

**WORKSHOP MEETING  
OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS WAS  
HELD THIS EVENING IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**Monday, May 10, 2021**

Council President Sgobba called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Christine Hablitz, Albert Kahwaty, Tanya Seber, and Christopher Vancheri. Also present were Mayor James Damiano, Township Attorney Joseph Wenzel, Township Engineer Tom Lemanowicz, Ryan Conklin, Township Planner, Township Administrator Charles Cuccia, Deputy Clerk Melissa DePiro and Township Clerk Cynthia Kraus.

Absent: None.

Township Employees present: Police Chief Steve Post and Fire Chief Jack Sweezy.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG.**

**STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE:** Take notice that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-10 as follows: A notice of the meeting was prominently posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building, located at 225 Main Street, Little Falls, N.J. on February 17, 2021. A copy of the notice was faxed to the North Jersey Herald and News and The Record on the same date. Additionally, a copy of the notice was filed in the office of the Township Clerk on said date. **This meeting is being conducted under the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 health situation. No public will be allowed to attend the meeting in person. A link and a telephone number to join the meeting can be accessed on the Township website at [www.lfnj.com](http://www.lfnj.com). Electronic provisions have been established for the public to participate during the public comment portion of the meeting.**

FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH- Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation recognizing May 2021 as Foster Care Awareness Month in the Township of Little Falls.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH- Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation recognizing May 2021 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the Township of Little Falls.

LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH- Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation recognizing May 2021 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month in the Township of Little Falls. Resident Michele Kocotos was then asked to speak on her personal experience with Lyme Disease.

RECOGNITION OF LITTLE FALLS PVHS STUDENT ATHLETES – At this time, Mayor Damiano recognized the accomplishments of five PVHS student athletes who have earned First Team All League and First Team All County recognition. The Mayor also congratulated the PV Girls Cross County team, Boys Basketball team, and the Wrestling team on achieving League Championships, as well as the Winter Track team which achieved League and County Championships. Coach Joseph Benvenuti then spoke on the character of the student-athletes and congratulated them on their accomplishments.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL MATTERS**

Members of the public who desired to provide comment shall raise their virtual hand in the Zoom application. The Meeting moderator will queue the members of the public that wish to provide comment and the Council President will recognize them in order. Members of the public who have joined the Meeting by calling in must press \*6 to mute and unmute themselves and \*9 to raise their hand. Members of the public who have joined the meeting via the Zoom application must click the Reactions icon and then raise the Hand icon. Please give your name and address for the record. Once the process is complete, we will return to the regular order of business.

It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, that the meeting be and it was opened to the public.

Poll:           Ayes:   Hablitz, Kahwaty, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba  
                  Nays:   None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Luis Fernandez, 54 Harrison Street, requested the Mayor summarize the Ordinances on the Agenda tonight. Mayor Damiano provided a brief explanation of each Ordinance. Mr. Fernandez questioned how many units would be constructed in Ordinance No. 1406 and whether the redevelopment is part of a PILOT program. Regarding Ordinance No. 1412, Mr. Fernandez questioned what improvement was required on the synthetic turf as it was newly installed. Council President SGOBBA stated the Council is approving a redevelopment plan and not a PILOT program at this time, and announced that Mr. Conklin, Township Planner, will give a presentation on the details of the development later in the Meeting. Mayor Damiano addressed Mr. Fernandez's question regarding the turf field. Mayor Damiano then highlighted the improvements being done as part of Ordinance No, 1406.

No one further having come forward to be heard, it was moved by Councilmember Hablitz seconded by Councilmember Seber, that the meeting be and it was closed to the public.

Poll:           Ayes:   Hablitz, Kahwaty, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba  
                  Nays:   None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

**MAYOR/ADMINISTRATOR:**

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE PROGRAM FUNDING– Mayor Damiano explained the annual nature of this Resolution and provided background on the Municipal Alliance.
2. ORDINANCE NO. 1406 – Mayor Damiano explained Mr. Conklin will address this in his presentation later this evening.
3. INTRODUCTION OF BOND ORDINANCES 1407-1412 – Mayor Damiano previously addressed this during Public Comment.

At this time Ryan Conklin, Township Planner provided a detailed PowerPoint overview of the redevelopment plan in relation to Ordinance No. 1406. Fire Chief Sweezy described a test conducted by the Fire Department on May 3, 2021 and noted the response time was approximately 54 seconds. Fire Chief discussed creating a fire lane from the Fire House up to where the island would be so as to not hold up the fire apparatus. Council President SGOBBA asked Mr. Conklin to consider Chief Sweezy’s request into the details of the redevelopment plan.

At this time, Mr. Wenzel explained that that Ordinance No. 1406 was introduced tonight. There will be a second reading and a public hearing at the June 14, 2021. The appropriate time to bring forth questions on the redevelopment plan would be at the June Meeting or to contact the Council or Mayor.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, to approve the following Resolutions A and B:

Municipal Alliance Program Funding Fiscal Year 2022

**RESOLUTION [A] 21-05-10 - #1  
GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE  
FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 2020-JUNE 2025**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore, has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Passaic;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Little Falls Municipal Alliance grant for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 (FY2022) in the amount of:
2.

DEDR	\$8,276.48
Cash Match	\$2,069.12
In-Kind	\$6,207.36
3. The Township Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including administrative compliance and audit requirements.

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Bill List

**RESOLUTION [B] 21-05-10 - #2**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls the Council having received the Treasurer’s certification of the availability of funds for payment of all bills presented, that payment of all bills approved by the Finance Committee be and is hereby authorized, subject to the availability of funds and subject to the appropriate and available appropriation in the line item.

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Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Kahwaty, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, to approve the following:

**REQUEST FROM FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FOR PERMISSION TO USE THE FORMER MUNICIPAL BUILDING PARKING LOT AT 35 STEVENS AVENUE ON FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2021 FROM 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. AND SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2021 FROM 11:00 A.M. -2:00 P.M. FOR A CLOTHING DRIVE FUNDRAISER.**

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Kahwaty, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance No. 1404 - -It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1404, “**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO ADD**

**CHAPTER 132 (MEMORIAL TREE PROGRAM) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS,”** be and it was opened.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Kahwaty, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

As no comments from the public were received, it was moved by Councilmember Kahwaty, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1404 be and it was closed.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Kahwaty, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that the Ordinance No. 1404 be and it was adopted.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Kahwaty, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1406 - It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that there be introduced and the meeting of June 14, 2021 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1406  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS ADOPTING  
A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AREA**

**WHEREAS**, on October 17, 2016, the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey (the “Township”) adopted Resolution No. [H] 16-10-17-#8 and later amended by Resolution No. [C] 18-07-23-#3 (known collectively as the “Redevelopment Area Designation Resolution”), designating Block 89, Lots 4 & 5, Block 111, Lots 1, 1.01, 2, 2.01, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 12.01, 12.02, 13, & 14, Block 112, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 (containing former lots 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 & 25), 22, 23 & 24, and Block 113, Lots 2, 3, 4, 4.01, 5, 6, 7 & 8 as an Area in Need of Redevelopment (the “Downtown Redevelopment Area”); and

**WHEREAS**, more than 45 days have passed since the Redevelopment Area Designation Resolution was adopted and no actions have been filed challenging such action; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:12-A-1, et seq.) provides for a procedure for the adoption of a redevelopment plan for all or a portion of a duly designated redevelopment area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council adopted the Redevelopment Area Designation Resolution directing that a redevelopment plan be created for the Downtown Redevelopment Area and commissioned H2M engineers and architects (the “Professional Planner”) to prepare same; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council adopted the Redevelopment Area Designation Resolution referring the proposed redevelopment plan to the Township Planning Board for its preparation of a report containing its recommendations concerning the plan as provided in N.J.S.A. 40A:12-7(e); and

**WHEREAS**, on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the Township Planning Board will have a public presentation and opportunity to comment for the proposed redevelopment plan entitled “Downtown Redevelopment Plan”, dated April 2021, prepared by H2M Associates (the “Proposed Redevelopment Plan”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board will complete a Master Plan Consistency review the Professional Planner issued a letter report, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, containing the Planning Board’s recommendations concerning the Proposed Redevelopment Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the Proposed Redevelopment Plan, as updated, finalized and dated April 2021, as reviewed and recommended by the Planning Board is attached hereto as Exhibit B (the “Redevelopment Plan”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council desires to approve the Redevelopment Plan in the form set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto, and direct the Township’s Zoning Map be amended and superseded to reflect the provision of the Redevelopment Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey as follows:

**Section 1.** The Redevelopment Plan, as filed in the Office of the Township Clerk and attached hereto as Exhibit B is hereby approved with consideration given to the recommendations in the Planning Board’s letter report attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**Section 2.** The Zoning Map of the Township of Little Falls is hereby amended to incorporate the provisions of the Redevelopment Plan and delineate the boundaries of the property.

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after final passage and publication according to law.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Kahwaty, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1407 - It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that there be introduced and the meeting of May 24, 2021 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1407**

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$640,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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 Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey (the “Township”) is hereby authorized to undertake various public improvements and to acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new communication and signal systems equipment, new information technology equipment and a new automotive vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for said Township, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. Said improvements shall include 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 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 Township.

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 (1) 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 down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (3) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (4) 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. Acquisition of new communication and signal systems equipment and new information technology equipment for the use of the Police Department consisting of (i) in-vehicle cameras and (ii) mobile data terminals.	
Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$195,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 10,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$185,000
Period of Usefulness	5 years
B. Acquisition of a new automotive vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of a pickup truck for the use of the Department of Public Works ("DPW").	
Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 50,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 47,500
Period of Usefulness	5 years
C. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of a riding mower for the use of the DPW.	
Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 45,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 42,500
Period of Usefulness	15 years
D. Undertaking of sanitary sewer improvements at various locations.	
Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$150,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 7,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$142,500
Period of Usefulness	40 years
E. Undertaking of various improvements to municipal facilities and property. It is hereby determined and stated that the public facilities being improved are 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	\$200,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 10,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$190,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years
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Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$640,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 32,500
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$607,500

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$20,000 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. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$32,500, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Township, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$32,500 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 7. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$607,500 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 8. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$607,500 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 9. 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 Township and attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township 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 10. 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 17.03 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 11. 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 Township Clerk of said Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$607,500 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 12. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Passaic, 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, 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 13. 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 Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 14. The Township 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 Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Township 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 Township 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 Township, and the Township shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 16. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Kahwaty, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1408 - It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that there be introduced and the meeting of May 24, 2021 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1408**

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE 2021 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$675,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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 Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey (the "Township"), is hereby authorized to undertake the 2021 Road Improvement Program at various locations, as set forth on a list prepared by the Township Engineer on file or to be placed on file with the Township Clerk, and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto. Depending upon the contract price and other exigent circumstances, and upon approval by the Township Council, there may be additions to or deletions from the aforesaid list. It is hereby determined and stated that said roads being improved are 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").

Section 2. The sum of \$675,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized 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 (1) said purpose is not a current expense of said Township, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said Township pursuant to the Local Bond Law, and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$675,000, and (4) \$33,750 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$641,250, and (6) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$65,000, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, 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 4. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$33,750, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for the Township, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$33,750 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$641,250 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 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$641,250 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 7. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance, 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 the Township and attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township 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 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of ten years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 9. 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 Township Clerk of the Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$641,250 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 10. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Passaic, 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 said purpose, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for said purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. The Township intends to issue bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes, the Township 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 12. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Township, and the Township shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 13. 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 Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Kahwaty, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1409 - It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that there be introduced and the meeting of May 24, 2021 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1409**

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPROVEMENT OF HEMLOCK ROAD (ENTIRE LENGTH) IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$600,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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.**

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**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey (the "Township"), is hereby authorized to improve Hemlock Road (entire length) in, by and for the Township. Said improvement shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor. 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").

Section 2. The sum of \$600,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvement described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvement shall be made as a general improvement and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of the Township, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of the Township pursuant to the Local Bond Law, and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$600,000, and (4) \$30,000 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$570,000, and (6) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$40,000, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, 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 4. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$30,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for the Township, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$30,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$570,000 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 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$570,000 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 7. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance, 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 the 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 the Township and attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township 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 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of ten years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 9. 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 Township Clerk of the Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$570,000 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 10. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Passaic, 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 purpose, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. 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 Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 12. The Township intends to issue bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvement described in Section 1 of this ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes, the Township 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 ordinance.

Section 13. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Township, and the Township shall levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Poll:           Ayes:   Hablitz, Kahwaty, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba  
                  Nays:   None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1410 - It was moved by Councilmember Seber, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, that there be introduced and the meeting of May 24, 2021 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1410**

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS AT MAIN STREET (PHASES IV AND VI) IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,000,000 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.**

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**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey (the "Township"), is hereby authorized to undertake streetscape improvements at Main Street (Phases IV and VI) in, by and for the Township. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of \$1,000,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized, and the down payment and the State grant 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.

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Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of the Township, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of the Township pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$1,000,000, and (4) \$540,600 of said sum is to be provided by the State grant hereinafter appropriated, and (5) \$25,400 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (6) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$434,000, and (7) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$100,000, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, 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 4. It is hereby determined and stated that the sum of \$540,600 received or to be received as a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of such purpose.

Section 5. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$25,400, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for the Township, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$25,400 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 6. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$434,000 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 7. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$434,000 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 8. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance, 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 the 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 the Township and attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township 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 9. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of ten years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 10. 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 Township Clerk of the Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$434,000 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 11. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Passaic, 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 purpose (other than the State grant hereinbefore appropriated which shall be applied to the cost of such purpose, 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 purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 12. 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 Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 13. The Township intends to issue bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 1 of this ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes, the Township 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 ordinance.

Section 14. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Township, and the Township shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 15. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Kahwaty, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1411 - It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that there be introduced and the meeting of May 24, 2021 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

### BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1411

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF FRANCISCO AVENUE AND CEDAR GROVE ROAD IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$500,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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 Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey (the "Township"), is hereby authorized to install a traffic control signal at the intersection of Francisco Avenue and Cedar Grove Road in, by and for the Township. Said improvement shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor. Section 2. The sum of \$500,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvement described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvement shall be made as a general improvement and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of the Township, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of the Township pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$500,000, and (4) \$25,000 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$475,000, and (6) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$30,000, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, 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 4. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$25,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for the Township, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$25,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$475,000 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

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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 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$475,000 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 7. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance, 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 the 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 the Township and attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township 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 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of ten years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 9. 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 Township Clerk of the Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$475,000 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 10. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Passaic, 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 purpose, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. 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 Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 12. The Township intends to issue bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvement described in Section 1 of this ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes, the Township 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 ordinance.

Section 13. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Township, and the Township shall levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Kahwaty, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1412 - It was moved by Councilmember Kahwaty, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that there be introduced and the meeting of May 24, 2021 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

### BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1412

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT DUVA FIELD IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,075,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT FUNDS, 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 Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey (the "Township"), is hereby authorized to undertake various improvements at Duva Field, including, but not limited to, improvements to the synthetic turf multipurpose athletic field, replacement of the flooring at the Recreation Center Building and resurfacing of the parking lot, in, by and for the Township. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of \$1,075,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized, and the down payment and the Township Open Space Trust Account funds 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 (1) said purpose is not a current expense of the Township, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of the Township pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$1,075,000, and (4) \$300,000 of said sum is to be provided by the Township Open Space Trust Account funds hereinafter appropriated, and (5) \$39,500 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (6) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$735,500, and (7) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$70,000, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, 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 4. It is hereby determined and stated that the sum of \$300,000 in the Township of Little Falls Open Space Trust Account is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of such purpose.

Section 5. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$39,500, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for the Township, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$39,500 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 6. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$735,500 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 7. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$735,500 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 8. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance, 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 the 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 the Township and attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township 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



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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 9. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of ten years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 10. 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 Township Clerk of the Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$735,500 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 11. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Passaic, 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 purpose, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 12. 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 Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 13. The Township intends to issue bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 1 of this ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes, the Township 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 ordinance.

Section 14. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Township, and the Township shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 15. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Poll:           Ayes:   Hablitz, Kahwaty, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba  
              Nays:   None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

### COUNCIL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Councilmember KAHWATY reported the Domestic Violence Prevention Committee will be around Town attending events in the upcoming months. The Little Falls Business Association is planning a Little Falls Week with a kickoff on July 12, 2021; details to follow. Councilmember KAHWATY discussed Boy Scout Troop 14, commended the efforts of the leaders and elaborated on examples of how groups such as this one within the Township bring people together.

Councilmember HABLITZ reported the Friends of the Library will hold a clothing drive fundraiser on May 14, 2021 from 10 PM to 3PM in the Old Police Station parking lot. The Library will have a virtual Library Board meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 7PM. Lastly, Councilmember HABLITZ stated the Girl Scouts planted two trees in the FEMA lots in recognition of Arbor Day and thanked the DPW for helping with planting the trees.

Councilmember SEBER thanked resident Michele Kocotos for raising awareness of Lyme Disease. Councilmember SEBER discussed the Open Space Committee's efforts to beautify the Township in collaboration with the County, highlighting a program called Engaging through the Arts along the Morris Canal Greenway.

Councilmember VANCHERI acknowledged Ordinance No. 1411 and was pleased it was coming to fruition. On May 28, 2021, the Memorial Day weekend kickoff concert will be at 6:00 PM at Wilmore Memorial Park. Vendors and community organizations will also be present. On May 29, 2021 at 11:00 AM the annual Memorial Service will be held with more details to come. The American Legion Post 108 will hold their BBQ from 1PM to 5PM. On Tuesday, June 1, 2021 the raising of the Pride flag for Pride Month will occur.

Council President SGOBBA announced the Senior Advisory Committee will hold an afternoon concert on May 26, 2021 at 2PM.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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Cynthia Kraus  
Municipal Clerk