

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

Monday, April 24, 2023

Council President Sgobba called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the following members present: Christine Hablitz, Michael Murphy, Jayna Patel and Christopher Vancheri. Also present were Mayor James Damiano, Township Attorney Joseph Wenzel, Municipal Auditor Steven Wielkotz, Township Administrator Charles Cuccia, Assistant Township Administrator Vincent Quatrone, Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus, and Deputy Clerk Melissa DePiro.

Absent: None.

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.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2023 and the Minutes of the April 17, 2023 Workshop be and they were approved.

Council President SGOBBA then rescinded the original vote in order to vote separately on each set of Minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2023 be and they were approved.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, that the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of April 17, 2023 Workshop be and they were approved.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Damiano followed up on previous discussion regarding introducing a class 5 cannabis license, cannabis as a general rule, and fees. The Mayor also discussed reviewing and amending the fees that may be associated with cannabis in the Township's class 1 through 6 licenses. Mayor Damiano stated he will propose ordinances in the future and seek the Council's ultimate determination.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK PROCLAMATION – At this time, Mayor Damiano read a Proclamation recognizing April 23-29, 2023 as National Library Week in the Township of Little Falls.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET – It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, that the public hearing on the 2023 Municipal Budget be, and it was opened.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

As no comments were received, it was moved by Councilmember Patel, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, that the public hearing on the 2023 Municipal Budget be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember MURPHY announced the Passaic County Domestic & Sexual Violence Walk will be held at Garret Mountain on April 29th, and the Domestic Violence Prevention Committee will convene on May 2nd. Councilmember MURPHY discussed the holiday parade that typically goes through Woodland Park, will be held on November 25th of this year and traverse through the Township. In preparation for the parade, a meeting was held with members of the Fire Department, and Councilmember MURPHY plans to set a meeting with the Mayor and Department heads to plan for the parade as well.

Councilmember HABLITZ highlighted upcoming Library activities including a Mystery Reader and judging of the Peeps Diorama Contest on April 26th. Additionally, the Passaic County Clerk will be at the Library for full passport services, Veteran IDs, and Notary renewals on April 27th. Councilmember HABLITZ announced the Bike Rodeo is scheduled for May 6th with a rain date of May 13th. Lastly, an update on the upcoming Farmers Market was provided.

Councilmember VANCHERI presented a progress report on the upcoming Concert in the Park and Memorial Day Weekend. Councilmember VANCHERI then reviewed events that occurred over the weekend including baseball and softball opening day, Earth Day activity at the Library, the Spring Fling Senior Advisory event, and the time capsule opening hosted by the Little Falls Historical Society.

Councilmember PATEL reported the Clifton Board of Health recently held training programs for bloodborne pathogens as well as sessions in the school system on vaping prevention. The Board of Health will hold their 3rd event at the Library to answer questions on April 27th. Councilmember PATEL reviewed results of the Public Health survey noting that low attendance at events could be attributed to lack of resident awareness, and that residents wanted events held at the Civic Center and in the afternoon. Councilmember PATEL announced there will be a Public Health Fair on May 22nd from 1-3 at the Civic Center, which will include mental health resources in consideration of Mental Health Awareness Month. Council President SGOBBA commented on finding a better way to notify residents of events.

Chief Bryan Prall reported the last day of the Distracted Driving campaign will be April 30th with a report forthcoming. He also discussed the complaint form as a source of resident input and an increase in radar posts.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Council President SGOBBA reported the Little Falls Senior Advisory held a successful Spring Fling event. He commented on the importance of the presence of police officers so that residents can discuss questions and concerns in an informal manner.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Mr. Wenzel had nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to address the Township Council may do so through the Council President. It is preferred if you give your name and address for the record. Comments are to be limited to three minutes, however, if appropriate, you may be granted additional time in the sole discretion of the Council President.

Members of the public who have joined the Meeting virtually and desire 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 the Raise Hand icon. Once the process is complete, we will return to the regular order of business.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

C O N S E N T A G E N D A

All items on the Consent Agenda were considered to be routine and will be enacted with a single motion. For any items under REQUISITIONS carried a Treasurer’s certification of the availability of funds.

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REPORTS

Municipal Clerk's Report – Month of March 2023

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT Month of March 2023		
ABC LICENSES		\$440.00
OTHER LICENSES		
Business Licenses	\$2,490.00	
Pre-paid Business Licenses		
Raffle Licenses	\$240.00	
		\$2,730.00
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS		
Fees & Permits	\$1,008.00	
Marriage Licenses-LF		
Marriage Licenses-NJ		
		\$1008.00
MRNA		
Street Maps		
Zoning Maps		
Zoning Ordinances		
Document Copies		
Garage Sales		
Misc. Fees & Refunds:	\$3,000.00	
TOTAL MRNA		<u>\$3,000.00</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT		<u>\$7,178.00</u>
TOTAL TO TREASURER		<u>\$7,178.00</u>

Municipal Clerks Dog/Cat License Report - Month of March 2023

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT Month of March 2023		
Dog Licenses issued 03/01/2023 thru 03/31/2023		
Nos. 217 to 218 = Licenses		
Amount due Little Falls		\$13.60
Amount due State		\$2.40
Total Cash Received		\$16.00
Cat Licenses issued 03/01/2023 thru 03/31/2023		
Nos. to Licenses Issued		
Total Cash Received		\$0.00
Total to Treas.		<u>\$16.00</u>

Tax Collector's Report - Month of March 2023

MONTHLY REPORT

Municipality of Township of Little Falls
Office of the Tax Collector
Township of Little Falls Current Account, Lakeland Bank
Revenues Collector for the Month of March 2023

Categories 01-	March 1-31, 2023	2023 Year to Date
2023 Taxes	\$249,968.92	\$12,540,306.84
2016-2022 Taxes	32,429.73	449,330.71
Interest	4,630.26	35,603.91
Insufficient Check Fee	0.00	40.00
6% YE-Penalty Fee	0.00	18,139.84
PILOT in-lieu of taxes	19,436.46	134,090.31
GRAND TOTALS	\$306,465.37	\$13,177,511.61

Delinquent 2016 Taxes \$284,632.08 (princ).
Delinquent 2020 Taxes 2,240.64 (bankruptcy).
Delinquent 2021 Taxes 4,519.28 (bankruptcy).
Delinquent 2022 Taxes 203,499.36 (subject to tax sale 09/12/2023).
Delinquent 2023 Taxes 183,907.19 (1st qtr/princ)
Total Delinquent Taxes \$678,798.55

2023 Refunds this month = -\$9,901.56
2023 Year to date refunds = -\$12,086.20

Breakdown of refunds for years 2018-2023 completed in 2023(see attached).

REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2023										
Months	2018 STCJ	2019 STCJ	2020 STCJ	2021 STCJ	2022 STCJ	2023 CBJ	2023 Regular	2023 Senior/Veteran	Exempt 2023	Totals By Months
January	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
February	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,184.64	\$2,184.64
March	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$328.60	\$3,378.02	\$0.00	\$6,194.94	\$9,901.56
Totals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$328.60	\$3,378.02	\$0.00	\$8,379.58	\$12,086.20

Note: The above figures represent the months that the Tax Collector did the adjustments in the computer; the Resolution(s) may have been adopted in the next month.

STCJ = State Tax Court Judgments.

CBJ= County Board Judgments.

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Municipality of Township of Little Falls
 Office of the Tax Collector
 Township of Little Falls Tax Collector Trust 1 (Lien Monies), Lakeland Bank
 Revenues for the Month of March 2023

	<u>Deposit</u>	2023 <u>Year-to-Date</u>
January 2023	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
February 2023	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
March 2023	\$19,684.33	\$ 19,684.33
Total Collected as of March 31, 2023		\$ 19,684.33

Municipality of Township of Little Falls
 Office of the Tax Collector
 Township of Little Falls Tax Collector Trust 2 (Lien Premium Monies), Lakeland Bank
 Revenues for the Month of March 2023

	<u>Liens with Premiums Redeemed/ (-)</u>	<u>Bal. /Dep. (+)</u>
Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2023)		\$449,500.00
January 2023	\$ 0.00	\$449,500.00
February 2023	\$ 0.00	\$449,500.00
March 2023	\$-30,000.00	\$419,500.00
Ending Balance as of March 31, 2023		\$419,500.00

Tax Collector's Amended 2022 Annual Report

AMENDED TO INCLUDE 2022 % OF COLLECTED – April 4, 2023
 TAX COLLECTOR'S 2022 CURRENT YEAR - ANNUAL REPORT N.J.S.A. 54:4-91

Current Year Taxes:

2022 Current Year Levy	\$50,700,166.65	
2022 Added Assessment Taxes	<u>88,700.89</u>	
2022 Total Current Year Tax Levy		\$50,788,867.54

Less:

Taxes Collected in 2021	\$ 297,651.20	
Taxes Collected in 2022 (-refunds)	49,759,458.81	
Deductions Allowed/Disallowed	<u>52,779.45</u>	
Sub-total Current Year Levy	\$50,109,889.46	

Tax Title Liens as of 12/29/22	\$ 9,973.01
Canceled/CBJ	22,127.56
Overpaid not refunded (CBJ appeal)	(328.60)

Total Credits/Debits	<u>\$50,141,661.43</u>
Amount Outstanding as of 12/29/22	\$ 647,206.11

2021 Delinquent Taxes

Balance as of 12/31/21	\$ 455,230.57
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Increased By:

2021 Added Assessments	\$ 1,763.39	
Refunds	250.00	
Senior/Disabled Disallowances	<u>1,250.00</u>	
Total Increases:		<u>3,263.39</u>
Sub-Total		\$458,493.96

Decreased By:

Veteran Allowed	\$ 250.00	
County Board Judgements	0.00	
Other Adjustments	0.62	
Total Cash Paid	<u>453,724.06</u>	
Total decreases		<u>\$453,974.68</u>
Amount Outstanding as of 12/29/22		\$4,519.28

2020 Delinquent Taxes

Balance as of 12/31/21	\$ 3,082.00
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Increased By:

Total Increases:	0.00
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Decreased By:

Total Cash Paid	<u>841.36</u>	
Total decreases		<u>\$841.36</u>
Amount Outstanding as of 12/29/22		\$2,240.64

2016 Delinquent Taxes

Balance as of 12/30/21	\$ 310,655.31
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Increased By:

Total Increases:	<u>0.00</u>
Sub-Total	\$310,655.31

Decreased By:

Total decreases	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Amount Outstanding as of 12/29/22	\$310,655.31

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Tax Collector’s Annual Report of Taxes Not Collectible Year 2023

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-91.1, I herewith submit the following list of property taxes which I believe are uncollectible for the Year 2023.

Owner	Block/Lot	Tax Year	Amount	Reason
North Jersey District W	125/2.01	2023(1-2)	\$1,201.04	Billed in 2022; not in 2023 Tax Duplicate
Dubowchik, John & J	149/1	2023(1-2)	6,898.83	100% Dis. Vet Exempt granted in 2023*
Shea, Michael & C	237/44.15	2023 (1-2)	12,389.87	100% Dis. Vet Exempt granted in 2022 and should have been exempt 15F code in Assessor’s Mod IV system in 2023
Theta Holding Company	251/3	2023(1-2)	369.68	Billed in 2022; not in 2023 Tax Duplicate
Theta Holding Company	251/4	2023(1-2)	780.43	Billed in 2022; not in 2023 Tax Duplicate
Theta Holding Company	251/10	2023(1-2)	20,759.00	Billed in 2022; not in 2023 Tax Duplicate

*3rd & 4th qtrs. 2023 will be canceled via resolution(s) when both Estimated & Tax Rate(s) are available.
 1st & 2nd qtrs. 2023 have since been canceled and/or refunded as per adopted Resolutions on record.

Recreation Report – Month of March 2023

Recreation Center –March 2023				
Program	Facility	# Classes	Hours	Participants
Girls Show Green Ex/Cheer	Gym & Multi	4	12	52
Zumba Gold	Gym	8	8	105
Zumba Tone	Multi	9	9	135
Gentle Yoga	Gym	5	5	50
Fit Over 50	Gym	5	5	35
Fit-4-U	Gym	6	6	115
Tai Chi/Qi	Gym	4	8	60
Yoga	Multi	4	35	5
Fencing	Gym	4	40	8
Pickle Ball	Gym	11	35	223
Indoor Soccer	Gym	1	5	165
Bounce Out the Stigma	Gym	2	2	28
Recreation Basketball	Gym	12	33	417
Travel Basketball	Gym	3	3	96
Mens Hoops	Gym	5	15	240
Girl Scouts	Gym	1	4	45
School #1 After Party	Gym & Multi	1	7	70
Misc-LFAC Swap, Pictures, Awards	Gym & Multi	6	24	1849
Weekly Totals		91	256	1849

Civic Center Report – Month of March 2023

Month of March 2023			
Meeting Group	# of Meetings	Hours	Participants
Senior Social Clubs	8	48	200
Sr. Advisory Bd. St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon	1	6	110
ABC Talent Show Try-Outs	5	10	50
Stamp Club	2	4	20
LFAC Meeting	1	2	15
LFFPA Meeting	1	2	15
CPR Training Class	1	3	12
Boy Scout Pasta Dinner	1	10	200
Girl Scouts	1	3	20
Little Falls CERT Meeting	1	2	10
Totals	22	90	652

OPERATION DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT –March 2023

Type of Arrest	Total
Total Calls for Service	3,357
Total Operation Reports Generated	141
Total Investigation Reports Generated	43
Total Arrests	16

Arrest Summary

Type of Arrest	Total
Driving While Intoxicated	6
Simple Assault/DV	4
Shoplifting (Multiple Cases Cleared)	1
Outstanding Warrants	1
Unlawful Possession of a Weapon	1
Hindering Apprehension	1
Possession of CDS/Heroin	1

Patrol Bureau Time & Attendance

Type of Hours	Total
Vacation	28
Holiday	273
Compensatory	133.5
Sick	131
Personal time	37.5
Credit time	164.5
Administrative	0
PBA day	48
Schedule transition	115
Bereavement	24
Overtime due to Training	21
Overtime hours to maintain minimum staffing level	32
Overtime due to Incident/Weather/Other Event	36

TRAFFIC SAFETY SECTION

Type of Hours	Total
TRAFFIC STUDIES	0
SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT DETAILS	14
RADAR DETAILS	37
MOTOR VEHICLES COMPLAINTS	7
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	50
SUMMONS ISSUED	43
MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH REPORTS	28

COMMUNITY POLICING

Type of Hours	Total
Cell block inspections	19
School arrivals	18
School dismissals	14
School Walk-thru	40
Vacant house checks	21
Child car seat installations	0
Headquarters safety inspections	0
Project medicine box emptied	1
Trips to Covanta for prescription drug destruction	0
Community function appearances	3
School function appearances	5

Special projects/details

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**COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU
Time & Attendance**

Type of Hours	Total
Vacation	11
Holiday	106
Compensatory	5
Sick	16
Personal time	16
Credit time	67
Schedule transition	0
Bereavement	36/158
OT Covered by Full Time	
OT Covered by Per Diem	146
OT Covered by Supervisor	0 (trans to pitman)
OT Due to Training	0
Overtime due to incident/weather/other event	0

Communications Bureau Calls for Service

Type of Hours	Total
9-1-1	237
NON-EMERGENCY	671
WALK-IN	24
RADIO	1,577
MDT	865
TOTAL CFS	3,357

**LITTLE FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT
Operations Division Monthly Report**

CODE	CALL FOR SERVICE	TOTALS	CODE	CALL FOR SERVICE	TOTALS
0430	ASSAULT OTHER DANGEROUS WEAPON	1	6336	DISABLED MV	18
0610	THEFT	10	6510	PARKING ENFORCEMENT	122
0613	THEFT SHOPLIFTING	2	6608	ESCORTS	1
0710	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1	6610	MOTORIST ASSIST	4
0800	SIMPLE ASSAULT	6	6612	SIGNALS SIGNS OUT	4
1130	FRAUD ALL OTHERS	9	6614	TRAFFIC POST	2
1145	COMPUTER CRIMES	1	6615	TRAFFIC COUNTER DEPLOYMENT/RADAR SIGN	4
1440	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF ALL	1	7003	PROPERTY CHECK/AREA CHECK	508
1445	PROPERTY DAMAGE REPORT	2	6336	DISABLED MV	18
1810	CDS	1	7004	VACANT HOME CHECK	34
1850	OVERDOSE	1	7008	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	37
2111	DWI-ALCOHOL/UNDER INFL	5	7010	NOTIFICATIONS	7
2415	DISPUTE	16	7014	OTH PUB SERV/WELFARE CHK	15
2420	DISORDERLY CONDUCT/HARASSMENT	4	7015	ASSIST CITIZEN	5

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CODE	CALL FOR SERVICE	TOTALS	CODE	CALL FOR SERVICE	TOTALS
2450	NOISE COMPLAINT	6	7025	EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSON (EDP)	1
2485	ALARM ALL OTHERS	1	7050	PROPERTY CHECK SCHOOL FACILITIES	157
2610	BLACKMAIL/EXTORTION/ALL OTHER OFFENSES	1	7055	BAR/TAVERN CHECK	52
2640	MUNICIPAL ORD VIOLATIONS/OTHER OFFENSES	2	7504	ASSISTING-OTHER POLICE DP	16
2656	THREATS	1	7505	ASSIST OTHER PD ALCO-TEST	1
2657	HARASSMENT	2	7585	ASSIST SCHOOL	2
2660	TRESPASSING	1	8010	WARRANTS – LOCAL	2
2662	WEAPONS OFFENSE/OTHER	1	8110	WARRANTS-OTHER AGENCIES	1
4012	GAS LEAKS/EXPLOSIONS/GENERAL POLICE	1	9002	ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES	291
4014	OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS GENERAL POLICE	7	9003	COMMUNITY POLICING	11
4018	STREETS LIGHTS-OUT/REPAIRS	2	9006	SICK DAY	14
4019	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY CDS RELATED	1	9007	CHECK SCHOOL GUARD/COVER SCHOOL POST	138
4020	SUSPICIOUS AUTO GENERAL POLICE	9	9008	COURT	6
4021	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	8	9010	IN SERVICE TRAINING	89
4022	SUSPICIOUS PERSON GENERAL POLICE	4	9011	MISC MAINTENANCE RADIOS ETC	1
4026	DOWN-WIRES/POLES/TREES/LIMBS	1	9020	POLICE INFORMATION	2
4028	OTHER NON-CRIMINAL INV GENERAL POLICE	24	9021	TRAINING	4
4040	PATROL INVESTIGATION	11	9025	FIELD CONTACT INFORMATION	1
4051	ALARM BURGLARY OR HOLD UP RESIDENCE	9	9027	FIREARMS APPLICATION	15
4052	ALARM BURGLARY OR HOLD UP NON RESIDENCE	10	9028	FINGERPRINT	5
4054	PANIC ALARM	1	9029	CIVIL MATTER	6
4100	ALARMS (FIRE ALARMS)	3	9030	SPECIAL DETAIL ASSIGNMENT	56
4143	FIRE – VEHICLE FIRE	1	9034	REPOSSESSION	1
4151	FIRE – APPLIANCE FIRE	1	9035	L.E.A.D. PROGRAM/DRUG AWARENESS	12
4152	FIRE – WIRES/TRANSFORMER/ELECTRICAL	1	9052	TRO/FRO INFORMATION & SERVICE	2
4157	FUMES- ODOR OF GAS	1	9071	DIRECTED PATROL	155
4170	ASSIST-POLICE DEPARTMENT	5	911	911 HANG UP/CHK WELFARE	83
5008	LOST ARTICLES	6	9110	PRO-ACTIVE PATROL	28
5016	MISSING PERSON	2	9112	FOOT PATROL	3
5506	LOST/FOUND/STRAY ANIMALS	6	9114	LIQUOR LICENSE INVEST	2
5510	ANIMAL COMPLAINTS ALL	5	9115	FOLLOW-UP	26
5517	DISPOSAL OF INJURED ANIMAL	1	9118	CHILDSEAT INSPECTION	2
6006	MV ACCIDENT W/INJURY	9	9110	911 TRANSFER TO OTHER	56
6008	MV ACCIDENT NO INJURIES	73	9130	OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET	1
6305	SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT TRAFFIC	97	9137	EVIDENCE DUTIES	1
6306	RADAR	199	9192	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	34
6308	TRAFFIC MV COMPLAINT	16	9982	SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	1
6310	TRAFFIC ENFORCE/STOP	719		CHILD CUSTODY COMPLAINTS	1
6335	TRAFFIC HAZARD	9			
				GRAND TOTAL	3386

Investigations & Services Division Report

March 2023 Monthly Report

DETECTIVE BUREAU

Criminal Case Management:

- 8 Cases were referred for follow-up investigation.
- 25 Investigations currently remain open and active.
- 9 Cases closed from current and previous months.
- 6 Assist own Agency (Patrol Invest/Cases/Special Details)

Criminal Complaints/Warrants Served:

- 9 Cases where criminal complaints were issued by the Investigative Division.
- 9 Total Criminal Complaints Issued
- 0 Attempts were made to service outstanding criminal arrest warrants issued by the Little Falls Municipal Court.

Juvenile:

- 1 Juvenile case investigated -
- 0 Juvenile Complaint Issued -
- 0 Station-House Adjustments were filed by the Department’s Juvenile Detective.

Narcotics:

- 2 Active narcotics investigation(s)
- 0 Arrests were made by the investigative division for a drug related offense.
- 36 lbs. of prescription drugs collected in the dropbox.

After Hours Call-Outs:

- 0 Incident required a detective for investigative support or notification after hours.

Grand Jury/Superior Court Appearances:

- 2 Case required a Detective to appear and testify before a Grand Jury or Superior Court.

Internal Affairs (IA):

- 0 IA Complaint(s) were screened and indexed.
 - 0 IA Investigation(s) were conducted and closed.
 - 1 IA Complaint(s) remains open (2022) and is being investigated.
- Major Discipline: There were 0 investigations closed that resulted in disciplinary action requiring termination, demotion and/or suspension of five (5) or more days.

Search Warrants/Subpoenas:

- 19 Subpoenas were requested to be served for an investigation.
- There were 0 search warrants and 0 communication data warrants executed.

Background Investigations:

- The Detective Bureau completed:
- 4 Police Applicants
 - 0 Crossing Guard Applicants
 - 0 ABC Background/Applicant
 - 0 Dispatcher Applicants
 - 0 Solicitor Applicant Investigations

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Megan's Law (Sex-Offender) Registrations:

0 New Registration
1 Address Verification and Re-Registration
0 Transferred to Other Agency

There are currently 13 registered sex-offenders residing within the Township.

Detective Time Off and Overtime:

Compensatory – 37.5 hours Vacation/Holiday – 40 hours **Time Off: TOTAL 77.5 hours**
Personal – 0 hours Sick-0 hours Other – 0 hours (bereavement)

Overtime: TOTAL 49 Hours

Detective (Investigations and Follow ups) Hours for Cash – 16 hours
Detective (Investigations and Follow ups) Hours for Compensatory Time – 9 hours
Patrol Shift Coverage by Detective – 0 hours (OT Cash)
Patrol Grant OT – 0 hours
Court OT – 2 Hours (OT Cash)
PVHS / Outside Events – 22 Hours

Notable Detective Cases:

Investigations

- Case#23-01281, 2323, 3804, 5032, 5559, 6246, 8468 (Theft) Walgreens- Detective Christopher Kania completed a two-month investigation into several shoplifting incidents which occurred at the Walgreens between January 15th, 2023, to March 22nd, 2023, and totaled an estimated value of \$10,000 in stolen merchandise. With the assistance from the Patrol Division and the Passaic County Sheriff's Department, the investigation led to the successful identification and arrest of the actor (Anthony J. Jimenez) and charging him accordingly with (7) counts of Shoplifting (2C:20-11B(1)).

RECORDS BUREAU:

Discovery and OPRA:

6 Discovery Cases involving Digital (Audio/Video) files were processed for defense attorneys, the public defender and prosecutors.
24 Total discovery cases. 37 OPRA requests were processed.
673 pages of reports were facilitated and forwarded to the Township Clerk's Office for OPRA requests.
\$1655.00 was deposited by the Records Bureau during the month.
Discovery \$0.00/Firearms \$1400.00/Accident & Incident Reports \$255.00/Fingerprints \$0.00

Firearms:

16 Applications for Firearms Permits
4 Firearms Purchaser ID cards were issued
31 Handgun Purchase Permits were issued

Background Investigations:

13 Firearm Investigations Completed
2 Permit to Carry Handguns Issued
1 Application Withdrawn by Applicant/Denied

TRAINING

Outside Training:

Open Source Fire Investigation (1 day) – Capt. Presing
Hypothesis Fire Investigation (1 day) – Capt. Presing
FBI LEEFDA (5 days) – Sgt. Cespedes
Active Shooter Exercise Montclair State University (1/2 day) – Capt. Presing, Det./Sgt. Moncato, Det. Fleck, Ptl. Pinnola, Ptl. Sayad
Document Fraud For Law Enforcement – Det. Fleck
CODIS Compliance (2 hours) – Sgt. Shaplo, Ptl. Norton
New Chief Orientation (5 days) – Chief Prall
Alcotest Operator (4 days) – Ptl. Piedrabuena, Sgt. Tulling
Alcotest Recertification (1/2 day)- Sgt. Cespedes, Lt. Macaluso, Sgt. Shaplo, Ptl. Yannuzzi, Ptl. O'Brien
Crisis Intervention Team Training (5 days) – Det. Kania
Tomahawk Active Response – Ptl. Santos
L.E.A.D. Conference – Cpl. Vanak
FBI Vehicle Tactics (1 day) Sgt. Cespedes, Det. Fleck, Ptl. Isshak, Ptl. Sayad, Ptl. Yannuzzi
DWI Refresher (1/2 day)- Sgt. Cespedes
MSI Leadership Academy Practical Leadership -21 Irreutable Laws- Lt. Gilchrist

Department Training:

Blood Borne Pathogens (Clifton Health Department)
Investigative Report Writing (Power DMS)
Automatic License Plate Recognition Training (Power DMS)

Construction Report – March 2023

Uniform Construction Code

Permits Issued – 52
Inspections -300
Total Value of Construction - \$1,926,968.00
Certificate of Occupancy - \$230.00
Permit Fees Collected - \$36,123.00
Permit Fees Waived - \$1,935.00
Penalties - \$250.00
Total Fees Collected - \$36,603.00

Zoning

Zoning fees – \$810.00
Total Fees Collected- \$810.00

Property Maintenance

Certificates of Compliance Fees –\$3,515.00
Inspections –51
Roll-off permits – \$40.00
Complaints – 7
Violations Issued – 17
Total Fees Collected - \$3,555.00
Monthly Revenue \$40,968.00

YTD 2023 Revenue \$227,316.00

Meeting of April 24, 2023

Finance Department Report

BUDGET STATUS REPORT YEAR TO DATE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS TEMPORARY BUDGET JANUARY 1, 2023 – APRIL 23, 2023							
ACCOUNT 01-2010	BUDGET	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Paid or Committed	Balance	% Spent
00-0000	BUDGET	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1000	ADMINISTRATION S&W	165,000.00	34,185.74	0.00	34,185.74	130,814.26	20.7
20-1050	ADMINISTRATON O/E	68,800.00	19,202.05	953.75	20,155.80	48,644.20	29.2
20-1100	MAYOR & COUNCIL S&W	17,500.00	5,104.26	0.00	5,104.26	12,395.74	29.1
20-1102	MAYOR & COUNCIL O/E	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.0
20-1200	CLERK S&W	297,129.00	81,229.54	0.00	81,229.54	215,899.46	27.3
20-1202	CLERK O/E	88,500.00	16,499.79	9,310.61	25,810.40	62,689.60	29.1
20-1300	FINANCIAL ADM. S&W	158,450.00	47,452.69	0.00	47,452.69	110,997.31	29.9
20-1302	FINANCIAL ADM. O/E	75,000.00	28,602.65	6,145.98	34,748.63	40,251.37	46.3
20-1352	FINANCIAL ADMIN. AUDIT	58,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	48,000.00	17.2
20-1450	REVENUE ADMIN.S&W	107,723.00	30,578.31	0.00	30,578.31	77,144.69	28.3
20-1452	REVENUE ADMIN.-O/E	39,500.00	24,634.58	464.19	25,098.77	14,401.23	63.5
20-1500	ASSESSMENTS S&W	61,587.00	17,482.22	0.00	17,482.22	44,104.78	28.3
20-1502	ASSESSMENT OF TAXES	32,900.00	8,427.30	0.00	8,427.30	24,472.70	25.6
20-1550	LEGAL SERVICES S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1551	LEGAL SERVICES O/E	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1552	LEGAL SERVICES O/E	175,000.00	67,869.60	0.00	67,869.60	107,130.40	38.7
20-1651	ENGINEERING S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1652	ENGINEERING O/E	50,000.00	15,629.88	1,921.50	17,551.38	32,448.62	35.1
20-1801	PLANNING BOARD S&W	5,360.00	1,521.38	0.00	1,521.38	3,838.62	28.3
20-1802	PLANNING BOARD O/E	26,500.00	1,146.01	944.00	2,090.01	24,409.99	7.8
20-1951	CONST.CODE OFF. S&W	301,444.00	84,587.87	0.00	84,587.87	216,856.13	28.0
20-1952	CONST.CODE OFF. O/E	47,200.00	9,083.42	4,414.32	13,497.74	33,702.26	28.5
22-2001	PLUMBING INSP. S&W	24,793.00	7,965.89	0.00	7,965.89	16,827.11	32.1
22-2002	ELECTRIC INSP. S&W	29,063.00	9,035.50	0.00	9,035.50	20,027.50	31.0
23-2101	LIABILITY INSURANCE	35,000.00	11,109.00	0.00	11,109.00	23,891.00	31.7
23-2102		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
23-2150	LIABILITY INSUR-	220,800.00	126,967.50	0.00	126,967.50	93,832.50	57.5
23-2151	WORKERS COMP.-	325,200.00	136,456.00	0.00	136,456.00	188,744.00	41.9
23-2152		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
23-2202	NJSHBP-GROUP HEALTH	1,730,000.00	603,148.46	0.00	603,148.46	1,126,851.54	34.8
23-2252	UNEMPLOYMENT INSUR.	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.0
24-2401	STORM IDA EMERGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
24-2402	STORM IDA EMERGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2401	POLICE S&W	4,172,948.00	1,408,471.93	0.00	1,408,471.93	2,764,476.07	33.7
25-2402	POLICE O/E	230,350.00	35,030.95	106,996.48	142,027.43	88,322.57	61.6
25-2403	POLICE S&W	537,164.00	153,033.29	0.00	153,033.29	384,130.71	28.4
25-2404	POLICE S&W	226,038.00	64,871.41	0.00	64,871.41	161,166.59	28.6
25-2412	ACQ. OF POLICE CARS	110,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	110,000.00	0.0
25-2521	EMERG. MGMT. S&W	15,000.00	4,375.00	0.00	4,375.00	10,625.00	29.1
25-2522	EMERG. MGMT. SERV.-	20,000.00	8,660.14	765.57	9,425.71	10,574.29	47.1
25-2651	FIRE S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2652	AID VOLUNTEER FIRE	167,240.00	45,349.81	21,879.38	67,229.19	100,010.81	40.1
25-2653	FIRE O/E- FLOOD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2662	FIRE HYDRANT SERV.	182,000.00	96,890.50	0.00	96,890.50	85,109.50	53.2
25-2751	PROSECUTOR S&W	21,683.00	6,154.82	0.00	6,154.82	15,528.18	28.3
25-2801	EMS/AMBULANCE EMT	620,940.00	155,504.04	0.00	155,504.04	465,435.96	25.0
25-2802	EMS/AMBULANCE	113,950.00	44,421.68	705.73	45,127.41	68,822.59	39.6
25-2871	EMS/AMB ELMWOOD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2872	EMS/AMB ELMWOOD PK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
26-2901	DPW S&W	1,018,498.00	298,471.59	0.00	298,471.59	720,026.41	29.3
26-2902	DPW O/E	200,000.00	68,497.21	73,308.06	143,805.27	56,194.73	71.9
26-3001	SHADE TREE COMM.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
26-3002	SHADE TREE COMM. O/E	23,370.00	0.00	4,500.00	4,500.0	18,870.00	19.2
26-3051	SOLID WASTE S&W	75,000.00	12,731.22	0.00	12,731.22	62,268.78	16.9
26-3052	SOLID WASTE O/E	686,000.00	231,824.00	34,3334.61	266,158.61	419,841.39	38.7
26-3101	BLDGS & GROUNDS S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
26-3102	BLDGS & GROUNDS O/E	115,000.00	20,244.46	15,706.62	35,951.08	79,048.92	31.2
26-3151	VEHICLE MAINT. S&W	90,000.00	25,805.43	0.00	25,805.43	64,194.57	28.6
26-3152	VEHICLE MAINT. O/E	115,000.00	35,630.43	13,684.79	49,315.22	65,684.78	42.8
26-3252	COMMUNITY SERVICES	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.0
27-3302	BOARD OF HEALTH-	123,025.00	2,328.20	0.00	2,328.20	120,696.80	1.8
27-3332	PEOSHA – FIRE	3,500.00	0.00	0.0	0.00	3,500.00	0.0
27-3350	FLOOD BOARD O/E	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.0
27-3451	PUBLIC ASSIST. S&W	15,289.00	4,339.93	0.00	4,339.93	10,949.07	28.3
27-3452	PUBLIC ASSIST. O/E	550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	550.00	0.0
27-3501	FIRE PREVENTION S&W	87,727.00	25,693.01	0.00	25,693.01	62,033.99	29.2
27-3502	FIRE PREVENTION O/E	9,700.00	2,046.62	930.98	2,977.60	6,722.40	30.6
27-3701	SENIOR ACTIVITIES S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
27-3702	SENIOR ACTIVITIES O/E	6,000.00	4,313.12	0.00	4,313.12	1,686.88	71.8
27-3722	SR. CITIZEN TRANSPORT	2,900.00	550.00	0.00	550.00	2,350.00	18.9
28-3701	RECREATION S&W	240,617.00	55,025.00	0.00	55,025.58	185,591.42	22.8
28-3702	RECREATION O/E	198,780.00	86,440.11	2,704.42	89,144.53	109,635.47	44.8
29-3902	MAINT. PUBLIC LIBRARY	651,432.00	162,858.00	0.00	162,858.00	488,574.00	25.0
30-4102	PRIOR YEARS BILLS:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
30-4202	CELEB. OF PUBLIC EVE.	10,000.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	9,500.00	5.0
30-4251	S&W ADJUSTMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
31-4352	STREET LIGHTING	80,000.00	29,354.36	0.00	29,354.36	50,645.64	36.6
31-4402	TELEPHONE/IT	115,000.00	80,907.39	58,354.60	139,261.99	-24,261.99	121.0
ACCOUNT	BUDGET	Budget After	Paid or	Encumbered	Paid or	Balance	%

Meeting of April 24, 2023

01-2010		Modification	Charged		Committed		Spent
31-4452	WATER	35,000.00	6,546.07	0.00	6,546.07	28,453.93	18.7
31-4462	GAS & ELECTRIC	260,000.00	100,919.51	0.00	100,919.51	159,080.49	38.8
31-4472	DIESEL	70,000.00	12,107.94	27,281.11	39,389.05	30,610.95	56.2
31-4552	LANDFILL/SOLID WASTE	485,000.00	146,151.40	0.00	146,151.40	338,848.60	30.1
31-4560	RECYCLING TAX	15,500.00	5,252.76	0.00	5,252.76	10,247.24	33.8
31-4562	PASSAIC VALLEY SEWER	1,050,000.00	523,520.75	0.00	523,520.75	526,479.25	49.8
31-4572	SECOND RIVER JOINT	4,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00	0.0
31-4582	THIRD RIVER JOINT	2,500.00	2,469.00	0.00	2,469.00	31.00	98.7
31-4592	TWSP OF MONTCLAIR	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.0
31-4602	GASOLINE	100,000.00	28,504.92	30,533.80	59,038.72	40,961.28	59.0
31-4612	CITY OF CLIFTON	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00	0.0
32-0000	Passaic Cty CARES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
36-4712	PERS	460,605.00	460,605.00	0.00	460,605.00	0.00	100.0
36-4722	SOCIAL SECURITY	360,000.00	107,539.93	0.00	107,539.93	252,460.07	29.8
36-4752	PFRS	1,276,611.00	1,276,611.00	0.00	1,276,611.00	0.00	100.0
36-4762	LOSAP	105,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	105,000.00	0.0
36-4770	Employer Contribution to	20,000.00	3,500.000	0.00	3,500.00	16,500.00	17.5
36-4772	PEN.VOL. FIRE WIDOWS	5,000.00	1,666.64	0.00	1,666.64	3,333.36	33.3
36-4775	DEFICIT IN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
36-4776	DEFERRED CHARGES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7012	MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7025	N J ALCOHOL ED.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7030	BODY ARMOR GRANT	3,628.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,628.29	0.0
40-7035	BULLET PROOF VEST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7040	RECYCLING TONNAGE	18,415.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,415.35	0.0
40-7076	NEW JERSEY HWY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7451	DWI - DDEF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7533	CLICK OR TICKET	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7535	DISTRACTED DRIVING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7601	FF GLOBAL PREVENTION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7602	NJ AMERICAN WATER FF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7702	CLEAN COMMUNITIES	21,765.61	360.00	0.00	360.00	21,405.61	1.6
43-4901	MUNICIPAL COURT S&W	171,027.00	48,547.87	0.00	48,547.87	122,479.13	28.3
43-4902	MUNICIPAL COURT O/E	36,350.00	4,408.05	2,481.65	6,889.70	29,460.30	18.9
43-4952	PUBLIC DEFENDER	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00	0.0
43-4980	DEFERRED CHARGES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
44-9012	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	300,000.00	0.00	6,598.00	6,598.00	293,402.00	2.1
44-9052	ACQ. OF COMPUTERS	85,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	85,000.00	0.0
45-9202	BOND PRINCIPAL	1,525,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,525,000.00	0.0
45-9302	INTEREST ON BONDS	579,976.00	229,664.00	0.00	229,664.00	347,312.00	39.8
45-9402	INTEREST ON NOTES	202,587.00	4,048.64	0.00	4,048.64	198,538.36	1.9
45-9502	NOTE PRINCIPAL	260,000.00	259,113.00	0.00	259,113.00	887.00	99.6
46-8750	EMERGENCY	662,174.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	662,174.00	0.0
46-8883	DEFERRED CHARGES-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
46-8886	DEFERRED CHARGES-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
46-8889	DEFERRED CHARGES-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
50-8992	RES UNCOLLECTED TAX	600,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600,000.00	0.0
67-4800	JUDGEMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
70-1000	LIBRARY PAYROLL	0.00	88,772.89	0.00	86,772.89	-86,772.89	0.0
	GRAND TOTAL	23,195,289.25	7,866,053.24	437,420.15	8,303,473.39	14,891,815.86	35.7

APPLICATIONS

NJ STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION, LUKE JOHNSTON, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

RAFFLE, PASSAIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION, MERCHANDISE RAFFLE, 5/31/23, 2:30 P.M.-. – 3:30 P.M., 100 EAST MAIN STREET, LITTLE FALLS

RAFFLE, PASSAIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION, MERCHANDISE RAFFLE, 6/14/23, 2:30 P.M.- 3:30 P.M., 100 EAST MAIN STREET, LITTLE FALLS

RESOLUTIONS

It was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, to approve Resolutions A through F:

Adoption of 2023 Municipal Budget

RESOLUTION [A] 23-04-24- #1

Tax Refund Due to State Tax Court Judgement - Block 52 Lot 31

RESOLUTION [B] – 23-04-24- #2

WHEREAS, the following property in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey has overpaid real estate taxes in the years 2019-2022 due to State Tax Court Judgements; and

WHEREAS, the Judgements were entered on March 27, 2023; and Stipulation of Settlement states no interest is to be paid on the refunds if attorney/taxpayer receive the refunds within **60 days from March 27, 2023 which would be on or before May 26, 2023**; and

WHEREAS, Year 2019 assessed value was \$948,200; the STCJ assessed value to \$900,000; difference - \$48,200. Years 2020-2022 assessed values were \$948,200, the STCJ to \$875,000; difference \$73,200. 2019 tax rate \$3.181; 2020 tax rate \$3.183; 2021 tax rate \$3.212; 2022 tax rate \$3.286; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is now requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amounts overpaid listed below,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the following listed tax refunds be made by the Township Treasurer:

Meeting of April 24, 2023

<u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u>	<u>Block Lot</u>	<u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>	<u>Pavee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2019/4	52/31	3 Nwk Corporation 3 Nwk Pompton Tpk	Jennifer R Jacobus, Esq Jacobus & Associates, LLC Attorney for 3 Nwk Corp. 201 Littleton Rd Suite 100 Morris Plains, NJ 07950	OP/ STCJ	\$1,533.24
2020/4	52/31	3 Nwk Corporation 3 Nwk Pompton Tpk	Jennifer R Jacobus, Esq Jacobus & Associates, LLC Attorney for 3 Nwk Corp. 201 Littleton Rd Suite 100 Morris Plains, NJ 07950	OP/ STCJ	2,329.96
2021/4	52/31	3 Nwk Corporation 3 Nwk Pompton Tpk	Jennifer R Jacobus, Esq Jacobus & Associates, LLC Attorney for 3 Nwk Corp. 201 Littleton Rd Suite 100 Morris Plains, NJ 07950	OP/ STCJ	2,351.18
2022/4	52/31	3 Nwk Corporation 3 Nwk Pompton Tpk	Jennifer R Jacobus, Esq Jacobus & Associates, LLC Attorney for 3 Nwk Corp. 201 Littleton Rd Suite 100 Morris Plains, NJ 07950	OP/ STCJ	<u>2,405.35</u>
Total Refunds =					\$8,619.73

Tax Refund Due to State Tax Court Judgement – Block 56, Lot 12

RESOLUTION [C] – 23-04-24- #3

WHEREAS, the following property in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey has overpaid real estate taxes in the Years 2021 and 2022 due to State Tax Court Judgements; and

WHEREAS, the Judgements were entered on March 27, 2023; and Stipulation of Settlement states no interest is to be paid on the refunds if attorney/taxpayer receive the refunds within **60 days from March 27, 2023 which would be on or before May 26, 2023**; and

WHEREAS, both Years 2021 and 2022 assessed values were \$2,959,600 and with the STCJ assessed values to \$2,750,000; difference - \$209,000. 2021 tax rate \$3.212; 2022 tax rate \$3.286; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is now requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amounts overpaid listed below,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the following listed tax refunds be made by the Township Treasurer:

<u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u>	<u>Block Lot</u>	<u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>	<u>Pavee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021/4	56/12	Joseph & Eileen Martorano, et. Al 451-463 Main St	Wolf Vespasiano LLC Attorney Trust Account 331 Main Street Chatham, NJ 07928	OP/ STCJ	\$6,732.35
2022/4	56/12	Joseph & Eileen Martorano, et. Al 451-463 Main St	Wolf Vespasiano LLC Attorney Trust Account 331 Main Street Chatham, NJ 07928	OP/ STCJ	<u>6,887.46</u>
Total Refunds =					\$13,619.81

Tax Refunds Due to State Tax Court Judgement – Block 201 Lot 10

RESOLUTION [D] – 23-04-24- #4

WHEREAS, the following property in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey has overpaid real estate taxes in the Years 2021 and 2022 due to State Tax Court Judgements; and

WHEREAS, the Judgements were entered on March 27, 2023; and Stipulation of Settlement states no interest is to be paid on the refunds if attorney/taxpayer receive the refunds within **60 days from March 27, 2023 which would be on or before May 26, 2023**; and

WHEREAS, Year 2021 assessed value was \$2,200,000; the STCJ assessed value to \$852, 000; difference - \$1,347,600. Year 2022 assessed value was \$2,200,000; the STCJ to \$773,400; difference - \$1,426,600. 2021 tax rate \$3.212; 2022 tax rate \$3.286; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amount overpaid listed below;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the following listed tax refunds be made by the Township Treasurer:

<u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u>	<u>Block Lot</u>	<u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>	<u>Pavee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021/4	201/10	Levco c/o NY Urban 1200-1230 Rt 46 West	McCarter & English, LLP Attorney-Levco c/o NY Urban Four Gateway Center 100 Mulberry Street Newark, NJ 07102	OP/ STCJ	\$43,284.91
2022/4	201/10	Levco c/o NY Urban 1200-1230 Rt 46 West	McCarter & English, LLP Attorney-Levco c/o NY Urban Four Gateway Center 100 Mulberry Street Newark, NJ 07102	OP/ STCJ	<u>\$46,878.08</u>
Total Refund:					\$90,162.99

Meeting of April 24, 2023

U Text U Drive U Pay Grant

RESOLUTION [E] – 23-04-24- #5
Resolution Supporting the 2023 UDrive. UText. UPay.
Distracted Driving Crackdown
April 1 - 30, 2023

WHEREAS, distracted driving is a serious, life-threatening practice that is preventable; and
WHEREAS, distracted driving can result in injuries and deaths to all road users (motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists); and
WHEREAS, distracted driving occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the task of driving to focus on another activity instead; and
WHEREAS, from 2011-2020 distracted driving-related crashes resulted in 32,000 deaths on our nation’s roads; and
Whereas, in New Jersey distracted driving was listed as a contributing circumstance in 50-percent of all motor vehicle crashes from 2016-2020; and
WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Distracted Driving 2023 Crackdown* from April 1 - 30, 2023 in an effort to raise awareness and decrease driver distraction through a combination of enforcement and education; and
WHEREAS, the national slogan for the campaign is *U Drive. U Text. U Pay.*; and
WHEREAS, a reduction in distracted driving in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;
THEREFORE, be is resolved that the Township of Little Falls declares its support for the *Distracted Driving 2023 Crackdown* both locally and nationally from April 1 - 30, 2023 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

RESOLUTION [F] 23-04-24 - #6

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Main Street Improvement Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of Little Falls formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as *LTPF-2023-Main Street Improvement Project-00075* to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Little Falls.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Little Falls and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Patel, to approve Resolution G.

Bill List

RESOLUTION [G] 23-04-24 - #7

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, Patel, and Vancheri
Nays: None
Abstain: Council President Sgobba

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL MATTERS

Anyone wishing to address the Township Council may do so through the Council President. It is preferred if you give your name and address for the record. Comments are to be limited to three minutes, however, if appropriate, you may be granted additional time in the sole discretion of the Council President.

Members of the public who have joined the Meeting virtually and desire 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 the Raise Hand icon. Once the process is complete, we will return to the regular order of business.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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Mr. Wielkotz, who was present as a resource for the public hearing on the 2023 Municipal Budget, commented that the Mayor and administration had put together a solid financial plan for 2023. The Township faced double digit increases in health benefits and pension and through the long-term budgeting process was able to defray or offset a majority of those increases in costs by utilizing additional revenues. Mr. Wielkotz stated the result was an incremental increase in municipal taxes, a solid financial plan, and the same or better services as every year.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk