

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

Monday, April 17, 2023

Council President Sgobba called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Christine Hablitz, Michael Murphy, and Christopher Vancheri. Also present were Mayor James Damiano, Township Attorney Joseph Wenzel, Township Engineer Michael Kobylarz, Township Administrator Charles Cuccia, Assistant Administrator Vincent Quatrone, Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus and Deputy Clerk Melissa DePiro.

Absent: Councilmember Jayna Patel.

Township Employees present: Police Chief Bryan Prall.

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. 10:4-8 and 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 December 27, 2022. A copy of the notice was mailed 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. **A link and a telephone number to join the meeting virtually can be accessed on the Township website at www.lfnj.com. Electronic provisions have been established for the public to participate during the public comment portion of the meeting.**

PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VETERANS CENTER IN NORTHWEST NEW JERSEY – Mayor Damiano read a Proclamation supporting the efforts of the members of Congress in asking for the establishment of a VA Center in northwest NJ and other underserved areas of the country.

NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH PROCLAMATION – At this time, Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation recognizing April, 2023 as National Donate Life Month in the Township of Little Falls.

EARTH DAY PROCLAMATION – The Mayor then read a Proclamation recognizing April 22, 2023 as Earth Day in the Township of Little Falls.

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION – Mayor Damiano invited representatives from Passaic County CASA to join him as he then read the Proclamation recognizing April, 2023 as National Child Abuse Awareness Month in the Township of Little Falls.

RECOGNIZING PASSAIC VALLEY YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS – Lastly, Mayor Damiano recognized members of the 3rd/4th grade girls, 5th/6th grade girls, and 5th/6th grade boys on their successful seasons.

PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL MATTERS AND AGENDA ITEMS

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Andrew Baggot- made inquiries regarding Ordinance No. 1341, Ordinance No. 1352 and the purchase of PNC property. Mr. Wenzel recalled Ordinance No. 1341 was pulled and not enacted and further stated Mr. Baggot was incorrect that Ordinance No. 1341 or No. 1452 were in violation of any law. Mr. Wenzel clarified that his name was on the purchase of two properties as an attorney for the Township of Little Falls. Mr. Baggot discussed the removal of trees on Paterson Ave.

Peggy Olivi- On behalf of the Little Falls Historical Society, commented on the time capsule on the cornerstone near the PNC property. The Historical Society acquired the rights to the time capsule and on Sunday, April 23, 2023 the time capsule will be unsealed at 2pm at the Civic Center.

Andrew Baggot – Requested a full reading and explanation of Ordinance No. 1450. Council President SGOBBA stated Mr. Baggot will have the opportunity to be heard during the public hearing portion of the Meeting.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATOR:

1. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER CRACKDOWN- Mayor Damiano explained the resolution was removed from the Agenda.
2. RESOLUTION APPROVING SETTLEMENT FUNDING FOR STEVE MAYE V. TWP OF LITTLE FALLS- Mayor Damiano stated this was an employment practice liability case and provided the details of the case settlement as well as the responsibility of the Township and amount paid by the Joint Insurance Fund.
3. ORDINANCE NO. 1457 - AMENDING CHAPTER 71, FEES, SPEED & AGILITY CAMP FEES- The Mayor explained the amendment to the fees for agility camp and addition of fees pursuant to Chapter 71.
4. ORDINANCE NO. 1458- AMENDING CHAPTER 71, FEES, ADVERTISEMENTS IN TOWNSHIP CALENDAR – Similar to Ordinance No. 1457, Ordinance No. 1458 allows for advertisements for the Township calendar.

Mayor Damiano noted he has been approached by individuals with Class 5 licenses, which allows individuals to sell cannabis retail in the Township, that would like to be heard. The Mayor reviewed the type of licenses allowed in the Township, noting the Class 5 license was one the Council did not permit. The Mayor discussed that as time has passed and the Township has been able to monitor neighboring communities that allow the Class 5 license, he proposed future discussion to determine if the Council wanted to entertain the Class 5 license along Route 46 zone. Council President SGOBBA encouraged Councilmembers to research the topic.

ACTION ITEMS:

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to approve Resolutions B and C:

Settlement Funding Steve Maye V. Township of Little Falls

RESOLUTION [B] 23-04-17 - #1

RESOLUTION APPROVING SETTLEMENT FUNDING FOR STEVEN R. MAYE V. TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS

WHEREAS, Summit Risk, TPA for QBE had agreed under an Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding dated March 31, 2021 to provide a defense to the Municipality in the matter entitled Steven Maye v. Township of Little Falls and John Sweezy; and

WHEREAS, QBE and the Municipality unequivocally agree to settle the aforementioned litigation in accordance with the terms of a Settlement Agreement and Release dated March 9, 2023 which includes certain rights and obligations of the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, as part of the settlement, the Municipality is responsible to pay \$271,250; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Municipal Essex Liability Joint Insurance Fund in the matter of Steven Maye v. Township of Little Falls and John Sweezy approving settlement funding.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Bill List

RESOLUTION [C]23-04-17 - #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.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

APPLICATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No.1450 - The public hearing on Ordinance No. 1450, “**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FURTHER AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS CODE CHAPTER 7 ARTICLE II, SECTION 7-40, “PARKING PROHIBITIONS ON MUNICIPAL AND BOARD OF EDUCATION PROPERTY”**” be and it was opened.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Andrew Baggot- requested more in-depth information on what would cause someone to be towed. Mayor Damiano explained the ordinance itself references Chapter 7 article 2 which is specific to information on parking permissions and prohibitions. The Mayor summarized the Ordinance is adding two more lots to that portion of the Ordinance. Per Council President SGOBBA’s request, Mrs. Kraus then read Ordinance No. 1450.

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As no further comments from the public were received, the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1450 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that Ordinance No. 1450 be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1451 - The public hearing on Ordinance No. 1451, "**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FURTHER AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS CODE CHAPTER 7 ARTICLE II, SECTION 7-11, "PARKING TIME LIMITED ON CERTAIN STREETS,"**" be and it was opened.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

As no comments from the public were received, the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1451 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that Ordinance No. 1451 be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1452 - The public hearing on Ordinance No. 1452, "**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FURTHER AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS CODE CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE I, SECTION 7-13, "PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS,"**" be and it was opened.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

At this time Council President introduced Township Engineer Michael Kobylarz, who provided his credentials and further detail on Ordinance No. 1452.

Andrew Baggot- requested clarification with regard to a handicap parking spot and loading zone. Mr. Kobylarz noted the number of spaces on the northerly side will remain eight in number with one of the eight being a handicap spot. Compliance with width was discussed.

As no comments from the public were received, the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1452 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that Ordinance No. 1452 be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1453 – The public hearing on Ordinance No. 1453, "**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FURTHER AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS CODE CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE I, SECTION 7-29, "HANDICAPPED PARKING,"**" be and it was opened.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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Andrew Baggot – questioned whether an additional crosswalk would be added. Mayor Damiano stated a crosswalk will be added near Center Avenue with appropriate curb cuts.

As no comments from the public were received, the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1453 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that Ordinance No. 1453 be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1454 – The public hearing on Ordinance No. 1454, “**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FURTHER AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS CODE CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE I, SECTION 7-24, “LOADING ZONE,”**” be and it was opened.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Andrew Baggot- In response to Mr. Baggot, Mr. Wenzel explained the way the Ordinance is written, if an individual is moving items in and out of the location, they would be in compliance with the Ordinance. Council President SGOBBA noted the space was designated in response to business owner complaints. Mr. Wenzel reiterated the purpose of a normal loading zone is meant for the activity undertaken by that vehicle onloading or offloading goods. Mr. Baggot expressed concern regarding parking for his tenants to which Councilmember VANCHERI responded. Mayor Damiano explained why a parking spot could not be placed in front of the bus stop. Mr. Kobylarz confirmed that with the new alignment parking would not be allowed on the southerly side.

Marianne Baggot – commented on her concerns about losing parking spaces in front of her building. Council President SGOBBA discussed the widening of the sidewalk and the supply of a municipal parking lot where tenants can park. Councilmember MURPHY stated that he and Councilmember Patel had requested a public safety report going back five years in that area, noting one bus accident had occurred in that time, which did not indicate a public safety hazard in that intersection. Mayor Damiano summarized the factors that went into the development of the Ordinance and that it was not an easy decision. There are two lanes of travel with one side parking and in order to maximize parking, in consultation with the Engineer, the decision was made to have parking on the north side as the only real option to accomplish that goal.

As no comments from the public were received, the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1454 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that Ordinance No. 1454 be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1455 - The public hearing on Ordinance No. 1455, “**CALENDAR YEAR 2023 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK,**” be and it was opened.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

As no comments from the public were received, the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1455 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that Ordinance No. 1455 be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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Ordinance No.1456 - The public hearing on Ordinance No. 1456, “**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND CHAPTER 7 (ON-STREET REGULATIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS,**” be and it was opened.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

As no comments from the public were received, the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1456 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that Ordinance No. 1456 be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1457 - It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, that there be introduced and the meeting of May 8, 2023 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1457
ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 71 FEES**

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls (“Township”) is a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey; and
WHEREAS, the Township’s Code of General Ordinances (“Code”) currently provides for the regulation of its Fees in the Township;
WHEREAS, the municipal council (“Municipal Council”) of the Township has determined to amend Chapter 71 of the Code entitled Fees; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council has determined to amend said Chapter of the Code as follows:
71-2 Fees Schedule
Chapter 143 Parks and Recreation Facilities

Speed & Agilitv 4 Day Camp

Registration Fee - \$ 95.00

136. XI. Consistency, Severability and Repealer

(A) If any provision or portion of a provision of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional, preempted by Federal or State law, or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of the ordinance shall not be invalidated.

(B) All ordinances or parts of ordinances, which are inconsistent with any provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistencies.

(C) No provision of this ordinance shall be construed to impair any common law or statutory cause of action, or legal remedy there from, of any person for injury or damage arising from any violation of this ordinance or from other law.

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

1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Municipal Council hereby amends Chapter 71 of the Code entitled Fees of the Code of the Township of Little Falls.
3. It is the intent of the Municipal Council to incorporate the additions and/or supplements contained in this Ordinance in to the Code. All of the remaining provisions in Chapter 71 of the Code entitled Fees of the Code shall remain unchanged and have full force and legal effect. All other ordinances enacted and inconsistent herewith are hereby modified pursuant to the terms of this Ordinance.
4. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence, phrase or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.
5. A copy of this Ordinance shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Township Clerk.
6. This Ordinance shall take effect after twenty (20) days of its final passage by the Municipal Council, upon approval by the Mayor and publication as required by law.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1458 - It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that there be introduced and the meeting of May 8, 2023 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1458
ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 71 FEES**

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls (“Township”) is a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey; and
WHEREAS, the Township’s Code of General Ordinances (“Code”) currently provides for the regulation of its Fees in the Township;
WHEREAS, the municipal council (“Municipal Council”) of the Township has determined to amend Chapter 71 of the Code entitled Fees; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council has determined to amend said Chapter of the Code as follows:
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Advertisements in the Township Calendar:

Full Page- \$1,000

½ Page- \$500

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- (C) No provision of this ordinance shall be construed to impair any common law or statutory cause of action, or legal remedy there from, of any person for injury or damage arising from any violation of this ordinance or from other law.

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Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

COUNCIL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Councilmember HABLITZ thanked the Library for hosting START, an animal rescue and adoption weekend. Upcoming Library events included voting for your favorite Peeps diorama through April 22nd, National Library Week, the Cookbook Club on April 24th, and the celebration of Earth Day on April 22nd with plant propagation with Master Gardener Pete Tomasi. On April 22nd, the Earth Day shredding and electronic recycling event will be held at Town Hall, along with the DEA National Take Back safety disposal of unused medications hosted by the Police Department. Lastly, Councilmember HABLITZ provided details of the First Annual Bike Rodeo scheduled for May 6th.

Councilmember MURPHY highlighted Domestic Violence Prevention Committee potential fundraising events including a Dine and Donate at local restaurants, partnering with local salons, and a potential corn hole or pickleball tournament. On April 29th Passaic County Domestic and Sexual Violence Walk will take place at Garret Mountain. He discussed the introduction of Ordinance No. 1458, advertisement for the Township calendar, and encouraged business to participate. Lastly, Councilmember MURPHY questioned whether it would be possible to host Planning Board meetings in a hybrid format similar to Council Meetings. Council President suggested a discussion with the Planning Board President.

Councilmember VANCHERI announced Heroes in Training has commenced, a track and field program run by Passaic Valley High School for 3rd to 8th grades. Additionally, baseball and softball teams will hold their opening day parade this Saturday and PVHS will hold their Annual Autism Awareness Walk on April 23rd. Councilmember VANCHERI then provided an update on events planned for Memorial Day weekend. Councilmember VANCHERI highlighted recent responses to resident issues brought forth and addressed by Mr. Campbell and Mr. DiMaria, Chief Prall and Officer Pinnola, Commission Bartlett, and the Historical Society. Councilmember VANCHERI also discussed a resident who had reached out about the 9-11 Survivor Tree Seedling Program. Regarding a Transportation Committee update, discussion occurred regarding speed humps on Houston Road and addressing the speed limit on County roads to be consistent with a 25 mph speed limit. Lastly, Council President SGOBBA invited resident Tom Barone to provide details of the World Series of Birding event his will be participating in on May 13th.

Council President SGOBBA requested chairpersons of the various Township Committees who would like to have new members on their committees, to please submit names to the Council President who will vet them, and then place them on the Agenda. Council President then announced the Senior Advisory's Spring Fling will be held on April 22nd.

Mayor Damiano discussed concerns of traffic, specifically near the Route 23 and Main Street intersection. After two years, significant timing changes were made to the traffic controller, which he hoped would result in significant traffic flow through that area. The Mayor noted Union Avenue and Stevens Avenue will continue to be monitored, while the DOT continues to monitor Route 23 and will tweak the timing if needed.

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

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Mayor Damiano announced the Little Falls ABC will host a fundraiser at the Ties on April 26th.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk