

**ALPINE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 28, 2017 @ 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, June 28, 2017 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 New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, the notice of this Regular Meeting held Wednesday, June 28, 2017 has met the requirements of the law by being published in The Record 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. This meeting was recorded in its entirety.

ROLL CALL

Paul Tomasko, Mayor	Present	Vicki Frankel, Council President	Present
Michael Cacouris, Councilman	Absent	Gayle Gerstein, Councilwoman	Present
John Halbreich, Councilman	Present	Laurence Shadek, Councilman	Present
Arthur Frankel, Councilman	Present		

Staff Present on Dais: Borough Attorney Russ Huntington, Borough Engineer Gary Vander Veer, Municipal Clerk Stephanie Wehmann

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bank Of New Jersey Current Operating Acct **\$3214,770.80**

Resolution #109:6'2017: Approval of Bills and Claims

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Shadek
at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 to approve the bills and claims, a copy of which are appended.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich,A. Frankel, Shadek **Absent:** Cacouris

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #110:6'2017: Return of Bonds and Escrow

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein
at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 to approve the return of the following bonds and escrow subject to review and approval by the Borough Engineer.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mass Appeal Media dba Decon	n/a	Film Permit Escrow	\$5,000.00

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich,A. Frankel, Shadek **Absent:** Cacouris

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #111:6'2017: Return Cell Tower Rent Overpayment

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein
at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, June 28, 2017

WHEREAS, the following Cell Tower Tenant has made an overpayment of cell tower rent for the year 2017, and

WHEREAS, the Tenant has requested that a refund of the overpayment be issued in the amount as shown below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Borough Treasurer to issue the necessary check in the following amount and made payable to the tenant:

<u>Tenant</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Phoenix Tower International 1001 Yamato Road, Suite 105 Boca Raton, FL 33431 Attn: Heather Danan Asset Manager	\$1,022.85

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **Absent:** Cacouris

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Tax Assessor’s Report. Report on file in the Borough Clerk’s Office.

Mayor Tomasko noted the request for 200 foot lists can provide an indication of the number of applications that will be coming before the Boards.

MAYOR’S REPORT The Mayor reported on the following:

- Quarterly newsletter mailed this morning on an expedited basis to promote the invitation by Tenafly to their upcoming summer events including fireworks on July 1st.
- Northern Valley Greenway. All six towns (Northvale, Norwood, Closter, Demarest, Cresskill and Tenafly) that have the old CSX rail line running through them support a plan to convert the line into a trail for bikers, hikers, runners and walkers. The path would connect to that portion in NY that has already been converting and runs from Tappan to Nyack, NY. One of the principals is seeking a letter of support for the project.

Resolution #112:6’2017: Support for Northern Valley Greenway Project

OFFERED BY: Councilman Halbreich **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 to authorize the Borough Clerk to write a letter on behalf of the Mayor and Council in support of the Northern Valley Greenway Project.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **Absent:** Cacouris

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- 2016 Annual Audit. Auditor Jeff Bliss was very complimentary. There are no recommendations this year which is a tribute to CFO/treasurer/tax collector Marilyn Hayward and the other staff including the Borough Clerk.
- 2017 DOT State Aide. We weren’t selected as a grant recipient. We will reapply next year.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration Department No report.

Building Department Councilman Halbreich read the report’s main statistics: 47 scheduled inspections, 2 tree permits, 2 soil moving applications, and 1 zoning review applications. Balance of the report is on file in the Clerk’s office.

Department of Public Works Councilman Frankel reported Memorial Day was a big success despite the weather in large part due to the extra work of DPW Supt. Rickenbaugh and crew relocating chairs and cooking equipment. Balance of the report is on file.

Fire Department Councilwoman Gerstein advised statistics are available for review. The Fire Department did a wonderful job serving the community during Memorial Day.

Police Department Councilwoman Frankel advised there were 26 summonses issued, 7 motor vehicle accidents, a school lock down drill and the police department helped with the Gran Fondo race. The rest of the report is on file.

Resolution #113 :6'2017: Accepting the 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, June 28, 2017 to accept the reports of the Standing Committees.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **Absent:** Cacouris

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BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT

Council President Frankel reported on graduation noting the incredibly big class for Alpine of 24 students. Salutatorian is Natalie Minnetian. Valedictorian is Madeline Davis. The Citizenship Award went to Benjamin Lerner.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT No report.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT Mr. Vander Veer reported on the following:

- Paving projects scheduled for mid-July. Stone Tower Drive, Monument Lane and a portion of Forest Street will be done first. The south end of Church Street along with Graham Street (2016 DOT Municipal Aide Project) will be done the following week.

Remainder of the report is for information and is on file in the Clerk's office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #114:6'2017 - # 115:6'2017

1. Resolution #114:6'2017: Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting May 24, 2017

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, June 28, 2017 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting May 24, 2017.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **Absent:** Cacouris

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2. Resolution #115:6'2017 Authorize Receipt of Engineering Escrow per B.O. §192-19

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, June 28, 2017

WHEREAS, SUEZ Water New Jersey applied for a major road opening permit to replace a water main on Buckingham Drive; and

WHEREAS, SUEZ Water New Jersey requested a preconstruction meeting to review the project; and

WHEREAS, SUEZ Water New Jersey has agreed to establish an engineering escrow to cover the Borough's engineering fees for attendance at the preconstruction meeting and inspections for this project which the Borough Engineer estimates should not exceed \$1000; and

WHEREAS, Borough Ordinance 192-19 entitled "Fees" provides that the Mayor and Council may establish engineering, inspection and legal fees by resolution duly adopted;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council authorize receipt of escrow in the amount of \$1,000 from SUEZ Water New Jersey to cover the Borough's engineering expenses associated with this major road opening application and that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Treasurer.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **Absent:** Cacouris

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End of Consent Agenda

Bergen County Community Development Representatives

Mayors Appointment: B.C. Community Development Regional Committee Representative

Mayor Tomasko appointed the following representative to serve on the Community Development Committee for the term of one year coinciding with the fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018: **Councilman Michael Cacouris.**

Resolution #116:6'2017: Council Appointment Council Representative for Bergen County Community Development Regional Committee

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

at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, June 28, 2017

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine has entered into a Three Year cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen as provided under the Interlocal Services Act NJSA 40A:8A-1 et. seq. and Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 for Program Years 2015, 2016 and 2017 (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018) per resolution dated August 27, 2014; 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, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body hereby appoints **Council President Vicki Frankel** as its representative to participate on the Community Development Regional Committee.

Vote: Ayes: V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **Absent:** Cacouris

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution #117:6'2017: Appointing Representative to Bergen County Open Space Trust Regional Advisory Committee

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

at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, June 28, 2017

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, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body hereby appoints **Council President Vicki Frankel** 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: V. Frankel, Gerstein, Halbreich, A. Frankel, Shadek **Absent:** Cacouris

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL - None

ADJOURNMENT Upon a motion by Councilman Shadek, Seconded by Councilwoman Gerstein and approved by all to adjourn the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann, Municipal Clerk