

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

Monday, December 18, 2017

Council President Anthony Sgobba called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present Marc Benitez, Maria Cordonnier, William Liess, and Chris Vancheri. Also present were Mayor James Damiano, Township Attorney Joseph Wenzel, Township Engineer Dennis Lindsay, Township Administrator Charles Cuccia and Township Clerk Cynthia Kraus.

Absent: None.

Township Employees present: Police Chief Steven Post, DPW Superintendent Philip Simone, Deputy Registrar Marlene Simone, and Recreation Director John Pace

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

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE: Take notice that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-10 as follows: A notice of the meeting was prominently posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building, located at 225 Main Street, Little Falls, N.J. on January 3, 2017; a copy of the notice was faxed to the North Jersey Herald and News and The Record on the same date; additionally, a copy of the notice was filed in the office of the Township Clerk on said date.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Benitez, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of December 4, 2017 and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 27, 2017 be and they were approved.

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Council President SGOBBA thanked Councilmember Benitez for his service to the Township by filling the Council vacancy.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember BENITEZ thanked the Councilmembers for their aide in transitioning him into the position, and the Mayor for all he has done. He commended the residents on their ability to raise awareness to issues and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Councilmember CORDONNIER commended Councilmember Benitez for his service, particularly in organizing the Prevention of Domestic Violence Vigil. Councilmember CORDONNIER reported a grant was received from the County Open Space Commission for \$165,000 for Duva field improvements. The funds will be combined with 2016 grant monies to add new dugouts, new viewing stands, fences, and batting cages. She attended a meeting sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Passaic County, in collaboration with the United for Prevention of Passaic County, which is dedicated to addressing mental health issues and removing the stigma of those issues. Councilmember CORDONNIER also attended a workshop aimed at developing our Township as a stigma free community, which will provide further opportunity for grant funding. Councilmember CORDONNIER thanked the Little Falls Business Association, the Little Falls ABC, Pencilworks, The Fine Grind, and the DPW, Police and Recreation Departments, for their contribution in making the Holiday on Main such an enjoyable event. In conclusion, she announced that the Reorganization Committee will convene on January 1, 2018 at 4:30 pm.

Councilmember LIESS reported the seniors hosted a well-attended luncheon last week. He also thanked Councilmember Benitez for his service on the Council.

Councilmember VANCHERI wished everyone a Happy Holiday and thanked Councilmember Benitez for his service on the Council. He reported the Wildlife Committee has enlisted the assistance of the Geese Chasers of North Jersey to provide an estimate for Duva field. After attending a recent Flood Board meeting to discuss the Peckman River and the Army Corps. plans, he met with Congressman Frelinghuysen's field office administrator to discuss the possibility a meeting with the Congressman and the Flood Board. Councilmember VANCHERI received a letter from the office acknowledging the concerns expressed, however, no response was received as to the coordination of a meeting. He will continue to follow-up. Finally, the Mayor and Mr. Cuccia have been working on resolving some final issues with the new Township website before it will be ready to launch.

Council President SGOBBA thanked his colleagues for allowing him to become Council President during 2017, and the staff and department heads for helping him throughout the year.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Per Mayor Damiano's request, Mr. Lindsay provided a detailed explanation of the new stormwater permit issued by the NJ DEP. Mr. Lindsay provided background on the EPA regulations adopted under the Clean Water Act and

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highlighted the new requirements. New regulations will be implemented by the DEP effective January 1, 2018. Additionally, the Council will be required to attend training to become familiar with stormwater laws.

Mayor Damiano thanked Councilmember Benitez for his service to the Township. He commended the residents for their interest in Township activities, as evidenced by the turnout at events. The Mayor announced he will present a lengthy report on 2017 accomplishments and 2018 expectations at the Reorganization Meeting. Mayor Damiano then acknowledged the achievement of several Boy Scouts in attendance who attained the rank of the Life Scout.

At this time, Council President SGOBBA thanked Mr. Wenzel for his guidance as Township Counsel.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Mr. Wenzel had nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Council President SGOBBA announced a recorder was placed on the podium by a reporter, who asked for and was granted permission to do so.

John Bukalo, 67 Hudson Street, questioned the modifications to parking limitations contained in Ordinance No. 1305. Mayor Damiano provided clarification that a two hour parking limit would remain on Hudson Street from 9am – 4pm on Monday through Friday, with the exception of public holidays.

Mr. Bukalo also recommended Councilmember Vancheri contact the Passaic County golf course to obtain suggestions to address the geese problem in Little Falls.

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

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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

Council President SGOBBA requested Mayor Damiano explain Resolution F at this time, which urged opposition to the cap on property taxes as currently proposed in the federal tax reform.

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

REPORTS

Municipal Clerks Report - Month of November 2017

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT
Month of November 2017

ABC LICENSES		\$0.00
OTHER LICENSES		
Business Licenses	\$2895.00	
Pre-paid Business Licenses		
Raffle Licenses	40.00	
		\$2935.00
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS		
Fees & Permits	\$376.00	
Marriage Licenses-LF	\$24.00	
Marriage Licenses-NJ	\$200.00	
		\$600.00
MRNA		
Street Maps		
Zoning Maps		
Zoning Ordinances		
Document Copies	\$4.25	
Garage Sales	\$10.00	
Misc. Fees & Refunds:		
		\$14.25
TOTAL MRNA		\$3,549.25
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT		\$3,549.25
TOTAL TO TREASURER		<u>\$3,549.25</u>

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Municipal Clerk's Dog/Cat License Report – Month of November 2017

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

Dog Licenses issued 11/01/2017 to 11/30/2017

Nos. 339 to 347 = 9 Licenses	
Amount due Little Falls	\$61.20
Amount due State	\$16.80
Total Cash Received	\$78.00

Cat Licenses issued 11/01/2017 to 11/30/2017

Nos. 0 to 0	
Licenses Issued 0	
Total Cash Received	\$0.00

Total to Treas. \$78.00

Tax Collector's Report - Month of November 2017

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 November 2017

Categories 01-	November 1-30, 2017	2017 Year to Date
2017 Taxes	\$8,144,542.94	\$46,254,278.45
2015&2016 Taxes	17,006.86	690,901.69
Prepaid 2018 Taxes	24,082.23	137,122.59
Interest	8,158.01	114,473.16
Township Tax Title Lien	1,067.50	1,067.50
Cost of Tax Sale	0.00	1,492.07
Duplicate Tax Bills	0.00	95.00
Tax Searches	0.00	12.00
Insufficient Check Charge	40.00	240.00
6% Penalty Fee	0.00	12,926.57
Municipal Copy Fee/Misc.	575.00	575.08
GRAND TOTALS	\$8,195,472.54	\$47,213,184.11

Delinquent 2016 Taxes \$ 843,585.25 (3rd-4th Qtrs.)
Delinquent 2017 Taxes \$801,188.78 (1st – 4th Qtrs.)
Total Delinquent Taxes \$1,644,744.03

2017 Refunds this month = -\$8,291.78
2017 Year to date refunds = -\$37,148.31

Breakdown of refunds for years 2011-2017 completed in 2017(see attached).

REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2017 (YEAR 2011)

Months	2011 STCJ	Total by Months
January	\$0.00	\$34,647.80
February	\$0.00	\$1,186.80
March	\$0.00	\$7,728.86
April	\$13,522.09	\$132,072.60
May	\$0.00	\$7,610.15
June	\$0.00	\$12,682.63
July	\$11,501.49	\$25,605.09
August	\$0.00	\$17,570.66
September	\$0.00	\$0.00
October	\$0.00	\$0.00
November	\$0.00	\$8,291.78
Totals	\$25,023.58	\$247,396.37

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.

REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2017 (YEARS 2012-2017)

Months	2012 STCJ	2013 STCJ	2014 STCJ	2015 STCJ or 2015 Reg.	2016 STCJ or 2016 Reg.	2017 CBJ	Regular 2017	2017 Veteran/Widow	2017 Senior/Disabled	Exempt 2017	Total by Months
January	\$3,956.00	\$7,254.75	\$7,634.70	\$7,843.80	\$7,958.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,647.80
February	\$1,186.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,186.80
March	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,233.53	\$5,495.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,728.86
April	\$21,843.10	\$18,310.43	\$19,922.07	\$29,025.14	\$29,449.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$132,072.60
May	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,479.03	\$2,546.93	\$2,584.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,610.15
June	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,396.76	\$0.00	\$11,285.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,682.63
July	\$14,103.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,605.09
August	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,743.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,826.97	\$17,570.66
September	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
October	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
November	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,607.98	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$1,183.80	\$8,291.78
Totals	\$41,089.50	\$25,565.18	\$30,035.80	\$41,649.40	\$46,884.60	\$0.00	\$26,637.54	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$10,010.77	\$247,396.37

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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 November 2017

	Deposit	2017 Year-to-Date
January 2017 *corrected March 1, 2017	\$22,489.28*	\$22,489.28*
February 2017	\$46,003.72	\$68,493.00
March 2017	\$ 0.00	\$68,493.00
April 2017	\$ 0.00	\$68,493.00
May 2017	\$ 0.00	\$68,493.00
June 2017	\$ 0.00	\$68,493.00
July 2017	\$ 0.00	\$68,493.00
August 2017	\$ 0.00	\$68,493.00
September 2017	\$ 0.00	\$68,493.00
October 2017	\$23,619.72	\$92,112.72
November 2017	\$ 0.00	\$92,112.72
Total Collected as of November 30, 2017		\$92,112.72

Municipality of Township of Little Falls
 Office of the Tax Collector
 Township of Little Falls Tax Collector Trust 2 (Lien Premium Monies), Lakeland Bank
 Revenues for the Month of November 2017

	Liens with Premiums Redeemed (-)/ Deposited (+)	Bal. /Dep. (+)
Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2017)		\$285,500.00
January 2017	\$ -21,900.00	\$263,600.00
February 2017	\$ -31,000.00	\$232,600.00
March 2017	\$ 0.00	\$232,600.00
April 2017	\$ 0.00	\$232,600.00
May 2017	\$ 0.00	\$232,600.00
June 2017	\$ 0.00	\$232,600.00
July 2017	\$ 0.00	\$232,600.00
August 2017	\$ 0.00	\$232,600.00
September 2017	\$ 0.00	\$232,600.00
October 2017 (Tax Sale Premiums Deposited)	\$+139,800.00	\$372,400.00
October 2017	\$ -62,100.00	\$310,300.00
November 2017	\$ 0.00	\$310,300.00
Ending Balance as of November 30, 2017		\$310,300.00

Recreation Report – Month of November, 2017

The following is a condensed version of our Excel work spread sheet providing the data on an ongoing basis for the Receptions Center.
Participants: indicates only those who participated in the various programs held here during the each month, it is not reflective of any spectators who might have attended these events.
Session: indicates the number of events held during each month.
Hours: indicates the total number of hours which were used to hold the session during each month and is not reflective of the total number hours the facility was open. It should be noted that the utilized number of hours may exceed the total number of hours of operation due to multiple events occurring at the same time.

Recreation Center Usage Report

Month	Participants	Sessions	Hours Utilized
January 2017	4,599	113	362
February 2017	3,563	147	302
March 2017	2,742	142	211.5
April 2017	3,666	160	220
May 2017	4,884	175	250
June 2017	6,741	185	332
July 2017	6,384	180	270
August 2017	3,438	115	205
September 2017	5,205	191	237
October 2017	4,878	177	266
November 2017	3,036	170	245

Civic Center Report - Month of November, 2017

The following is a condensed version of our Excel work spread sheet providing the data on an ongoing basis for the Civic Center.

Month	Participants
January 2017	482
February 2017	397
March 2017	704
April 2017	485
May 2017	519
June 2017	920
July 2017	585
August 2017	705
September 2017	502
October 2017	1,012
November 2017	431

APPLICATIONS

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ANGELS CHURCH, ON-PREMISE 50/50, 2/13/18, 6:00 PM TO 11:00 PM, 465 MAIN STREET, LITTLE FALLS

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RESOLUTIONS

Refund of Tax Overpayments

RESOLUTION [A] 17-12-18 - #1

WHEREAS, the following properties in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey have overpaid real estate taxes in 2017; and
WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amounts overpaid listed below;

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

<u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u>	<u>Block Lot/Q</u>	<u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2017/4	2/1.01	Joseph & Joumana Kalyoussef 730 Main St	Joseph & Joumana Kaloussef 730 Main St Little Falls, NJ 07424	O/P	\$ 26.65
2017/4	2/25	Kenneth W Schneider 236 Woodcliffe Av	Kenneth W Schneider 234 Woodcliffe Av Little Falls, NJ 07424	O/P	\$ 200.00
2017/4	19/10	Joseph & Barbara Ann Holland 36 Taylor Av	Joseph & Barbara Ann Holland 36 Taylor Av Little Falls, NJ 07424	O/P	\$ 12.62
2017/4	21/9	Federal National Mtg Assoc. 80 Coney Rd	Bayview Loan Servicing 7300 Corporate Center Dr Suite 404 Miami, FL 33126	O/P	\$ 16.55
2017/4	25/4	Louanne Veronika Williams 84 Woodcliffe Av	Louanne Veronika Williams 280 Main St., Unit 401 Little Falls, NJ 07424	O/P FEMA	\$ 254.36
2017/4	44/1	John T Niccollai 41 Donato Dr	John T Niccollai 41 Donato Dr Little Falls, NJ 07424	O/P	\$ 32.06
2017/4	67/31	Russell C Schilling 9 Zeliff Av	Russell C Schilling 9 Zeliff Av Little Falls, NJ 07424	O/P	\$ 10.67
2017/4	71/98	James J & Janice Mazzerina 390 Main St	James J & Janice Mazzerina 192 South William Cook Blvd Manahawkin, NJ 08050	O/P	\$ 56.74
2017/4	71/117	Eric, Lauren & Kevin Lightner 81 Parkway	Eric, Lauren & Kevin Lightner 920 Rifle Camp Road Woodland Park, NJ 07424	O/P FEMA	\$ 554.97
2017/4	71/123	Brett J & Kathleen Thomas 75 Parkway	Brett J & Kathleen Thomas 75 Parkway Little Falls, NJ 07424	O/P	\$ 12.03
2017/4	71/147	Taryn G & Raffaele Lagonigro 51 Parkway	Max Title Agency, LLC 70 South Orange Ave Suite 225 Livingston, NJ 07039	O/P	\$ 370.59
2017/4	75/11	Mary Elliott 30 Orchard St	Mary Elliott 30 Orchard St Little Falls, NJ 07424	O/P	\$1,715.75
2017/4	81/2	Diane Hodge/Trustee John B Scavone 58 Zeliff Av	Diane Hodge/Trustee John B Scavone 19 Ripplewood Dr Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849	O/P	\$ 373.12
2017/4	88.02/1 C211	Lisa A Guidi, etals 240 Main St, Unit 211	Lisa A Guidi, etals 11 Dawbridge Road Westford, MA 01886	O/P	\$ 21.39
2017/4	94/9	Joseph G Jr. Nemeth Trustee 50 Walnut St	Joseph J Jr Nemeth Trustee 5 Fiddler Crab Trail Westhampton, NY 11977	O/P	\$ 43.00
2017/4	110/10	Calvin M Krom, Jr 27 Lincoln Av	Calvin M Krom, Jr 2335 Crossing Way Wayne, NJ 07470	O/P	\$ 123.88
2017/4	123/11	PSANI LLC 10 Van Ness Av	Greenhill Title LLC PO Box 487 Tranquility, NJ 07879	O/P	\$ 373.99

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<u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u>	<u>Block Lot/Q</u>	<u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2017/4	128/2 C898	Keith Place 89 Turnberry Rd Unit 8A	Corelogic RE Tax Svc Attn: Refund Dept. 3001 Hackberry Rd Irving, TX 75063	O/P	\$ 11.54
2017/4	128/3	P&E Zeller Group LLC 3 Peckman Rd	P&E Zeller Group LLC 3 Peckman Rd Little Falls, NJ 07424	O/P	\$ 39.41
2017/4	143/3	David W Emmetts 160 Lincoln Ave	David W Emmetts 160 Lincoln Ave Little Falls, NJ 07424	EX 100% Dis Vet 11/14/17	\$ 1,183.80
2017/4	148/2	Mitchel & Lynne Donato 140 Second Av	Mitchel & Lynne Donato 40 Second Av Little Falls, NJ 07424	O/P Sr./Wid. Vet Ded. Disallow.	\$ 500.00
2017/4	168/11	John J Kolatac 159 E Main St	John J Kolatac 601 Sunrise Way Neshanic Station, NJ 08853	O/P	\$ 12.18
2017/4	170/9.01	Lawrence Kramer & Catherine Brown 9 Inwood Dr	Lawrence Kramer & Catherine Brown 6 Chilton Dr Little Falls, NJ 07424	O/P	\$ 30.00
2017/4	171/15	Charles Housing LLC 60 Lower Notch Rd	Charles Housing LLC 164 Baltimore Ave North Arlington, NJ 07031	O/P	\$ 2,525.82
2017/4	173/10.02	Drago & Miliana M Koprivica 96 Browertown Rd	Drago & Miliana M Koprivica 96 Browertown Rd Little Falls, NJ 07424	O/P	\$ 89.98
2017/4	184.04/9	Peter & Irene(LR) Yurkosky & Steven 30 Crestmont Rd	Peter & Irene(LR) Yurkosky & Steven 30 Crestmont Rd Little Falls, NJ 07424	O/P	\$ 116.68
2017/4	186/14	Maria, Christina & Angela Rizzo 145 Lower Notch Rd	Maria, Christina & Angela Rizzo 45 Reiners Rd Little Falls, NJ 07424	O/P	\$ 21.63
2017/4	193/4	PAR3 LLC 151 Browertown Rd	PAR3 LLC 171 Browertown Rd Little Falls, NJ 07424	O/P	\$ 213.21
2017/4	203/1	Ararat Properties LLC 600-620 Route 46	Ararat Properties LLC 300 Bergen Tpk Little Ferry, NJ 07643	O/P	\$ 71.83
2017/4	240.01/2	Guang Yang Highland Av	Wells Fargo RE Tax Serv. Attn: Refunds/Fin. Support PO Box 14506 Des Moines, IA 50328	O/P	\$ 401.71
2017/4	251/14	ACA Realty Co GP 41 Oak Hill Rd	ACA Realty Co GP PO Box 808 Lyndhurst, NJ 07071	O/P	\$ 2,496.00
Total Refunds					\$11,912.16

Cancellation of Taxes

RESOLUTION [B] 17-12-18- #2

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls purchased the following properties through the FEMA program in the Year 2017; and
WHEREAS, the 2017 taxes have been pro-rated from the closing dates; and
WHEREAS, the Township is requesting that their portion of the taxes be made exempt from the closing date, and the total unpaid taxes be canceled for the 2017 4th qtr. tax period as follows:

<u>BLOCK/LOT QUAL.</u>	<u>OWNER/ LOCATION/ CLOSING DATE</u>	<u>CANCEL 4TH QTR 2017 TAX AMOUNT</u>
25/4	Louanne Veronika Williams 84 Woodcliffe Ave December 7, 2017	\$254.36
71/117	Eric, Lauren & Kevin Lightner 81 Parkway November 21, 2017	\$554.97

Total tax amount to be canceled = \$ 809.33

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls on this 18th day of December 2017 that the taxes on the above block and lots for 2017 be canceled in the amount of \$809.33 due to FEMA closings, and the Township being exempt from taxes.

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Janitorial Services

**RESOLUTION [C] 17-12-18 - #3
ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT FOR
JANITORIAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to advertising duly made, bids were received by the Township of Little Falls on December 12, 2017 for Janitorial Services, and the bids were opened and read publicly as follows:
Ocean Clean, Inc. Integrity Facility Service, Inc.
Bid: \$1,770.00 per month Bid: \$2,140.00 per month

and, **WHEREAS**, the DPW Superintendent has reviewed the bids for technical sufficiency and the bids are now pending legal review by the Township Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the award is subject to the Availability of Funds and certification of same in the 2018 budget; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls as follows:

1) That the bid of

Ocean Clean, Inc.
P.O. Box 256
Cedar Grove, NJ 07009

in the amount of

\$1,770.00 per month

be and the same is hereby accepted subject to legal sufficiency after review by the Township Attorney; and

2) That the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute a Contract in a form approved by the Township Attorney for the designated services at the bid price hereinabove cited, subject to the successful Contractor's filing the required form of Affirmative Action compliance and Payroll Certification for Public Works Projects; and

3) That the Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to return to the unsuccessful bidder(s) any Certified checks and/or Bid Bonds received from them as surety, with the exception of the surety received from the second-lowest bidder, which shall be retained for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days or until a contract in a form satisfactory to the Township Attorney shall have been executed with the low bidder, whichever shall come first.

Snow Removal Services

RESOLUTION [D] 17-12-18 - #4

WHEREAS, the Township has received and Public Works Superintendent Phillip Simone has reviewed the two proposals for snow removal for the 2017-2018 snow season as follows:

Pacific Construction, LLC
531 Rt 22 East, PMB 240
White House Station, NJ 08889
2008 Ford F250 w/8' plow steel blade \$230.00 per hour
2005 Ford F450 Mason Dump w 8.5' plow w/steel blade \$255.00/hour each

Cinelly Group Corp.
125 Haul Road
Wayne, NJ 07470
2000 Mack single axle dump truck w/flat body w/10' power rubber blade \$275.00 per hour
1991 Autocar tandem truck w/11' power rubber blade \$290.00 per hour
2004 JCB Backhoe w/2.5 cubic yard bucket \$325.00 per hour

Lavf Landscaping, LLC
166 East Third Street
Clifton, NJ 07011
2010 New Holland L-180 Skid Steer Loader \$125.00 per hour

and; **WHEREAS**, the DPW Superintendent has recommended that, after the remedying of any deficiencies specified in his report, the proposals be filed for reference and future use as the nature of the snowfall may require relative to the equipment and price proposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls that the proposals received be and are hereby referred to the Superintendent, Public Works for his reference and use as the coming snow season may require.

Designation & Conditional Developer Agreement for Singac Industrial Zone

RESOLUTION [E] 17-12-18 - #5

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO DESIGNATE LITTLE FALLS REDEVELOPERS, LLC AS THE CONDITIONAL REDEVELOPER FOR SINGAC INDUSTRIAL ZONE FOR BLOCK 77, LOTS 1, 2, 2.01, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6.02, 7, 8, 8.01, 9, 17, 18, 20, AND 20.01 AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONDITIONAL REDEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq., as amended and supplemented (the "Redevelopment Law"), provides a process for municipalities to participate in the redevelopment and improvement of areas in need of redevelopment and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Redevelopment Law, the Township Council ("Council") of the Township of Little Falls ("Township"), by Resolution No. [A] 17-04-03-1 dated April 3, 2017, authorized the Township Planning Board ("Board") to investigate whether to designate the Singac Industrial Zone, which consists of property identified on the Tax Maps of the Township of Little Falls as Block 77, Lots 1, 2, 2.01, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6.02, 7, 8, 8.01, 9, 17, 18, 20, and 20.01 ("Zone") as an "area in need of redevelopment" and/or "an area in need of rehabilitation"; and

WHEREAS, the Board retained Jeffrey L. Janota, P.P., AICP of H2M ("Planner") to investigate whether all of the properties contained within the Zone were eligible to be designated as an "area in need of redevelopment" and/or an "area in need of rehabilitation"; and

WHEREAS, in a report entitled "Singac Industrial Zone Area in Need of Redevelopment & Area in Need of Rehabilitation Preliminary Investigation Report" and dated July 21, 2017 ("Report"), the Planner concluded that all of the properties contained within the Zone satisfied the criteria of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3 and N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 for the Zone to be designated as an "area in need of redevelopment"; and

WHEREAS, the Planner further concluded that all of the properties contained within the Zone satisfied the criteria of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14 for the Zone to be designated as an "area in need of rehabilitation"; and

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2017, the Board held a public hearing and reviewed the aforementioned Report of the Planner and reported back to the Council, by Resolution No. H-16-10-17-8 memorialized on September 7, 2017, that the Board found, based upon the expert testimony and Report by the Planner, that the eligibility criteria for designation of the Zone as an "area in need of redevelopment" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3 and N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5, and an "area in need of rehabilitation" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14 had been met; and

WHEREAS, Board concurred with Planner that all of the properties contained within the Zone should be designated as an "area in need of redevelopment" and an "area in need of rehabilitation"; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2017, by Resolution No. [F] 17-09-25-#6, after presentation by the Planner, Council accepted the report and designated the Zone as "area in need of redevelopment" and an "area in need of rehabilitation";

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WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Law authorizes the Township to arrange or contract with redevelopers for the planning, construction or undertaking of any development project or redevelopment work in a designated area pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-8; and

WHEREAS, Block 77, Lots 1, 2, 2.01, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6.02, 7, 8, 8.01, 9, 17, 18, 20, and 20.01 as identified on the Tax Maps of the Township of Little Falls are within the Zone and such properties are appropriate for a redevelopment plan to control the current and future use of such properties; and

WHEREAS, Council intends, as authorized by the Redevelopment Law, to create a Redevelopment Plan covering the entirety of Block 77, Lots 1, 2, 2.01, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6.02, 7, 8, 8.01, 9, 17, 18, 20, and 20.01 in order to set forth and establish the permissible uses, densities, and other land use controls on such properties, to include any potential redevelopment of the Zone;

WHEREAS, Little Falls Redevelopers, LLC (the "Conditional Redeveloper"), is the contract purchaser of several of the lots within the Zone, and in order to commence the negotiation of a redeveloper's agreement and escrow agreement with the Conditional Redeveloper, the Council desires to designate such entity as the "conditional redeveloper", provide for execution of a conditional redeveloper's agreement (the "Conditional Redeveloper's Agreement") and provide for the establishment of an escrow account to pay for certain costs of the Township; and

WHEREAS, Conditional Redeveloper seeks to (a) be designated as the "redeveloper" of the Zone in accordance with the Redevelopment Law, and (b) redevelop and/or rehabilitate the Zone.

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

- (1) The Council hereby designates Little Falls Redevelopers, LLC as the "conditional redeveloper" of the Singac Industrial Zone.
- (2) The Council hereby authorizes and directs the Township Attorney to negotiate and prepare a Conditional Redeveloper's Agreement, based substantially on the terms outlined in this resolution with such additions, deletions, and modifications as may be deemed necessary or appropriate upon consultation with the Planner, Township Administrator and any other professional of the Township.
- (3) The Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute upon finalization the Conditional Redeveloper's Agreement on behalf of the Township.
- (4) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Deductibility of State and Local Taxes

RESOLUTION [F] 17-12-18 - #6

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS, AS FEDERAL INCOME TAX REFORM ADVANCES, TO PROTECT THE DEDUCTIBILITY OF STATE AND LOCAL TAXES

WHEREAS, the Federal Tax Code is incredibly complex and every one of its provisions was enacted for a reason. While some of those reasons may no longer serve the public's interest, others remain fair and effective tools that promote the general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the deduction for state and local taxes (SALT) has been a feature of the tax code for more than 100 years. In 1913, the first federal income tax form allowed taxpayers to deduct state and local taxes, one of only six deductions allowed at the time. Even the federal Civil War tax in 1862 included a deduction for SALT; and

WHEREAS, this provision ensures against double taxation and reflects mandatory tax payments, which support public services that benefit all citizens, such as K-12 schools, law enforcement and public safety, transportation and infrastructure, and vital community and public health services; and

WHEREAS, taxpayers in all 50 states – and in both Democratic and Republican congressional districts – benefit from the SALT deduction. The SALT deduction is claimed by taxpayers of all income levels. The deduction is especially important for middle income homeowners, as fifty percent of the deductions claimed by taxpayers making \$50,000 to \$100,000 are for property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the SALT deduction does not unfairly benefit taxpayers in high tax states. To the contrary, low tax states are generally more dependent on the federal government, receiving more in federal funding than they pay in federal taxes. According to one study, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana are among the most subsidized states, receiving about \$3 in federal spending for every \$1 contributed in taxes; while New Jersey, New York and Illinois are among the states that receive less than \$1 from the federal government for every \$1 paid in federal taxes; and

WHEREAS, eliminating the SALT deduction would raise taxes on middle class homeowners – even if the standard deduction were doubled. A recent study commissioned by the National Association of Realtors found that homeowners with adjusted gross incomes (AGI) between \$50,000 and \$200,000 would see an average tax increase of \$815 if SALT were eliminated and the standard deduction were doubled; and

WHEREAS, SALT is strongly tied to home ownership since the overwhelming number of itemizers who claim the deduction (44 million) deduct property taxes (40.7 million) and mortgage interest (35.4 million). Eliminating SALT will diminish the value of the mortgage interest deduction, resulting in a 10% decline in home values in the immediate term; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls urges New Jersey's U.S. Senators, Robert Menendez and Cory Booker, and Representative *Rodney Frelinghuysen* to oppose, with voice and vote, any proposal to eliminate the fair and reasonable SALT deductibility provision from the Federal Tax Code; and be it, further;

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to our above named representatives in Congress, all other Members of the House of Representatives representing New Jersey taxpayers and municipalities, and to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

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RESOLUTION [G] 17-12-18 #7

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls the Council having received the Treasurer's certification of the availability of funds for payment of all bills presented, that payment of all bills approved by the Finance Committee be and is hereby authorized, subject to the availability of funds and subject to the appropriate and available appropriation in the line item.

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

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1304 – It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1304, "**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 223 ENTITLED STREETS AND SIDEWALKS,**" be and it was opened.

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

No one having come forward to be heard, it was moved by Councilmember Liess, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1304 be and it was closed.

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Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the Ordinance No. 1304 be and it was adopted.

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1305 – It was moved by Councilmember Liess, seconded by Councilmember Benitez, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1305, “**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1268 FINALLY ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 IN ORDER TO AMEND PARKING RESTRICTIONS,**” be and it was opened.

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

No one having come forward to be heard, it was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Liess, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1305 be and it was closed.

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Benitez, that the Ordinance No. 1305 be and it was adopted.

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL MATTERS

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

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Louis Fernandez, 54 Harrison Street, stated he would like to attend the meeting with Congressman Frelinghuysen if scheduled. Mr. Fernandez questioned whether the money involved with Judge Corradino was for Little Falls. Mayor Damiano described the function of the statewide fund in detail, which was not specifically earmarked for the municipality; it was earmarked for courts when special sessions were held.

John Bukalo, 67 Hudson Street, discussed a uniform speed limit for the Township. Mayor Damiano stated the Council adopted an ordinance amending the speeds on Main Street and Stevens Avenue be reduced to 25 mph. It has been sent to the County for approval as they are County roads. Mr. Bukalo questioned whether Ridge Road would be considered for 25 mph which has been used as a link to Route 46. Mayor Damiano noted that although he has not received any complaints about Ridge Road, he would take Mr. Bukalo’s comments into consideration.

Jim Doran, 22 Riverview Circle, stated he noticed the No Turn On Red signs have been removed from the intersection of Union Avenue and Main Street to go west on Main Street. Mayor Damiano explained the No Turn on Red signs have existed without an ordinance to allow the police to enforce it. Additionally, one of the major issues brought to the attention of the Mayor has been traffic. The Mayor explained that removing and enabling the turn on red at that intersection was a method to facilitate the free flow of traffic from Union Avenue onto Main Street.

Raymond Kostroski, 170 Donato Drive, suggested Councilmember Vancheri use the media to acknowledge the lack of response from Congressman Frelinghuysen.

Arnold Korotkin, 181 Long Hill Road, thanked the Council for passing Resolution F and urged Council to email the three legislators in their Washington, D.C. and local offices. Council President SGOBBA stated the Council will follow through on that.

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

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

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The Council President declared the motion passed.

At this time, Councilmember CORDONNIER and Councilmember LIESS thanked Council President Sgobba for his services as Council President.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Benitez, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk