Mayor was invited to and attended a wonderful, well organized holiday performance by Alpine School. Students from grades K – 6<sup>th</sup> contributed to the performance for a full house. He has the program if anyone is interested in seeing.
- The Safety Committee, chaired by Stephanie Wehmann, met for their monthly meeting. We take great interest in encouraging employees to follow safety measures. The Mayor thanked Councilman Kupferschmid for attending.
- Verizon Representative Mark Bocchieri will be here tomorrow to provide an update on Verizon business and their plans on improving coverage in town. The Mayor welcomes anyone who is interested in attending this meeting to join him at Borough Hall tomorrow at 12 noon.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Administration Department** No report.

**Building Department** Councilman Kupferschmid reported: 25 scheduled inspections, 3 fence permits, 5 tree permits, 2 soil moving applications, 8 zoning reviews, and 5 miscellaneous. Rest of report on file.

**Department of Public Works** Councilman Frankel reported nothing specific to report but that the entire report is on file in the Borough Clerk's office. Mayor Tomasko added that they had replaced a broken stove in COAH Unit D and a broken refrigerator in COAH Unit H. The Mayor commented that there are many aspects of work that our DPW does in order to keep our COAH units maintained and livable. He wanted to mention these replacement appliances as our borough was the subject in a recent article regarding monies spent from the affordable housing trust fund.

**Fire Department** Councilwoman Gerstein reported all statistics are on file. The Mayor commented that a couple Saturdays ago, our Fire Dept hosted a warm setting for our borough children to meet and greet Santa. There was a huge turnout and a wonderful event organized by our Fire Dept.

**Police Department** Councilwoman Frankel reported 20 summonses, 6 MVA resulting in 4 injuries; rest of report is on file.

**Resolution #187:12'2022: Accepting 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, December 21, 2022 to accept the reports of the Standing Committees.

**VOTE: Ayes:** Cohen, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

**Absent:** Bosworth

**MOTION APPROVED**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT**

Councilman Kupferschmid reported nothing specific to report. The Alpine School will be looking at their budget in the beginning of January.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT** None.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS #188:12'2022 - #200:12'2022**

**Resolution #188:12'2022 Approval of Regular Meeting – November 21, 2022**

**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, December 21, 2022 to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 21, 2022.

**VOTE: Ayes:** Cohen, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

**Absent:** Bosworth

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Resolution #189:12'2022: Approval of Executive Session Minutes November 21, 2022**

**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, December 21, 2022, to approve the Executive Session from November 21, 2022.

**VOTE: Ayes:** Cohen, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

**Absent:** Bosworth

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Resolution #190:12'2022: Renewal Agreements with Bergen County Dept of Health Services (4-Yr Term, 2023-2026)**

**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, December 21, 2022, **WHEREAS**, the Uniform Shared-Services Act (USSA) found at N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 was passed in an effort to encourage and ease the sharing of services; and

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Alpine and its Health Department to provide state mandated health services of a technical and professional nature and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpine desires to contract for the furnishing of certain of these health services by the BCDHS to the Borough of Alpine, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-1 et seq.

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

That the Municipal Clerk and the Mayor are hereby authorized and directed to execute the letter of agreement to renew the shared service agreements noted below for a 4-year term (2023-2026) with the Bergen County Department of Health Services to the Municipality for the year 2023 for the following "not to exceed" amounts (total not to exceed amount of \$22,282.00 for 2023)

Public Health Officer	\$ 7,446.00
Animal Control Services	\$ 2,732.00
Registered Environmental Health Specialist	\$11,481.00
Employee Assistance Program (\$22.25 per employee)	\$623.00
<b>*EAP portion only is a separate 1-year term agreement, 1/1/23-12/31/23</b>	

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this 4-year agreement includes a 2% increase for year 2023, and is subject to a 1.75% increase in years 2024 and 2025 and a 1.5% increase in year 2026.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this agreement will be subject to the appropriation of available funding in the subsequent year budgets for the duration of this contract. Upon adoption of the budgets for subsequent years of this contract which provide an appropriation of funds for this purpose, the Chief Financial Officer shall provide certification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4(a), to be affixed to this resolution, as to the availability of funds for that contract year.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Cohen, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

**Absent:** Bosworth

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Resolution #191:12'2022: Authorizing Execution of Interlocal Agreement for Maintenance & Repair of Vehicles by and between Boro of Paramus and Alpine Fire Dept**

**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, December 21, 2022,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Paramus and the Borough of Alpine seek to enter into an Interlocal Agreement wherein the Borough of Paramus will provide labor and maintenance services on Borough of Alpine Fire Department vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, both of the parties to such an Agreement are authorized by law to enter into an agreement with one another to provide jointly for any lawful service to and for the residents of the respective municipalities pursuant to the provisions of the "Interlocal Services Act" N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing bodies of the Borough of Paramus and the Borough of Alpine recognize that the implementation of an Interlocal Agreement to provide labor and maintenance services at a cost as set forth in the agreement attached hereto is in the best interest of the taxpayers of the respective municipalities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Alpine that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute an Interlocal Services Agreement with the Borough of Paramus subject to the approval of the Alpine Borough Attorney.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2023 and end on December 31, 2023.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Agreement shall take effect upon the execution of same and adoption of Resolutions by both parties as provided by law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of the Agreement be maintained on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Borough Clerk.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Cohen, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

**Absent:** Bosworth

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Resolution #192:12'2022: Endorse Planning Board Approval of Soil Moving Permit – 4 Sherwood Court Block 81.01 Lot 3**

**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, December 21, 2022,

**WHEREAS**, Borough Ordinance 183-3D(5) lays down the procedure for review of an application for a soil movement permit in compliance with N.J.S.A. 40:20D-26b; and

**WHEREAS**, the application was reviewed by the Planning Board at a hearing held October 25, 2022, and the Planning Board laid down their written recommendation to the Mayor and Council with respect to this application in a resolution approved at their regular meeting held on December 20, 2022 (copy attached hereto); and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council has examined the application and the recommendations of the Planning Board and have considered the results of the public hearing before the Planning Board;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine find that the proposed soil movement will not create conditions inimical to the public health, welfare and safety, nor create any drainage, soil erosion or other conditions of danger and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council hereby approve said application subject to all conditions as laid out in the Planning Board's resolution of December 20, 2022.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Cohen, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

**Absent:** Bosworth

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Resolution #193:12'2022: Change Order #1 (Net Increase) – 2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program – Cambridge Way**

**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, December 21, 2022,

**WHEREAS**, AJM Contractors, Inc, ("Contractors") entered into a contract with the Borough of Alpine in regards to the **2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer has submitted Change order No. 1, which accurately reflects the additions and reductions in the unit costs and original work required, as noted in Change Order No. 1 breakdown attached; and

**WHEREAS**, due to asphalt and fuel cost adjustments, additional asphalt quantities required as a result of unanticipated surface and subsurface conditions, and the deletion of any curb work originally anticipated, the Borough Engineer requests a **net increase of \$20,785.60** to the original contract amount of \$130,469.00 to an adjusted amount of \$151,254.60.

**WHEREAS**, additional construction costs for this project include an anticipated future billing from AJM for striping yet to be completed in the amount of \$654.00, and traffic control provided for the Alpine Police Department in the amount of \$12,632.04, which is separate from the AJM contract and to be paid to the Police Department directly by the Borough, bringing the **total anticipated project construction cost to \$164,540.55**; and

**WHEREAS**, funds for said purpose are to be made available within the following accounts for this purpose: **Capital Bond Ordinance No. 795**, subject to an amendment to ordinance 795;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine that Change Order No. 1 for the **2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program** increasing the total amount of the contract to AJM Contractors, Inc. by **\$20,785.60** which increases the overall contract price from \$130,469.00 to \$151,254.60 is hereby approved subject to an amendment to ordinance 795; said approval shall be retroactive to the date of performance of the work;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine that the additional traffic control cost of \$12,632.04 and anticipated striping costs of \$654.00 are hereby approved subject to receipt of invoices and an amendment to ordinance 795 with approval being retroactive to the date of performance of the work;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Borough Engineer.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Cohen, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

**Absent:** Bosworth

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Resolution #194:12'2022: Change Order #1 & Final (Net Increase) – 2019 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program – Allison Road**

**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, December 21, 2022,

**WHEREAS**, AJM Contractors, Inc, ("Contractors") entered into a contract with the Borough of Alpine in regards to the **2019 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer has submitted Change Order No. 1, which accurately reflects the additions and reductions in the unit costs and original work required, as noted in Change Order No. 1 breakdown attached; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the listed unit cost adjustments, asphalt and fuel cost adjustments, and traffic control costs, the Borough Engineer requests a **net increase of \$14,483.89** to the original contract amount of \$143,064.00, to an adjusted amount of \$157,547.89

**WHEREAS**, funds for said purpose are to be made available within the following accounts for this purpose: **Capital Bond Ordinance No. 788**, subject to an amendment to ordinance 788;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine that Change Order No. 1 for the **2019 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program** increasing the total amount of the contract to AJM Contractors, Inc. by **\$14,483.89** which increases the overall contract price from \$143,064.00 to \$157,547.89 is hereby approved subject to an amendment to ordinance 788; said approval shall be retroactive to the date of performance of the work, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Borough Engineer.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Cohen, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

**Absent:** Bosworth

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Resolution #195:12'2022: Amending Resolution # 017:01'2022 – 2022 Professional Service Agreement**

**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, December 21, 2022,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution #017:01'2022 dated January 5, 2022 the Mayor and Council awarded a contract for Borough Attorney, Labor Attorney, Special Counsel and Affordable Housing related development application services to Russell R. Huntington, Esq. of Huntington Bailey, LLP of Westwood, NJ at an amount not to exceed \$56,000 which figure did not accurately reflect anticipated expenditures as provided for in both the current operating and trust accounts as per the Municipal Budget as adopted on April 27, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution #017:01'2022 dated January 5, 2022 the Mayor and Council awarded a contract for Information Technology Services to Doug Neumetzger of Dart Computer Services Inc. of River Vale, NJ at an amount not to exceed \$20,000 which figure did not accurately reflect anticipated expenditures as provided for in both the current operating account as per the Municipal Budget as adopted on April 27, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, has certified that sufficient funds are available in the current operating and capital accounts;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the agreement for Borough Attorney, Labor Attorney, Special counsel and Affordable Housing related development application services to Russell R. Huntington, Esq. of Huntington Bailey, LLP of Westwood, NJ is hereby amended to provide for an increased Not To Exceed Amount from \$56,000 to \$125,000 for the contract term commencing January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2022 which amount is inclusive of Trust Account payments;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the agreement for Information Technology Services to Doug Neumetzger of Dart Computer Services Inc. of River Vale, NJ is hereby amended to provide for an increased Not To Exceed Amount from \$20,000 to \$25,000 for the contract term commencing January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2022 which amount is inclusive of Trust Account payments;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to cause notice to be published once in The Record newspaper stating the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract and that the resolution and contract are on file and available for public inspection in the Borough Clerk's office.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Cohen, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

**Absent:** Bosworth

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Resolution #196:12'2022: Adopting Form Required to be Used for Filing of Notices of Tort Claims Against Borough of Alpine in Accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Tort Claims Act, NJSA 59:8-6**

**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, December 21, 2022,

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Tort Claims Act N.J.S.A. 59:8-6 provides that a public entity may adopt a form to be completed by claimants seeking to file a Notice of Tort Claim against the public entity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpine is a public entity covered by the provisions of the New Jersey Tort Claims Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpine deems it advisable, necessary, and in the public interests to adopt a Notice of Tort Claim form in the form set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the Borough of Alpine, that the attached Notice of Tort Claim form be and hereby is adopted as the official Notice of Tort Claim form for the Borough of Alpine; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all persons making claims against the Borough of Alpine, pursuant to the New Jersey Tort Claims Act, N.J.S.A. 59:8-1 et seq., be required to complete the form herein adopted as a condition of compliance with the notice requirement of the New Jersey Tort Claims Act.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Cohen, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

**Absent:** Bosworth

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Resolution #197:12'2022: Support of Senate Bill S-3213 Authorizing Creation and Issuance of Registered Nurse License Plate**

**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, December 21, 2022,

**WHEREAS**, at the request of registered nurse Elizabeth M. Pichardo-Burr from Teaneck NJ, Senator Gordon M. Johnson from District 37 and Senator Nilsa L. Cruz-Perez from District 5 have sponsored and introduced Senate Bill 3213 which authorizes the creation and issuance of registered nurse license plates; and

**WHEREAS**, the bill provides that the design of the registered nurse license plate is to display the caduceus symbol, along with the words "Registered Nurse;" and

**WHEREAS** the Borough Council recognizes the invaluable service provided to the public by registered nurses, especially during the COVID crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council finds that the recognition of registered nurses through the creation and issuance of registered nurse license plates will enhance the profession of registered nurses and will encourage others to become registered nurses; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the Mayor and Council supports Senate Bill S-3213 and urges the Legislature to adopt same; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of this resolution to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the President of the New Jersey Senate, the Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly, State Senator Gordon Johnson, State Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez, Assemblywoman Shama A. Haider, Assemblywoman Ellen J. Park and the clerks in municipalities throughout New Jersey.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Cohen, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

**Absent:** Bosworth

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Resolution #198:12'2022: Affirming Appointment of Patrolman Benjamin Dippe & Patrolman JonLuca Morzetta**

**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, December 21, 2022, to affirm the appointments of Benjamin Dippe and JonLuca Morzetta as Patrolman in the Alpine Police Department effective January 1, 2023.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Cohen, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

**Absent:** Bosworth

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Resolution #199:12'2022: Award of Quote – Alpine Fire Dept Replacement & Installation of Unit Heaters**

**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, December 21, 2022,

**WHEREAS**, the Alpine Fire Department has identified a need for replacement of existing heaters and installation of two (2) new unit heaters at the Alpine Firehouse; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpine Department of Public Works/ Buildings and Grounds has solicited quotes for such repair; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpine has received two quotes, one from Hayward-Gordon Modern Heating Corp. of Alpine, NJ for \$8,200.00, and one from A2 Solutions LLC of Hackensack, NJ for \$9,100.00; and

**WHEREAS**, these quotes were reviewed, and a recommendation made by the DPW Superintendent for award to Hayward-Gordon Modern Heating Corp. of Alpine, NJ as the lowest responsive, responsible quote totaling \$8,200.00, and

**WHEREAS**, funds for this purpose have been provided for in the 2022 Current Fund Budget as identified by Account Number 2-01-26-310-020 in the accounting records of the Borough of Alpine; and

**WHEREAS**, the cumulative total for this vendor in fiscal year 2022 will exceed the quote threshold of \$6,600.00;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine hereby award the quote for replacement of existing heaters and installation of two (2) new unit heaters at the Alpine Firehouse to Hayward-Gordon Modern Heating Corp. of Alpine, NJ for \$8,200.00, contingent upon the Certification of Availability of Funds by the Chief Financial Officer.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Cohen, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

**Absent:** Bosworth

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Resolution #200:12'2022: Authorizing Execution of Amendment to Shared Services Agreement By and Between The Borough of Paramus and The Borough of Alpine for the Administration of Affordable Housing**

**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, December 21, 2022,

**WHEREAS**, the Uniformed Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., allows any municipality or county to enter into a contract with any other municipality or county for the joint provision of any services within their joint jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Paramus and the Borough of Alpine each have respective obligations to provide and administer affordable housing programs for the purpose of providing their required fair share of the regional present and prospective need for families at low- and moderate-income levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq. (the "Fair Housing Act") recognizes and encourages municipalities to cooperate with and work together to achieve the goal of the Fair Housing Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Paramus and the Borough of Alpine are each located in Bergen County and within New Jersey Affordable Housing Region 1 as designated and defined by COAH; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpine, recognizing the expertise of the Borough of Paramus in its administration of its affordable housing obligations, previously entered to a shared services agreement with the Borough of Paramus (the "Shared Services Agreement") pursuant to which the Borough of Paramus provides administrative services for the Borough of Alpine's affordable housing programs, which services will include serving as the administrative agent for the Borough of Alpine, assuming responsibility for compliance with the rules and regulations of the Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH") and the management and oversight of affordable housing programs and the construction, management and oversight of the sale and renting of affordable housing units located in the Borough of Alpine; and

**WHEREAS**, it is now in the best interests of the Borough of Alpine to enter into an agreement with the Borough of Paramus amending certain terms of the Shared Services Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Alpine hereby authorizes the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute and deliver the Shared Services Agreement set forth in this resolution

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Cohen, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

**Absent:** Bosworth

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Resolution #201:12'2022: Authorizing Agreement Between The Borough of Alpine and The Alpine PBA #399 (2023 – 2026)**

**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, December 21, 2022,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey approve the settlement of the police contract negotiations as reported by Councilwoman Frankel and authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute a document embodying those terms.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Cohen, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

**Absent:** Bosworth

**MOTION APPROVED**

**COMMUNICATIONS** - WRITTEN AND ORAL: None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion to go into executive session at 7:40 PM and reconvened in public session at 8:51 PM.

**Executive Session Relating to: 1) Litigation, Negotiation and Attorney-Client Privilege-Affordable Housing, and 2) Contractual Matter (Collective Bargaining)**

**OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein

**SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b subsection designated below:

**(b)(7)** *Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege: Affordable Housing*

**(b)(4)** *Matter related to collective bargaining [No Executive Session needed for this matter]*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, assembled in public session on Wednesday, November 21, 2022, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Borough Council that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

**VOTE: Ayes:** Cohen, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

**Absent:** Bosworth

**MOTION APPROVED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel

**SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein

And approved by all present to adjourn the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 8:51 P.M.

**VOTE: Ayes:** Cohen, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

**Absent:** Bosworth

**MOTION APPROVED**

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann  
Municipal Clerk