

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

Monday, August 28, 2023

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

Absent: Councilmember Jayna Patel and Councilmember Christopher Vancheri.

Township Employees present: Police Chief Bryan Prall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG-Following the Salute to the Flag Council President SGOBBA requested a moment of silence to honor the passing of 3 year old Liam Marquez, honorary member of the Police and Fire Departments, and Helen Lewis, member of the Senior Advisory Board.

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 January 5, 2023. A copy of the notice was mailed to the North Jersey Herald and News and The Record on the same date. Additionally, a copy of the notice was filed in the office of the Township Clerk on said date. **A link and a telephone number to join the meeting virtually can be accessed on the Township website at www.lfnj.com. Electronic provisions have been established for the public to participate during the public comment portion of the meeting.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 24, 2023, and the Minutes of the August 14, 2023 Workshop be and they were approved.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING LIAM MARQUEZ – At this time, Mayor Damiano read a Proclamation recognizing resident Liam Marquez as an honorary Fire and Police Department member.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Wenzel had nothing to report.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember MURPHY provided an update on sponsorships for the Township calendar.

Councilmember HABLITZ reported on upcoming Library events including weekly Happy Hour Yoga and Reading to Daisy on September 13th. The Town-wide Yard Sale has been changed to September 30th with a rain date of October 1st. Councilmember HABLITZ then reviewed details of the Little Falls Spooky Sprint 5K slated for October 22nd.

In Councilmember VANCHERI's absence, Council President SGOBBA provided his report which included receipt of a 9-11 seedling tree awarded to the Township. The tree will be dedicated at the 9-11 ceremony to be held on 9-11 at 6:30PM at Wilmore Road Park. An update was also provided on Don't Block the Box, signage, and line painting on Main Street.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Council President SGOBBA announced the Harvest Moon Dance will be held on October 12th. He then provided a progress report on the Hometown Hero program including a sample banner for display.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Members of the public who have joined the Meeting virtually and desire to provide comment shall raise their virtual hand in the Zoom application. The Meeting Moderator will queue the members of the public that wish to provide comment and the Council President will recognize them in order. Members of the public who have joined the Meeting by calling in must press *6 to mute and unmute themselves and *9 to raise their hand. Members of the public who have joined the Meeting via the Zoom application must click the Reactions icon and then the Raise Hand icon. Once the process is complete, we will return to the regular order of business.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Cindy Alexander, 10 Montclair Ave - commented on her support of Ordinance No. 1469, how marijuana has helped her medical condition, and provided experiential details of the process of purchasing it. In response to Council President SGOBBA, Ms. Alexander explained she visits multiple locations as there is a strain she prefers that is not available at all locations. In response to Mayor Damiano's inquiry, Ms. Alexander explained that \$100 worth of cannabis lasts one week.

Hugh Giordano – representing United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW), Local 360, the official labor union representing cannabis workers from seed to sale, commented on the UFCW support of Ordinance 1468 and 1469, and that having these establishments creates jobs with good benefits. Mr. Giordano suggested amendment of the Ordinance to include labor peace and project labor agreements to protect workers.

Rebecca Panico- commented on her reasons she supports Ordinance No. 1468, referring to support on the 2020 ballot question in 2020 per election data on the County website, as well as an opportunity to boost tax revenue. Ms. Panico voiced concern regarding Ordinance No. 1469, specifically regarding the location on Route 46, stating traffic concerns and better accessibility to residents in Town. Councilmember HABLITZ requested clarification that Ms. Panico was in favor of a dispensary in Town but would rather have it in the downtown areas as opposed to the highway. Ms. Panico agreed and Councilmember HABLITZ pointed out that traffic may be better after the construction is completed.

Gian Lombardi – retail cannabis business owner in Haledon who shared his experience, noting that the licensing process should include a period where businesses/entrepreneurs know there is an application period they can apply within and submit an application. Mr. Lombardi suggested the Township publicly open up an application period, accept multiple applications, and choose what would be the best business for Little Falls. He also highlighted as Ordinance No. 1468 is written, the only applicants who can apply are those who have gone through a conditional licensing phase, referencing Section B. Mr. Giordano recommended the Ordinance be amended as a final state license cannot be obtained until local approval is obtained. Therefore, the Township may want to issue its own form a of conditional license that will allow an application to go and obtain final State approval.

Jim Doran- commented on prohibition and queried whether the Township had any authority to require or encourage unionization. Mr. Wenzel stated he was unsure whether the Council has that authority and would have to investigate further should the Council request.

Gabriella Wilday- Gian Lombardi's partner, addressed Mr. Doran's comment, noting the State requirement to have a labor peace agreement in place on the State application. Ms. Wilday discussed Ordinance No. 1468 and No. 1469, noting her belief that there needs to be an ordinance to amend 33-6 to allow cannabis in Little Falls. She also noted it would be helpful for the Council to consider how many dispensaries would be allowed to operate in the Township so that entrepreneurs know what their chances are to obtain a license. Council President SGOBBA noted Ordinance No. 1469 will be held for further review. In response to Ms. Wilday's comments on amending 33-6, Mayor Damiano stated his impression it was unnecessary because the Class 5 license was not addressed in the prior Ordinance, therefore there is nothing to amend in the current Ordinance. Mr. Wenzel stated he would have to investigate it.

Damaris Rodriguez- expressed her opposition to the Ordinance, as she has children in the school system, believes it will negatively impact younger people and give them access to illegal drugs, and is concerned the location is close to the high school. Councilmember HABLITZ stated she is not a cannabis user, but recently visited a cannabis dispensary to see how they work and described her observations, noting the establishment was well monitored. Councilmember HABLITZ discussed studies that showed communities with dispensaries have less illegal activity and while she expressed understanding of Ms. Rodriguez's concerns as mother and grandmother herself, she did not believe a dispensary would cause illegal drugs.

Alexis Arema – 10 Overlook Ave. expressed her support of cannabis as it would be good for the Township and for tax revenue.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the Consent Agenda were considered to be routine and will be enacted with a single motion.

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REPORTS

Municipal Clerk's Report – Month of July 2023

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT
Month of July 2023

ABC LICENSES		\$165.00
OTHER LICENSES		
Business Licenses	\$1,275.00	
Pre-paid Business Licenses		
Raffle Licenses	\$160.00	
		\$1,435.00
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS		
Fees & Permits	\$408.00	
Marriage Licenses-LF	\$125.00	
Marriage Licenses-NJ	\$15.00	
		\$548.00
MRNA		
Street Maps		
Zoning Maps		
Zoning Ordinances		
Document Copies		
Garage Sales	\$15.00	
Misc. Fees & Refunds:		
TOTAL MRNA		\$15.00
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT		\$2,163.00
TOTAL TO TREASURER		\$2,163.00

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

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT
Month of July 2023

Dog Licenses issued 07/01/2023 thru 07/31/2023	
Nos. 170 to 183 = Licenses	
Amount due Little Falls	\$95.20
Amount due State	\$22.80
Total Cash Received	\$118.00
Cat Licenses issued 07/01/2023 thru 07/31/2023	
Nos. to	
Licenses Issued	
Total Cash Received	\$118.00
Total to Treas.	\$118.00

Tax Collector's Report - Month of July 2023

MONTHLY REPORT

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

Categories 01-	July 1-31, 2023	2023 Year to Date
2023 Taxes	\$7,395,037.17	\$33,464,785.05
2016-2022 Taxes	12,872.53	525,859.46
Interest	3,009.36	62,091.00
Duplicate Tax Bill	35.00	40.00
Insufficient Check Fee	0.00	120.00
6% YE-Penalty Fee	0.00	19,868.04
PILOT in-lieu of taxes	38,580.65	417,224.28
GRAND TOTALS	\$7,449,534.71	\$33,489,987.83

Delinquent 2016 Taxes	\$284,632.08 (princ).
Delinquent 2020 Taxes	2,240.64 (bankruptcy).
Delinquent 2021 Taxes	4,519.28 (bankruptcy).
Delinquent 2022 Taxes	123,624.36 (subject to tax sale 09/12/2023).
Delinquent 2023 Taxes	327,694.25 (1 st -2 qtrs/princ)
Total Delinquent Taxes	\$742,710.61

2023 Refunds this month =	-\$0.00
2023 Year to date refunds =	-\$20,535.27

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

REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2023

Months	2019 STCJ	2020 STCJ	2021 STCJ	2022 STCJ	2022 Exempt/ Other	2023 CBJ	2023 Regular	2023 Senior/ Veteran	Exempt 2023	Totals By Months
January	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$328.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$328.60
February	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,184.64	\$2,184.64
March	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$328.60	\$3,378.02	\$0.00	\$6,194.94	\$9,901.56
April	\$1,533.24	\$2,329.96	\$52,368.44	\$56,170.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$112,402.53
May	\$0.00	\$8,861.47	\$10,146.71	\$12,105.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,982.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,096.60
June	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
July	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,152.77	\$0.00	\$1,201.04	\$0.00	\$4,265.23	8,619.04
Totals	\$1,533.24	\$11,191.43	\$62,515.15	\$68,276.51	\$3,481.37	\$328.60	\$7,561.86	\$0.00	\$12,644.81	\$167,532.97

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

STCJ = State Tax Court Judgments.

CBJ= County Board Judgments.

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

	<u>Deposit</u>	2023 <u>Year-to-Date</u>
January 2023	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
February 2023	0.00	0.00
March 2023	19,684.33	19,684.33
April 2023	18,984.71	38,669.04
May 2023	31,365.76	70,034.80
June 2023	0.00	70,034.80
July 2023	0.00	70,034.80
Total Collected as of July 31, 2023		\$ 70,034.80

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

	<u>Liens with Premiums Redeemed/ (-)</u>	<u>Bal. /Dep. (+)</u>
Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2023)		\$449,500.00
January 2023	\$ 0.00	449,500.00
February 2023	0.00	449,500.00
March 2023	-30,000.00	419,500.00
April 2023	-43,000.00	376,500.00
May 2023	-76,000.00	300,500.00
June 2023	0.00	300,500.00
July 2023	0.00	300,500.00
Ending Balance as of July 31, 2023		\$300,500.00

Recreation Report – Month of July 2023

Recreation Center – July 2023				
Program	Facility	# Classes	Hours	Participants
Summer Day Camp	Rec. Center	19	85	4,500
Yoga	Multi	2	2	12
Fencing	Gym	5	10	40
Weekly Totals		26	97	4552

Civic Center Report – Month of July 2023

Month of July 2023			
Meeting Group	# of Meetings	Hours	Participants
Senior Citizen Social Clubs	7	42	170
Arts & Craft Class	3	6	44
Stamp Club	2	4	20
Tai Chi/Qi Gong	4	8	60
Gentle Yoga/Fit Over Fifty	3	6	36
LF Fire Dept. Meeting	1	2	10
OEM Meeting	1	2	10
LFFPA Meeting	1	2	15
Totals	22	72	365

Police Department Report – Month of July 2023

OPERATION DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT

Type of Arrest	Total
Total Calls for Service	3253
Total Operation Reports Generated	179
Total Investigation Reports Generated	48
Total Arrests	15

Arrest Summary

Type of Arrest	Total
Driving While Intoxicated	7
Simple Assault (DV)	2
Aggravated Assault (DV)	1
Weapons Possession	1
Outstanding Warrant (NCIC)	1
Outstanding Warrant (ACS)	1
Outstanding Warrant (ATS)	1

Patrol Bureau Time & Attendance

Type of Hours	Total
Vacation	156
Holiday	347
Compensatory	85.5
Sick	112
Personal time	19
Credit time	254
Administrative	0
PBA day	7
Schedule transition	33
Bereavement	0
Overtime due to Training	6
Overtime hours to maintain minimum staffing level	24
Overtime due to Incident/Weather/Other Event	15.5

TRAFFIC SAFETY SECTION

Type of Hours	Total
TRAFFIC STUDIES	2
SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT DETAILS	7
RADAR DETAILS	6
MOTOR VEHICLES COMPLAINTS	24(CAD) 1 (Complaint Form)
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	26
SUMMONS ISSUED	146(742) 439(Dept)
MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH REPORTS	53
SAFETY STICK VIOLATIONS ISSUED	122

COMMUNITY POLICING

Type of Hours	Total
Cell block inspections	20
School arrivals	0
School dismissals	0
School Walk-thru	0
Vacant house checks	22
Child car seat installations	2
Station House Adjustment Supervision Details	3 (20 hrs)
Project medicine box emptied	1
Summer Camp Traffic Details	28
Community function appearances	5
School function appearances	0

Special projects/details

National Night Out/Rec Center Movie Night

COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU
Time & Attendance

Type of Hours	Total
Vacation	72
Holiday	36
Compensatory	12
Sick	12
Personal time	0
Credit time	95
Schedule transition	12
Bereavement	0
OT Covered by Full Time	188.5
OT Covered by Per Diem	48
OT Covered by Supervisor	8.5
OT Due to Training	12.5
Overtime due to incident/weather/other event	8

Communications Bureau Calls for Service

Type of Hours	Total
9-1-1	224
NON-EMERGENCY	611
WALK-IN	12
RADIO	1,416
MDT	1,020
TOTAL CFS	3,253

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LITTLE FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT					
Operations Division Monthly Report					
CODE	CALL FOR SERVICE	TOTALS	CODE	CALL FOR SERVICE	TOTALS
0440	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT HANDS AND FEET	1	6614	TRAFFIC POST	41
0510	BURGLARY	7	6615	TRAFFIC COUNTER DEPLOYMENT/RADAR SIGN	3
0610	THEFT	10	6616	TRAFFIC STUDY	4
0614	BURGLARY TO MOTOR VEHICLE	2	7003	PROPERTY CHECK/AREA CHECK	594
0710	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1	7004	VACANT HOME CHECK	42
0800	SIMPLE ASSAULT	2	7008	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	45
1120	CREDIT CARDS	1	7010	NOTIFICATIONS	8
1130	FRAUD ALL OTHERS	1	7012	BANK ESCORTS, ETC	3
1341	RECOVER STOLEN VEHICLE NOT FOR LOCAL THEFTS	1	7014	OTH PUB SERV/WELFARE CHK	17
1440	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF ALL	3	7015	ASSIST CITIZEN	3
1445	PROPERTY DAMAGE REPORT	5	7050	PROPERTY CHECK SCHOOL FACILITIES	62
1810	CDS	2	7055	BAR/TAVERN CHECK	59
2111	DWI – ALCOHOLL/UNDER INFL	7	7085	CHILD CUSTODY EXCHANGE	1
2415	DISPUTE	22	7504	ASSISTING-OTHER POLICE DP	10
2420	DISORDERLY CONDUCT/HARASSMENT	1	7505	ASSIST OTHER PD ALCO-TEST	1
2450	NOISE COMPLAINT	9	7506	ASSISTING – OTHER AGENCIES	9
2485	ALARM ALL OTHERS	3	7510	UTILITIES PROBLEM	2
2619	VIOLATION OF TRO/FRO	2	8010	WARRANTS – LOCAL	1
2657	HARASSMENT	1	8110	WARRANTS-OTHER AGENCIES	2
2660	TRESPASSING	1	8212	WARRANTS – CONTEMPT OF COURT	1
2662	WEAPONS OFFENSE/OTHER	1	8220	WARRANTS – NON SUPPORT	1
2665	FIREWORKS	17	9002	ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES	305
4014	OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS GENERAL POLICE	5	9003	COMMUNITY POLICING	11
4018	STREETS LIGHTS-OUT/REPAIRS	1	9006	SICK DAY	4
4020	SUSPICIOUS AUTO GENERAL POLICE	11	9008	COURT	4
4021	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	10	9010	IN SERVICE TRAINING	30
4022	SUSPICIOUS PERSON GENERAL POLICE	9	9020	POLICE INFORMATION	1
4026	DOWN-WIRES/POLES/TREES/LIMBS	2	9025	FIELD CONTACT INFORMATION	4
4028	OTHER NON-CRIMINAL INV GENERAL POLICE	15	9027	FIREARMS APPLICATION	9
4040	PATROL INVESTIGATION	9	9028	FINGERPRINT	2
4051	ALARM BURGLARY OR HOLD UP RESIDENCE	21	9029	CIVIL MATTER	1
4052	ALARM BURGLARY OR HOLD UP NON RESIDENCE	24	9030	SPECIAL DETAIL ASSIGNMENT	34
4100	ALARMS (FIRE ALARMS)	5	9034	REPOSSESSION	3
4141	FIRE-RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE	1	9050	BACKGROUND CHECK	3
4157	FUMES – ODOR OF GAS	2	9052	TRO/FRO INFORMATION & SERVICE	1
4159	SMOKE CONDITION	1	9071	DIRECTED PATROL	65
4170	ASSIST – POLICE DEPARTMENT	2	911	911 HANG UP/CHK WELFARE	70
5004	FOUND ARTICLES	1	9110	PRO-ACTIVE PATROL	225
5008	LOST ARTICLES	4	9112	FOOT PATROL	7
5016	MISSING PERSON	1	9115	FOLLOW-UP	27
5504	ANIMAL BITES	1	9118	CHILDSEAT INSPECTION	2
5506	LOST/FOUND/STRAY ANIMALS	4	9110	911 TRANSFER TO OTHER	51
5510	ANIMAL COMPLAINTS ALL	8	9130	OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET	1
6006	MV ACCIDENT W/INJURY	1	9137	EVIDENCE DUTIES	10
6008	MV ACCIDENT NO INJURIES	52	9192	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	17
6010	MV CRASH-SR-1/OTHER	1	9210	ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION	1
6303	TRAFFIC OFFENSE ALL OTHER	1	9982	SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	4
6305	SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT TRAFFIC	97			
6306	RADAR	211			
6308	TRAFFIC MV COMPLAINT	24			
6310	TRAFFIC ENFORCE/STOP	714			
6335	TRAFFIC HAZARD	14			
6336	DISABLED MV	21			
6510	PARKING ENFORCEMENT	74			
6608	ESCORTS	3			
6610	MOTORIST ASSIST	1			
6612	SIGNALS SIGNS OUT	1			

Investigations & Services Division Report
July 2023 Monthly Report

DETECTIVE BUREAU

Criminal Case Management:

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

Criminal Complaints/Warrants Served:

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

Juvenile:

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

Narcotics:

- 0 Arrests were made by the investigative division for a drug related offense.
- 1 33 lbs. of prescription drugs collected in the drop box.

After Hours Callouts:

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

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Grand Jury/Superior Court Appearances:

0 Cases required a Detective to appear and testify before a Grand Jury or Superior Court.

Internal Affairs (IA):

0 IA Complaint(s) was screened and indexed.

0 IA Investigation(s) was conducted and closed.

0 IA Complaint(s) remains open (2022) and is being investigated.

Major Discipline: There were 0 investigations closed that resulted in disciplinary action requiring termination, demotion and/or suspension of five (5) or more days.

Search Warrants/Subpoenas:

11 Subpoenas were requested to be served for an investigation.

There were 0 search warrants and 0 communication data warrants executed.

Background Investigations:

The Detective Bureau completed:

2 Police Applicants

0 Dispatcher Applicants

1 Crossing Guard Applicant

0 Solicitor Applicant Investigations

0 ABC Background/Applicants

Megan's Law (Sex-Offender) Registrations:

0 New Registrations

4 Address Verification and Re-Registration

0 Transferred to Other Agency

There are currently 12 registered sex-offenders residing within the Township.

Detective Time Off and Overtime:

Compensatory – 23 hours

Vacation/Holiday – 56 hours

Time Off: TOTAL Hours

Personal – 0 hours

Sick-16 hours

Other – 0 hours (Bereavement)

Overtime: TOTAL 4.5 Hours

Detective (Investigations and Follow ups) Hours for Cash – 0 hours

Detective (Investigations and Follow ups) Hours for Compensatory Time –.5 hours

Patrol Shift Coverage by Detective – 0 hours (OT Cash)

Patrol Grant OT – 0 hours

Court OT –8 Hours (OT Cash)

PVHS / Outside Events – 0 Hours

Notable Detective Cases:

Investigations

- **Case#22-25375 (Burglary/Attempted MV Theft) Garden Street** -On December 6, 2022, patrol officers documented several reports of motor vehicle burglaries which occurred overnight. One incident captured the suspect entering the victim's vehicle and attempting to steal it on video surveillance. The victim's vehicle was processed for latent fingerprints. The latent fingerprint evidence led to the eventual charging of the suspect in relation to this case.
- **Case#23-18460 (Attempted Murder) Chela's Restaurant and Bar** – Upon completion of the original investigation, Administrative Charges under Liquor Laws (Title 33) were filed against Chela's Restaurant and Bar. A Total of (8) counts on various violations stemming from this original incident.

RECORDS BUREAU:

Discovery and OPRA:

8 Discovery Cases involving Digital (Audio/Video) files were processed for defense attorneys, the public defender and prosecutors.

12 Total discovery cases. 30 OPRA requests were processed.

633 pages of reports were facilitated and forwarded to the Township Clerk's Office for OPRA requests.

\$1120.00 was deposited by the Records Bureau during the month.

Discovery \$0.00/Firearms \$925.00/Accident & Incident Reports \$195.00/Fingerprints \$0.00

Firearms:

3 Applications for Firearms Permits

3 Firearms Purchaser ID cards were issued

8 Handgun Purchase Permits were issued

3 Permit to Carry Handguns Issued

Background Investigations:

9 Firearm Investigations Completed

0 Application Withdrawn by Applicant/Denied

TRAINING

MEL Risk Management for Managers & Supervisors (1.5 hr. webinar)- Chief Prall, Det./Lt. Gilchrist, Sgt. Cespedes, Sgt. Tulling, Ptl. Timmerman

CODIS Compliance Training (2 hr. webinar) -Cpl. Vanak

Northeast Counterdrug Training Center Social Networking (2 days) – Det. Kania

Evidence Based Approach to Background Investigations (2 days)- Det./Sgt. Moncato

Behavioral Threat Assessment Management (1 day)- Det. Isshak

Department Training:

Legal Updates (Power DMS) – All sworn personnel

Construction Report – July 2023

Uniform Construction Code

Permits Issued – 41

Inspections -186

Total Value of Construction - \$471,273.00

Certificate of Occupancy - \$441.00

Permit Fees Collected - \$12,142.00

Permit Fees Waived - \$0.00

Penalties - \$0.00

Total Fees Collected - \$12,583.00

Zoning

Total Zoning Fees - \$3500.00

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Property Maintenance

Certificates of Compliance Fees –\$1,185.00
 Inspections –80
 Roll-off permits – \$50.00
 Complaints – 0
 Violations Issued – 24
 Total Fees Collected - \$1,935.00
Monthly Revenue \$18,018.00

YTD 2023 Revenue \$332,783.00

Finance Department Report – July 2023

BUDGET STATUS REPORT YEAR TO DATE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS JANUARY 1, 2023 – JULY 31, 2023							
ACCOUNT 01-2010	BUDGET	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Paid or Committed	Balance	% Spent
00-0000	BUDGET	0.00	605.00	0.00	605.00	-605.00	0.0
20-1000	ADMINISTRATION S&W	165,000.00	82,725.61	0.00	82,725.61	82,274.39	50.1
20-1050	ADMINISTRATON O/E	68,800.00	47,779.82	19,500.00	67,279.82	1,520.18	97.7
20-1100	MAYOR & COUNCIL S&W	17,500.00	10,208.52	0	10,208.52	7,291.48	58.3
20-1102	MAYOR & COUNCIL O/E	2,000.00	718.92	0.00	718.92	1,281.08	35.9
20-1200	CLERK S&W	297,129.00	174,262.20	0.00	174,262.20	122,866.80	58.6
20-1202	CLERK O/E	88,500.00	30,206.48	16,763.00	46,969.48	41,530.52	53.0
20-1300	FINANCIAL ADM. S&W	158,450.00	105,995.55	0.00	105,995.55	52,454.45	66.8
20-1302	FINANCIAL ADM. O/E	75,000.00	44,748.49	114.48	44,862.97	30,137.03	59.8
20-1352	FINANCIAL ADMIN. AUDIT	58,000.00	25,250.00	0.00	25,250.00	32,750.00	43.5
20-1450	REVENUE ADMIN.S&W	107,723.00	62,838.40	0.00	62,838.40	44,884.60	58.3
20-1452	REVENUE ADMIN.-O/E	39,500.00	37,384.79	1,422.88	38,807.67	692.33	98.2
20-1500	ASSESSMENTS S&W	61,587.00	35,925.93	0.00	35,925.93	25,661.07	58.3
20-1502	ASSESSMENT OF TAXES	32,900.00	8,427.30	0.00	8,427.30	24,472.70	25.6
20-1550	LEGAL SERVICES S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1551	LEGAL SERVICES O/E	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1552	LEGAL SERVICES O/E	175,000.00	102,619.60	39,068.80	141,688.40	33,311.60	80.9
20-1651	ENGINEERING S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1652	ENGINEERING O/E	50,000.00	32,653.08	4,089.00	36,742.08	13,257.92	73.4
20-1801	PLANNING BOARD S&W	5,360.00	3,126.45	0.00	3,126.45	2,233.55	58.3
20-1802	PLANNING BOARD O/E	26,500.00	20,946.33	0.00	20,946.33	5,553.67	79.0
20-1951	CONST.CODE OFF. S&W	301,444.00	175,152.35	0.00	175,152.35	126,291.65	58.1
20-1952	CONST.CODE OFF. O/E	47,200.00	20,586.55	4,788.78	25,375.33	21,824.67	53.7
22-2001	PLUMBING INSP. S&W	24,793.00	19,412.09	0.00	19,412.09	5,380.91	78.2
22-2002	ELECTRIC INSP. S&W	29,063.00	22,241.18	0.00	22,241.18	6,821.82	76.5
23-2101	LIABILITY INSURANCE	35,000.00	34,704.00	0.00	34,704.00	296.00	99.1
23-2102		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
23-2150	LIABILITY INSUR-	220,800.00	263,243.50	0.00	263,243.50	-42,623.50	119.3
23-2151	WORKERS COMP.-	325,200.00	272,912.00	0.00	272,912.00	52,288.00	83.9
23-2152		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
23-2202	NJSHBP-GROUP HEALTH	1,730,000.00	1,064,887.77	35,064.23	1,099,952.00	630,048.00	63.5
23-2252	UNEMPLOYMENT INSUR.	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.0
24-2401	STORM IDA EMERGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
24-2402	STORM IDA EMERGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25-2401	POLICE S&W	4,172,948.00	2,741,094.42	0.00	2,741,094.42	1,431,853.58	65.6
25-2402	POLICE O/E	230,350.00	136,218.17	53,628.77	189,846.94	40,503.06	82.4
25-2403	POLICE S&W	537,164.00	308,509.93	0.00	308,509.93	228,654.07	57.4
25-2404	POLICE S&W	226,038.00	125,892.46	0.00	125,892.46	100,145.54	55.6
25-2412	ACQ. OF POLICE CARS	110,000.00	58,540.00	0.00	58,410.00	51,590.00	53.1
25-2521	EMERG. MGMT. S&W	15,000.00	8,750.00	0.00	8,750.00	6,250.00	58.3
25-2522	EMERG. MGMT. SERV.-	20,000.00	11,308.14	1,756.70	13,064.84	6,935.16	65.3
25-2651	FIRE S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2652	AID VOLUNTEER FIRE	167,240.00	81,447.27	1,753.00	83,200.27	84,039.73	49.7
25-2653	FIRE O/E- FLOOD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2662	FIRE HYDRANT SERV.	182,000.00	116,268.60	65,731.40	182,000.00	0.00	100.0
25-2751	PROSECUTOR S&W	21,683.00	12,648.16	0.00	12,648.16	9,034.84	58.3
25-2801	EMS/AMBULANCE EMT	620,940.00	323,080.99	0.00	323,080.99	297,859.01	52.0
25-2802	EMS/AMBULANCE	113,950.00	62,495.76	12,889.58	75,385.34	38,564.66	66.1
25-2871	EMS/AMB ELMWOOD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2872	EMS/AMB ELMWOOD PK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
26-2901	DPW S&W	1,018,498.00	592,657.12	0.00	592,657.12	425,840.88	58.1
26-2902	DPW-O/E	200,000.00	134,097.85	59,663.79	193,761.64	6,238.36	96.8
26-3001	SHADE TREE COMM.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
26-3002	SHADE TREE COMM. O/E	23,370.00	14,389.99	0.00	14,389.99	8,980.01	61.5
26-3051	SOLID WASTE S&W	75,000.00	26,133.21	0.00	26,133.21	48,866.79	34.8
26-3052	SOLID WASTE O/E	686,000.00	463,422.72	156,547.21	619,989.93	66,030.07	90.3
26-3101	BLDGS & GROUNDS S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
26-3102	BLDGS & GROUNDS O/E	115,000.00	44,065.47	25,989.50	70,054.97	44,945.03	60.9
26-3151	VEHICLE MAINT. S&W	90,000.00	51,832.06	0.00	51,832.06	38,167.94	57.5
26-3152	VEHICLE MAINT. O/E	115,000.00	75,543.53	15,689.11	91,232.64	23,767.36	79.3
26-3252	COMMUNITY SERVICES	10,000.00	604.08	0.00	604.08	9,395.92	6.0
27-3302	BOARD OF HEALTH-	123,025.00	61,300.00	746.50	62,046.70	60,978.30	50.4
27-3332	PEOSHA – FIRE	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.0
27-3350	FLOOD BOARD O/E	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.0
27-3451	PUBLIC ASSIST. S&W	15,289.00	8,918.56	0.00	8,918.56	6,370.44	58.3
27-3452	PUBLIC ASSIST. O/E	550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	550.00	0.0
27-3501	FIRE PREVENTION S&W	87,727.00	51,370.72	0.00	51,370.72	36,356.28	58.5

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ACCOUNT 01-2010	BUDGET	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Paid or Committed	Balance	% Spent
27-3502	FIRE PREVENTION O/E	9,700.00	5,969.68	467.91	6,437.59	3,262.41	66.3
27-3701	SENIOR ACTIVITIES S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
27-3702	SENIOR ACTIVITIES O/E	6,000.00	5,490.88	0.00	5,490.88	509.12	91.5
27-3722	SR. CITIZEN TRANSPORT	2,900.00	1,100.00	0.00	1,100.00	1,800.00	37.9
28-3701	RECREATION S&W	240,617.00	126,243.28	0.00	126,243.28	114,373.72	52.4
28-3702	RECREATION O/E	198,780.00	136,185.07	2,614.68	138,799.75	59,980.25	69.8
29-3902	MAINT. PUBLIC LIBRARY	651,432.00	325,716.00	0.00	325,716.00	325,716.00	50.0
30-4102	PRIOR YEARS BILLS:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
30-4202	CELEB. OF PUBLIC EVE.	10,000.00	3,800.00	5,550.00	9,350.00	650.00	93.5
30-4251	S&W ADJUSTMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
31-4352	STREET LIGHTING09	80,000.00	61,335.46	0.00	61,335.46	18,664.54	76.6
31-4402	TELEPHONE/IT	115,000.00	57,259.55	34,869.28	92,128.83	22,871.17	80.1
31-4452	WATER	35,000.00	13,369.68	13,176.39	26,546.07	8,453.93	75.8
31-4462	GAS & ELECTRIC	260,000.00	198,527.12	0.00	198,527.12	61,472.88	76.3
31-4472	DIESEL	70,000.00	21,800.99	17,588.06	39,389.05	30,610.95	56.2
31-4552	LANDFILL/SOLID WASTE	485,000.00	272,834.44	113,316.96	386,151.40	98,848.60	79.6
31-4560	RECYCLING TAX	15,500.00	9,571.50	4,681.26	14,252.76	1,247.24	91.9
31-4562	PASSAIC VALLEY SEWER	1,050,000.00	785,281.12	0.00	785,281.12	264,718.88	74.7
31-4572	SECOND RIVER JOINT	4,500.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	500.00	88.8
31-4582	THIRD RIVER JOINT	2,500.00	2,469.00	0.00	2,469.00	31.00	98.7
31-4592	TWSP OF MONTCLAIR	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.0
31-4602	GASOLINE	100,000.00	74,040.77	39,997.95	114,038.72	-14,038.72	114.0
31-4612	CITY OF CLIFTON	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00	0.0
32-0000	Passaic Cty CARES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
36-4712	PERS	460,605.00	460,605.00	0.00	460,605.00	0.00	100.0
36-4722	SOCIAL SECURITY	360,000.00	218,412.96	0.00	218,412.96	141,587.04	60.6
36-4752	PFRS	1,276,611.00	1,276,611.00	0.00	1,276,611.00	0.00	100.0
36-4762	LOSAP	105,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	105,000.00	0.0
36-4765		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
36-4770	Employer Contribution to	20,000.00	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	13,000.00	35.0
36-4772	PEN. VOL. FIRE WIDOWS	5,000.00	3,333.28	1,666.72	5,000.00	0.00	
36-4775	DEFICIT IN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
36-4776	DEFERRED CHARGES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7012	MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7025	N J ALCOHOL ED.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7030	BODY ARMOR GRANT	3,628.29	3,628.29	0.00	3,628.29	0.00	100.0
40-7035	BULLET PROOF VEST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7040	RECYCLING TONNAGE	18,415.35	18,415.35	0.00	18,415.35	0.00	100.0
40-7076	NEW JERSEY HWY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7451	DWI - DDEF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7533	CLICK OR TICKET	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7535	DISTRACTED DRIVING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7601	FF GLOBAL PREVENTION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7602	NJ AMERICAN WATER FF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7702	CLEAN COMMUNITIES	21,765.61	22,125.61	0.00	22,125.61	-360.00	101.6
43-4901	MUNICIPAL COURT S&W	171,027.00	90,347.16	0.00	90,347.16	80,679.84	52.8
43-4902	MUNICIPAL COURT O/E	36,350.00	8,516.04	4,127.10	12,643.14	23,706.86	34.7
43-4952	PUBLIC DEFENDER	7,500.00	3,300.00	0.00	3,300.00	4,200.00	44.0
43-4980	DEFERRED CHARGES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
44-9012	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	300,000.00	6,598.00	0.00	6,598.00	293,402.00	2.1
44-9052	ACQ. OF COMPUTERS	85,000.00	35,355.90	13,979.50	49,335.40	35,664.60	58.0
45-9202	BOND PRINCIPAL	1,525,000.00	191,000.00	0.00	191,000.00	1,334,000.00	12.5
45-9302	INTEREST ON BONDS	576,976.00	265,520.56	0.00	265,520.56	311,455.44	46.0
45-9402	INTEREST ON NOTES	202,587.00	4,048.64	0.00	4,048.64	198,538.36	1.9
45-9502	NOTE PRINCIPAL	260,000.00	259,113.00	0	259,113.00	887.00	99.6
46-8750	EMERGENCY	662,174.00	662,174.00	0.00	662,174.00	0.00	100.0
46-8883	DEFERRED CHARGES-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
46-8886	DEFERRED CHARGES-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
46-8889	DEFERRED CHARGES-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
50-8992	RES UNCOLLECTED TAX	600,000.00	600,000.00	0.00	600,000.00	0.00	100.0
67-4800	JUDGEMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
70-1000	LIBRARY PAYROLL	0.00	185,267.17	0.00	185,267.17	-185,267.17	0.0
	GRAND TOTAL	23,195,289.25	14,636,567.82	767,242.54	15,403,810.36	7,791,478.89	66.4

APPLICATIONS

RAFFLE, PVRHS FOOTBALL CHEER PARENTS ASSOCIATION, OFF-PREMISE 50/50, 11/19/23, 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M., 100 EAST MAIN STREET, LITTLE FALLS

RAFFLE, PV GIRLS LACROSSE PARENT ASSOCIATION, OFF-PREMISE MERCHANDISE RAFFLE, 11/16/2023, 8:00 P.M., 100 EAST MAIN STREET, LITTLE FALLS

NJ STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION, STEVEN MEDINA, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

NJ STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION, DAVID SCHMERTZ, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTIONS

Tax Refund Due to Overpayment

RESOLUTION [A] 23-08-28 - #1

WHEREAS, the following property in the Township of Little Falls, New jersey has overpaid real estate taxes; and
WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amount overpaid listed below;

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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 refund be made by the Township Treasurer:

Tax Year & Qtr.	Block Lot/Q	Taxpayer/ Location	Payee	Reason	Amount
2023	88.05/1 C208	Colasanti to Shapiro 300 Main St, Unit 208	A Absolute Escrow Settlement Co, Inc PO Box 769 Millburn NJ 07041	OP	\$2,034.68
Total Refund					\$2,034.68

Authorization of Affordability Assistance Grant to Renter of 405 Main St Unit 144

**RESOLUTION [B] 23-08-28 - #2
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE RENTER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED 405 MAIN ST, UNIT 144, LITTLE FALLS, NJ 07424**

WHEREAS, Imani Smith [will rent/rents] property located at 405 Main St, Unit 144, Little Falls, NJ 07424, which property is governed by the statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations restricting ownership and use of the property as an Affordable Housing unit; and **WHEREAS**, the tenant has requested an Affordability Assistance Program grant from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and **WHEREAS**, the Township is willing to extend a grant to the tenant in the amount of \$1,142.00. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** on this 28th day of August, 2023, by the Township Council of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The Mayor, Administrator, Clerk and attorney are hereby authorized to execute an Affordability Assistance Program grant with the renter of an Affordable Housing unit at 405 Main St, Unit 144, Little Falls, NJ 07424.

Authorization of Affordability Assistance Grant to Renter of 405 Main St Unit 344

**RESOLUTION [C] 23-08-28 - #3
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE RENTER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED 405 MAIN ST, UNIT 344, LITTLE FALLS, NJ 07424**

WHEREAS, Soon R Jang [will rent/rents] property located at 405 Main St, Unit 344, Little Falls, NJ 07424, which property is governed by the statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations restricting ownership and use of the property as an Affordable Housing unit; and **WHEREAS**, the tenant has requested an Affordability Assistance Program grant from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and **WHEREAS**, the Township is willing to extend a grant to the tenant in the amount of \$578.00. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** on this 28th day of August, 2023, by the Township Council of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The Mayor, Administrator, Clerk and attorney are hereby authorized to execute an Affordability Assistance Program grant with the renter of an Affordable Housing unit at 405 Main St, Unit 344, Little Falls, NJ 07424.

Authorization of Affordability Assistance Grant to Renter of 405 Main St Unit 315

**RESOLUTION [D] 23-08-28 - #4
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE RENTER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED 405 MAIN ST, UNIT 315 , LITTLE FALLS, NJ 07424**

WHEREAS, Margarietta A Byfield [will rent/rents] property located at 405 Main St, Unit 315, Little Falls, NJ 07424, which property is governed by the statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations restricting ownership and use of the property as an Affordable Housing unit; and **WHEREAS**, the tenant has requested an Affordability Assistance Program grant from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and **WHEREAS**, the Township is willing to extend a grant to the tenant in the amount of \$1,358.00. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** on this 28th day of August, 2023, by the Township Council of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The Mayor, Administrator, Clerk and attorney are hereby authorized to execute an Affordability Assistance Program grant with the renter of an Affordable Housing unit at 405 Main St, Unit 315, Little Falls, NJ 07424.

Shared Service Agreement with Little Falls Board of Education

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION [E] 23-08-23 - #5
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS**

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Jersey has encouraged municipalities to enter into a shared service agreement in order to be more efficient and realize greater financial savings; and

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:65-1 *et seq.*, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act encourages government efficiency through shared services, regionalization, or consolidation; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls (“Township”) and the Little Falls Board of Education (“Board”) are aware that protecting our most vulnerable citizens, our children, during a time and place where they should feel more secure, is paramount. With community support and cooperation, the Township and the Board intend to make the public schools in the Township a safe and secure environment for all students, teachers, administrators, parents, and permitted visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Township, through its Police Department, has employed one (1) police officer to serve primarily in the capacity of a Class III Police Officer whose primary duty is to patrol the schools operated by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Township, through the Little Falls Police Department, has established a Law Enforcement authority within the Township school facilities; and

WHEREAS, in exchange for the Township providing the services of Class III Police Officer to the Board, the Board will agree to contribute one half the cost not to exceed \$35,000 per year per officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Township of Little Falls hereby authorizes the entering into a Shared Services Agreement with the Board of Education of the Township of Little Falls, which form of agreement is attached hereto, made a part hereof and incorporated herein by reference, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor shall be and is hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid Agreement upon the terms and conditions stated therein.

Bill List

RESOLUTION [F] 23-08-28 - #6

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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 Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, that the Consent Agenda be approved as printed.

Per the request of Council President SGOBBA, Chief Prall reviewed the responsibilities of Class III officers for Schools 1, 2, and 3 as part of the shared service agreement in Resolution E. Mayor Damiano added comments that the shared service will be mutually beneficial in providing Class III officer presence at a shared cost to the school and municipality.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No.1467 - The public hearing on Ordinance No. 1467, “**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 136, NOISE,**” be and it was opened.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Councilmember MUPRHY stated he received emails from residents requesting the Ordinance be kept to 9 A.M. on the weekends. Councilmember HABLITZ concurred with the suggestion as did Council President SGOBBA. Mr. Wenzel stated because this is a minor amendment it would not require re-introduction. Mayor Damiano commented prior to this ordinance the entire Township was blanketed by one noise ordinance. He further explained the difference between allowable work hours for residential and commercial portions of the Ordinance. Mayor Damiano stated he did not oppose the 9 A.M. start time and proceeded to highlight exceptions. Mr. Wenzel stated a motion was needed to amend section 136.8c-1 from an 8 A.M. start time on the weekend to a 9 A.M.start time in the commercial zone.

It was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz to amend Ordinance No. 1467.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

As no comments from the public were received, the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1467 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that Ordinance No. 1467 as amended, be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1468 - The public hearing on Ordinance No. 1468, “**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT SETION 33, CANNABIS,**” be and it was opened.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

As no comments from the public were received, the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1468 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed

It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, that Ordinance No. 1468 be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1469 - The public hearing on Ordinance No. 1469, “**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 280, ENTITLED, “ZONING”,**” be and it was opened.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

As no comments from the public were received, the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1469 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Council President SGOBBA conferred with Councilmember MURPHY on an acceptable timeframe to allow for review and comment and then adoption of Ordinance No. 1469. Councilmember HABLITZ added her input as far as the timeframe until adoption. Mr. Wenzel explained Ms. Kraus as Municipal Clerk has an obligation to put out notice and needs to be informed as to the next date the Council intends to discuss the Ordinance so that it can be re-noticed as to when that date is. Council President SGOBBA confirmed the Ordinance will be voted upon at the October 16, 2023 Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL MATTERS

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

Members of the public who have joined the Meeting virtually and desire to provide comment shall raise their virtual hand in the Zoom application. The Meeting Moderator will queue the members of the public that wish to provide comment and the Council President will recognize them in order. Members of the public who have joined the Meeting by calling in must press *6 to mute and unmute themselves and *9 to raise their hand. Members of the public who have joined the Meeting via the Zoom application must click the Reactions icon and then the Raise Hand icon. Once the process is complete, we will return to the regular order of business.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Norman Scherzer- expressed concern as to the need to evaluate how the Township did with the last past pandemic and whether the Township is prepared for the next one. He stated the Township should address the HVAC filtration systems in all the public buildings that would help prevent RSV, flu, and COVID-19, and to assess whether the public buildings are safe or not as far as the air we breathe. Mr. Scherzer further requested the Township direct the Health Department to assess the quality of the air system in the schools. Council President SGOBBA concurred with Mr. Scherzer regarding the confined airspace and referred to airplanes as a catalyst to people getting COVID because of the air quality. He further stated the Mayor has the right to facilitate if he feels that the buildings are unsafe, and the Council would support the funding for that. The Mayor stated the Health Department has provided the schools with guidance throughout the pandemic. He was not sure if the Health Department could perform these types of evaluations, but this could be discussed moving forward and costs to make particular upgrades researched so that a determination could be made.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

At this time, Mayor Damiano reviewed the qualifications for the Senior Freeze Program and encouraged residents to submit the proper forms with enough time to meet the program deadline of October 31st. The Mayor also discussed recent issues with cell service in the Township and reported his contact with Verizon, noting Verizon was aware of the issue and is in the process of making upgrades to their system. The Mayor emphasized this is not a municipal issue, as it is part of Verizon and affects Verizon customers beyond the Township as well.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk