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

## Monday, April 17, 2017

Acting Council President Maria Cordonnier called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following members present: Marc Benitez, William Liess, and Chris Vancheri. Also present were Mayor James Damiano, Township Attorney Joseph Wenzel, Township Engineer Dennis Lindsay, Township Administrator Charles Cuccia and Township Clerk Cynthia Kraus.

Absent: Council President Sgobba and DPW Superintendent Philip Simone

Township Employees present: Police Chief Steven Post, Deputy Registrar Marlene Simone, and Fire Chief Jack Sweezy

Following the Salute to the Flag, the Statement of Public Notice was read.

**STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE**: Take notice that adequate notice of this meeting was 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 January 3, 2017; 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.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Liess, that the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of April 3, 2017 and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2017 be and they were approved.

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, and Vancheri

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

#### REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Councilmember CORDONNIER welcomed Councilmember Benitez. She commented on the success of the Town Tasting hosted by the Little Falls ABC, and the Easter Egg Hunt at the Recreation Center. She encouraged everyone to visit the Township website to learn about the many events planned in the future.

# **Council Ad-Hoc Committees:**

<u>Domestic Violence Committee</u> (1) Marc Benitez

# Wildlife Committee

Community Representatives (2) Donna Moline and Christine MacMurray

## **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Councilmember VANCHERI reported the Parade Committee convened for the second time to discuss the upcoming Memorial Day parade. He commented that plans are culminating well and include participation of businesses as well as residents. Councilmember LIESS acknowledged the value of the teamwork exemplified by the Parade Committee.

Councilmember LIESS announced the Senior Advisory Board is planning a program for seniors to discuss and educate seniors on medical aspects relevant to their age group. Councilmember LIESS also added a musical will be presented by MSU students for seniors in November.

Councilmember VANCHERI stated the Technology Committee has scheduled to meet with a vendor to discuss a proposed Township website layout. Two anticipated features of the website are to be user friendly and enable residents to pay taxes online. A launch date is slated during the summer. In response to a request at the last Workshop meeting to provide supporting documents along with the online agenda, Councilmember Vancheri stated his intention to explore this. He proposed displaying documents on the large screen televisions in the dais. He also acknowledged his sensitivity that documents slated for presentation may not be in their official state. Councilmember VANCHERI also reported the Wildlife Committee met with the Clifton Health Department and Mayor last week to review concepts on how to manage the deer population. Councilmember VANCHERI stated several short term solutions will be recommended to the Mayor, and include heightening awareness regarding feeding deer on Township property. In reference to the excessive presence of geese at Duva field, discussions have occurred with the DPW. In addition, Councilmember VANCHERI announced a resident has volunteered to visit the park with his border collie several times a day to ward off the geese. Councilmember VANCHERI apprised the Council of a request to investigate methods to deal with turkey vultures, specifically near The Mill. He relayed the Clifton Health Department's recommendation not to leave small animals alone outside. Since the vultures do provide a natural method to rid the municipality of unwanted rodents, there is not much the Township can do. At this time, Councilmember CORDONNIER raised the issue holding a Town Hall to educate residents on the dangers of Lyme disease. Councilmember VANCHERI agreed education is a key component and added that the Technology Committee will also include a dedicated tab on wildlife on the Township website.

Councilmember CORDONNIER announced Councilmember Benitez will chair the Domestic Violence Committee and will report at the next meeting. She reported the Transportation Committee will present their recommendations

to update pedestrian crosswalks at the next Workshop Meeting. Regarding the Open Space Committee, funds from Open Space will be applied to install decorative streetlights along the pathways in Memorial Park. New, updated garbage cans have been purchased, and a receptacle for recycling will also be available.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Damiano announced he completed his first 100 days in office and was happy to report no flooding has occurred in Little Falls this year. The Mayor will present a thorough status report on the first third of the year at the next meeting.

#### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Wenzel had nothing to report.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, and Vancheri

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

<u>Barbara Moschetta-29</u> Wilmore Road, raised the issue of safety at Wilmore Park due to ongoing ingress and egress of trucks on First Avenue, Francis Street, Second Avenue, and Main Street. She stated state the trucks park too close to the stop sign. She questioned whether the Transit Village plans will incorporate and address this issue.

Chief Post confirmed vehicles should be parked 50 feet from the stop sign. Chief Post stated there are no laws or ordinances preventing a truck from operating or parking on that roadway, therefore the Police Department cannot provide enforcement.

<u>Don Handel</u>, 9 Second Avenue, restated the issues raised by Ms. Moschetta. He referenced the ordinance on the Township Website that addressed prohibiting trucks over a certain weight on all Township roads except those listed, which did not include the area of concern.

Mayor Damiano responded that the ordinance Mr. Handel referred to is in the process of being amended. The prior ordinance that Little Falls had was not officially adopted by the State and County. The new ordinance will prohibit trucks over 13 tons, however, if they are delivering within a location in the municipality, they are allowed to drive on the local roads. Mayor Damiano explained the state statute indicates that a truck cannot be prevented from traversing a local road. As long as the truck is parked legally -- 50 feet from the stop sign, 25 feet from the crosswalk, and 10 feet from the fire hydrant—the Police Department cannot take any action. The Mayor stated this issue has been discussed with Chief Post on several occasions. Councilmember CORDONNIER questioned whether discussions could occur with Schumacher such that deliveries could be scheduled cognizant of school and Township events. Mayor Damiano indicated he will initiate discussion with Schumacher.

<u>Bob Dombrowksi</u>, 49 Parkway, stated the house next to his home was taken down in September, 2015. The contractor used his driveway and broke eight feet of curbing and caused additional cracking. He stated follow-up by the Township was initiated but not concluded, leaving the curb unrepaired.

Mr. Cuccia stated Mr. Simone would be more appropriate to respond to Mr. Dombrowski's concerns and will respond to the issue at the next meeting.

Arnold Korotkin, 181 Long Hill Road, stated his understanding of the Agenda format was that comments restricted to Agenda items only was only for Workshop meetings. He questioned the rationale and order for a Public Comment for Agenda items only as it relates to the ability for residents to prepare appropriate comment for the meeting.

Councilmember CORDONNIER explained that as of the first meeting of the current Council, Agenda Items Only would be assigned to the first Public Comment and General Items for the second Public Comment. She elaborated that in the past comments were given by residents one after another, followed by one long answer by the Council President. The Council determined it would serve the public better to answer each individual and allow for conversation back and forth. Since more time would then be added, for expediency, it was determined to have the first Public Comment for Agenda items and the second Public Comment for General items.

Mr. Korotkin expressed his preference that the Public Comment be ordered after Agenda items have been discussed. He suggested the possibility of allowing for public comment after each Agenda item as it is discussed at the Workshop. Councilmember CORDONNIER stated that this has been discussed and indicated Workshops educate the Council on what is needed to be voted on.

Mayor Damiano explained that at Workshop meetings, the Public Comment for Agenda items is scheduled after the items have been discussed. This enables the explanation of the information and reports first. The change in format was to expedite meetings while allowing dialogue between the residents, Council, and Mayor that enabled residents to follow-up and receive explanations immediately. The Mayor expressed his opinion that this has resulted in more efficient and educational meetings.

Mr. Kotokin raised the issue of including hyperlinks or some explanation on the Agenda so that residents can read the information ahead of time. Mayor Damiano stated he and Mr. Cuccia have had discussions regarding this.

Upon introduction, the ordinance should be placed on-line with a hyperlink to be reviewed by residents so that by the second reading and public portion, residents can ask educated questions. However, the Mayor added that in order to achieve this an updated website is needed. This capability is anticipated to be included in the plans for the updated Township website.

<u>Allan Bruggeman</u>, 21 Second Avenue, reiterated issue of tracker trailers near Memorial Park and questioned whether there were restrictions on idling.

Chief Post stated he was not aware of an ordinance for idling.

At this time, Mr. Wenzel stated all of the issues related to Schumacher are something the Council, Administration, and Mayor can review in a Transportation Committee context to determine if the ordinances, as presently enacted, are sufficient for the protection of the public in general, and residents in particularly in this section of Town. The Township has some degree of authority with regard to control of its roadways, but that control is limited by law as far as DOT regulations, since Main Street is a County road. However, Mr. Wenzel stated it would be appropriate, should the Council decide, and that this be reviewed further by the Transportation Committee, himself, Chief Post, and Mr. Cuccia who could provide input. Mr. Wenzel believed something could be done but within limitations, as the powers of the municipality are not as broad and unfettered as one may hope. Mr. Bruggerman stated the problem is not so much with Main Street it is Wilmore Road, First and Second Avenues. Councilmember VANCHERI stated he has seen trucks on Main Street and on Wilmore Road as well. Concilmembers VANCHERI and CORDONNIER suggested the Council, residents, and Chief Post discuss the issues raised. Follow-up to occur with residents to set up an amenable time. Mr. Cuccia stated that if an individual witnesses a truck parked incorrectly on the street, to contact the Police Department.

<u>Louis Fernandez</u>, Harrison Street, stated it was nice for the residents from Wilmore Road to attend tonight's meeting. Mr. Fernandez expressed his agreement to communicate with Schumacher to find a mutually agreeable solution.

Councilmember Cordonnier elaborated that the Council would like to meet with residents to obtain facts and understand the resident issues. Once information has been gathered, the next step will be discussion with Schumacher. Councilmember CORDONNIER emphasized the importance of the businesses to Little Falls while acknowledging the need for everyone to coexist. The Council seeks to find an equitable way to work things out for the businesses and community.

<u>Ted Klum</u>, 39 Crestmont Road, questioned whether anything would be discussed on the Agenda relating to Crestmont Road.

Mayor Damiano indicated he has spoken with Mr. Cuccia to conduct an onsite meeting on Crestmont Road to discuss possible solutions with residents. A date will be selected that in an attempt to accommodate the residents.

Mr. Klum added that Crestmont Road residents feel the limitation on overnight parking would not result in an sufficient solution. Mr. Klum suggested the exploration of no parking or resident only parking.

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

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, and Vancheri

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

# CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the Consent Agenda were considered to be routine and were enacted with a single motion. Any items under REQUISITIONS carried a Treasurer's certification as to sufficiency of funds.

# REPORTS

Municipal Clerk's Report – Month of March 2017

	MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT Month of March 2017	
ABC LICENSES	\$220.00	
OTHER LICENSES		
Business Licenses	\$2,375.00	
Pre-paid Business Licenses		
Raffle Licenses	\$180.00	
		\$2,775.00
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS		
Fees & Permits	\$360.00	
Marriage Licenses-LF	\$9.00	
Marriage Licenses-NJ	\$75.00	
		\$444.00
MRNA		
Street Maps		
Zoning Maps	\$3.00	
Zoning Ordinances		
Document Copies	\$3.65	
Garage Sales		
Misc. Fees & Refunds:	\$1,000.00	

TOTAL MRNA	\$1006.65
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT	\$4,225.65
TOTAL TO TREASURER	\$4,225.65

## Municipal Clerks Dog/Cat License Report - Month of March 2017

#### MUNICIPAL CLERK'S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT Month of March 2017

Dog Licenses issued 3/01/2017 to 3/31/2017

Nos. 387 to 393 = 7 Licenses \$47.60 Amount due Little Falls Amount due State \$8.40 Total Cash Received \$56.00

Cat Licenses issued 3/01/2017 thru 3/31/2017

Nos. 26 to 26

Licenses Issued = 1 License

Total Cash Received \$8.00

> Total to Treas. \$64.00

#### APPLICATIONS

Raffle - St. George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church, On-Premise 50/50, 6/9/17, 6 P.M.-11 P.M., 6/10/17, 5 P.M.-11 P.M., 6/11/17, 1 P.M.-8 P.M., 237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, NJ

Raffle- St. George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church, Off-Premise 50/50, 6/11/17, 6 P.M., 237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, NJ

Raffle - St. George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church, Wheels of Chance, 6/9/17, 6 P.M.-11 P.M., 6/10/17, 5 P.M. – 11 P.M., 6/11/17, 1 P.M. – 8 P.M., 237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, NJ

## CORRESPONDENCE

REQUEST FROM LITTLE FALLS PBA TO HOLD ITS  $2^{\rm ND}$  ANNUAL OKTOBER FUN & FAMILY FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 WITH A RAIN DATE OF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017 AT THE INTERSECTION OF UNION AVENUE AND WALNUT STREET BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 12:00 P.M. AND 8:00 P.M.

#### RESOLUTIONS

# Overpayment 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2016 Taxes

## **RESOLUTION [A] 17-04-17 #1**

WHEREAS, the property known as Block 81 Lot 2 assessed to Diane Hodge/Trustee-John B Scavone of 58 Zeliff Ave., Little Falls, NJ has an overpayment on the 1<sup>st</sup> qtr. 2016 taxes in the total amount of \$17.95, and WHEREAS, the taxpayer overpaid the 1<sup>st</sup> qtr. 2016 by \$17.95 on February 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector authorizes the Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$17.95 made payable to Diane Hodge/Trustee-John B Scavone, 19 Ripplewood Drive, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 17th day of April 2017 that the taxpayers

be refunded the total amount of \$17.95 for the 2016 1st quarter taxes.

# Overpayment 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 Taxes

## **RESOLUTION [B] 17-04-17 #2**

WHEREAS, the property known as Block 88.02 Lot 1 C002 assessed to Noah Yanowitz of 240 Main St., Unit 2, Little Falls, NJ has an overpayment on the 3rd qtr. 2016 taxes in the total amount of \$16.92, and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer overpaid the 3rd qtr. 2015 by \$15.55 on June 30, 2015; the Tax Collector transferred this overpayment onto the 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr. 2016 taxes; however, the taxpayer did not use this credit towards their tax payment(s), and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer overpaid their 3rd qtr. 2016 by \$1.37 on top of the \$15.55 for a total overpaid amount of \$16.92;

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector authorizes the Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$16.92 made payable to Noah Yanowitz, 240 Main St., Unit 2, Little Falls, NJ 07424;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 17th day of April 2017 that the taxpayer be refunded the total amount of \$16.92 for the 2016 3rd quarter taxes.

## Overpayment 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2016 Taxes

## **RESOLUTION [C] 17-04-17 #3**

WHEREAS, the property known as Block 88.02 Lot 1 C213 assessed to Gloria Villagran of 240 Main St., Unit 213, Little Falls, NJ has an overpayment on the 1st qtr. 2016 taxes in the total amount of \$21.74, and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer overpaid the 1st qtr. 2016 by \$21.74 on February 10, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector authorizes the Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$21.74 made payable to Gloria Villagran, 709 Harmon Cove Towers, Secaucus, NJ 07094;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 17th day of April 2017 that the taxpayer be refunded the total amount of \$21.74 for the 2016  $1^{\text{st}}$  quarter taxes.

# Overpayment 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 Taxes

# **RESOLUTION [D] 17-04-17 #4**

WHEREAS, the property known as Block 88.05 Lot 1 C212 assessed to John S Scolamiero Irr Trust/Medcare of 300 Main St., Unit 212, Little Falls, NJ has an overpayment on the 3rd qtr. 2016 taxes in the total amount of \$319.36, and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer overpaid the 2nd qtr. 2015 by \$319.36 on February 11, 2015 and April 23, 2015; the Tax Collector transferred this overpayment onto the 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr. 2016 taxes; however, the taxpayer did not use this credit towards their tax payment(s), and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector authorizes the Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$319.36 made payable to John S Scolamiero Irr Trust/Medcare, 245 Park Ave., East Rutherford, NJ 07073:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 17th day of April 2017 that the taxpayer be refunded the total amount of \$319.36 for the 2016 3rd quarter taxes.

## Overpayment 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2016 Taxes

#### **RESOLUTION [E] 17-04-17 #5**

WHEREAS, the property known as Block 88.05 Lot 1 C405 currently assessed to Kenneth Gomes and previously assessed to Mildred D Campbell c/o A Campbell of 300 Main St., Unit 405, Little Falls, NJ has an overpayment on the 1st qtr. 2016 taxes in the total amount of \$30.12, and

WHEREAS, A Campbell overpaid the 1st qtr. 2016 by \$30.12 on February 4, 2016 on behalf of late Mildred Campbell; and WHEREAS, the Tax Collector authorizes the Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$30.12 made payable to A Campbell, 151 NE 16<sup>th</sup> Ave #377, Ft Lauderdale. FL 33301.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 17th day of April 2017 that the taxpayer be refunded the total amount of \$30.12 for the  $2016 1^{st}$  quarter taxes.

## Overpayment 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 Taxes

#### **RESOLUTION [F] 17-04-17 #6**

WHEREAS, the property known as Block 89 Lot 9 currently assessed to Sharona Realty LLC and previously assessed to Cardinal AW & RW LLCS of 1500 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, NJ has an overpayment on the 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr. 2016 taxes in the total amount of \$20.00, and **WHEREAS**, Cardinal AW & RW LLCS overpaid the 3rd qtr. 2016 by \$20.00 on August 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector authorizes the Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$20.00 made payable to Cardinal AW & RW

LLCS, 10 Lafayette Dr., Livingston, NJ 07039;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 17th day of April 2017 that the taxpayer be

refunded the total amount of \$20.00 for the 2016 3rd quarter taxes.

# Overpayment 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2016 Taxes

#### **RESOLUTION [G] 17-04-17 #7**

WHEREAS, the property known as Block 113 Lot 6 assessed to Lauren M Verdi & Theresa A Corage of 30 Maple St., Little Falls, NJ has an overpayment on the 2nd qtr. 2016 taxes in the total amount of \$14.71, and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer overpaid the 2nd qtr. 2016 by \$14.71 on April 26, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector authorizes the Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$14.71 made payable to Lauren Verdi & Theresa Corage, 68 Jacobus Ave., Little Falls, NJ 07424;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 17th day of April 2017 that the taxpayers be refunded the total amount of \$14.71 for the 2016 2nd quarter taxes.

# Overpayment 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2016 Taxes

#### **RESOLUTION [H] 17-04-17 #8**

WHEREAS, the property known as Block 113 Lot 13 assessed to Hais Holding LLC of 45 Van Ness Ave., Little Falls, NJ has an overpayment on the 4th qtr. 2016 taxes in the total amount of \$11.94, and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer overpaid the 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr. 2016 by \$11.94 on August 26, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector authorizes the Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$11.94 made payable to Hais Holding LLC, 192

Mc Cosh Rd., Montclair, NJ 07043;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 17th day of April 2017 that the taxpayer be refunded the total amount of \$11.94 for the 2016 4th quarter taxes.

# Overpayment 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 Taxes

## **RESOLUTION [I] 17-04-17 #9**

WHEREAS, the property known as Block 115 Lot 16 assessed to Brion & Frances Mc Eldowney of 12 Ridge Ave, Little Falls, NJ has an overpayment on the 3rd qtr. 2016 taxes in the total amount of \$12.05, and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer overpaid the 3rd qtr. 2015 by \$12.05 on August 10, 2015; the Tax Collector transferred this overpayment dqtr. 2016 taxes; however, the taxpayer did not use this credit towards their tax payment(s), and onto the 3

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector authorizes the Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$12.05 made payable to Brion & Frances Mc Eldowney, 12 Ridge Ave., Little Falls, NJ 07424;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 17th day of April 2017 that the taxpayers

be refunded the total amount of \$12.05 for the 2016 3rd quarter taxes.

# Overpayment 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 Taxes

## **RESOLUTION [J] 17-04-17 #10**

WHEREAS, the property known as Block 118 Lot 1 assessed to William & Catherine Sacher of 108 Lincoln Ave., Little Falls, NJ has an overpayment on the 3rd qtr. 2016 taxes in the total amount of \$494.60, and WHEREAS, the taxpayers overpaid the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> qtrs. 2016 by \$494.60 on May 31, 2016 and on August 10, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector authorizes the Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$494.60 made payable to William & Catherine Sacher, 108 Lincoln Ave., Little Falls, NJ 07424;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 17th day of April 2017 that the taxpayers be refunded the total amount of \$494.60 for the 2016 3rd quarter taxes.

## Overpayment 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2016 Taxes

## **RESOLUTION [K] 17-04-17 #11**

WHEREAS, the property known as Block 119 Lot 15 assessed to Joseph P & Elizabeth C Vasta of 43 Second Ave., Little Falls, NJ has

an overpayment on the 2nd qtr. 2016 taxes in the total amount of \$60.52, and **WHEREAS**, the taxpayers mortgage company BSI Financial Services-Lereta LLC overpaid the taxes by \$60.52 on March 22, 2016 with a payment being applied to the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> qtrs. of 2015, and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> qtrs. of 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector authorizes the Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$60.52 made payable to Lereta LLC, Attn:

Central Refunds, 1123 Parkview Drive, Covina, CA 91724-3748;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 17th day of April 2017 that the taxpayers be refunded the total amount of \$60.52 for the 2016 2nd quarter taxes.

## Overpayment 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2016 Taxes

#### **RESOLUTION [L] 17-04-17 #12**

WHEREAS, the property known as Block 122 Lot 43 assessed to Mark & Diane Hrehovcik of 115 Cedar Grove Rd, Little Falls, NJ has an overpayment on the 2nd qtr. 2016 taxes in the total amount of \$210.28, and WHEREAS, the taxpayers overpaid the 2nd qtr. 2016 by \$210.28 on February 12, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector authorizes the Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$210.28 made payable to Mark & Diane

Hrehovcik, 115 Cedar Grove Rd., Little Falls, NJ 07424;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 17th day of April 2017 that the taxpayers be refunded the total amount of \$210.28 for the 2016 2nd quarter taxes.

## Overpayment 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2016 Taxes

#### **RESOLUTION [M] 17-04-17 #13**

WHEREAS, the property known as Block 123 Lot 15.15 assessed to Russell & Guistina Saputo of 60 Turnberry Rd, Little Falls, NJ has an overpayment on the 1st qtr. 2016 taxes in the amount of \$56.64, and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers overpaid the 1st qtr. 2016 by \$56.64 on February 4, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector authorizes the Treasurer to refund the total amount of 56.64 made payable to Russell & Guistina Saputo, 60 Turnberry Rd., Little Falls, NJ 07424;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 17th day of April 2017 that the taxpayers be refunded the total amount of \$56.64 for the 2016 1st quarter taxes.

# Overpayment 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 Taxes

#### **RESOLUTION [N] 17-04-17 #14**

WHEREAS, the property known as Block 124 Lot 5 assessed to J M & M Paterno c/o J Paterno III of 122 E Main St, Little Falls, NJ has an overpayment on the 3rd qtr. 2016 taxes in the total amount of \$24.98, and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer overpaid the 2nd & 3rd qtrs. 2015 by \$24.98 on July 1, 2015 and July 27, 2015; the Tax Collector transferred this overpayment onto the 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr. 2016 taxes; however, the taxpayer did not use this credit towards their tax payment(s), and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector authorizes the Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$24.98 made payable to J M & M Paterno c/o J Paterno III, 2 Kiel Ave., Kinnelon, NJ 07405;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 17th day of April 2017 that the taxpayer be refunded the total amount of \$24.98 for the 2016 3rd quarter taxes.

# Overpayment 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 Taxes

#### **RESOLUTION [O] 17-04-17 #15**

WHEREAS, the property known as Block 128 Lot 2 C898 assessed to Keith Place of 89 Turnberry Rd, Unit 8A, Little Falls, NJ has an overpayment on the 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr. 2016 taxes in the amount of \$10.26, and WHEREAS, Lenderlive Network LLC, overpaid the 2nd qtr. 2016 by \$10.26 on July 18, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector authorizes the Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$10.26 made payable to Keith Place, 89 Turnberry Rd., Unit 8A, Little Falls, NJ 07424;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 17th day of April 2017 that the taxpayer be

refunded the total amount of \$10.26 for the 2016 3rd quarter taxes.

# Overpayment 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2016 Taxes

## **RESOLUTION [P] 17-04-17 #16**

WHEREAS, the property known as Block 128 Lot 3 assessed to P&E Zeller Group LLC of 2 Peckman Rd., Little Falls, NJ has an overpayment on the 4th qtr. 2016 taxes in the total amount of \$80.80, and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer overpaid the 2<sup>nd</sup>-3rd qtrs. 2016 by \$80.80 on August 22, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector authorizes the Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$80.80 made payable to P&E Zeller Group LLC, 3 Peckman Rd., Little Falls, NJ 07424;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 17th day of April 2017 that the taxpayer be refunded the total amount of \$80.80 for the 2016 4th quarter taxes.

## Overpayment 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2016 Taxes

## **RESOLUTION [O] 17-04-17 #17**

WHEREAS, the property known as Block 144 Lot 15 assessed to Nader & Charlene Hajbi of 177 Second Ave., Little Falls, NJ has an

overpayment on the 2nd qtr. 2016 taxes in the total amount of \$18.26, and WHEREAS, the taxpayers mortgage company BSI Financial Services-Lereta LLC overpaid the taxes by \$18.26 on March 31, 2016 with a payment being applied to the 3rd – 4<sup>th</sup> qtrs. of 2015, and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> qtrs. of 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector authorizes the Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$18.26 made payable to Lereta LLC, Attn: Central Refunds, 1123 Parkview Drive, Covina, CA 91724-3748; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 17th day of April 2017 that the taxpayers

be refunded the total amount of \$18.26 for the 2016 2nd quarter taxes.

# Overpayment 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 Taxes

## **RESOLUTION [R] 17-04-17 #18**

WHEREAS, the property known as Block 151 Lot 25 assessed Robert K & Susan Black of 99 Wilmore Rd., Little Falls, NJ has an overpayment on the 3rd qtr. 2016 taxes in the total amount of \$124.50, and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer overpaid the 2nd qtr. 2015 by \$124.50 on June 17, 2015; the Tax Collector transferred this overpayment onto the 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr. 2016 taxes; however, the taxpayer did not use this credit towards their tax payment(s), and WHEREAS, the Tax Collector authorizes the Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$124.50 made payable to Robert K & Susan

Black, 99 Wilmore Rd., Little Falls, NJ 07424;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 17th day of April 2017 that the taxpayers be refunded the total amount of \$124.50 for the 2016 3rd quarter taxes

## Overpayment 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2016 Taxes

# **RESOLUTION [S] 17-04-17 #19**

WHEREAS, the property known as Block 172 Lot 9 currently assessed to Jove & Olivera Juzmeski and previously assessed to DePadova, Angelina then to Warren Damiano & Alfred Appello of 65 Lower Notch Rd., Little Falls, NJ has an overpayment on the 1st qtr. 2016

taxes in the total amount of \$17.57, and

WHEREAS, Warren Damiano & Alfred Appello overpaid the 4th qtr. 2015 by \$17.57 on November 3, 2015 and stated to the Tax

Collector to apply to the 1st qtr. 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector authorizes the Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$17.57 made payable to Warren Damiano &

Alfred Appello and mail to Warren Damiano & Alfred Appello, c/o Premier Properties, 39 E Main Street, Little Falls, NJ 07424; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 17th day of April 2017 that the taxpayers be refunded the total amount of \$17.57 for the 2016 1st quarter taxes.

# Overpayment 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Taxes

# **RESOLUTION [T] 17-04-17 #20**

WHEREAS, the property known as Block 186 Lot 7 C037 assessed to Tyler Godwin of 3G Colonial Dr., Little Falls, NJ has an overpayment on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> qtrs. 2016 taxes in the total amount of \$36.13, and

WHEREAS, the taxpayer overpaid the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> qtrs. 2016 by \$36.13 on August 1<sup>st</sup> and November 4, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector authorizes the Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$36.13 made payable to Tyler Godwin, 3G Drive, Little Falls, NJ 07424;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 17th day of April 2017 that the taxpayer be refunded the total amount of \$36.13 for the 2016 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4th quarter taxes.

## Overpayment 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2016 Taxes

#### **RESOLUTION [U] 17-04-17 #21**

**WHEREAS,** the property known as Block 186 Lot 7 C042 assessed to Cora Claus of 4B Colonial Dr., Little Falls, NJ has an ent on the 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr. 2016 taxes in the total amount of \$45.00, and overpayment on the 2<sup>n</sup>

WHEREAS, the taxpayer overpaid the 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr. 2016 by \$45.00 on May 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector authorizes the Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$45.00 made payable to Cora Claus, 208 Washington St. Apt 4B, Jersey City, NJ 07302;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 17th day of April 2017 that the taxpayer be

refunded the total amount of \$45.00 for the 2016 2nd quarter taxes.

# Overpayment 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 Taxes Due to County Board Judgement

#### **RESOLUTION [V] 17-04-17 #22**

WHEREAS, the property known as Block 178 Lot 3 currently assessed to Jason & Azmi Atkins and previously assessed to Jason & Azmi Atkins & Zahed, Nawaz of 25 Hemlock Rd., Little Falls, NJ has an overpayment on the 3rd tqtr. 2016 taxes in the total amount of \$171.13, and

WHEREAS, there was a 2016 County Board Judgment on this parcel which was credited towards the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> qtr. taxes in the Year 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector authorizes the Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$171.13 made payable to Jason & Azmi Atkins & Zahed, Nawaz, 25 Hemlock Rd., Little Falls, NJ 07424;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 17th day of April 2017 that the taxpayers be refunded the total amount of \$171.13 for the 2016 3rd quarter taxes due to a 2016 County Board Judgment.

# Overpayment 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2016 Taxes Due to County Board Judgement

#### **RESOLUTION [W] 17-04-17 #23**

WHEREAS, the property known as Block 157 Lot 15 assessed to Boris & Mila Barts of 11 Morningside Cir., Little Falls, NJ has an overpayment on the 4th qtr. 2016 taxes in the amount of \$85.83 due to a 2016 Added Assessment County Judgment, and **WHEREAS**, the taxpayers overpaid the 4th qtr. 2016 by \$85.83; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector authorizes the Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$85.83 made payable to Boris & Mila Barts, 11

Morningside Cir., Little Falls, NJ 07424;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 17th day of April 2017 that the taxpayers be refunded the total amount of \$85.83 for the 2016 4th quarter taxes due to an Added Assessment County Judgment.

# Treatment Works Application-Great Notch Village Sanitary Force Main Replacement

# **RESOLUTION [X] 17-04-17 - #24**

#### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A TREATMENT WORKS APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (GREAT NOTCH VILLAGE SANITARY FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT)

WHEREAS, there is need to apply for Treatment Works Approval from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Quality in connection with the Great Notch Village Sanitary Force Main replacement, in the Township of Little Falls, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls, as owner of the proposed treatment works, is required to apply for the Treatment Works

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, that the appropriate municipal officials are hereby authorized to execute a Consent by the Governing Body for the Treatment Works Approval Permit Application, filed in connection with the Great Notch Village Sanitary Force Main Replacement, in the Township of Little Falls.

## Treatment Works Application - Autumn Pointe - Lindsey Road

## **RESOLUTION [Y] 17-04-17 - #25**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A TREATMENT WORKS APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (AUTUMN POINTE – RESIDENTIÁL TOWNHOME COMMUNITY – LINDSEY ROAD, SOUTHERN SIDE, BETWEEN VIEWMONT TERRACE AND CEDAR GROVE ROAD)

WHEREAS, there is need to apply for Treatment Works Approval from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Quality in connection with Autumn Pointe (Residential Townhome Community) on Lindsey Road, Southern side, between Viewmont Terrace and Cedar Grove Road for a sewer extension and pump station, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls, enables application sections A-1 and B and C in order to apply for the Treatment Works Approval Permit.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, that the appropriate municipal officials are hereby authorized to execute a Consent by the Governing Body for the Treatment Works Approval Permit Application, subject to the recommendations of the Township Engineer, the Superintendent of Public Works and the Township Attorney.

## Payment of Bills

#### **RESOLUTION [Z] 17-03-27-#26**

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.

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Benitez, that the Consent Agenda be approved as printed.

Poll: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, and Vancheri Ayes:

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL MATTERS

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

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, and Vancheri

> Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Louis Fernandez, Harrison Street, questioned whether a monthly EMS update and cost analysis result would be provided.

Mr. Cuccia stated the February report was filed in March and was given to the Councilmembers in their packets.

Mr. Cuccia relayed the EMS was not costing the Township more than anticipated.

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

Poll: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, and Vancheri Aves:

> Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Liess, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [EX]

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into executive session during a Public Meeting; and WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Little Falls has deemed it necessary to go into executive session to discuss certain matters which are exempted for the Public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Governing Body with reconvene;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls will go into executive session for the following reason(s) – personnel.

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Poll: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, and Vancheri Ayes:

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

The Council entered Executive Session at 7:54 p.m.

At 8:37 p. m. the Council returned and it was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Benitez, that the meeting return to Open Session.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Liess, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Cynthia Kraus Municipal Clerk