

**ALPINE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, September 25, 2019 @ 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, September 25, 2019 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, September 25, 2019 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	Present	Gayle Gerstein, Councilwoman	Absent
John Halbreich, Councilman	Present	Laurence Shadek, Councilman	Present
Arthur Frankel, Councilman	Present		

Staff Present on Dais: Borough Attorney Russ Huntington, Borough Engineer Perry Frenzel, Municipal Clerk Stephanie Wehmann

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE A copy is on file in the Borough Clerk's office.

Bank Of New Jersey Current Operating Acct \$4,392,788.49

Resolution #165:9'2019: Return of Bonds and Escrow

OFFERED BY: Councilman Cacouris **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 to approve the return of the following bonds and escrow subject to review and approval by the Borough Engineer.

Deglomini Li Enterprises, LLC	22/14	Revegetation Bond	\$2,300.00
		Performance Bond	6,172.00
		Tree Bond	3,200.00
		Engineering Escrow	133.75
			\$11,805.75
Garabet, Leon	47/1	Revegetation Bond	\$1,750.00
		Performance Bond	5,600.00
		Tree Bond	2,100.00
		Engineering Escrow	243.00
			\$9,693.00
Roh, Sangho & Jeemin	41/6	Engineering Escrow	\$1,124.00
Ellin M. Assatly, Inc. (for David Brown)	72/14.03	Engineering for Septic	\$ 136.00
Laoudis, Mr. & Mrs. T.	22/7	Engineering Escrow	\$2,694.04

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #166: 9'2019: Approval of Bills and Claims

OFFERED BY: Councilman Cacouris **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 to approve the bills and claims, a copy of which are appended.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #167: 9'2019: 2019 Property Tax Credit Due to County Board Judgment - Galliotos Block 72 Lot 14.03

OFFERED BY: Councilman Cacouris **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel

WHEREAS, A Judgment was granted on July 31, 2019 by the Bergen County Board of Taxation reducing the assessment on the following property:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Owner's Name</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Reduced Assessment</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Credit</u>
72	14.03	Galiotos, Steve	\$3,900,000	\$3,500,000	2019	\$3,116.00

WHEREAS, the reduction in assessment was not recorded in time for the 2019 assessment records for the above referenced property and was billed at the higher assessed value for 2019, resulting in an overbilling;

WHEREAS, the overbilling for the tax year listed above should therefore be credited to the 4th quarter, or to any outstanding balances due from prior quarters;

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 a credit for the tax overbilling. If it is determined that either party to this judgment has appealed this decision to the State Tax Court within 45 days of the mailing date of the judgment, this resolution will be cancelled and the credit will be withheld.

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

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #168:9'2019: Authorizing Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lienholder Block 60 Lot 7

OFFERED BY: Councilman Cacouris **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on October 30, 2014, a lien was sold on Block 60 Lot 7, also known as 37 Forest Street, Alpine, NJ for 2013 delinquent taxes; and,

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #14-00003, was sold to John Finan, 55 Mac Arthur Ave, Closter, NJ and assigned to Henrietta H. Maras, 84 Knickerbocker Road, Closter, NJ for a 2% redemption penalty; and,

WHEREAS, Westervelt Development Group, owner of the property located at 37 Forest Street, Block 60 Lot 7 has effected redemption of Certificate #14-00003 in the amount of \$13,281.88;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Borough Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$13,281.88 payable to Henrietta H. Maras, 84 Knickerbocker Road, Closter, NJ, for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #14-00003.

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

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Tax Assessor's Report. On file.

MAYOR'S REPORT The Mayor reported on the following:

- Richard Glazer, Volunteer of the Year will be recognized at the October meeting.
- Attended Safety Committee meeting and commended Chair Stephanie Wehmann. Department heads and Risk Management Consultant Brian Eifert attended.
- Northern Valley Fire Chiefs' Parade is Sunday October 13, 2019. Flyers available.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration Department No report.

Building Department Councilman Halbreich reported main statistics: 78 scheduled inspections, 12 tree permits, 3 soil moving applications, and 4 zoning review applications. Balance of the reports is on file in the Clerk's office.

Department of Public Works Councilman Frankel advised report on file. Mayor Tomasko noted Greg Zaremba is attending classes at Rutgers to obtain his CPWM, a state requirement. The state mandated program involves 30 days of classes which loss of time is burdensome for a small department like Alpine's.

Fire Department Mayor Tomasko advised Councilwoman Gerstein advised she could not attend. He already reported on the NV Fire Chiefs' Parade.

Police Department Councilwoman Frankel reported 50 summonses were issued in August, 4 motor vehicle accidents with 3 on Closter Dock Road with 2 injuries. The rest of the report is on file.

Resolution #169 :9'2019: Accepting the Reports of the Standing Committees

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Frankel

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 to accept the reports of the Standing Committees.

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

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BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT No report

BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT No report

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT Mr. Frenzel's report is on file. He highlighted

- 2019 NJS DOT Municipal Aide Project - Allison Road Project out to bid returnable October 10, 2019.
- 2020 Road Improvement Program – reviews for next year's road program starting.
- 2020 NJS DOT Municipal Aide Project grant request at State for consideration

Mayor Tomasko thanked Mr. Frenzel for working with the Environmental Commission regarding minor modifications to the tree ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS Resolutions #170:9'2019 - #175:9'2019

1. Resolution #170:9'2019: Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting August 28, 2019

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Halbreich

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting August 28, 2019.

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

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2. Resolution #171:9'2019: Approval of Minutes Executive Session Meeting August 28, 2019

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Halbreich

at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 to approve the minutes of the Executive Meeting August 28, 2019.

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

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3. Resolution #172:9'2019 Amending Supervisor Manual

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Halbreich

at this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 1094 was signed into law on July 25, 2019 being an act P.L. 2019 Ch. 199 prohibiting employer inquiries about worker's wage and salary experience, effective January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the recommended updates in accordance with the requirements of state law and recommendations of the Personnel Administrator;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough's Managerial/Supervisory Procedures Manual is hereby approved, as amended in accordance with the recommendations as follows:

Page 21 Amend Employee Application under Employment History to remove any reference to Starting and Ending Salary.

Page 27 Add section on Salary History

New per P.L. 2019 c. 199

7/25/2019

<p>Salary History</p> <p>This section shall not apply to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application for internal transfer or promotion or prior employment with current employer. 2. Any action pursuant to a federal law or regulation that expressly requires disclosure of salary history. 	<p>Any inquiry regarding salary history, including, but not limited to, the applicant's prior wages, salaries or benefits</p> <p>Any requirement that applicant's salary history satisfy minimum or maximum criteria.</p> <p>Employer shall not retain or consider any salary history that is obtained publicly or from a former employer unless the applicant voluntarily without employer prompting or coercion provides the employer with the information or written authorization to obtain salary history. Refusal to provide salary history shall NOT be considered in employment decisions.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Only if an applicant voluntarily, without employer prompting or coercion provides salary history the employer may consider salary history in determining salary, benefits, and other compensation for the applicant, and may verify the applicant's salary history. 2) Only after an offer of employment that includes an explanation of the overall compensation package has been made to the applicant can an employer request that the applicant provide employer with a written authorization to confirm salary history that was voluntarily provided, including but not limited to the applicant's compensation and benefits. If salary history is not volunteered and/or written authorization is not provided the employer Employer's action to verify non-salary history information must state that salary history information is not to be disclosed.
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an updated Managerial/Supervisory Procedures Manual will be distributed to all Department Heads.

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

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4. Resolution #173:9'2019 Introduction Ordinance #789 to Amend Ch. 119 Fire Prevention to Provide Fees for Non-Life Hazard Registration and Fire Watch

These minutes have been approved by the Mayor & Council.

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Halbreich

at this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019

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 AMENDING CHAPTER 119 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPINE ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION" TO PROVIDE FEES FOR NON-LIFE HAZARD REGISTRATION AND FIRE WATCH

does hereby pass its second and final reading and is hereby adopted and Notice of same be published according to law.

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

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4. Resolution #174:9'2019 Authorizing 2020-2021 Combined Shared Services Contract with Bergen County Department of Health Services (Bloodborne Pathogen Compliance Program)

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Halbreich

at this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared-Services Act (USSA) found at N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 was passed in an effort to encourage and ease the sharing of services; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Borough of Alpine and its Health Department to provide state mandated health services of a technical and professional nature and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine desires to contract for the furnishing of certain of these health services by the BCDHS to the Borough of Alpine, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-1 *et seq.*; as provided for in the contract and summarized as follows:

Bloodborne Pathogens Program Coordination pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:60-1 *et seq.* and in compliance with P.E.O.S.H.A. as follows: Exposure Control Plan Development; Policies and Procedures; Training Programs; and Record/Report Generation and Retention and billing support documentation at a cost not to exceed \$20 per each trained employee plus \$400.00 for purchase of vaccine as needed under State Contract based on \$67.00 per vaccination plus lab fees if titer-testing indicated.

WHEREAS, for purposes of cost stabilization the term of this Agreement will be for two (2) years beginning January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2021 at which time the agreement shall be automatically renewed for a successive two (2) year term unless terminated for reasons as contained in the agreements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine as follows:

1. That the Borough Clerk and/or the Mayor are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the Bergen County Department of Health Services to perform the public health services of a professional nature which services and costs are outlined above
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer has certified, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30 14.5 that sufficient legally appropriated funds will be available for this purpose subject to appropriation of funds in the 2020 adopted budget.

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

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5. Resolution #175:9'2019 Award of Quote – Replacement of Smoke Detectors for COAH Units

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Halbreich
at this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on
Wednesday, September 25, 2019

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine has identified a need to replace the smoke detectors at
the Affordable Housing (COAH) Units with 10-year hard-wired devices with battery backup; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine solicited and received quotes, one from Pesh-E-lectric, Inc.
of Closter, NJ for \$2,482.70 and one from Northern Electric, Inc. of Demarest, NJ for \$2,875.00; and

WHEREAS, these quotes have been reviewed by the DPW Superintendent, and a
recommendation made to award to Pesh-E-lectric, Inc. of Closter, NJ as the lowest responsible
quote totaling \$2,482.70; and

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

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COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL

Mayor Tomasko distributed the draft newsletter for review.

Councilwoman Frankel emphasized everyone should come to the Chiefs parade.

ADJOURNMENT

OFFERED BY: Councilman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Frankel

and approved by all to adjourn the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the
Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday September 25, 2019 at 7:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann, Municipal Clerk