

**ALPINE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 24, 2021 @ 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, February 24, 2021 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 Open Public Meetings Law, and the Governor's Emergency Declaration the notice of this regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 7:30 PM has met the requirements of the law by being published as part of the annual meeting notice in The Record, posted continuously on the bulletin board of the lobby of the Borough Hall and a copy filed in the office of the Borough Clerk. In addition, due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, instructions to the public on how to access this meeting by telephone have been posted in the Borough lobby and on the Borough website as part of the posted meeting agenda.

ROLL CALL *members who attended telephonically

Paul Tomasko, Mayor	Present	Vicki Frankel, Council President*	Present
Michael Cacouris, Councilman*	Present	Gayle Gerstein, Councilwoman*	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

PRESENTATION John Halbreich has served as Councilman the Borough and, much to our regret, has submitted his letter of resignation effective February 1, 2021. John has served in this capacity since October 2012. We are happy he has appeared in person to be honored tonight. He has given his time generously not only as Councilman but also as a volunteer fireman for many years. We are appreciative of his time, company and service and sorry to see him go but wish him well. Councilwoman Frankel thanked John for the time and wisdom he has given to the town and to his fellow governing body members. It has been a pleasure working with him and we also appreciate his incredible photographs of town events and especially those of our firefighters at work. Councilmembers and Attorney Huntington echoed these sentiments. On behalf of the Mayor and Council, Mayor Tomasko presented a plaque

*"To John Halbreich
with sincere appreciation
for eight years of dedicated service
to the Borough of Alpine, New Jersey as Councilman, Chairperson of the Building Committee, Member of the Finance,
Administration, Police and ADA Committees, and Liaison to the Board of Health
2012-2021
Presented February 24, 2021
by Mayor Paul H. Tomasko and the Alpine Council."*

Former Councilman Halbreich offered the following remarks: *"I would like to thank the Mayor and Council for the many years of volunteer service they've given the Borough of Alpine. I'm honored to have spent so many hours with you Mayor, President of the Council Vicki, Gayle, Michael, Arthur, and Larry. As a Councilmember it is important for me to recognize and thank the other two people who relentlessly sit at the podium with us. Thank you, Russ and Perry. I have learned from your legal counsel, Russ, and am thankful for the roads I drive on, Perry. Alpine is a special place to live. We recognize that every day that we walk or drive around the Borough. Special appreciation and thanks go out to the people who have been there every day for us through the pandemic keeping the Borough safe and in business. Marilyn, our numbers tell the positive story. Thank you, Catherine, who always was there for me to explain and support me in the Building Department. The Building Department staff of inspectors who keep the Building Department moving forward; thank you for your service especially through COVID. Thank you, Vicki for teaching me about steps in the contract and working with Michael and I figuring how to support the Police Department. Thank you, Chris, and all the members of the Alpine Police for their support for making us feel safer in our home and in the chambers. Special thanks for the Wehmann family. Thank you, Stephanie and Nancy for your professionalism and kindness. We are so lucky to have the trio in our Borough. I started with Nancy who endlessly listened to my questions and then Stephanie marched into the position of Town Clerk and has done a fantastic job keeping the Council informed, always giving out the phone number for the virtual meetings for the hundredth time without a sigh. Thank you mother and daughter and you Stephanie, I would be remiss if I did not say thank you*

These minutes have been approved by the Mayor & Council.

to your dad who led the DPW for so many years and taught me how to properly march in step with the Fire Department. We, the Fire Department, even won an award for step marching contest under Ralph's rigorous Navy-trained guidance. Thank you, Mayor Tomasko, for providing me the opportunity to be a Councilmember. Our hikes and cycling trips allowed us to talk and gave me the opportunity to learn more about you and our town. Paul, you're a Mayor with high standards and a constant thirst to volunteer and lead the town toward low density while keeping our taxes in check. I do remember, Paul, one time when the Council was deciding on the town contract and the vendor appeared at our Council meeting. You continued to tell him that we were going to do the best for the town which differed from what his definition of best was. Then when I helped turn out the lights in the Council chambers and we went out to the cars we were met in the parking lot with the same vendor. The conversation on the contract became louder as you, Paul, held your ground and the vendor got more heated. I stepped in the middle and walked you to your car. It was apparent to me that the Mayor was committed to getting the best for the town which could have led to a rumble in the parking lot. The Mayor won and the Council supported and signed off on the contract. I want to include my appreciation to the Council of the many times we awarded people for their commitment to the Borough of worthy causes. How wonderful for us to be able to bear such gifts of thanks and to be able to share in the positive rewards. I'd like to welcome Scott Bosworth to the Council. I've known Scott for many years as he is an officer on the Alpine Fire Department. When I first joined the department, he spent many hours above the call of duty helping me successfully complete my training at the Fire Academy. Scott's endless hours of work at the Alpine Boy Scout Camp has shown me a commitment to our youth more than anyone I've met in my life. Now Scott will be an asset in another way to the Borough as a Councilman. Welcome Scott and your wife, Marie. Thank you all. It's been a real pleasure serving with you. Thank you.

Mayor Tomasko noted John's departing statement makes it all them more sorry to see him leave. It's hoped he will keep in touch.

Appointment to Fill Vacancy on Council As required by State Law the Democratic Municipal Committee consisting of Council President Frankel and Mayor Tomasko submitted the following names: Scott Bosworth, Steve Cohen, Jeffrey Fromm for their consideration to choose one to fill the unexpired term of Councilperson Halbreich

Resolution #057:2'2021 Appointment to Fill A Vacancy on Council

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein

at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on February 24, 2021

WHEREAS, John Halbreich was elected to the Alpine Borough Council serving as Council Person with a term expiring on December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, John Halbreich has faithfully served the Borough of Alpine as Councilman since October 24, 2012, which service has included terms as Chairperson of the Building Committee; Member of the Finance, Administration, Police and ADA Committees and Liaison to the Board of Health; and

WHEREAS, Councilman John Halbreich, to our regret has submitted a letter of resignation effective February 1, 2021 thereto creating a vacancy on Council pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:16-3 f.; and

WHEREAS, Councilman John Halbreich was an incumbent of the Democratic Party and, as a result of his resignation, a vacancy on Council was declared; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:16-5(f) as the remaining term of the vacant Council Member's office has become vacant **prior to September 1 of the next to the last year of the term of the office, the office shall be filled for its unexpired term at the next general election to be held not less than sixty (60) days after the occurrence of the vacancy. The Governing Body may temporarily fill that position by appointment until that next general election using the same method set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:16-5; and**

WHEREAS, the Municipal Chair of the Democratic Committee was notified of such vacancy and advised to submit the names of three nominees for the selection of a successor to temporarily fill the vacancy within 15 days of the vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Chair submitted said three nominees:

Scott Bosworth, Steve Cohen, Jeff Fromm

to the governing body in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11 for action within 30 days after the occurrence of the vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has evaluated said nominees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that **Scott Bosworth** be and hereby is appointed to fill the vacancy of the seat previously held by John Halbreich which term expires December 31, 2022.

Vote: Ayes: A. Frankel V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, Shaddek **MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor Tomasko noted as sorry as they are to see John Halbreich leave they are pleased to see Scott Bosworth join the Council.

OATH OF OFFICE: Mayor Tomasko administered the oath of office to Scott Bosworth as Council member of the Borough of Alpine.

COMMITTEE CHAIR: The Mayor recommends Councilman Bosworth to chair the Administrative Committee and Councilman Shadek will assume the chair for the Building Department Committee.

Resolution #058:2'2021: Appointment of Committee Chairs

Upon a motion by Councilman Frankel, seconded by Councilwoman Gerstein and approved by all at this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held February 24, 2021 to add and amend appointments of Committee Chairpersons as follows:

- Councilman Shadek to move from Administrative Committee Chair to Building Committee Chair.
- Councilman Bosworth to assume the Administrative Committee Chair.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE Councilman Cacouris

Bank of New Jersey Current Operating Account **\$3,641,817.24**

Resolution #059:2'2021: Authorizing Increase of the Temporary Budget

OFFERED BY: Councilman Cacouris SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Frankel

At this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held February 24, 2021 WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to Current Fund appropriations; and

WHEREAS, no adequate provision has been made in the 2021 Temporary Budget for the aforesaid purpose, and R.S. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency appropriation for the purpose, and,

WHEREAS, the total temporary emergency resolutions adopted in the year 2021 pursuant to the provision of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (R.S. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$2,582.94 and shall be provided for in the 2021 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, that in accordance with R.S. 40A:4-20, temporary emergency appropriations be and the same is hereby made for the following and that upon adoption, one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

OPERATIONS: Within "Cap"

Police Dept. O/E	1-01-25-240-020	\$ 2,582.94
	TOTAL:	\$ 2,582.94

VOTE: Ayes: Bosworth, Cacouris, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution #060:2'2021: Refund Due to County Board Judgement

OFFERED BY: Councilman Cacouris SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein

At the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021

WHEREAS, Judgments were entered on November 20, 2020 and mailed on December 17, 2020 from the Bergen County Tax Board reducing the 2020 assessments on the following parcels:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Owner/Payable to</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Reduced Assessment</u>	<u>Refund/</u>
81.04	16	Jennifer Jacobus, Esq. & Yeing, Ki Tai & Kin Wa	\$5,800,000	\$5,500,000	\$2,277.00
81.06	8	Saiber, LLC Trust Acct. & Mekhjian, H. & S.	\$5,795,000	\$5,135,000	\$5,009.40
22	17.03	Peter Cecinini, Esq. & Duad-Ahmad, Sameera	\$3,528,300	\$3,150,000	\$2,871.30

WHEREAS, a Judgment was entered on November 4, 2020 and mailed on December 1, 2020 from the Bergen County Tax Board reducing the 2020 assessments on the following parcels:

81.04 17 David Kessler, Esq. & \$3,197,300 \$2,650,000 \$4,154.01
18 Autumn Assoc., LLC

TOTAL: \$14,311.71

WHEREAS, the reduction in assessments were not recorded in time for the 2020 Assessment records for the above referenced properties and were billed at the higher assessed value for 2020, resulting in an overbilling;

WHEREAS, overpayments were made for the tax year listed above and therefore should be refunded or credited to any outstanding balances due for the 4th quarter 2020 or any 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 refunds/credits for the tax overpayments.

VOTE: Ayes: Bosworth, Cacouris, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Shadek MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #061:2'2021: 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, February 24, 2021 to approve the bills and claims copies of which are appended.

VOTE: Ayes: Bosworth, Cacouris, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Shadek MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #062:2'2021: Return of Bonds and/or Escrow:

OFFERED BY: Councilman Cacouris SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Frankel

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 to approve the following bonds and/or escrow:

Block	Lot	Name	Type	Amount
40	3	Rhee, Kang & Elena	Engineering	\$178.50
30	4	Speer, Wesley	Septic bond	\$10,000.00
			Engineering	\$520.50
49.02	12	Chung/Park	Engineering	\$215.00
			Engineering	\$1,717.50
TOTAL:				\$12,631.50

VOTE: Ayes: Bosworth, Cacouris, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Shadek MOTION APPROVED

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

MAYOR'S REPORT The Mayor reported on the following:

- Budget process going forward with CFO and on schedule.
- New Jersey State provided annual letter noting amount Alpine would receive in property taxes if all the land owned by Palisades Interstate Park Commission was on the tax rolls: \$4,263,408.84.
- Former State Senator Cardinale dating back to when Alpine was part of District 39 passed away. He did a fine job for Alpine when he was our state senator and was a past Memorial Day keynote speaker. He will be missed.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration Department Mayor Tomasko reported for this month noting no report.

Building Department Mayor Tomasko was asked to report for this month. 44 scheduled inspections, 2 tree permits, 2 soil moving applications, 9 zoning review applications. Balance of the report is on file.

Department of Public Works Councilman Frankel advised report is on file and highlighted:

- Substantial snowfalls through the month of February. DPW Superintendent Zaremba and crew did an excellent job keeping the roads plowed salted and cleared.
- He's happy to report there is a resolution on the consent agenda to appoint DPW Superintendent Zaremba as Alpine's Principal Public Works Manager; a well-deserved designation.

Fire Department Councilwoman Gerstein advised statistics are on file.

Police Department Councilwoman Frankel noted there were 6 motor vehicle accidents with 5 injuries. The rest of the report is on file.

Resolution #063:2'2021: 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, February 24, 2021 to accept the reports of the Standing Committees.

VOTE: Ayes: Bosworth, Cacouris, A. Frankel, V. Frankel, Gerstein, Shaddek **Abstain:** Bosworth

MOTION APPROVED

BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT Councilman Shaddek reported this month the school operated with in-school instruction until 1 PM and remote classes from 2 – 3 PM. Preliminary steps are being taken to return to full in person schedule. The Board is awaiting State guidance regarding scheduling of for teacher vaccinations as well as establishing a timeline for when school will be allowed to go to full day in-person instruction.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT Deferred to Executive Session

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

- 2021 Riverside Cooperative Road Program: Quantities submitted for repaving of Grant Court, Margo Way, Old Dock Road and a portion of Haring Lane.
- 2019 NJDOT Municipal Aide: DOT has authorized the contract with AJM Contractors, Inc. for repaving of Allison Road. AJM Contractors has agreed to hold their price as originally bid.
- 2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid: Completing preparation of final bid documents for repaving of Cambridge Way
- 2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid grant application has been approved for Marie Major Drive.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS - CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS Resolutions #064:2'2021 - #072:2'2021

Councilman Bosworth abstains from Items #1 and #6.

1. Resolution #064:2'2021 Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting January 22, 2021

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, February 24, 2021 to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 22, 2021.

Vote: Ayes: A. Frankel V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, Shaddek **Abstain:** Bosworth

MOTION APPROVED

2. Resolution #065:2'2021: Appointment of Principal Public Works Manager

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, February 24, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that Superintendent of Public Works Greg Zarembo having been officially recognized as a Certified Public Works Manager pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1991, c.258 (C.40A:9-154.6c) now be appointed to the position of Principal Public Works Manager in compliance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-154.6a and 7a et. seq. for a term concurrent with his position as Superintendent of Public Works and while maintaining his CPWM in good standing. The designation principal public works manager shall not be considered a separate position or title within the municipality but shall signify the performance of duties by the person selected to advise municipal elected officials and employees in proper compliance and administration of the various laws, regulations, technical practices, operations and management techniques with regard to public works activities conducted by the municipality.

Vote: Ayes: Bosworth, A. Frankel V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, Shaddek **MOTION APPROVED**

These minutes have been approved by the Mayor & Council.

3. Resolution #066:2'2021: Waive 2021 February Pet License Late Fees Due to COVID

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, February 24, 2021

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis residents are experiencing minor delays booking appointments prior to the January 31st deadline for licensure to update their pets' routine rabies vaccinations updates thereby pushing appointments into February this year;

BE IT RESOLVED, authorization is hereby given to waive 2021 Pet License Late Fees for the month of February

Vote: Ayes: Bosworth, A. Frankel V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

4. Resolution #067:2'2021: Authorization of Bergen County Mosquito Spraying

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, February 24, 2021

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Mosquito Control Division has in the past conducted aerial spraying for mosquito larvae in the Borough of Alpine during mosquito breeding months in the best interests of the health and safety of the residents, and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Mosquito Control Division is required by law to have on file a letter from the Borough of Alpine granting permission to perform this service, as needed, throughout the summer months, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk be authorized to write a letter granting the Bergen County Mosquito Control Division to provide said services for the 2021 season, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk notify the Bergen County Mosquito Control Division of the Mayor and Council stipulation that the Borough of Alpine be provided with **24-hour advance notice preceding any spraying activity** within the Borough.

Vote: Ayes: Bosworth, A. Frankel V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

5. Resolution #068:2'2021: Authorizing Sale of Solar Renewable Energy Credits (S-RECs)

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, February 24, 2021

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine has certain photovoltaic equipment that generates electricity; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine has earned valuable Solar Renewable Energy Credits (S-RECs), in recognition of the clean energy produced by its photovoltaic equipment; and

WHEREAS, these S-RECs are not needed for public use and may therefore be sold as surplus personal property; and

WHEREAS, S-RECs may be sold through an online auction process, pursuant to the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act, P.L. 1002, c. 30 and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services, within the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, has approved the use of Flett Exchange, LLC, to conduct online auctions of S-RECs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorizes the sale of its current S-RECs through an online auction conducted by Flett Exchange, LLC, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Alpine shall publish notice of the impending sale of the S-RECs in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 and a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Division of Local Government Services and the Board of Public Utilities.

Vote: Ayes: Bosworth, A. Frankel V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

6. Resolution #069:2'2021: Authorizing Purchases of Goods and Services through NJS Coop Purchasing Program Radio Communication Equipment & Accessories for the Fire Department

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, February 24, 2021

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 noted below subject to all conditions applicable to the current State contracts:

Commodity: #T0109 Radio Communication Equipment and Accessories

Contract#: #83909

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose have been provided for in the accounting records of the Borough as follows:

Ordinance 752 C-04-55-958-201 \$15,000.00

Ordinance 796 C-04-55-986-202 \$ 6,091.50

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 2021 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 Motorola of Woodcliff Lake as authorized vendor distributor for the above contract for the above noted goods and services in accordance with the aforementioned contract and the specifications attached hereto, in an amount not to exceed \$21,091.50 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.

Vote: Ayes: A. Frankel V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, Shadek **Abstain:** Bosworth

MOTION APPROVED

7. Resolution #070:2'2021: Authorizing the Borough of Alpine to Enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement (Riverside Cooperative)

at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the **Borough of Northvale** hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2021 the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, duly considered continuing its participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Borough of Alpine;

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency;

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency entering into contracts on behalf of the Borough of Alpine shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and be deemed retroactive to January 1, 2021.

Vote: Ayes: Bosworth, A. Frankel V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

8. Resolution #071:2'2021: Acknowledging Engineer Authorization to Submit Quantity Estimates for 2021 Riverside Cooperative Road Improvement Program

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein

at this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on February 24, 2021

WHEREAS, list of roads and quantity estimates were due to the Riverside Cooperative by February 19, 2021 for purposes of preparation of bid specifications as part of Alpine's 2021 Road Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, per the review of the Borough Engineer and DPW Superintendent, it is recommended that the following roads be included in the 2021 Road Improvement Program:

- **Grant Court**
- **Margo Way**
- **Old Dock Road/Ridge Street**
- **Haring Lane (portion only - between Church Street and Ellens Way)**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RSOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine that this the list and quantity estimates submitted on February 19, 2021 on behalf of the Borough of Alpine be reaffirmed and retroactively authorized.

Vote: Ayes: Bosworth, A. Frankel V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

9. Resolution #072:2'2021: Authorizing Borough Engineer to Prepare Bid Package and Advertise for Bids for 2020 Municipal Aid Project – Cambridge Way

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Frankel **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare bid specifications and advertise for Bids for the 2020 DOT Municipal Aid Project for Cambridge Way.

Vote: Ayes: Bosworth, A. Frankel V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

End of Consent Agenda

Mayor Tomasko noted he was approached by a Norwood Councilwoman who is willing to put her time and effort into providing this opportunity so that seniors do not have to travel as far to obtain vaccination and inviting Alpine to participate.

B) Resolution #073:2'2021: Establishing Participation by the Borough of Alpine in a Borough of Norwood Vaccination Program (COVID-19)

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 is a health emergency that has resulted in over 650,000 cases in New Jersey and over 2,400 deaths in Bergen County; and

WHEREAS, there are currently two vaccines with emergency use authorization from the Food and Drug Administration effective at preventing COVID-19 prevention; and

WHEREAS, appointments for vaccination have been incredibly limited due to supply limitations from manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, the Biden Administration has endeavored to deliver 100 million doses in 100 days by initiating the Defense Production Act; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine has a responsibility to protect the health and safety of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the neighboring Borough of Norwood will endeavor to administer doses of the vaccine when they become available and has invited other municipalities in the Northern Valley to participate; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Norwood is formally establishing the Norwood COVID-19 Vaccination Team, a volunteer-led team under the direction of Suzanne Rabi Soliman, who will be the Chief Medical Officer working in tandem with Hansel F. Asmar (Bergen County Health Officer), Debbie Whalen (Norwood Board of Health Secretary), and Bergen County's New Bridge Medical Center.

WHEREAS, the Chief Medical Officer is a licensed physician with credentials to practice in the State of New Jersey who will complete on-demand COVID-19 vaccination program provider training through the CDC; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator for the Borough of Norwood shall be tasked with completing the NJ COVID-19 Facility Enrollment and complete the associated on-demand training and CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Medical Officer is authorized to credential and appoint volunteer Advanced Practice Nurses, Physicians Assistants, Registered Pharmacists (vaccine credential required), and Registered Nurses to administer the COVID-19 vaccine according to the directives set out by the Bergen County Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Norwood will provide space in the Community Center to host vaccination clinics; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator for the Borough of Norwood be tasked with developing an information collection and appointment booking system, which has been done utilizing HIPAA-compliant Jot Form and Accuity Scheduling in other New Jersey municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator for the Borough of Norwood shall have sole responsibility for ensuring for submitting necessary information for insurance reimbursement to New Bridge Medical Center and the New Jersey Immunization Information System; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator for the Borough of Norwood shall be responsible for ensuring 100% of allotted doses are used within 48 hours of the intended administration period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine hereby accepts the Borough of Norwood's invitation to participate in the aforementioned vaccination program as established by the Borough of Norwood.

Vote: Ayes: Bosworth, A. Frankel V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL None

Resolution#074:2'2021: Executive Session A Resolution providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Shadek
at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021

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, December 16, 2020, 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, A. Frankel V. Frankel, Cacouris, Gerstein, Shadek **MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor and Council convened the Executive Session at 7:57 PM, reconvened in public session at 8:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Shadek
and approved by all to adjourn the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday February 24, 2021 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann
Municipal Clerk