

ALPINE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
Wednesday, March 26, 2014  
Budget Work Session #3 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Mayor and Council, Borough of Alpine, convened for this Budget Workshop on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Alpine Borough Hall. The Public Announcement was read:

*In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, the notice of this Regular Meeting held Wednesday, March 26, 2014 has met the requirements of the law by being published in The Record on January 8, 2014 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.*

**ROLL CALL**

Paul Tomasko, Mayor	Present	Vicki Frankel, Council President	Present
Paul Garjian, Councilman	Present	Michael Cacouris, Councilman	Present
Gayle Gerstein, Councilwoman	Present	Joan Ornstein, Councilwoman	Absent
John Halbreich, Councilman	Present		

**Staff Present:** Acting Municipal Clerk, Jerry Beckmann, Marilyn Hayward, Treasurer, Borough Auditor Jeffrey Bliss.

**Discussion of the Proposed Budget** Mr. Bliss from the firm of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP was present and distributed copies of his 2014 Budget Overview. Mr. Bliss reviewed all revenues and appropriations and presented to the Mayor and Council a clear understanding of the budget scheduled for introduction at the regular meeting to follow.

The municipal tax increase will be 1.9%.

Mayor Tomasko questioned the proposed Capital Bond Ordinance to fund 2014 Road Improvements slated for introduction on this evening's regular agenda. He recommended downward revision of figures to reflect actual DOT grant amount only for Church Street improvements. Mr. Bliss will coordinate with CFO and Bond Counsel.

The tax collection rate for 2013 was 99.25%.

Budget Workshop # 3 adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Beckmann,  
Acting Municipal Clerk