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

Monday, August 12, 2013

Council President John Vantuno called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. with the following members present: Louis Fontana, Joseph Maceri and Joseph Rento. Also present were Township Attorney William Northgrave, Township Engineer Dennis Lindsay, Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus and Township Administrator Joanne Bergin.

Absent: Mayor Darlene Post, Councilmember Pamela Porter and Police Chief John Dmuchowski

Township Employees present: Construction Official Joseph Macones, Recreation Director John Pace, CMFO/Treasurer William Schaffner, DPW Superintendent Phillip Simone, Sergeant James Minella, Fire Chief Jack Sweezy and Assistant to Municipal Clerk Marlene Simone.

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 8, 2013; 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 Fontana, seconded by Councilmember Maceri, that the Minutes of the meetings of May 20, 2013 and June 10, 2013 be approved.

Poll: Ayes: Fontana, Maceri, Rento and President Vantuno

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REMARKS FROM CHAIR

Council President VANTUNO had nothing to report.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember FONTANA announced that the Recreation Department is starting a bridge club; further details are available through the Recreation Department. Referring to the summer camp which is also run by the Recreation Department, he said it is a great social event for the kids in town; they have lots of kids who sign up and it is a great program. There are about 70 counselors who help out with the program. This year they extended the camp an extra week for special needs children. NJAPE sent a letter to the Township and the Recreation Department commending the summer camp program. Councilmember FONTANA thanked Mr. Pace and the entire Recreation Department.

Councilmember MACERI had nothing to report, but wished to extend his thanks to Mr. Pace for an excellent job this year.

Councilmember RENTO had nothing to report, and also thanked Mr. Pace for a job well done.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Northgrave had nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Bergin reported as follows:

Thank you Coun`cil president. I'd like to welcome Sgt. Jim Minnella to the meeting this evening on behalf of the Little Falls Police Department.

I'd first like to provide an overview of the proposed cell tower project to lay out the facts, the history and the anticipated benefits of this project that have made it something the Council is considering.

Construction of a tower meets four basic needs:

- 1. It negates the need for the Township to bond for the costs necessary to design and construct a 50-foot tower at the Municipal Complex site for the purpose of dispatching. The proposed tower will instead hold the equipment needed for this purpose.
- 2. It presents the Council with a potential long-term solution for emergency communications. Currently, the most likely option being pursued for this purpose is joining the SPEN (State Police Emergency Network) system. However, the State will not project costs beyond two years and should the costs increase exponentially, or if technology finds the Township needing to create its own system, then we have the infrastructure available and accessible through space on this tower.
- 3. It provides an annual revenue source to the Township in perpetuity both through the land lease to the main carrier as well as a percentage from each of the five co-locators.
- 4. A wireless carrier has indicated it has a service need to address within the Township. The tower can be built on a Township site and generate revenue while providing a solution to some communication needs. Or, the Township can decline the proposal and then see the tower go up elsewhere in town. Our ordinance allows for cell towers and it is reasonable to expect that it will be constructed, whether it's on this site or on private property nearby.

The important distinction here is that the Township has two system needs: one for dispatch and one for essential communications. In the past several months as we looked holistically at our communication needs, the construction of a tower was among the options discussed as a solution to our emergency communications needs. The Township was not pursuing this as an option due to the cost and the anticipated public discontent.

We then pursued - and continue to pursue - joining the State's emergency communications system which would require some setup costs in terms of needed infrastructure and the costs per radio. Testing was completed using these radios and the police reported a significant reduction in dead spots. This resolves the police department's needs to communicate with each other and with other first responders when out in the field.

This does not, however, resolve the need to dispatch from the new Justice Complex at 225 Main Street to the police and other public safety responders out in the field. These are two separate systems each with its own technology needs. From the start of design for the new Justice Complex, a 50-foot tower was needed at Town Hall just to allow for dispatching. This may not have been advertised or well-known but it was a part of the design from concept to completion.

As the Township was proceeding with gathering price quotes and feasibility data on both the State system and the construction of a 50-foot tower, a wireless carrier came to the Township. This meeting was unsolicited and was not arranged via any third party. The carrier indicated that it had dead spots that needed to be addressed in Little Falls and came to the meeting with a map of Township-owned locations that would work for the installation of a tower. In this scenario, the Township would contract with a company who would install the tower and all needed equipment both on the tower and on the ground at no cost to the Township. This includes the carrier's equipment but also designates space for the Township to use as needed. A generator and all necessary ground equipment would be installed at no charge to the Township. Lastly, co-locators would be identified that would lease space and a portion of that revenue would come to the Township. Revenue is generated on an annual basis for the lease of the land and for all co-locators.

At this time, the Township continues to pursue joining the State system for police communications, but has held off on the construction of the 50-foot tower for dispatch as this proposed tower would negate the need for the 50-foot dispatch tower. The Township will also have designated space on the tower in perpetuity so if the state system becomes outdated or too expensive, we have the infrastructure and the ability to create a system using the tower. This meets current and future communications needs.

The wireless carrier did also explain that the service void is one that needs to be addressed. If the Township is not amenable to a tower on its property, then they will pursue a location on private property for the installation. That

includes a possible arrangement with the property owners in the immediate vicinity of Town Hall. Township ordinance does allow for this. While the Township is only required to secure site plan review by the planning board for a proposed tower, private property owners need planning board approval.

It should also be noted that during our detailed research into potential solutions, we looked into trying to make the existing Pinnacle system work – despite many valid concerns about the system's effectiveness and actual feasibility. That included several meetings with the Board of Directors at The Mill to discuss leasing space on the roof of one of its buildings. That concept was deemed one of the least feasible based on many aspects of the system's installation that needed to be addressed. This proposed tower is in no way punitive to the Mill, or for any other group for that matter. Had we reached an agreement with the Mill, we would likely not have completed the installation based on other issues with the Pinnacle system.

In terms of process, the RFP for the tower has been issued and a pre-bidders conference was held on Friday, August 9. Bids will be opened on August 23 and a resolution to award a contract tentatively scheduled for September 9.

Also, from a budget perspective, the 2014 budget will include an \$85 increase to each taxpayer (averaged) for 2 items outside of our control: the cost to fund the commercial tax appeals through the Refunding Bond Ordinance request we made to Trenton and our third of a trunk line replacement with Woodland Park and Totowa. This does not include any other capital requests under consideration which need to be addressed such as repairs to pump stations and sewer line repairs. We are facing an increase to the municipal tax rate and the Council is diligently looking to offset that by generating revenue and cutting costs. The anticipated revenue from the installation of billboards was grossly over exaggerated by the vendor; the development of the Rose Street property remains a consideration but there are several issues in regards to the feasibility of building on this site. We have cut costs by maintaining a 0% increase for all non-contractual employees; by reducing staff in our Clerk's office by from 3 full-time employees to 2, and in the possibility of reducing staff in our finance office by engaging a CMFO on a part-time basis. The Township has a revenue-generating shared service agreement with the Township of Parsippany and is pursuing a shared service agreement with Woodland Park for senior bus transportation, which would not only including the services of the driver but the use of vehicles used to provide transport.

That concludes my summary on the cell tower.

In terms of the agenda, Ordinance 1181 is a proposed amendment to the Township's towing ordinance.

The existing ordinance needs modification. The Township has been sued by a tower precluded from providing the service on the basis that our ordinance indicates towers must have a business in the Township. The courts have determined through several decisions that this kind of preference is not legal. The amendment was drafted after several meetings with the police department and legal counsel.

Modifications to the existing ordinance include:

Application process: Applications from interested towing companies will be accepted annually from November 1 – November 30 (or nearest business days for the times when these dates fall on a weekend). Ten business days later, the Township will confirm each applicant's eligibility to continue in the process by confirming a completed application was submitted. Those who submit incomplete applications will be rejected.

Term: The contract will be awarded for a two-year period.

Four towers will be approved and placed on a two-week rotation for the term of the contract.

Interested towers must be located within a 4-mile radius of the Township and must guarantee a 20-minute response time.

Fees: A \$500 application fee is required. This will be returned to a company who does not get on the rotation. Those towers who do get on the rotation will also have to provide a \$250 licensing fee. (This is a new source of revenue – previously the Township did not change a licensing or application fee).

There is a second reading on Ordinance #1177 in regards to rent control. After much discussion and review, the Township's Rent Leveling Board (a board representing an equal mix of tenants and landlords) is requesting the Council's consideration of the renewal of the ordinance that has been in place. The board has been meeting since January to prepare for the renewal of the ordinance and to make recommendations. The landlords support the ordinance being left as is, as do the tenants. This ordinance has been fair to landlords but also serves to protect

seniors who have lived in the Township as tenants since prior to 2005. This ordinance protects the percentage increase in rent for those who have been renting since 2005 or prior in apartment complexes.

There is also a second reading and public hearing on Ordinance #1179 in regards to the installation of traffic signs. The intersection of Main and Fairfield is the NJT crossing where the accident occurred earlier this year. The County has given the Township permission to erect signs pending the NJDOT/NJT proposed safety improvement project which expect will occur this summer. Part of the overall intersection improvements requires the Township to adopt an ordinance prohibiting left hand turns off Main onto Fairfield for trucks over a certain size and weight. The draft of that ordinance is complete and under final review by department heads. If all are OK with its language, we will look to add this to the agenda as time is of the essence.

There is also a second reading and public hearing on ordinance #1180 regarding a refunding Bond Ordinance as needed to fund the remaining tax appeals specific to commercial properties.

Dennis will discuss Resolution G and Resolution H.

Mr. Lindsay provided clarification of Resolutions [G] and [H] at this time.

Resolution I is the rejection of bids for the next round of house elevations as funded by FEMA. The two low bidders were disqualified due to incomplete submissions and the other two bids were more than the budgeted grant amount. With that, there is also a resolution on the agenda to re-advertise these bids.

Resolution J is approval to advertise for bids for appraisal services for homes included in the township's Severe Repetitive Loss FY 11 grant as funded by FEMA.

In other updates, the Master Plan Committee will be meeting on August 20 to review the responses received during the two Visioning Meetings as well as the responses to the Visioning Questionnaire. A public meeting will be held in September to outline next steps.

Thank You

DISCUSSION OF PSE&G'S "ENGERGY STRONG PROGRAM" WITH REPRESENTATIVE EVERTON

SCOTT – Mr. Scott thanked everyone for allowing him to speak at tonight's meeting. He is here this evening to ask the Governing Body to consider adopting a resolution in support of the program. He explained that approximately 16 municipalities in five counties are currently supporting this. Energy Strong is a program in which the company is seeking permission to spend money to make the infrastructure more resilient during storms. After recent devastating weather events, the company has taken time to examine what occurred and found that due to the restoration efforts by PSE&G, they were able to get more customers back. PSE&G has been voted the nation's most reliable utility in the northeast. Based on feedback throughout the events, they realized that something had to be done. They are applying to the Board of Public Utilities regarding switching stations; the sub-stations are a good place to start since these are the backbone. They are looking to raise the structures or surround them with a flood wall. The board has set up a number of public hearings to be heard on the plan. The first hearing will be held 9/16/13 at Essex County College. They are looking to bury lines underground and strengthen the wires and the poles, making the system more resistant and resilient.

Councilmember FONTANA questioned funding for this. Mr. Scott explained that the program will not cause customers' bills to increase, since some other charges will take place to decrease the bills in other areas.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Poll: Ayes: Fontana, Maceri, Rento and President Vantuno

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Council President VANTUNO reminded that all comments should be limited to three minutes per person.

Bonnie Nolan, Prospect Street, informed that the Library will be hosting an event on 9/7/13 in honor of Mary-Louise Helwig. An LED sign will be erected as well; all are invited to attend. She also thanked the DPW for their help with everything.

<u>Arnold Korotkin</u>, Long Hill Road, thanked the Mayor for convening the 9/11 committee and said he hopes there will be an event to commemorate the 12th anniversary. Referring to the report given by Mr. Scott, he pointed out that

residents previously were concerned about large poles that were being installed not too long ago. He suggested that the Council discuss the concerns of wires being placed underground with PSE&G.

<u>Brian Reynolds</u>, Notch Road, referred to Resolution [H] and asked how much money will be spent and what will be included in this. Referring to the bonding of Ordinance No. 1180, he asked if this was previously reviewed. Referring to the Municipal Clerk's Report and the Tax Collector's Report, he asked why the public does not hear more about these.

<u>Francis Schultz</u>, voiced concern that the cell tower will be an eye sore in town. She asked how much money this will bring into town and questioned whether it would offset other costs. She pointed out that many residents are concerned about this. She values the need for the dispatch service, but feels there must be a better way.

Renea Shapiro, Walnut Street, said the discussion of this proposed cell tower came up very quickly, noting that she is confused and would like clarification as to the procedure of the RFP. There wasn't any time for the public to address the issue. She voiced her opinion that this RFP went out without having any public comment and asked if there is anything else being considered. This unit has a base that will take up much of the parking; in addition, the Police cars will take up more parking spaces and the lot will be greatly reduced. She asked if there is another location where they could put it. Referring to a Transit Village, she said this would bring much-needed revenue into town and asked for the status. She asked if the revenue from this tower will compare to the revenue from developers who will no longer want to come to Little Falls. There is a lot to be considered before doing this; please reconsider this.

<u>Mark Simolaris</u>, 111 First Avenue, asked for the status of the Laundromat that is currently vacant, noting that this is an eyesore.

<u>Dan D'Agostino</u>, Donato Drive, said he noticed this proposed cell tower in the newspaper last week. He realizes the concern and the eyesore this will be and he knows this will only set Little Falls back. This area has great potential and will no longer with this tower. The value of a property will decrease by at least four percent if it is located near the cell tower. Please reconsider this.

<u>Andrea Gaccione</u>, Meadow Drive, heard of the cell tower recently from her husband; this is not only an eyesore, but also a serious health concern to residents. She has found through research that these towers are very dangerous.

<u>Maria Cordonnier</u>, 648 Upper Mountain Avenue, said she has always felt that these cell towers have no place in residential areas. She remembers when the cell tower was erected near the fire station; residents were extremely upset about this. Her taxes have doubled since she moved here, but she sticks it out because she likes the town. Installing this tower is equivalent to throwing her tax dollars away. Many people are upset about this and the Township Council should review communication and transparency.

<u>Louis Fernandez</u>, 54 Harrison Street, pointed out that there are a lot of people in attendance tonight. He feels that the cell tower will only be placed elsewhere, which will only then be placed near someone else's home. Everyone should get together to speak against cell towers all together. There has to be a better way. He said everyone should be here for other issues as well; not just for the cell tower. They can make it a better township.

<u>Cheryl Bird</u>, 8 Montclair Avenue, just heard about this and said it will be located right in her backyard. She does not know much about it, but the Council needs to consider the feelings of the residents.

John Veteri, 133 Prospect Street, is opposed to the installation of this cell tower for many reasons. This will negatively impact property values and residents. He reminded that this site was created over many years by many different Township Committees to make it better; this building is one of the best things that has been done in town. The tower would be four times the height of this building and will destroy the possibility of redevelopment in town. The town should be looking into long-term ideas, as opposed to short-term. This tower will be huge and very visible from far away and it is a safety concern for all who are nearby. In 2009, the Mayor and Council candidates had criticized the previous Council for not doing enough to prevent the cell tower near the Fire Department. He voiced his opinion as to several misunderstandings of the cell tower. Cellular structures are normally not accepted in other

municipalities. He is respectfully requesting that the Council rescind the RFP and notify Verizon that this will not go through.

<u>Russ Teitsma</u>, 93 Montclair Avenue, voiced his disapproval of the cell tower, noting that it will destroy the aesthetic appeal; he doesn't like the idea of the radiation either. He asked that the Council reconsider this.

<u>Bob Schaefer</u>, 70 Montclair Avenue, questioned why the residents are just finding out about the tower today, adding that he is opposed to it. He pointed out that many streets in town have cobblestone curbing and new sidewalks being installed, and asked about the status of Montclair Avenue. He asked them to have the County correct this.

<u>Salem Saykali</u>, 3 Elm Court, agrees with the comments regarding the proposed tower. He explained that there are young families in town and they walk to and from school without curbs. The safety of the children is just as important.

<u>Francis Schultz</u>, explained that this tower will negatively affect the value of the Mill and its appearance to the community. She is concerned that the value of units will decrease and they will have vacant units, which means less taxes and revenue for the town and the Mill.

Councilmember VANTUNO thanked Ms. Nolan for her comments regarding the dedication ceremony. He also thanked Mr. Korotkin for his comments regarding a 9/11 ceremony. They will discuss the underground wiring with PSE&G.

Referring to Resolution [H], Mr. Lindsay explained that the publicly bid amount for this was \$123,740.00, which is being offset with a Passaic County Open Space Grant of \$79,670.00. The work is for the paving of the tennis courts, some fencing work, backstops and dugout shelters.

Council President VANTUNO referred to the bond ordinance and explained that most of this is for the Overlook tax appeal settlement. Mrs. Bergin clarified that this bond ordinance was introduced at the last meeting in July. She also informed that the Tax Collector's report is up on the website.

Mr. Lindsay informed that Montclair Avenue is a County road, and explained that the County has recently adopted a 'complete streets' policy. They must now address all forms of movement when making improvements. They will have to address this when improving Montclair Avenue. The town can only send a letter to the County recommending curbs and sidewalks.

Mr. Macones informed that applications have been taken out to demolish the vacant dry cleaners building.

Council President VANTUNO thanked everyone for coming tonight and voicing their opinions and pointed out that there were questions as to how this came up. He explained that on 7/8/13, Verizon attended a Council meeting to make a presentation, and it was approved to go out for RFP's for this. The RFP's have already been sent out and they are due to be returned on 8/23/13. The contract award for this tower will be considered at the Council meeting of 9/9/13. Mrs. Bergin provided clarification of the RFP process. The Council will definitely consider everyone's concerns.

CONSENTAGENDA

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.

APPLICATIONS

<u>Little Falls Fire Department Auxiliary</u> - Ryan J. Hoyt, Grove Street, Clifton, Eagle Hose Fire Co. #1

Blue Light Permit – Robert W. Vita, First Street, Little Falls Fire Department

- Michael DeLuccia, Capalbo Avenue, Little Falls Fire Department
- Melissa Hearney, Hudson Street, Little Falls Fire Department

NJ State Firemen's Association - Brian Cappadonna, Little Falls Fire Department

Raffle - Passaic Valley High School Operation Graduation, Calendar Raffle, 12/31/13, 1/31/14 & 2/28/14, 7PM

REPORTS

Municipal Clerk's Report - Month of July 2013

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT Month of July 2013

ABC LICENSES	\$8,800.00

OTHER LICENSES

Business Licenses \$330.00

Pre-paid Business Licenses

Raffle Licenses \$330.00

REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

 Fees & Permits
 \$264.00

 Marriage Licenses-LF
 275.00

 Marriage Licenses-NJ
 33.00

\$572.00

MRNA Street Maps

Zoning Maps 3.00
Zoning Ordinances
Document Copies 15.20
Garage Sales 80.00

Misc. Fees & Refunds:

Check from CRC General Contractors (Ridge Ave. refund to Riddick) 50.00

TOTAL MRNA \$148.20
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT \$9.850.20
TOTAL TO TREASURER \$9.850.20

Municipal Clerk's Dog/Cat License Report – Month of July 2013

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT

Month of July 2013

Dog Licenses issued 07/01/13 thru 07/31/13

Nos. 359 to 389 = 31 Licenses Amount due Little Falls Amount due State Total Cash Received

Cat Licenses issued 07/01/13 thru 07/31/13

Nos. 48 to 54 Licenses Issued 7

Total Cash Received \$56.00

Total to Treas. \$334.00

\$210.80

\$278.00

67.20

Tax Collector's Report – Month of July 2013

Municipality of Township of Little Falls

Office of the <u>Tax Collector</u>

Township of Little Falls Current Account, Lakeland Bank

Revenues for the Month of July 2013

Categories	July 1-31, 2013	2013 Year to Date
2013 Taxes	\$4,390,363.36	\$25,797,885.12
2012 Taxes	0.00	498,470.93
2011 Taxes	0.00	250.00
2008 Taxes	250.00	250.00
Prepaid 2014 Taxes	0.00	0.00
Interest	2,226.57	54,317.75
Township Tax Title Lien	0.00	0.00

Township Tax Title Lien Int.	0.00	0.00
Township Tax Title Lien 6% PE	0.00	0.00
Cost of Tax Sale	0.00	4,046.00
Outside Tax Liens	49,287.37	210,983.50
Duplicate Tax Bills	0.00	185.00
Tax Searches	0.00	10.00
Insufficient Check Charge	0.00	220.00
6% Penalty Fee	0.00	3,611.24
Misc. Line Item Fee	0.00	0.00
Premium Outside Lien	0.00	296,000.00
Tax Sale Additional Fee	0.00	1,875.00
Municipal Copy Fee	0.00	0.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$4,442,127.30	\$26,868,104.54

Delinquent 2013 Taxes Delinquent 2011 Taxes **Total Delinquent Taxes** \$310,144.71 (104 line items) 1st & 2nd Qtrs. <u>986.85</u> (1 line item) **\$311,131.56**

2007-2010 Open Items due to State of NJ \$250.00 deduction audit (due 06/01/14):

2010 Taxes = \$1,750.00 (7) line items 2009 Taxes = 750.00 (3) line items 2008 Taxes = 500.00 (2) line items 2007 Taxes = 1,000.00 (4) line items \$4,000.00

Comparison same time last year:

Delinquent 2012 Taxes Delinquent 2011 Taxes 301,230.56 (108 line items) 1^{st} Qtr. & 2^{nd} Qtrs.

1,236.85 (1) Bankruptcy/1 Sr. Disallowance \$302,467.41

Total Delinquent Taxes

2013 Refunds this month = -\$0.00 **2013** Year to date refunds = -\$7,451.99

Breakdown of refunds for years 2009-2013 completed in 2013(see attached).

2013 Insufficient check charge backs (year to date) = -\$14,795.90.

REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2013

								2013				
								Veteran	2013		2013	
	2009	2010	2011		2013	2013	Regular	/	Senior/	Exempt	Homestead	Total by
Month	STCJ	STCJ	STCJ	2012 STCJ	STCJ	CBJ	2013	Widow	Disabled	2013	Benefit	Months
	\$0.00											\$107,88
Jan		\$0.00	\$23,972.52	\$83,908.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	1.12
Feb	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
March	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$69.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$69.00
	\$0.00											\$5,877.3
April		\$0.00	\$5,877.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	1
	\$0.00						\$2,087.8					\$2,087.8
May		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	2
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June	*****	\$0.00	\$31,555.10	\$33,835.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	7	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	57
Y 1	\$162,52	\$173,37	\$180,351.6	*102.201.00	40.00	\$0.00		40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	\$709,63
July	6.64	2.96	0	\$193,384.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	5.20
Aug												
Sept												
Oct												
Nov		·	·				·					
Dec												
Totals	\$162,52	\$173,37	\$241,756.5	\$311,127.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,451.9	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$896,23

6.64	2.96	3		9			6.02

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.

RESOLUTIONS

NJ Dept. of Health – Dog License Fees

RESOLUTION [A] 13-08-12 - #1

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, the Treasurer having certified to the availability of funds, that the Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue a check in the amount of:

\$67.20

payable to:

NJ State Dept. of Health

representing payment of State dog license fee, license Nos. 359 to 389 for the month of July 2013.

Welfare

RESOLUTION [B] 13-08-12 - #2

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, the Treasurer having timely certified to the availability of funds therefor, that the action of the Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer in issuing checks in the amount of:

payable to:

Welfare Clients #55, 61, 71, 73, 74 & 75

representing payment of Self-Care for the month of July 2013 be and the same is hereby authorized and ratified.

State of NJ – Medical Waste Generator Registration

RESOLUTION [C] 13-08-12 - #3

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, the Treasurer having certified to the availability of funds therefor that the Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue a check in the amount of:

\$85.00

payable to:

Treasurer – State of New Jersey NJDEP Division of Revenue P.O. Box 638 Trenton, N.J. 08646-0638

representing payment of NJ Regulated Medical Waste Generator Registration (BOH #035).

Riddick Associates, P.C.

RESOLUTION [D] 13-08-12 - #4

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, the Treasurer having certified to the availability of funds, that the Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue a check in the amount of:

\$46.25

payable to:

Riddick Associates, P.C.

representing payment for engineering services rendered in connection with Woods Road/Schumacher – Inspection and administrative requirements in connection with approved site plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the within payment be made from the escrow account on deposit with the Township for expenses incurred in connection with the within development project.

RESOLUTION [E] 13-08-12 - #5

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, the Treasurer having certified to the availability of funds, that the Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue a check in the amount of:

\$601.25

payable to:

Riddick Associates, P.C.

representing payment for engineering services rendered in connection with Campagna/Brookside Development – Inspection and administrative requirements in connection with approved site plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the within payment be made from the escrow account on deposit with the Township for expenses incurred in connection with the within development project.

RESOLUTION [F] 13-08-12 - #6

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, the Treasurer having certified to the availability of funds, that the Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue a check in the amount of:

\$231.25\$

payable to:

Riddick Associates, P.C.

representing payment for engineering services rendered in connection with Ciasulli/Lexus – Lots 3 & 3.01 – Inspection and administrative requirements in connection with approved site plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the within payment be made from the escrow account on deposit with the Township for expenses incurred in connection with the within development project.

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

Poll: Ayes: Fontana, Maceri, Rento and President Vantuno

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REGULARAGENDA

The following items were individually considered.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1181 – It was moved by Councilmember Maceri, seconded by Councilmember Fontana, that there be introduced and the meeting of September 9, 2013 set as the date and time for the public hearing on the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 1181

Chapter 249. TOWING

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls 5-10-2010 by Ord. No. 1091. Editor's Note: See N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

General penalty — See Ch. 1, Art. I. Traffic — See Ch. 7. Trailers — See Ch. 253. Vehicle repair — See Ch. 268.

§ 249-1. Jurisdiction.

This chapter shall regulate towing and storage services originating in the Township of Little Falls (the "Township" or "Little Falls") with respect to motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of less than 12,000 pounds.

§ 249-2. Selection of towing services.

Any owner of a vehicle requiring towing services originating in the Township shall have the right to select a tower of his own choice and at his own expense unless:

- (1) the condition or location of the vehicle, in the opinion of the Little Falls Police Department, creates a hazard or an impediment to the flow of traffic;
- (2) the owner or operator of the vehicle is unable to or unwilling to select a tower of his own choosing, including without limitation, circumstances under which the owner or operator of the vehicle has been placed under arrest or is otherwise incapacitated or impaired;
- (3) in the opinion of the Little Falls Police Department, the vehicle is an abandoned or a recovered stolen vehicle; a trespass has occurred; or where a tow is necessary to secure and preserve evidence.

In such cases, the Little Falls Police Department may summon an emergency tow provider to remove the vehicle, at the expense of the owner or driver, and store it at its storage facility. In any instance, however, in which the tow provider is summoned by the Little Falls Police Department, it shall be done pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, under the authority provided by *N.J.S.A.* 40:48-2.49. *et seq.*

§ 249-3. Selection process for Township tow providers' license.

- A. On November 1 (or first following weekday if November 1 falls on a weekend) of every odd year beginning in 2013, the Township Clerk shall accept applications from towing companies seeking to be licensed as an official towing company for the Township ("Licensee"). License application forms shall be made available by October 1 for pick-up at the Township Municipal Building. Submitted applications shall contain the information as set forth and required herein and by § 249-4 of this chapter. Applicants submitting incomplete applications shall not be considered for selection. Applications may be submitted during normal business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) to the Township Clerk at the Township Municipal Building. Applications must be received by close of business day on November 30 (or first following weekday if November 30 falls on a weekend).
- B. Applications shall be reviewed for completeness by the Police Chief (for purposes of this Chapter 249, all references to the Police Chief shall mean the Police Chief or his or her designee) and/or Township Clerk by December 10 of each applicable licensee selection year. Application fees must accompany submitted applications to be deemed complete. See § 249-5.
- C. The Police Chief shall review all applications that have been timely submitted. Only applicants who have submitted compete applications (with the requisite application fee) and who meet all of the eligibility criteria set forth in sub-section E below shall be considered for licensure. No more than four (4) towing companies shall be licensed by the Township. The Police Chief shall conduct his review and shall recommend either approval or denial of the application(s) within 14 days of the application close date. Approved applicants shall be deemed the Township's Licensees by the Township Council for the following two years beginning January 1 and shall be duly licensed, provided the designees have met and continue to meet all the requirements of this Ordinance and for licensure
- D. In the event that the number of applicants exceeds the four (4) available openings, a selection lottery shall be held by the Township Clerk. Only applicants who have submitted complete applications (with the requisite application fee) and who meet all of the eligibility criteria set forth in sub-section E below shall be eligible for participation in the selection lottery. The selection lottery shall occur on December 10 (or the first following weekday if December 10 falls on a weekend). Under the lottery, each applicant shall be randomly assigned a number consistent with the number of applicants. The four (4) lowest numbers randomly selected shall be deemed the winning designees. Replacement designees will be selected as needed based on the numbers drawn in the lottery in the event a winning designee is disqualified for any reason following the lottery. The winning designees under the lottery shall be deemed the Township's Licensees by the Township Council for the following two years beginning January 1 and shall be duly licensed, provided the designees have met and continue to meet all the requirements of this Ordinance and for licensure.
- E. In order to be considered for selection as a Licensee, towing companies must meet the following eligibility criteria (in addition to other requirements as set forth herein):
 - (1) Guarantee a maximum 20 minutes' response time.
 - (2) Be available on a seven (7) day-per-week, three-hundred-sixty-five (365) day-per-year basis.
 - (3) Provide, at the towing company's own expense, cellular telephone communication with the Little Falls Police Department.
 - (4) Have adequate storage space either in the Township or within a three (3) mile radius of 225 Main Street, Little Falls, New Jersey that shall:
 - Be fully enclosed with a fence (minimally capable of holding six vehicles or 1,080 square feet) and secured from pilferage or damage;
 - (b) Permit the inside storage of at least two vehicles at any given time;
 - (c) Be adequately illuminated during hours of darkness; and
 - (d) Be completely free of garbage, debris, automotive parts, or other tripping hazards.
 - (5) Provide for the reasonable cleanup of an accident scene which shall include sweeping glass from the roadway and the removal of other accident related debris as described in N.J.S.A. 39:4-56.8. The cleanup fee as set forth in § 249-9 shall be divided equally among the towed vehicles involved in the collision. The debris shall not be placed into the towed vehicle.
 - (6) Have at its immediate disposal a minimum of three (3) towing trucks within a three (3) mile radius of 225 Main Street, Little Falls, New Jersey with sufficient personnel to be able to comply with the 20 minute maximum response time required by this Ordinance.
 - (7) Own or have immediate access to a flat-bed tow truck with sufficient personnel to be able to comply with the 20 minute maximum response time required by this Ordinance.
 - (8) Provide a certificate of insurance from a financially stable insurance carrier possessing an A.M. Best Company rating of not less than "A." Said certificate of insurance must further evidence that the following insurance coverage is valid and in effect for the specified contract period:
 - (a) Commercial automobile liability insurance with \$1,000,000 comprehensive single limit of liability.
 - (b) Garage keeper's liability with limits of \$150,000 per storage location.
 - (c) Worker's compensation insurance with the mandatory limits of coverage required by New Jersey statute.
 - (d) Endorsements naming the Township of Little Falls as an additional insured, and further indicating that the insurance coverage shall not be cancelled without a minimum of 15 days' prior notice to the Township.
 - Comply with the criminal history check and certified driver history record abstract requirements of this Chapter 249.

\S 249-4. Application requirements.

- A. Every applicant for a license under this chapter shall complete, sign and verify a written application, in duplicate, on forms furnished by the Township Clerk.
- B. The application shall state:
 - (1) Name and address of the applicant.
 - (2) Residence address and full local address, if any, of the applicant.
 - (3) Serial number and registration for each vehicle to be operated by the applicant.
 - (4) Location of storage area for wreckers and cars and the amount of available space for storage of towed cars.
 - (5) Policies or certificates of insurance coverage as herein provided.
 - (6) Consent to appointment of the Township Clerk as the applicant's true and lawful attorney for the purpose of acknowledging service out of any court of competent jurisdiction to be served against the applicant.
 - (7) Agreement to be available for service on business premises a minimum of 12 hours a day and to abide by the fees provided for by this chapter.
 - (8) Names and addresses of two business references.
 - (9) Sketch plan showing the location of the storage area, the number of cars that can be stored, and the total square footage area of the outside secured storage area.

- (10) Proof of ownership or lease of the outside secured storage area.
- (11) Proof of ownership, lease or other written agreement demonstrating availability of the vehicles which will be utilized to provides services pursuant to this chapter.
- (12) Agreement to indemnify and hold the Township, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from any and all liabilities, claims, costs, penalties, fines, and attorney's fees rising out of the towing, wrecking, storage and/or emergency services provided by the tow vendor at the request of the Township pursuant to this chapter.
- (13) Full list of the names of all employees working at the towage facility including all drivers of towing vehicles.
- (14) Responses to any other reasonable inquiries required by the Police Chief with regard to fitness as a Licensee.

§ 249-5. Application fee; licensing fee.

- A. The Township shall require a \$500.00 application fee payable to the Township for processing of the license application. The application fee is non-refundable.
- B. The Township shall require a \$250.00 license fee payable to the Township for licensure. The license fee shall be due upon notice from the Police Chief following the submission of satisfactory criminal history checks and driving abstracts.

§ 249-6. Licensing; Review by Chief of Police.

- A. The Township shall issue licenses to its Licensees. Licenses shall be valid for two years.
- B. Licenses are the property of the Township and may not under any circumstances be assigned, leased, shared, transferred or sold to another person, corporation or proprietorship.
- C. All prospective licensees and every towing company employee involved in the towing or storage of towed vehicles, or who will have access to towed vehicles, shall arrange for a fingerprint criminal history check to be conducted by Morpho-Trak (which is a private company under contract with the New Jersey State Police) or such successor entity which is designated by the New Jersey State Police, with the results to be provided directly by Morpho-Trak to the Township of Little Falls, 225 Main Street, Little Falls, NJ 07424 by completing Morpho-Trak Form D, which can be obtained from the New Jersey State Police or online at http://www.nj.gov/njsp/info/pdf/092509_universformd.pdf.
- D. All prospective licensees and every towing company employee involved in the towing of vehicles shall provide a certified driver history record abstract from the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to the Little Falls Police Department.
- E. The Police Chief shall recommend the issuance of a license when he finds that:
 - (1) The public convenience and necessity require the proposed wrecker service for which the application has been submitted.
 - (2) The applicant and all its employees are fit and proper persons to conduct or work in the proposed business.
 - (3) The applicant's towing facility, proposed storage area, vehicles and equipment area meets the Township's requirements.
 - (4) The application submitted by the applicant complies with the requirements of this chapter and all other applicable ordinances of the Township.
- F. No license shall issue to prospective licensees prior to the payment of the licensing fee of \$250.00.
- G. The Township shall issue license stickers to Licensees to be applied to all of its towing vehicles.

§ 249-7. Rotation schedule.

- A. The rotation of Licensees shall be as follows, subject to modification by the Police Chief or his designee:
 - Licensees shall be placed on a rotation list in alphabetical order by business name. A Licensee shall remain at the top of the list for a period of two weeks, at the end of which the next alphabetically listed Licensee shall serve. The two-week rotation schedule shall be implemented throughout the two-year license period. The rotating schedule of Licensees shall be posted at police headquarters. A Licensee that wishes to change its assigned rotation due to vacation or conflict may do so with the consent of the Chief of Police or his designee.
 - (2) In the event that a Licensee refuses a call for service or is unable to perform a call for service within the allotted 20-minute Ordinance requirement, that towing company shall move to the bottom of the list and the next Licensee on the rotation list shall be called. A one-time refusal or inability to service a call shall not affect the two-week rotation schedule.
 - (3) A Licensee that fails to respond to a call for service in the manner prescribed under this Ordinance, may be suspended from the rotation in accordance with Section 249-8 herein.
- 3. The selection process described herein shall be operative where the tow provider is summoned by the Little Falls Police Department.

\S 249-8. Suspension and removal from Licensee rotational list; appeal.

- A. The Police Chief shall have the authority to suspend a Licensee from the tow providers' rotational list for a period of up to 30 calendar days for failure to comply with any of the requirements of this chapter. For a subsequent failure to comply with any of the requirements of this chapter, the Police Chief may remove the Licensee from the rotational list for a twelve-month period.
- B. A Licensee may appeal the suspension or removal from the tow providers' rotational list by filing a notice of appeal with the Township Clerk within 10 business days of the Police Chief's decision.
- C. A hearing shall be held by the Mayor and Township Council within 30 days of filing the appeal.
- D. The Mayor and Township Council shall render its determination within 20 days following the conclusion of the hearing. The Mayor and Township Council's determination shall be final and conclusive.

§ 249-9. Towing rates.

Towing rates are as set forth in Chapter 71, Fees. Towing rates are subject to modification by way of resolution of the Township Council and shall be on record with the Clerk of the Township.

§ 249-10. Storage; fees; reflective vests; cruising at scenes.

- A. Each Licensee shall be available to the public for the release of stored vehicles at a minimum:
 - (1) Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - (2) Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- B. Storage fees shall not be charged on a Sunday and a holiday where the Licensee is unavailable to release the towed vehicle.
- C. The storage rate shall be as set forth in Chapter 71, Fees. Forty dollars per day in twenty-four-hour increments, starting at the time the vehicle is towed or \$1 per hour part thereof.
- D. All employees of Licensees must wear reflective safety vests when out of the tow truck as specified by current standards/statutes.
- E. Licensees are prohibited from cruising or showing up at scenes without being called by the Police Department.

\S 249-11. Winching.

- A. Each Licensee shall have the ability to provide recovery and winching services. Recovery services are those services that require the recovery of an automobile from a position beyond the right-of-way or berm, or from being impaled upon any other object within the right-of-way or berm by several actions that include, but not limited to, winching and rigging.
- B. Under no circumstances shall a winching or recovery fee be charged because a vehicle was dragged onto a flatbed tow vehicle.

§ 249-12. Payment for towing.

- A. The owner and/or driver of the vehicle that has been towed shall be responsible for the payment of all towing and storage fees.
- B. Licensees shall have the ability to accept cash or credit cards, and shall furnish receipts upon request, including transactions on scene.

§ 249-13. Inquiries from motorists.

- A. In any instance in which a motorist makes an inquiry of the Little Falls Police Department concerning towing services, the Little Falls Police shall advise the motorist of the name and address of the scheduled Licensee currently in rotation and except as provided in § 249-2 where the police shall have the right to summon a tow service, the police officer shall advise the motorist that he may select any tower of his own choice and at his own expense.
- B. If requested to remove a vehicle out of the lane of travel so that a motorist could utilize his/her own towing service, the maximum allowable charge shall be as set forth in Chapter 71, Fees, and the Licensee shall tow the vehicle to a safe location as determined by the on-scene police officer.
- C. In the event a tow is requested by a motorist through the Little Falls Police Department to a location outside of the Township from the scene subject to the availability of the on-rotation Licensee, the maximum rate that can be charged is \$3 per mile, in addition to the tow charge.

§ 249-14. Enforcement.

The Police Chief or his designee is hereby authorized to enforce all provisions of this chapter in accordance with due process of law.

§ 249-15. Copies of fees and regulations made available to public; additional fees.

- A. A copy of this chapter and current fee schedule shall be available to the public at the office of the Township Clerk during normal business hours.
- B. No other fees or charges that are not specifically listed under § 249-9 shall be charged.

§ 249-16. Violations and penalties.

Any person violating the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be liable to the penalty stated in Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article I.

Ordinance No. 1177 – It was moved by Councilmember Fontana, seconded by Councilmember Maceri, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1177 be and it was opened.

Poll: Ayes: Fontana, Maceri, Rento and President Vantuno

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Louis Fernandez, 54 Harrison Street, doesn't think any politician should get involved with landlord rent control.

<u>Arnold Korotkin</u>, Long Hill Road, explained that the purpose of rent control is to help maintain the diversity of the town, and asked the Council to support this ordinance.

<u>John Veteri</u>, 133 Prospect Street, asked if the previous ordinance has expired. He also questioned whether the Council was willing to rescind the RFP for the cell tower.

No one further having come forward to be heard, it was moved by Councilmember Maceri, seconded by Councilmember Fontana, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1177 be and it was closed.

Poll: Ayes: Fontana, Maceri, Rento and President Vantuno

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Council President VANTUNO said the current rent control ordinance expires in September. He also informed that the Council will not rescind RFP's as of this evening. They will decide on this after they have reviewed the RFP's.

It was moved by Councilmember Fontana, seconded by Councilmember Maceri, that the Ordinance No. 1177 be and it was adopted.

Poll: Ayes: Fontana, Maceri, Rento and President Vantuno

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1179 – It was moved by Councilmember Fontana, seconded by Councilmember Maceri, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1179 be and it was opened.

Poll: Ayes: Fontana, Maceri, Rento and President Vantuno

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

No one having come forward to be heard, it was moved by Councilmember Fontana, seconded by Councilmember Maceri, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1179 be and it was closed.

Poll: Ayes: Fontana, Maceri, Rento and President Vantuno

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Maceri, seconded by Councilmember Rento, that the Ordinance No. 1179 be and it was adopted.

Poll: Ayes: Fontana, Maceri, Rento and President Vantuno

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1180 – It was moved by Councilmember Fontana, seconded by Councilmember Maceri, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1180 be and it was opened.

Poll: Ayes: Fontana, Maceri, Rento and President Vantuno

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

No one having come forward to be heard, it was moved by Councilmember Maceri, seconded by Councilmember Fontana, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1180 be and it was closed.

Poll: Ayes: Fontana, Maceri, Rento and President Vantuno

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Fontana, seconded by Councilmember Maceri, that the Ordinance No. 1180 be and it was adopted.

Poll: Ayes: Fontana, Maceri, Rento and President Vantuno

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

<u>Award of Change Order to CRC General Contractors, Inc. for Road Improvement Work on Ridge Avenue</u> – It was moved by Councilmember Fontana, seconded by Councilmember Maceri, that the Council approve the following: RESOLUTION [G] 13-08-12 - #7

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL RESOLUTION AWARDING CHANGE ORDER TO CRC GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORK ON RIDGE AVENUE IN EXCESS OF 20% OF CONTRACT PRICE

WHEREAS the Township Council has received a recommendation from the Mayor and Township Engineer regarding the extension of the Ridge Avenue road improvement contract to include curbs, pavement and other incidental construction on Ridge Avenue from Prospect Street southerly to Crane Street which is a natural extension of the contract work but was not included in the original road improvement project; and

WHEREAS the Township Council has considered this recommendation in accordance with NJAC 5:30-1 et seq. and the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS the Township Council has determined that the most efficient method of completion of the roadway work on the extension of Ridge Avenue from Prospect Street to Crane Street at the least cost to the residents and tax payers of the Township of Little Falls would be by having the work performed under the Township's Ridge Avenue contract; and

WHEREAS the Township Council has determined there are benefits in having this work performed by a single contractor responsible for coordination of the work; and

WHEREAS the Township Council has a contract with CRC General Contractors, Inc. for improvements to Ridge Avenue, which was awarded by public bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council authorizes a Change Order to CRC General Contractors, Inc. for the completion of roadway work on Ridge Avenue from Prospect Street southerly to Crane Street with other accessory work as listed in the Township Engineer's estimate and further authorizes a notice of this action be printed in the official newspaper and a copy of the notice be filed with the Township Clerk.

Poll: Ayes: Fontana, Maceri, Rento and President Vantuno

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Award of Fair and Open Contract to D'Arminio & Sons for Improvements to Amity Park – It was moved by Councilmember Fontana, seconded by Councilmember Maceri, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [H] 13-08-12 - #8

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO AMITY PARK

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2013, the Township of Little Falls received bids for Improvements to Amity Park:

MJ D'Arminio, Inc. DiMilia, Inc.

Bid: \$123,740.00 Bid: \$141,090.00

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has provided a Certification of the Availability of Funds (a copy of which is appended to the original of the with Resolution) pursuant to Rule 5:30-1.10 of the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has reviewed the proposals for technical sufficiency, and the Township Attorney has reviewed the proposals for legal sufficiency and recommends that a contract be awarded to MJ D'Arminio, Inc.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls as follows:

1) That the proposal of

MJ D'Arminio, Inc. Hackensack, NJ

in the amount of

\$123,740.00

be and the same is hereby accepted; and

2) That the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute a contract in a form prepared and approved by the Township Attorney for the purchase of the within designated services subject to the successful contractor's filing the required New Jersey Employee Information Report (Form AA302)or providing a Certificate of Employee Information to the Township.

Poll: Ayes: Fontana, Maceri, Rento and President Vantuno

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

<u>Rejecting Bids Received for SRL FY10 – Phase 1 House Elevations</u> – It was moved by Councilmember Rento, seconded by Councilmember Maceri, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [I] 13-08-12 - #9 REJECTING BIDS RECEIVED FOR SRL FY10 – PHASE 1 HOUSE ELEVATIONS

WHEREAS, pursuant to advertisement duly made, bids for SRL FY10 – Phase 1 House Elevations were received by the Township of Little Falls on July 26, 2013; and

WHEREAS the Township Attorney has reviewed the bids for legal sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, it was found that the bid packages submitted by the two low bidders were defective; and therefore, could not be recommended for award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls that the bids for SRL FY10 – Phase 1 House Elevations be and they are hereby rejected; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Administrator and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause advertisement for receipt of bids for this project.

Poll: Ayes: Fontana, Maceri, Rento and President Vantuno

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

<u>Authorizing Receipt of Proposals for Appraisal Services for SRL FY11</u> – It was moved by Councilmember Rento, seconded by Councilmember Fontana, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [J] 13-08-12 - #10
AUTHORIZING THE RECIEPT OF PROPOSALS FOR
APPRAISAL SERVICES FOR SRL FY11

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls has a need to acquire Appraisal Services for SRL FY11; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls that the Administrator and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause advertisement for receipt of proposals for this project.

Poll: Ayes: Fontana, Maceri, Rento and President Vantuno

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

It was moved by Councilmember Maceri, seconded by Councilmember Fontana, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [BL]

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: Fontana, Maceri, Rento and President Vantuno

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Fontana, seconded by Councilmember Maceri, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Cynthia Kraus Municipal Clerk