

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023

7:00 P.M.

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 & 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.LENJ.COM. ELECTRONIC PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING.

ROLL CALL

MINUTES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2023
AND THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2023

MAYOR' S REPORT

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

ATTORNEY' S REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND WILL BE ENACTED WITH A SINGLE MOTION. FOR ANY ITEMS UNDER REQUISITIONS THE TREASURER HAS SUPPLIED A CERTIFICATION OF THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

REPORTS

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023

TAX COLLECTOR'S AMENDED 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

TAX COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT OF TAXES NOT COLLECTIBLE YEAR 2023

RECREATION CENTER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023

CIVIC CENTER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023

CONSTRUCTION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023

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

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET [A]

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO ISSUE A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,619.73 REPRESENTING TAX REFUND ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 52, LOT 31 DUE TO STATE TAX COURT JUDGMENTS [B]

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO ISSUE A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,619.81 REPRESENTING TAX REFUND ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 56, LOT 12 DUE TO STATE TAX COURT JUDGMENTS [C]

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO ISSUE A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,162.99 REPRESENTING TAX REFUND ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 201, LOT 10 DUE TO STATE TAX COURT JUDGMENTS [D]

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2023 UDRIVE UTEXT UPAY DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN [E]

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT WITH NJDOT FOR THE MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT [F]

BILL LIST [G]

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL MATTERS

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MUNICIPAL BUDGET NOTICE

Section 1.

Municipal Budget of the _____ TOWNSHIP _____ of _____ LITTLE FALLS _____, County of _____ PASSAIC _____ for the Fiscal Year 2023

Be it Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2023;

Be it Further Resolved, that said Budget be published in the _____ Herald News _____

in the issue of _____ April 4th _____, 2023

The Governing Body of the _____ TOWNSHIP _____ of _____ LITTLE FALLS _____ does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2023:

RECORDED VOTE

(Insert Last Name)

| Ayes | Nays | Abstained |
|--|------|-----------|
| Patel Murphy Hablitz Vancheri Sgobba | | Abstained |
| | | Absent |

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the _____ COMMITTEEPERSONS _____ of the _____ TOWNSHIP _____

of _____ LITTLE FALLS _____, County of _____ PASSAIC _____, on _____ March _____ 27th _____, 2023.

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at _____ Municipal Annex _____, on _____ April _____ 24th _____, 2023 at

_____ 7:00 o'clock _____ P.M. _____ at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2023 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

RESOLUTION (B) 23-04-24# _____

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 Judgments; and

WHEREAS, the Judgments 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; differences -\$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 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 Treasurer:

| <u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u> | <u>Block Lot</u> | <u>Taxpayer/ Location</u> | <u>Payee</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 |

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| <u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u> | <u>Block Lot</u> | <u>Taxpayer/ Location</u> | <u>Payee</u> | <u>Reason</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------|--|---|---------------|-------------------|
| 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 |

APPROVED: _____

cc: Finance Dept.
Tax Collector
Dept.

RESOLUTION (C) 23-04-24# _____

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 Judgments; and

WHEREAS, the Judgments 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 -\$209,600. 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 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 Treasurer:

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| 2021/4 | 56/12 | Joseph & Eileen Martorana, 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 Martorana, 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 |

APPROVED: _____

cc: Finance Dept.
Tax Collector
Dept.

RESOLUTION (D) 23-04-24# _____

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 Judgments; and

WHEREAS, the Judgments 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 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 Treasurer:

| <u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u> | <u>Block Lot</u> | <u>Taxpayer/ Location</u> | <u>Payee</u> | <u>Reason</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
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| 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 Refunds = | | | | | \$90,162.99 |

APPROVED: _____

cc: Finance Dept.
Tax Collector
Dept.

**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 UDrive. UText. UPay; 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 it's 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 No. [F] 23-04-24 - #_____

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.

Certified as a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Council
On this 24th day of April, 2023

Clerk

My signature and the Clerk's seal serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the resolution above.

ATTEST and AFFIX SEAL _____
(Clerk) (Mayor)