

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 22, 2024 @ 7:30 P.M.
BOROUGH HALL - 100 CHURCH STREET - ALPINE, NJ
(This meeting was recorded in its entirety)**

CALL TO ORDER / PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor and Council, Borough of Alpine, convened for this Regular Meeting on May 22, 2024, at 7:31 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 on the website 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	Present *phone	Scott Bosworth, Councilman	Present
David Kupferschmid, Councilman	Present		

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

PRESENTATION: In Recognition of Marilyn Hayward - CFO, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Planning Board Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Many members of staff and public shared appreciation and best wishes for Marilyn on the occasion of her retirement. The Mayor then read a resolution to Marilyn Hayward.

Resolution #106:05'2024: Resolution of Appreciation

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

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on May 22, 2024, to adopt a resolution of appreciation for 20 years of dedicated work for the Borough of Alpine as follows:

WHEREAS, Marilyn Hayward began her service for the Borough of Alpine as Planning Board Secretary effective January 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, following commencement of full-time work with the Borough as of June 1, 2009, **Marilyn Hayward** has also served as Treasurer, Tax Search Officer, Tax Collector, Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Alliance Coordinator and performed with distinction; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn Hayward has always fulfilled her duties and responsibilities in a competent, respectful, compassionate and caring manner, with the utmost professionalism and dedication, and a strong commitment to the needs and goals of the residents of the Borough of Alpine, her co-workers and all those associated with the administration of our municipal government; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn Hayward has been an exceptional and esteemed member in the organization and operation of our Municipal Government, an invaluable representative of our mission and work and will be deeply missed by all those who have had the privilege to work with her;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine on behalf of all the residents of the Borough, do hereby extend to **Marilyn Hayward** their profound gratitude and deepest appreciation for her twenty years of extraordinary and distinguished service to the Borough and wish her many years of happiness and good health in her retirement.

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

Marilyn came forward and was presented with a plaque of appreciation. The Mayor recognized members of the audience and introduced Marilyn's successor, Judith Curran, as well as new hire Marti Francis.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ConnectOne Bank Current Operating Account \$4,241,571.63**Resolution #107:05'2024: Return of Bonds and Escrow****OFFERED BY:** Councilman Cohen **SECONDED BY** Councilwoman Gerstein

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the borough of Alpine held on May 22, 2024 to return the following escrow and/or bonds:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
81.06	20	Leviey, Konstantin	Engineering	\$ 581.755
			Soil Moving	\$ 209.50
TOTAL:				\$ 791.25

VOTE: AYES: Bosworth, Cohen, A. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** V. Frankel, **MOTION APPROVED****Resolution#108:05'2024:Requesting Approval for The Insertion of a Special Item Of Revenue in the 2024 Budget - Division of Law and Public Safety: Body-Worn Camera Grant****OFFERED BY:** Councilman Cohen **SECONDED BY** Councilwoman Gerstein

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the borough of Alpine held on May 22, 2024

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and,

WHEREAS, said director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amounts, and,

WHEREAS, after the adoption of the 2024 municipal budget, the Borough of Alpine was awarded a Body-Worn Camera Grant, Award #21-BWC-006, in the amount of \$12,668.00 from the New Jersey Division of Law and Public Safety for implementation of the Body-Worn Camera program for the Alpine Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine is desirous to anticipate and appropriate such monies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Alpine, Bergen County, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an additional item of revenue in the budget for 2024 in the sum of \$12,668.00 which item is now available as a revenue pursuant to the provision of statute, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$12,668.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of: **Operations Excluded from Caps**

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenue:

Body-Worn Camera Grant	\$12,668.00
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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and the Borough Treasurer.

VOTE: AYES: Bosworth, Cohen, A. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** V. Frankel, **MOTION APPROVED****Resolution #109:05'2024: Approval of 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 May 22, 2024 to approve the bills and claims as outlined in the Finance Report.

VOTE: AYES: Bosworth, Cohen, A. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** V. Frankel, **MOTION APPROVED****TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORT** Report on File**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, held April 27: Thank you to the Chief of Police
- Shredding Day, held May 4: Thank you to Councilmen Cohen and Kupferschmid and George Abad.
- The spring cleanup and Arbor Day took place as planned
- The Audit Exit meeting took place yesterday, and to no one's surprise, everything is in good order. There were no violations or even recommendations
- Memorial Day plans are just about ready. Flags are up. The parade will start at 11:00 AM.
- The Open Public Records Act (OPRA) is becoming an increasing challenge. Amendments to the Act are awaiting the signature of the governor after the legislature's passing of the reform.

These minutes have been approved by the Mayor and Council.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration Department No report

Building Department Councilman Kupferschmid: 58 scheduled inspections, 1 driveway permit, 2 soil moving applications, 8 tree permits, 4 zoning application reviews, 6 miscellaneous items. The report is on file.

Department of Public Works The report is on file.

Fire Department

Resolution#110:05'2024: Approval of Firefighter Application

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

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the borough of Alpine held on May 22, 2024, to approve the application for **Zachary Stark** for membership as a Firefighter in the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department, subject to receipt of supplemental documentation as required.

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

The balance of the report is on file.

Police Department Mayor Tomasko; 41 motor vehicle summonses (8 on Route 9W; 2 on Closter Dock Road) 2 borough violations. The report is on file.

Resolution #111:05'2024: Accepting the Reports of the Standing Committees

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

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the borough of Alpine held on May 22, 2024, to accept the reports of the Standing Committees.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT Councilman Kupferschmid: The Great Gatsby fundraising event was incredibly successful; the \$130,000 goal for the STEM program was fully funded with no taxpayer dollars. The event was also fun to attend. The school concert is tonight and the band will play on Memorial Day.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT Attorney Kool noted there has never been an issue with the Finance Office under Marilyn Hayward's tenure as CFO which stands as a testament to what she has done in this office.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT Mr. Frenzel advised

- School Field Walking Track: Awaiting DCA approval of bid documents so bid process can proceed
- Anderson Avenue Improvements Phase I: Awaiting DOT approval of bid documents for the first phase of the Anderson Avenue improvements.
- Notice just received 2025 DOT grant requests due by July. The third and final phase of the Anderson Avenue project has been targeted for this grant.
- Marie Major paved Monday. The job is picture perfect. He also offered his thanks to Ms. Hayward.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS: #112:05'2024 - #121:05'2024

Resolution#112:05'2024: Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting April 24, 2024

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

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the borough of Alpine held on May 22, 2024, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2024.

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

Resolution#113:05'2024: Introduction Ordinance #829: To Adopt a Stormwater Control Ordinance to Establish Minimum Stormwater Management Requirements and Controls for Major Development

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

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on May 22, 2024

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 ADOPT A STORMWATER CONTROL ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS AND CONTROLS FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT

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, 100 Church Street, Alpine, New Jersey on June 26, 2024, 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 a summary of 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, A. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** V. Frankel, **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution#114:05'2024:Introduction Ordinance #830:An Ordinance to Add Chapter 189 to the Borough Code of the Borough of Alpine Entitled "Privately Owned Salt Storage"

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

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on May 22, 2024

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 ADD CHAPTER 189 TO THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPINE ENTITLED "PRIVATELY OWNED SALT STORAGE"

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, 100 Church Street, Alpine, New Jersey on June 26, 2024, 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 a summary of 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, A. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** V. Frankel, **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution#115:05'2024:Authorizing Municipal Snow Plowing Agreement with the County of Bergen for the 2024-2026 Snow Plowing Seasons

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

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on May 22, 2024

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine has participated in the annual Snow Plowing Program with the County of Bergen for many years; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen Department of Public Works has provided the Borough with the Agreement for the 2024-2026 snow plowing seasons,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine agrees to furnish the necessary equipment and personnel required to perform snow plowing operations on County roads located within the Borough of Alpine for the two winter seasons commencing October 1, 2024 and ending April 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS, per the terms of the agreement, the County of Bergen shall compensate the Borough of Alpine at a rate of \$115.00 per hour of active plowing. The County will not be required to pay for standby time. The County will continue to provide the municipality with salt sufficient for County roads.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Alpine that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the County of Bergen Department of Public Works for the 2024-2026 Snow Plowing Program.

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

Resolution#116:05'2024:Calling for The Modernization of The Open Public Records Act (OPRA) and The Swift Passage Of S-2930/A-4045

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

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on May 22, 2024

WHEREAS, in the 2002 "lame duck" session the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) was approved to make government records, "readily accessible for inspection, copying, or examination by the citizens of this State, with certain exceptions, for the protection of the public interest" while protecting "a citizen's right to a reasonable expectation of privacy"; and

WHEREAS, as local leaders we reaffirm our support and commitment to open and transparent government and public access to records, at the same time, we strongly support necessary reforms; and

WHEREAS, in the twenty years since the enactment of OPRA and with the advent of new technologies, we have witnessed unintended consequences and, in some cases, abuses of OPRA that place an unfair burden on local governments and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, municipal staff and budgets are increasingly utilized to accommodate the requestors and commercial entities who inundate municipalities with public records requests to the extent that in some instances, additional personnel are hired primarily to handle such requests; and

WHEREAS, OPRA has become broadly construed in favor of access and the requestor who prevails in any proceeding in appealing a denial of access of records is permitted to collect exorbitant attorney's fees, which impacts the taxpayers and municipalities who must pay these fees; and

WHEREAS, municipalities have seen outside businesses and interests who abuse OPRA for marketing and commercial gains while utilizing municipal employees paid by the taxpayers for this benefit; and

WHEREAS, due to court decisions over the years, reasonable expectations of privacy have been diminished when it comes to the balance of transparency and OPRA perpetuates for-profit data-mining, unsolicited marketing, and uncontrolled publications of records on internet search engines specifically designed to circumvent and bypass what few protective measures currently exist under OPRA, all while allowing the requestor to remain cloaked in anonymity, should they choose to exercise that option; and

WHEREAS, when commercial entities are constantly emailing OPRA requests looking for the latest lists of dogs licensed that month, inground pool permits issued, solar roof permits issued, etc., it causes our residents to not want to license their dogs, comply with permits, or interact with the municipality because they don't want to lose their privacy and/or have their information tracked and monetized for commercial purposes; and

WHEREAS, reforms to modernize OPRA are long overdue, among them: the need to address requests by commercial entities that utilize public records and the services of local government employees to generate profits, mandatory prevailing attorney fees, which created a cottage industry, and to add language so that such fees are based on facts and circumstances and not an automatic granting; and

WHEREAS, Senators Sarlo and Bucco and Assemblyman Danielsen and Assemblywoman Flynn have introduced S-2930/A-4045, which makes commonsense reforms that do not hinder residents or journalists from using OPRA to access public records, but will protect citizens' personal information from disclosure, addresses the burdensome commercial requests and provide discretion when awarding prevailing attorney fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the governing body of the Borough of Alpine in the County of Bergen respectfully request the adoption of much-needed reforms to modernize and strengthen the legislative intent of the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) and urges the swift passage of S-2930/A-4045; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as local leaders, we reaffirm our support and commitment to open and transparent government and public access to records but at the same time, we strongly support necessary reforms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, State Senator Holly T. Schepisi, Assemblyman Robert Auth, Assemblyman John V. Azzariti, Jr., Governor Murphy, and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

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

Resolution#117:05'2024: Award of Quote (DPW) Bucket Loader Snow Pusher Attachment**OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Cohen

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on May 22, 2024

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has identified a need for a snow pusher attachment for its Bucket Loader; and**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpine Department of Public Works has solicited and received quotes for this project, one from Bobcat of Central Jersey of Green Brook, NJ for \$6,400.00 and one from TRIUS Inc. of Farmingdale, NJ for \$10,497.00; and**WHEREAS**, these quotes were reviewed, and a recommendation made by the DPW Superintendent that the quote be awarded to Bobcat of Central Jersey of Green Brook, NJ as the lowest responsible quote totaling \$6,400.00; and**WHEREAS**, funds for this purpose have been provided for through Capital Ordinance #827 in the following account(s): Account: C-04-55-999-204 pending final adoption and estoppel period of a Capital Bond Ordinance for this purpose.**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine hereby award the quote for DPW Bucket Loader tires to Bobcat of Central Jersey of Green Brook, NJ for \$6,400.00 The Chief Financial Officer has provided the Certification of Availability of Funds.**VOTE: AYES:** Bosworth, Cohen, A. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** V. Frankel, **MOTION APPROVED****Resolution#118:05'2024: Award of Quote (DPW) Painting of Borough Hall Lobby & Front/Rear Entryways****OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Cohen

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on May 22, 2024

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has identified a need re-paint the main lobby and front and rear entryways of Borough Hall; and**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpine Department of Public Works has solicited and received quotes for this project, one from Steve's Painting Inc. of Westwood, NJ for \$7,200.00 and one from EDP Painting Company of Bedminster, NJ for \$7,875.00; and**WHEREAS**, these quotes were reviewed, and a recommendation made by the DPW Superintendent that the quote be awarded to Steve's Painting Inc. of Westwood, NJ as the lowest responsible quote totaling \$7,200.00; and**WHEREAS**, funds for this purpose have been provided for through Capital Ordinance #814 in the following accounts: Account: C-04-55-996-203 pending final adoption and estoppel period of a Capital Bond Ordinance for this purpose.**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine hereby award the quote for repainting of the main lobby and front and rear entryways of Borough Hall to Steve's Painting Inc. of Westwood, NJ for \$7,200.00. The Chief Financial Officer has provided the Certification of Availability of Funds.**VOTE: AYES:** Bosworth, Cohen, A. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** V. Frankel, **MOTION APPROVED****Resolution#119:05'2024: Approving LEW Environmental****OFFERED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Cohen

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on May 22, 2024

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine is seeking professional services for staffing to support management of lead testing of rental units in the Borough in order to comply with N.J.A.C. 5:28A; and**WHEREAS**, LEW Environmental Services has submitted a proposal, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, setting forth the terms and conditions of the lead testing; and**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Alpine will not incur any fee from LEW Environmental as all fees are billable and payable by the property owner; and**WHEREAS**, Fire Official/Fire Subcode Official and Borough Attorney have reviewed the proposal submitted by LEW Environmental, a copy of which is attached hereto, and recommends the approval of same; and**WHEREAS**, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the proposed agreement with LEW Environmental for professional services and recommends the approval of same.**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, that the proposal for professional services for staffing to support management of lead testing of rental units in the Borough, submitted by LEW Environmental Services be and is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Borough of Alpine will not incur any direct fee as same is billable and payable by the property owner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution together with the professional agreement and signed proposal to LEW Environmental Services upon its passage.

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

Resolution#120:05'2024: Amending 2024 Professional Services Agreements – Borough Attorney & Special Counsel

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

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on May 22, 2024

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution #18:01'2024 dated January 4, 2024 the Mayor and Council awarded 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, Mr. Kool has advised the Borough that he will be changing firms effective, May 24, 2024 from the firm of Huntington Bailey, LLP to Cleary, Giacobbe Alfieri, Jacobs, LLC of Oakland, NJ;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine hereby authorize this change of firm for the professional service of Borough Attorney, Labor Attorney Special Counsel and Affordable Housing Related Development applications with an amount estimated not to exceed of \$65,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine also retains David S. Lafferty, Esq. and Dermot J. Doyle of Huntington Bailey to serve in capacity of Conflict Counsel and Special Counsel as matters may be assigned with an amount estimated not to exceed of \$60,000 (includes amount paid to-date to Huntington Bailey firm);

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.

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

Resolution#121:05'2024: Appointment of Municipal Representative to Bergen County Open Space Trust Regional Advisory Committee

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

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on May 22, 2024

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, 2024 through June 30, 2025**.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body hereby appoints **Councilwoman Gayle Gerstein** 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: Bosworth, Cohen, A. Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **Absent:** V. Frankel **MOTION APPROVED**

Bergen County Community Development Representatives

Mayor's Appointment: Councilwoman Gayle Gerstein. The Mayor requested affirmation as included in the following resolution.

Resolution#122:05'2024: Council's Appointment and Affirmation Mayor's Appointment

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

At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on May 22, 2024

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

These minutes have been approved by the Mayor and Council.

WHEREAS, said Agreement requires that the Municipal Council appoint a representative and that the Mayor appoint a representative for the FY 2024-2025 term starting July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council hereby appoints **Councilman Steven Cohen** as its representative and that the Mayor hereby appoints **Councilwoman Gayle Gerstein** as his representative to serve on the Community Development Regional Committee for FY 2024-2025; 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, 2024.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL

The Mayor said that it would make him happy to see everyone at Memorial Day.

The Mayor also wished to recognize U.S. Marine veteran Lee Hayward who was a former Grand Marshal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION none

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Gerstein, seconded by Councilman Cohen and approved by all, this Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann
Municipal Clerk