MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 22, 2026 @ 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 April 22, 2026, 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**
George Abad, Councilman	Present	Scott Bosworth, Councilman	Present
Steven Cohen, Councilman	Present*	Arthur Frankel, Councilman	Present
David Kupferschmid, Councilman	Present		

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

**by phone*
***joined approximately 7:40PM*

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Mayor Tomasko opened the meeting for public comment.
Richard Incontro spoke about the late John McCaffrey's love of and work with bees. Faisel Hussein acknowledged the budget document and summary [public notice] were posted to the Borough website following the March 25th meeting and said that he had requested and received information about the ordinances to be adopted. He asked about resource and financial planning for long-term projects, including the walking track and for specifics about salaries and wages; he commented that the employee health costs have increased significantly, as have the swim club committee costs. He asked about the Cap Bank Ordinance, allowing the budget to rise above 2%, to which Borough Auditor Jeff Bliss, present at the meeting, responded with an explanation. Jacques Minoyan asked to see the budget before adoption and was told that everyone is allowed to see it. He said that he did not think that he was allowed to sit in on the budget workshop and was told that not only was the door open, it was advertised as a public meeting and an announcement was made inviting anyone in who wished to attend. Mr. Hussein asked for the rationale for the increases in the budget without additional safety measures being implemented. Hearing no further questions, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
ConnectOne Bank Current Operating Account **$3,095,348.40**

Resolution 084:04'2026 Return of Bonds and Escrow
INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Abad **SECONDED BY**: Councilman Frankel
At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on April 22, 2026, to return the following bonds or escrows:

Block	Lot	Name	Type	Amount
90	6	Marrow, Tracy	ZBA Escrow	$67.95
55	8	Uehling, Gordon & Rehanna	ZBA Escrow	$182.03
71	23	Hoffman, Charles	Septic Repair	$212.00
81.07	5	Hoffman, Charles	Septic Engineering	$1272.00
81.07	5	Morris, Robert & Yael	Septic Engineering	$2,072.00

TOTAL $3,805.98

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

TAX ASSESSOR'S REPORT The report is available for review.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The safety awards breakfast is tomorrow morning, recognizing towns with excellent safety records for which Alpine anticipates an award of approximately $2,000.

The Mayor recognized Police Chief Matthew Kent in attendance and relayed there was a very nice compliment to Police Officer Arlind Idrizi for his recent response and guidance [to a motorist experiencing vehicle trouble in Alpine].

Alpine has been recognized as a Tree City USA for 25 years. Arbor Day will be observed on Friday.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration Department As of March 31, 2026, the Administration has received 168 OPRA requests. The Mayor thanked Councilman Bosworth for serving as the town's certified pool operator.

Building Department 40 scheduled inspections, 1 driveway permit, 7 tree permits, 1 soil moving application, 7 zoning review applications, and 1 miscellaneous permit applications. The report is on file at the Borough office.

Department of Public Works The DPW made minor repairs at the COAH apartments, and the snow equipment was cleaned, maintained, and stored. Leaves were turned at the Compost Facility. Curbside brush chipping was completed early. Spring cleanups were done at all Borough Properties, and potholes were filled with cold patch. Greg Z. and Stuart D. are in the process of compiling continuing education credits.

Fire Department The statistics are on file.

Police Department The statistics are on file. In the month of March, 49 summonses were issued and 7 motor vehicle accidents investigated.

Resolution 085:04'2026: Accepting the Reports of the Standing Committees

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

at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on April 22, 2026, to accept the reports of the standing committees.

VOTE: AYES: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON'S REPORT The trip to Spain in April 2027 has been approved. "The Little Mermaid" school play will be performed on April 30 and May 1. NJSLA testing will take place in May. A routine security drill was conducted April 14. The Home and School meeting will be held Friday at 8:45.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT No report

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT On March 31 the preconstruction meeting for the second section of paving on Anderson Avenue was held with JA Alexander. A significant increase in the cost of petroleum products has occurred since the bids were received. The state grant program, which is funding the major part of the project, allows the contractor to bill for adjustments in the cost of the petroleum products (including asphalt). This amount could be significant. Thus, the Borough asked the contractor to hold off setting a date in the hopes that the costs will reduce somewhat.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance #850: To Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits & Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Public Hearing: The meeting was opened to the public for comment on this Ordinance. Hearing none, the meeting was closed to the public for comment.

Resolution 086:04'2026: Adopt Ordinance #850
OFFERED BY: Councilman Abad **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein
at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

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 EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein **Abstain:** Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

2026 Municipal Budget
Resolution 087:04'2026: Waiving Reading in Full of Budget
OFFERED BY: Councilman Abad **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised has been posted in Borough Hall and copies have been made available by the Borough Clerk to person requiring them; and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the budget shall be read by title only.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

Public Hearing: The meeting was opened to the public for comment on the Budget. Hearing none, the meeting was closed to the public for comment.

Resolution 088:04'2026: Adoption of the 2026 Municipal Budget
OFFERED BY: Councilman Abad **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein
At this regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey held on April 22, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED, that by the Council Members of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen that the budget heretofore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of: $4,392,437 for municipal purposes and $ 102,074 Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein **Abstain:** Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

Ordinance #851: 2026 Salary Ordinance
Public Hearing: The meeting was opened to the public for comment on this Ordinance. Hearing none, the meeting was closed to the public for comment.

Resolution 089:04'2026: Adoption Ordinance #851
OFFERED BY: Councilman Abad **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Gerstein
at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026

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 PROVIDING FOR THE SALARIES, WAGES OR COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPINE IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY."
does hereby pass its second and final reading and is hereby adopted and Notice of same be published according to law.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein **Abstain:** Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

Ordinance #852: 2026 Bond Ordinance – Various improvements
Public Hearing: The meeting was opened to the public for comment on this Ordinance. Hearing none, the meeting was closed to the public for comment.

Resolution 090:04'2026: Adoption Ordinance #852
OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Abad **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein
at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026
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:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF ALPINE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $727,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

Ordinance #853: A Capital Ordinance Appropriating an Additional Sum of $51,000 for the Construction of a Walking Track at the Alpine School Field to be Undertaken by the Borough of Alpine and to Appropriate an Additional $51,000 from the Borough's Open Space Trust Fund

Public Hearing: The meeting was opened to the public for comment on this Ordinance. Hearing none, the meeting was closed to the public for comment.

Resolution 091:04'2026: Adoption Ordinance #853
OFFERED BY: Councilman Abad **SECONDED BY:** Councilwoman Gerstein
at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026
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:
A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF $51,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WALKING TRACK AT ALPINE SCHOOL FIELD TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF ALPINE AND TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL $51,000 FROM THE BOROUGH'S OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND.
does hereby pass its second and final reading and is hereby adopted and Notice of same be published according to law.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution 092:04'2026: Approval of Bills and Claims
OFFERED BY: Councilman Abad **SECONDED BY**: Councilwoman Gerstein
At a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on April 22, 2026, to approve the bills and claims as outlined in the Finance Report.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

NEW BUSINESS CONSENT AGENDA Resolutions 092:04'2026-097:04'2026
Resolution 093:04'2026: Approval of Minutes: Budget Workshop March 25, 2026
Councilman Kupferschmid voiced concern about the completeness of the minutes and asked that they be held for a separate vote. It later became clear that only the Budget minutes needed to be pulled from the Consent Agenda. No comments were made on the Regular Meeting minutes.

OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Abad
At this meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on March 25, 2026, members voted as follows:
ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein **NAY:** Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution 094:04'2026: Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting March 25, 2026
OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Abad
At this meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on March 25, 2026, members voted as follows:

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution 095:04'2026: Board of Health Appointment – Dr. Gregory Pappas (Alternate I)
OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Abad
at the regular meeting of the Alpine Mayor and Council held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026
WHEREAS, the Mayor has appointed **Dr. Gregory Pappas** as **Alternate Member I** of the Alpine Board of Health for the unexpired potion of a two-year term ending December 31, 2027.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Alpine affirms this appointment.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution 096:04'2026: Authorizing Execution of a Deed of Conservation Easement for Property Known as 24 Robin Lane (Block 39, Lot 8)
OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Abad
at this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on April 22, 2026
WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine is the owner of certain real property located at 24 Robin Lane, Alpine, New Jersey, designated as Block 39, Lot 8 on the official tax map of the Borough; and
WHEREAS, the Borough and the County of Bergen entered into a Grant Agreement dated November 13, 2024, pursuant to which the County agreed to provide funding in the amount of Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($850,000.00) for the acquisition and preservation of said property; and
WHEREAS, as a condition of said funding, the Borough is required to grant a conservation easement over the property to the County of Bergen in accordance with the New Jersey Conservation and Historic Preservation Restriction Act, N.J.S.A. 13:8B-1 et seq.; and
WHEREAS, the Deed of Conservation Easement establishes permanent restrictions to preserve the property for open space, conservation, and passive recreational purposes, and ensures that such restrictions shall run with the land in perpetuity; and
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed the proposed Deed of Conservation Easement and have determined that execution of same is in the best interests of the Borough and advances the public health, safety, and welfare by preserving open space and environmental resources;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. **Authorization of Easement**
   The Borough hereby authorizes the granting of a Deed of Conservation Easement over the property known as 24 Robin Lane, Block 39, Lot 8, in favor of the County of Bergen, in substantially the form attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. **Execution of Documents**
   The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Deed of Conservation Easement, and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to attest to the same and affix the municipal seal, in accordance with the requirements set forth therein.
3. **Further Authorizations**
   The Mayor, Borough Clerk, Borough Attorney, and such other municipal officials as may be necessary are hereby authorized to execute any and all additional documents and to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution and the recording of the Deed of Conservation Easement.
4. **Recording**
   The Borough hereby authorizes the recording of the Deed of Conservation Easement in the Office of the Bergen County Clerk, consistent with the terms of the easement.
5. **Effective Date**
   This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution 097:04'2026: Authorizing Purchases of Goods and Services in 2026 Through the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program
OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Abad
at this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026

WHEREAS pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12A and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), the Borough may, by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS the Borough of Alpine has a need to purchase on a timely basis, goods and services utilizing State Contracts during 2026; 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 listed below, such transaction shall be subject to all conditions applicable to the current State contracts; now, therefore

Commodities	T-2776 POLICE PURSUIT & SPECIAL SERVICE VEHICLES
Service Vendor Name:	Nielsen (CDJR) of Morristown, Inc.,
State Contract #s:	#23-FLEET-34933 (T2776)

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 2026 from the approved New Jersey State Contract Vendor listed above pursuant to all conditions of the State contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), prior to placing any order for goods or services in accordance with this Resolution, a certification of available funds shall be executed by the Chief Financial Officer and attached to the file copy of the purchase order or other similar document.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

Resolution 098:04'2026: Authorizing Acquisition of Vehicle for the Police Department Through the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program
OFFERED BY: Councilwoman Gerstein **SECONDED BY:** Councilman Abad
at this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of Alpine is in need of acquiring a Police Vehicle, ONE 2026 DODGE DURANGO (WDEE75) PURSUIT VEHICLE w/ AWD for the Alpine Police Department; and

WHEREAS pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:11-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), the Borough may, by resolution and without obtaining multiple quotes or advertising for bids, purchase goods or services under the State of

New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS the Borough of Alpine by prior resolution has approved purchases from the State Contract Vendor listed below for this item; and

WHEREAS, the procurement of goods and services through a cooperative purchasing program is an "open and fair" process under the New Jersey Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine wish to enter into a three (3) year lease with option to purchase ONE (1) 2026 DODGE DURANGO (WDEE75) PURSUIT VEHICLE w/ AWD; and

WHEREAS, Nielsen (CDJR) of Morristown, Inc., 172 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960 **(**Contact: Brooks Buxton) is an authorized vendor for State Contract #23-FLEET-34933 (T2776) for the acquisition of POLICE PURSUIT & SPECIAL SERVICE VEHICLES, more specifically, ONE 2026 DODGE DURANGO(WDEE75) PURSUIT VEHICLE w/AWD; and

WHEREAS, 911Leasing.com, 432A Frye Farm Road, Greensburg, PA 15601 submitted a proposal indicating they will fund the monies to lease ONE (1) 2026 DODGE DURANGO (WDEE75) PURSUIT POLICE VEHICLE w/ AWD through 911Leasing.com, an authorized vendor, via a 36 month term lease, with an annual percentage rate of 6.23% through 911Leasing.com and the total amount to be funded is $59,159.88 paid out over thirty-six (36) monthly payments of $1,643.33. At the end of the lease, the Borough will buy the vehicle for the purchase price of $1.00; and

WHEREAS, the lease fund has been appropriated through the Police Department 2026 Operating Budget General Account Number 6-01-25-240-046 [Acquisition of Police Vehicles] for the first seven (7) payments totaling $11,503.31 and

WHEREAS, this resolution will be deemed extended by inclusion in subsequent year operating budgets as follows:

Appropriation of the next twelve (12) monthly payments totaling $19,719.96 in the 2027 Operating Budget; and
Appropriation of the next twelve (12) monthly payments totaling $19,719.96 in the 2028 Operating Budget; and
Appropriation of the next five (5) monthly payments totaling $8,217.65 in the 2029 Operating Budget (includes $1.00 buyout
payment); and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the lease with purchase option ONE (1) 2026 DODGE DURANGO (WDEE75) PURSUIT VEHICLE w/ AWD is expected not to exceed $59,159.88 (includes $1.00 buyout payment) over 36 months and funds are available for this purpose as is indicated by the Chief Financial Officer attached certification for the availability of 2026 funds for this contract,

NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Alpine, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey herein authorize the Police Chief to execute a lease/purchase agreement for the purchase of ONE (1) 2026 DODGE DURANGO (WDEE75) PURSUIT VEHICLE w/ AWD from Nielsen (CDJR) of Morristown, Inc., an authorized vendor for state contract State Contract #23-FLEET-34933 , and 911Leasing.com for a 36-month lease not to exceed $59,159.88 (includes $1.00 buyout payment) over 36 months. At the end of the lease, the Borough will own the vehicle for the cost of $1.00 each.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Abad, Bosworth, Cohen, Frankel, Gerstein, Kupferschmid **MOTION APPROVED**

EXECUTIVE SESSION None/not needed

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Councilman Frankel, seconded by Councilman Abad, and approved by all, this regular meeting of the Mayor and Council adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Wehmann
Municipal Clerk

These minutes have been approved by the Mayor and Council.

BOROUGH OF ALPINE
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 850

CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED
THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A-4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% or the cost of living adjustment, whichever is less, unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of living adjustment for calendar year 2026 budget is calculated at 2.0% pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and amounts to $116,144; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpine in the County of Bergen finds it's advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2026 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that an additional 1.5% increase in the budget of said year, amounting to $87,108 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpine, in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the 2026 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Alpine shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to $203,252 and that the 2026 municipal budget for the Borough of Alpine be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
of the Borough of Alpine
County of Bergen
for the fiscal year 2026

Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2026	2025
1. Surplus	$ 1,210,000	$ 1,025,000
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	1,841,923	1,719,768
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	220,000	377,000
4. Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	4,392,437	4,106,626
Total General Revenues	$ 7,664,360	$ 7,228,394

Summary of Appropriations	2026 Budget	Final 2025 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	$ 3,279,953	$ 3,099,535
Other Expenses	2,231,819	1,935,024
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	891,213	901,535
3. Capital Improvements	20,000	60,000
4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)	341,375	337,300
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	900,000	895,000
Total General Appropriations	$ 7,664,360	$ 7,228,394
Total Number of Employees	32	32

2026 Dedicated Open Space Trust Fund

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2026	2025
1. Amount to be Raised by Taxes	$ 102,074	$ 100,462
2. Reserve Funds		
Total General Revenues	$ 102,074	$ 100,462

Summary of Appropriations	2026 Budget	Final 2025 Budget
1. Salaries and Wages		
2. Other Expenses		
3. Capital Improvements	$ 51,000	
4. Debt Service		
5. Reserve for Future Use	$ 51,074	$ 100,462
Total General Appropriations	$ 102,074	$ 100,462

Debt Information - Bonds, Notes and Loans				
	General			
Interest on Bonds				
Interest on Notes	$ 91,375			
Principal on Bonds				
Principal on Notes	250,000			
Repayment of Loans				
Outstanding Balance - 12/31/2025	$ 2,150,000			

BOROUGH OF ALPINE
ORDINANCE NO. 851

"AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALARIES, WAGES OR COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS OF THE BOROUGH OF ALPINE IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY."

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Alpine as follows:

Section 1. That the respective salaries, wages or compensation of the following officers, employees, officials of the Borough of Alpine be hereby fixed at the following rate, effective as of January 1, 2026 except as may be specifically noted.

Office or Position:	Yearly Salary: 2026 (Unless Otherwise Noted)
Borough Clerk	111,202
Registrar of Vital Statistics	1,736
Recycling Administrator	2,704
Secretary / Board of Health	6,305
The responsibilities encompassed by the Borough Clerk also include the duties of Registrar of Vital Statistics, Recycling Administrator and Board of Health Secretary and are performed during regular business hours per Section 4a of the Employee handbook at a TOTAL yearly salary of	121,947
Deputy Borough Clerk	62,922
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics	1,298
Secretary / Board of Adjustment	6,540
Secretary / Planning Board	7,332
The responsibilities encompassed by the Office Assistant also include the duties of Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics and Board of Adjustment Secretary and Planning Board Secretary and are performed during regular business hours per Section 4a of the Employee handbook at a TOTAL yearly salary of	78,092
Interim Chief Financial Officer/ Tax Collector/ Treasurer/ Tax Search Officer The responsibilities encompassed by the Chief Financial Officer also include the duties of Treasurer, Tax Collector and Tax Search Officer and are performed during regular business hours per Section 4a of the Employee handbook at a TOTAL yearly salary of	77,063
Municipal Housing Liaison	15,413
Finance/Tax Assistant	69,356
Qualified Purchasing Agent	4,873
Tax Assessor	19,012
Police Chief	232,267
Emergency Management Coordinator	4,581
Superintendent D.P.W	165,128
Property Maintenance Official	7,011
The responsibilities encompassed by the DPW Superintendent also include the duties of Property Maintenance Official and are performed during regular business hours per the Employee handbook at a TOTAL yearly salary of	172,139
Equipment Foreman	102,520
Recycling Coordinator	5,625
The responsibilities encompassed by the Equipment Operator One D.P.W. also include the duties of the Recycling Coordinator and are performed during regular business hours per Section 4a of the Employee handbook at a TOTAL yearly salary of	108,145
Equipment Operator	66,788
Construction Code Official	21,115
Building Subcode Official/Inspector	21,115

Plumbing Subcode Official/Inspector	15,837
The responsibilities encompassed by the Construction Code Official also include the duties of the Building Subcode Official/Inspector and Plumbing Subcode Official/Inspector and are performed during regular business hours per Section 4a of the Employee handbook at the above hourly rates not to exceed a TOTAL yearly salary of	58,067
Construction Office Technical Assistant	83,859
Electrical Subcode Official/Inspector	15,757
Fire Official (Inspector)	4,359
Fire Protection Subcode Official	5,972
Zoning Official	14,924
The responsibilities encompassed by the Fire Official (Inspector) also include the duties of the Fire Protection Subcode Official and Zoning Officer and are performed during regular business hours per Section 4a of the Employee handbook at the above hourly rates not to exceed a TOTAL yearly salary of	25,255
Municipal Court Judge	12,264
Prosecutor	7,494
Public Defender	2,630
Court Administrator	12,395
Crossing Guard (per hour)	25.00

Section 2. In addition to other benefits and compensation, eligible employees covered by this ordinance shall receive an annual longevity increment as provided herein. The longevity increment shall be two (2%) of the employee's base annual wage upon completion of five (5) years of full-time continuous service. The longevity increment shall be paid commencing January 1 of the year following an employee's fifth anniversary and January 1 immediately following such fifth anniversary. Thereafter, the longevity increment shall be increased by four-tenths of 1% per year with a maximum of twelve (12%).

Section 3. All employees covered in this ordinance who are enrolled in the Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund Plan offered by the Borough are required to contribute to the cost of the annual premium. Effective January 1, 2026, employee contribution will be capped at 25% of their 2026 annual healthcare premium.

Section 4. A Department of Public Work's Employee who is scheduled for stand-by on a week-end or holiday shall receive $75.00 per day.

Section 5. If need arises, during inclement weather, temporary employees of the DPW to be paid hourly at a range of 16.00 to 27.00 per hour.

Section 6. If need arises temporary administrative personnel and temporary seasonal DPW personnel to be paid hourly at a range of 16.00 to 23.00 per hour.

Section 7. Swim Club employees to be paid hourly at a range of 16.00 to 20.00 per hour.

Section 8. Special inspections as ordered by the Construction Code Official shall be paid at the rate of $50 per inspection, in addition to salary, where applicable.

Section 9. The aforementioned salaries and wages shall be paid on a bi-weekly basis for a total of 26 payments.

Section 10. This Ordinance shall be retroactive to January 1, 2026 for all employees in the employ of the Borough of Alpine in the offices or positions hereinabove named as of the date of adoption of this Ordinance except as specifically noted.

Section 11. All ordinances or parts or ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

BOND ORDINANCE No. 852

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF ALPINE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $727,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpine, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Borough of Alpine, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to make various public improvements and to acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new communication and signal systems equipment and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for said Borough, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. The cost of the improvements includes all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized, and the State grant and the down payment appropriated, by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements is not a current expense of said Borough.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (I) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the State grant hereinafter appropriated, and (3) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (4) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (5) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Improvement of Anderson Avenue (Section 3). It is hereby determined and stated that said road being improved is of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	$ 190,000
State Grant Appropriated	$ 133,035
Down Payment Appropriated	$ 2,715
Bonds and Notes Authorized	$ 54,250
Period of Usefulness	10 years

B. (i) Replacement of the security camera system in Borough Hall and (ii) acquisition of new communication and signal systems equipment consisting of radio equipment for the use of the Police Department.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	$ 152,000
Down Payment Appropriated	$ 7,240
Bonds and Notes Authorized	$ 144,760
Period of Usefulness	10 years

C. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and a new automotive vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, for the use of the Fire Department consisting of (i) fire hose, (ii) a chief's vehicle and (iii) equipment for vehicles.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost		$ 113,000
Down Payment Appropriated		$ 6,785
Bonds and Notes Authorized		$ 106,215
Period of Usefulness	5 years	

D. Acquisition of a new automotive vehicle (with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) in excess of 15,000 pounds), including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of a hook lift truck with attachments for the use of Streets and Roads.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost		$ 272,000
Down Payment Appropriated		$ 12,960
Bonds and Notes Authorized		$ 259,040
Period of Usefulness	10 years	

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	$ 727,000	
State Grant Appropriated		$ 133,035
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated		$ 29,700
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized		$ 564,265

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of $39,333 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 6. The sum of $133,035 received or to be received as a grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the improvement of Anderson Avenue authorized in Section 4.A hereof.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding $29,700, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Borough or heretofore appropriated for down payments or for the capital improvement fund by an emergency temporary appropriation, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of $29,700 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 8. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding $564,265 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 9. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding $564,265 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 10. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Borough and attested by the Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 11. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 9.05 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 12. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk of said Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by $564,265 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 13. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Bergen, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes (other than the State grant hereinbefore appropriated which shall be applied to the cost of such purposes, but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 14. The Borough intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 of this bond ordinance. If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Borough hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 15. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 16. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 17. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

BOROUGH OF ALPINE
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 853

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF $51,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WALKING TRACK AT ALPINE SCHOOL FIELD TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF ALPINE AND TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL $51,000 FROM THE BOROUGH'S OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Alpine in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:
SECTION 1. The improvements described in Section 2 of this Ordinance are hereby respectively authorized as general improvements to be made by the Borough of Alpine, New Jersey, for the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 2, there is hereby appropriated the sum of money therein stated as the appropriation made for said improvements or purposes, said sum being inclusive of all appropriations herefore made thereof, including Ordinance No. 827, adopted on April 24, 2024, and amounting in the aggregate to an additional $51,000 which is now available from the Open Space Trust Fund.

SECTION 2. The Borough of Alpine, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, is hereby authorized to provide for the following:

Construction of a Walking Track at Alpine School Field	$51,000

SECTION 3. It is hereby determined and stated:

(a) That said purposes are not a current expense. That the same are improvements which the municipality may lawfully make and that no part of the cost of said improvements has been or shall be specifically assessed on properties specifically benefited.

(b) It is not necessary to finance said appropriations by the issuance of obligations by the Borough of Alpine pursuant to the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, for the reason that monies sufficient to cover the additional appropriations thereof shall be available in the amount of $51,000 from Open Space Trust Fund.

SECTION 4. The Capital Budget of the Borough of Alpine is hereby amended or established to conform with the provisions of this Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all details of the Temporary Capital Budget is available for public inspection.

SECTION 5. The additional sum of $51,000 is hereby appropriated for the aforementioned purposes.

SECTION 6 It is hereby determined and stated that no supplemental debt statement is required to be made and signed in connection with said appropriations, since the gross debt of the municipality, as defined under the Local Bond Law, is not increased by this Ordinance and no obligations in the matter of notes or bonds are authorized by this Ordinance.

SECTION 7 This Ordinance shall take effect after publication thereof and final passage as required by law.