# MAYOR AND COUNCIL 2023 REGULAR MEETING

# January 25, 2023 @ 7:30 PM Borough Hall – 100 Church Street – Alpine, NJ

(This meeting was recorded in its entirety)

#### **CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Mayor and Council, Borough of Alpine, convened for this Regular Meeting on January 25, 2023 at 7:30 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 has met the requirements of the law by being e-mailed to The Record, 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 OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF 2023**

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

# **Staff Present on Dais:**

Levi Kool, Esq. of Huntington Bailey, Jim Azzolina, of Azzolina & Feury (on behalf of Borough Engineer Perry Frenzel), Municipal Clerk Stephanie Wehmann

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Mayor Paul Tomasko opened the floor for Police Commissioner Vicki Frankel to make an announcement.
- Police Commissioner Frankel read from the Code Book on the position and appointment of an Acting Police Chief. Chief Christopher Belcolle will be taking time off he has earned from February 22, 2023 to October 31, 2023 when he officially retires. To fulfill the current need for an Acting Chief, the Chief and Police Commissioner recommend the appointment of our current longest serving Sergeant and Senior Officer, Matthew Kent as Acting Chief, with great confidence in his leadership ability and understanding of what the job entails.

# Resolution #037:1'2023 Appointment of Acting Chief

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel SECONDED BY: Councilman Frankel

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine does hereby ratify and approve the Mayor's appointment of **Matthew Kent** as Acting Chief of the Alpine Police Department effective the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2023. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Bosworth, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** Cohen **MOTION APPROVED** 

## 2023 ALPINE POLICE OFFICERS SWEARING IN CEREMONY

The Oath of Office was administered by Mayor Tomasko to:

Patrolman Benjamin Dippe Patrolman JonLuca Morzetta

#### **OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Mayor Tomasko** opened the floor for public comments and made an announcement for anyone who wishes to be heard, to clearly state their name and address for the record, and reminded them that their comments and questions will be reflected in our minutes.

Mark Wellington, 119 Church Street. Mr. Wellington stated that he had been a resident for over 40 years and had some concerns about leaking water on 9W causing flooding and build-up of ice and salt every year. He asked if anything could be done such as installing drains to alleviate all the resources being poured into this every year. The town has been in touch with the DOT over the years, who have responsibility of that road, and they have looked into it as recently as last year. The Mayor hopes to follow up with the Borough Engineer and get the latest update.

Mr. Wellington requested back payments for his alarm permits and not to be charged \$25 every year for alarm permit renewals. Mr. Wellington feels that he should be grandfathered in as he had been complying with the law for over 40 years when he moved to Alpine. Attorney Kool responded that ordinances and fee structures change on a regular basis and there is no grandfathering in for those kinds of permit.

Mayor Tomasko noted that Principal O'Keefe from Alpine School was in attendance.

**Maryana Beydor**, 946 Closter Dock Road. Ms. Beydor inquired about whether the town had looked into grants that made be available to fix broken sidewalks on Hillside Avenue. **Mayor Tomasko** responded that it had not been a subject of their attention as those sidewalks are rarely used but noted Ms. Beydor's concern.

**Ms. Beydor** also inquired about school safety plans. Mayor Tomasko stated that as an interim measure, there is an increase police presence during drop off, pick up and recess times. These measures will be in place until School Administration determines if anything else is necessary to keep the school safe and secured.

Ms. Gerstein shared a story about the Alpine Police Department and highlighting the Alpine Police Department's awareness.

**Mayor Tomasko** commended the police force for their work and took the opportunity to praise the school administration, and noted Keren Barbi from the Home and School Association in attendance taking an interest in our school and town

**Liza Shabetayev**, 36 Dogwood Lane. Ms. Shabetayev wished to further the point of school safety security and that additional police presence was welcomed.

**Mayor Tomasko** acknowledged that there has been an effort since Friday's meeting to revitalize the Alpine Educational Foundation and provide funding toward additional security measures the school administration may seem fit to implement on a more permanent basis.

**Ms. Shabetayev** commented that STEM and educational related expenses are appropriate expenses from the Foundation, and expressed concern in a paradigm shift regarding security and safety measures that involves unprecedented mental health issues and daily gun violence in the news which requires permanent measures.

**Mayor Tomasko** agreed with Ms. Shabetayev and stated that the school is the right jurisdiction to make this point to. The Mayor stated that the school is a separate entity under law, and they have authority over these matters. He feels that the school administration will make the right decisions.

**Renee Arp**, 294 Wilson Drive. Ms. Arp commented that the safety of the entire school population is of the utmost importance and inquired as to consideration to hire Class III officers for this purpose.

**Mayor Tomasko** responded that inquiry is more appropriately directed to school administration. The Mayor explained that the town does not have authority over the school or the school board. They have their own board and their own administration.

**Mr. Kool** clarified that the laws are organized in two separate statutes: one that governs municipal authority and one that governs the school board. The only relationship between these two entities is that the municipality pays for the school budget. Governing Bodies cannot step in for the hiring, firing, or with program and curriculum implementation and changes. Everything that is done at the school level and all decisions related to the school is done by the school board. If the school administration makes the decision to hire an officer the funding is done by the school board.

**Christopher Arp**, 294 Wilson Drive. Mr. Arp asked if funding for a school law enforcement officer is available, an officer could be posted at the school.

Mr. O'Keefe replied yes and elaborated that there was a survey put out earlier in the year soliciting if families would support hiring a full-time police officer and if they would be will to pay for it. There were only 53 respondents and the result yielded a significant divide split (50/50). Mr. O'Keefe stated that a round table to discuss school security will be scheduled after February break with the Prosecutor's office.

**Mr. Kupferschmid** commented that he has been attending the school board meetings and reiterated that there is a significant divide among parents on how to increase school safety.

[Inaudible identification, Public Speaker] asked if [the school] had the money in the budget, if they can have on the school board agenda to vote for an armed guard.

**Mr. O'Keefe** replied that they can speak at the school board meeting during public comments, judicate interest level and if this is what the parent community wants, that is where the money would be spent.

Shai Barbi, 7 Graham Street. Mr. Barbi reiterated school security issues should be addressed.

**Michael Forem**, 9 Stone Tower Drive. Mr. Forum commented that there are discreet ways to have armed under cover officers by not telling anyone in the school.

**Mr. Kupferschmid** stated that those discussions and matters should be addressed at the school board meetings and in the round table discussions with the school administration.

**Ms. Shabetayev** stated on a separate matter that after the 2021 hurricane, she had hired an engineer to formalized easement violations, and have been communicating with the Building Department, DPW and Borough Engineer but her letters are being unanswered and inquires as to a reasonable response time for something like this.

Mayor Tomasko stated that they are not in a position to comment on pending litigation but noted her complaint.

No further public comments.

**CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS.** 

#### REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

\$3,567,535.88

# Resolution #038:1'2023: Return of Bonds and Escrow

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Frankel

At the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 to approve the following return of bonds and escrow:

Block	Lot	Name	Type	<u>Amount</u>
Scout Camp		Shelter \$1 Productions LLC	Film Permit #120-22	\$862.78
22	3	Kallenberg Estate	Tree Bond	\$12,388.80
39.01	12.03	Arp, Christopher	Driveway Escrow	\$34.50
				TOTAL: \$13,286.08

VOTE: Ayes: Bosworth, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

Absent: Cohen MOTION APPROVED

#### Resolution #039:1'2023: Approval of Bills & Claims - \$2,448.080.16 (per amended schedule)

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Frankel

At the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 to approve the bills and claims of which copies are appended.

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

Absent: Cohen MOTION APPROVED

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

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- The Mayor reported that attended a meeting at the school last Friday and discussed revitalization of the Alpine EducationFoundation.
- Mayor Tomasko reported that they had a meeting to discuss building department improvements with software
  updates that the state has been encouraging municipalities to do which may become part of our budget.

#### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES**

- Administration Department No report.
- **Building Department** Councilman Kupferschmid reported: 52 scheduled inspections, 1 driveway permit, 6 tree permits, 8 zoning review applications, and 7 miscellaneous smaller permits issued.
- Fire Department Councilwoman Gerstein made the motion to approve the application of a new Fire Fighter: Cole Veras who is the son of a Fire Fighter and former Chief.

#### Resolution #040:1'2023: Approval of Fire Fighter

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Frankel

At the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on January 25, 2023 to approve the application for **Cole Veras** for Membership as a Firefighter in the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department, subject to receipt of supplemental documentation as required.

VOTE: Ayes: Bosworth, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

Absent: Cohen MOTION APPROVED

- **Police Department** Councilwoman Frankel reported 14 summonses, 7 MVA with 2 injuries; 2 new Patrolmen that began in January and 2 new hires beginning on February 1; rest of report is on file.
- **Department of Public Works** Councilman Frankel reported no specific matter to discuss and the entire report on file in the Borough Clerk's office.

The Mayor referenced a recent article in the Bergen Record regarding Affordable Housing trust fund spending and commented that they had replaced a refrigerator in one of the units and responded to heating issue in the same unit on Christmas Eve. The Mayor thanks the DPW Superintendent for seeing to this and ensuring the comfort and safety of residents throughout the borough.

#### Resolution #041:1'2023: Accepting the Reports of the Standing Committees

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Frankel

At the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 to accept the reports of the Standing Committees.

VOTE: Ayes: Bosworth, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid

Absent: Cohen MOTION APPROVED

# **BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT**

Councilman Kupferschmid reported that the school will be reviewing the budget next month and have been actively working with residents to re-open the Foundation.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT** Mr. Kool stated he will reserve his comments for close session.

#### **BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The Mayor reported that Jim Azzolina is standing in for Perry Frenzel and thanked him for coming out in this bad weather. Borough Engineer's report was distributed and on file in the Borough Clerk's office.

# **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**:

#### CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS #042:1'2023 - #049:1'2023

# Resolution #042:1'2023: Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes December 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, January 25, 2023 to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from December 21, 2022.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Bosworth, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** Cohen **MOTION APPROVED** 

# Resolution #043:1'2023: Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes December 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, January 25, 2023 to approve the Executive Session Minutes from December 21, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Bosworth, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid Absent: Cohen MOTION APPROVED

### Resolution #044:1'2023: Approval of Sine Die Minutes January 3, 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 Wednesday, January 25, 2023, to approve the Sine Die Meeting Minutes from January 3, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Bosworth, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid Absent: Cohen MOTION APPROVED

# Resolution #045:1'2023: Approval of Reorganization Minutes January 3, 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 Wednesday, January 25, 2023, to approve

the Reorganization Meeting Minutes from January 3, 2023.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Bosworth, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** Cohen **MOTION APPROVED** 

# Resolution #046:1'2032: Affirming Appointment of Patrolman Christopher Amato

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, January 25, 2023 to affirm the appointment of Christopher Amato as Patrolman in the Alpine Police Department effective February 1, 2023.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Bosworth, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** Cohen **MOTION APPROVED** 

# Resolution #047:1'2023: Award of Quote and Authorization of Cleaning Services Agreement

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein

At this meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine promulgated requests for proposals for janitorial / cleaning services for the Borough from February 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, three (3) companies responded and provided price quotes: JPA Maintenance, Inc., JAN-PRO and Fermaint Cleaning Services, LLC,; and

**WHEREAS**, the lowest responsible bidder meeting all of the specifications for the provisions of municipal janitorial/cleaning services, was JPA Maintenance, Inc. for a contract price not to exceed \$21,840.00; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine hereby award the quote and authorize the Mayor and/or Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with JPA Maintenance, Inc. for the term February 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024. Funds are available in the 2023 Temporary Budget to fund the first two months of the contract and shall be subject to further appropriation of funds for the contract period. Upon final adoption of the 2023 Municipal Budget the Chief Financial Officer shall provide written certification, to be affixed to this resolution, as to the availability of funds for the duration of the contract.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Bosworth, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid Absent: Cohen MOTION APPROVED

# <u>Resolution #048:1'2023: Authorizing Purchases of Goods & Services in 2023 through State of NJ Coop Purchasing Program-Purchase of PPE for Fire Dept.</u>

**OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel

**SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein

At this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, January 25. 2023

**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 personal protective equipment necessary for the Alpine Fire Department (QTY 10 MSA SCBAs), such transaction subject to all conditions applicable to the current State contracts:

Commodity T0106 - LAW ENFORCEMENT FIREARMS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

Contracts: MSA Safety Sales LLC #20-FLEET-01118/ #17-FLEET-00767 Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc.

**WHEREAS**, funds for this purpose have been provided for in Ordinance 814 capital account C-04-55-996-201 in the accounting records of the Borough of Alpine;

**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 2023 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, Inc. of Coatesville, PA, as authorized vendor distributor

for the above contracts for the above noted goods and services in accordance with the aforementioned contract and the specifications attached hereto, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 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), prior to placing any order for goods or services in accordance with this Resolution, 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.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Bosworth, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid Absent: Cohen MOTION APPROVED

# Resolution #049:1'2023: Amending 2023 Professional Services Agreements

**OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel

**SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein

At the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution #19:01'2023 dated January 3, 2023 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; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Huntington has advised the Borough that he will be retiring, and the Borough wishes to thank Mr. Huntington for his service and award a contract for Borough Attorney, Labor Attorney, Special Counsel and Affordable Housing related development application services to Levi J. Kool, Esq. of Huntington Bailey, LLP of Westwood, NJ; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution # 19:01'2023 dated January 3, 2023 the Mayor and Council awarded a contract for Borough Accountant to Jeffrey C. Bliss, CPA of Lerch, Vinci, Bliss LLP of Fair Lawn, NJ at an amount not to exceed \$38,000 which figure did not accurately reflect anticipated expenditures; 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 temporary operating budget to fund three months of this contract. Upon adoption of the final budget the CFO shall provide written certification to be affixed to this resolution, as to availability of funds for the duration of this contract.

**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 Levi J. Kool, Esq. of Huntington Bailey, LLP of Westwood, NJ for the contract term commencing January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2023;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the agreement Borough Accountant to Jeffrey C. Bliss, CPA of Lerch, Vinci, Bliss LLP of Fair Lawn, NJ is hereby amended to provide for an increased Not To Exceed Amount from \$38,000 to \$42,000 for the contract term commencing January 1, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2023 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: Bosworth, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid Absent: Cohen MOTION APPROVED

End of Consent Agenda

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Mayor made a Motion to go into executive session at 8:13 PM and reconvened in public session at 8:49 PM.

# Resolution #050:1'2023: Executive Session Relating to: 1) Litigation, Negotiation and Attorney-Client Privilege-Affordable Housing

**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, January 25, 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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, assembled in public session on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 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.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Bosworth, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid
Absent: Cohen
MOTION APPROVED

Mr. Kool presented to the Mayor and Council to make a Motion to authorize the execution of letter of agreement of retention of Murphy Schiller & Wilkes LLP as Special Tax Abatement Counsel, and Nassau Capital Advisors LLC as Special Council and Financial Consultants relating to affordable housing.

Resolution #051:1'2023: 2023 Professional Services Agreements - Authorization for Execution of Retention Agreements for Tax Abatement Special Counsel and Real Estate Financial Advisor Services (Awarded pursuant to the Non-Fair and Open Process)

**OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel

**SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein

At the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine requires certain professional services of a type as listed in the table below; and WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined, based on professional experience, expertise, reputation, and upon recommendation of the Borough Attorney to award contracts for such services as noted below pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 and/or 20.5 as other than a "Fair and Open" contract as defined therein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) authorizes the award of such professional services contracts without competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, in any instance where it is anticipated that the expenditure for each professional service will exceed the sum of \$17,500 for said calendar year, the professionals have completed, submitted and filed an Affirmation of Compliance with Borough Ordinance 725 "Regulation of Contract Awards", a Business Entity Disclosure certificate and a Political Contribution Disclosure Form certifying that the firm has not made or will make any reportable contributions that would bar the award of this contract under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq. and Borough of Alpine Ordinance 725, and

**WHEREAS**, those professionals or business entities, whose services will or may exceed the aggregate threshold pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10-5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2, have either provided or will provide prior to execution of their agreements an Acknowledgement of Compliance with Mandatory Equal Employment Opportunity Language and either a Certificate of Employee Information Report Form AA302 or Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval, and

**WHEREAS**, these contracts for professional services are subject to the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, having first ascertained that there are available sufficient appropriations in the year 2022 Temporary Current Fund Budget to award said contracts for services of a technical and professional

nature in compliance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4 and/or other applicable regulations;

Name/Firm/Town/State	Services	Amount	Term
		Estimated	For
		Not to	the
		exceed*	Year
Thomas S. Dolan, Esq. Murphy Schiller & Wilkes LLP Newark, NJ 07102	Special Counsel for Tax Abatements & PILOT Agreements Pertaining to Affordable Housing Related Development Apps	\$10,000	2023
Robert S. Powell, Jr. Nassau Capital Advisors, LLC Princeton, NJ	Real Estate Financial Advisor Pertaining to Affordable Housing Related Development Apps	\$10,000	2023

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Borough of Alpine authorizes the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute agreements for each: and

**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 contracts are on file and available for public inspection in the Borough Clerk's office.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Bosworth, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid Absent: Cohen MOTION APPROVED

#### **COMMUNICATIONS** None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein

**SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel

And approved by all present to adjourn the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann Municipal Clerk