

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 24, 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 May 24, 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

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

Staff Present on Dais: Borough Attorney Levi Kool, Borough Engineer Perry Frenzel, Borough Clerk Stephanie Wehmann,

PUBLIC COMMENTS Mayor Tomasko detailed the Memorial Day itinerary for Bob Pollicano.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ConnectOne Bank (fka Bank of New Jersey) Current Operating Account \$3,596,577.86

Resolution #104:05'2023: Bills and Claims

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

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, to approve the bills and claims as outlined in the Finance Report.

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

TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORT Report on file.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Tomasko encourages Council to view the Elected Officials Risk Management Seminar. The Borough receives a \$250 credit on premium for each elected official who takes the class.
- Thanks to the Memorial Day Ad Hoc Committee consisting of the Mayor and Councilwomen Gerstein and Frankel along with Municipal Clerk Wehmann and those who assisted her in putting together this year's brochure. All are invited to Alpine's major public event of the year which includes the parade, ceremony at Memorial Rock, reception following at Borough Hall food and with activities for children. Thanks to the Alpine Swim Club Committee along with DPW Superintendent Zaremba and Councilman Bosworth for ensuring the pool is ready to accept memberships and host their Open House that day.
- The Environmental Commission observed Arbor Day was observed April 28 at the swim club with planting of a red maple.
- Shredding day took place May 6.
- Receipt of a Bergen Evening Record article dated Saturday, October 23, 1938 brings to mind we used to have a Historical Commission in Alpine. The article is available for review.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

- **Administration Department** No report.
- **Building Department** Councilman Kupferschmid reported: 47 scheduled inspections, 3 tree permits, 2 soil moving applications, and 8 zoning review applications. Report is on file in the Clerk's office.

- **Department of Public Works** Mayor Tomasko noted in addition to contributions previously mentioned the DPW has been busy with the Arbor Day tree planting, Swim Club and COAH repairs. Report on file in borough hall.
- **Fire Department** Councilwoman Gerstein reported all statistics on file.
- **Police Department** Councilman Bosworth reported 44 summonses issued, 2 MVA and 43 burglar alarms. Rest of report on file.

Resolution #105:05'2023: Accepting the Reports of the Standing Committees**OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Cohen

At the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 to accept the reports of the Standing Committees.

VOTE: Ayes: Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, Kupferschmid, **Absent:** A. Frankel, V. Frankel **MOTION APPROVED****BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT**

Councilman Kupferschmid reported on the Spring Concert which was a delight. The School is proceeding with various capital projects a portion of which are covered by grants. The Mayor noted the School Musical which was also an impressive event.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT Mr. Frenzel reported they applied for NJDEP's Stormwater Reporting Grant Program for 2023 to fund the Annual Stormwater Report and Borough Outfall Map as required by state regulation.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT Attorney Kool reserves for Executive Session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS #106:5'2023 - #115:5'2023**Resolution #106:05'2023: Approval of Minutes Special Joint Meeting Council & Planning Board April 17, 2023****OFFERED BY:** Councilman Cohen **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein

At the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on May 24, 2023 to approve the Special Joint Meeting Council & Planning Board Minutes of April 17, 2023.

VOTE: Ayes: Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** A. Frankel, V. Frankel **MOTION APPROVED****Resolution #107:05'2023: Approval of Executive Session Minutes Special Joint Meeting Council & Planning Board April 17, 2023****OFFERED BY:** Councilman Cohen **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein

At the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on May 24, 2023 to approve the Executive Session Minutes Special Joint Meeting Council & Planning Board April 17, 2023

VOTE: Ayes: Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** A. Frankel, V. Frankel **MOTION APPROVED****Resolution #108:05'2023: Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting April 26, 2023****OFFERED BY:** Councilman Cohen **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein

At the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on May 24, 2023 to approve the Executive Meeting Session Minutes of April 26, 2023.

VOTE: Ayes: Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein **Absent:** A. Frankel, V. Frankel **Abstain:** Kupferschmid**MOTION APPROVED****Resolution #109:05'2023: Approval of Minutes Executive Session Meeting April 26, 2023****OFFERED BY:** Councilman Cohen **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein

At the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on May 24, 2023 to approve the Executive Meeting Session Minutes of April 26, 2023.

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

Resolution #110:05'2023: Appointment to Environmental Commission – Marie Bosworth – Alternate I**OFFERED BY:** Councilman Cohen **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 to confirm the Mayor's appointment of **Marie Bosworth as Alternate Member I** to the Alpine Environmental Commission for the unexpired portion of a two-year term, expiring December 31, 2023.

VOTE: Ayes: Cohen, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** A. Frankel, V. Frankel **Abstain:** Bosworth**MOTION APPROVED****Resolution #111:05'2023: Authorizing Purchases of Goods and Services in 2023 Through the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program****OFFERED BY:** Councilman Cohen **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein

at this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, May 24, 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 Borough of Alpine has a need to purchase on a timely basis, goods and services utilizing State Contracts during 2023; 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, such transaction shall be subject to all conditions applicable to the current State contract(s); now, therefore

Commodities T-2776S POLICE PURSUIT & SSV: SEDANS & SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES,
WITH GASOLINE ENGINE

Service Vendor Name: GENTILINI MOTORS

State Contract #s: 21-FLEET-01485

Commodities T0106 LAW ENFORCEMENT FIREARMS EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

Service Vendor Name: MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT

State Contract #s: 17-FLEET-00758

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 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.

VOTE: Ayes: Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, Kupferschmid, **Absent:** A. Frankel, V. Frankel **MOTION APPROVED****Resolution #112:05'2023: Authorizing Acquisition of Vehicle for the Fire Department Through the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program- 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe****OFFERED BY:** Councilman Cohen **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein

at this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, May 24, 2023

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine is in need of acquiring a 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe for the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:11-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), the Borough may, by resolution and without obtaining multiple quotes or 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 Borough of Alpine by prior resolution has approved purchases from the State Contract Vendor(s) listed below for this item; 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, funds for this purpose have been provided for in Capital Account Numbers C-04-55-996-201 [Ordinance #814] and C-04-55-998-203 [Ord #820] in the accounting records of the Borough of Alpine;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, that the Borough of Alpine enter into an agreement with

Gentilini Motors & Municipal Equipment, 2703 Fire Rd, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234 Contact: Len Polistina, authorized vendor for State Contract 21-FLEET-01485, for the acquisition of POLICE PURSIT & SSV: SEDANS & SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES, WITH GASOLINE ENGINE (T-2776S) more specifically a 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe for the Fire Department, in accordance with the aforementioned contract and the specifications attached hereto, in an amount not to exceed \$72,500.72 to be charged to the account above or as otherwise determined to be correct by the Chief Financial Officer's pending certification of funds.

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

Resolution #113:05'2023: Introduction Ordinance No. 821: To Amend Chapter 209-9 of the Borough Code of the Borough of Alpine Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" to Provide for No Parking Along the Easterly curbline of Anderson Avenue Between the North end and Hickory Lane

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

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday, May 24, 2023

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 AMEND CHAPTER 209-9 OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPINE ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" TO PROVIDE FOR NO PARKING ALONG THE EASTERLY CURBLINE OF ANDERSON AVENUE BETWEEN THE NORTH END AND HICKORY LANE

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, Alpine, New Jersey on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 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 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: Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, Kupferschmid, **Absent:** A. Frankel, V. Frankel **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution #114:05'2023: Authorizing Inclusion in the Bergen County Community Development Program

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

at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, May 24, 2023

WHEREAS, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Bergen under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; the HOME Investment Partnership Act of 1990, as amended; and the Emergency Solutions Grant Act of 2012; and

WHEREAS, the current Interlocal Services Cooperative Agreement contains an automatic renewal clause to expedite the notification of the inclusion process; and

WHEREAS, each Municipality must notify the Bergen County Division of Community Development of its intent to continue as a participant in the Urban County entitlement programs noted above; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Alpine and its residents to participate in said Programs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine hereby notifies the Bergen County Division of Community Development of its decision to be included as a participant Municipality in the Urban County entitlement programs being the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) for the Fiscal Years 2024, 2025, and 2026 covering the period July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an original copy of this resolution be made available to the Director of the Bergen County Division of Community Development as soon as possible and no later than Monday, June 26, 2023.

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

Resolution #115:05'2023: Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with the County of Bergen to Supersede the Cooperative Agreement Dated July 1, 2021 and Amendments Thereto Establishing the Bergen County Community Development Program

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

at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, May 24, 2023

WHEREAS, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Bergen under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; the HOME Investment Partnership Act of 1990, as amended; and the Emergency Solutions Grant Act of 2012, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to supersede an existing Interlocal Services Cooperative Agreement for the County and its people to benefit from these programs; and

WHEREAS, an Agreement has been proposed under which the Borough of Alpine and the County of Bergen in cooperation with other Municipalities, will modify an Interlocal Services Program pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et.seq.; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Municipality of the Borough of Alpine to enter into such an Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine that the agreement entitled "Three Year Cooperative Agreement" (an Agreement superseding the Cooperative Agreement dated July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024) to clarify the planning and implementation procedures, and to enable the Municipality to make a Three Year irrevocable commitment to participate in the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) for the Fiscal Years 2024, 2025, and 2026 covering the period July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027 be executed by the Mayor and Municipal Clerk in accordance with the provisions of law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately in accordance with law and that an original copy be made available to the Director of the Bergen County Division of Community Development as soon as possible and no later than Monday, June 26, 2023.

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

End of Consent Agenda

Bergen County Community Development Representatives

Resolution #116:05'2023: AUTHORIZING ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL COMMITTEE FY 2023-2024

Covering Period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

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

at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, May 24, 2023

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Borough of Alpine has entered into a three-year Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen as provided under the Interlocal Services Act N.J.S.A. 40A:8a-1 et seq. and Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement requires that the Municipal Council appoint a representative and that the Mayor appoint a representative for the FY 2023-2024 term starting July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council hereby appoints **Councilwoman Vicki Frankel** as its representative and that the Mayor hereby appoints **Councilman Steven Cohen** as his representative to serve on the Community Development Regional Committee for FY 2023-2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an original, certified copy of this resolution be immediately emailed and sent via postage to Robert G. Esposito, Director; Bergen County Division of Community Development; One Bergen County Plaza, Fourth Floor; Hackensack, New Jersey 07601, resposito@co.bergen.nj.us as soon as possible and no later than Friday, June 30, 2023.

Vote: Ayes: Bosworth, Cohen, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** V. Frankel, A. Frankel

MOTION APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL

The Mayor reiterated invitation to Memorial Day ceremonies as per his preceding Mayor's Report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Resolution #117:05'2023: Executive Session

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

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, to

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)(7) Contractual Matter

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, assembled in public session on May 24, 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.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor & Council entered into executive session at 7:43 PM and reconvened in public session at 8:44 PM and immediately adjourned upon motion by Councilwoman Gerstein, seconded by Councilman Kupferschmid and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann
Municipal Clerk