

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

Monday, December 5, 2022

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

Absent: Councilmember Christopher Vancheri.

Township Employees Present: Deputy Chief Bryan Prall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE:

Take notice that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-10 as follows: A notice of the meeting was prominently posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building, located at 225 Main Street, Little Falls, N.J. on March 11, 2022. 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.**

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING WORLD AIDS DAY- At this time, Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation recognizing December 1, 2022 as World Aids Day in the Township of Little Falls.

PROCLAMATION FOR DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER 2022 YEAR END HOLIDAY CRACKDOWN - Mayor Damiano then read the Proclamation declaring support for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2022 Year End Holiday Crackdown from December 2, 2022 to January 1, 2023, which also pledged to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

Deputy Chief Prall discussed how the Proclamation and News Release were part of the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Grant. He added that there will be increased patrols as the Police Department will schedule the 100 hours allotted as part of the grant.

PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL MATTERS AND AGENDA ITEMS

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

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Kahwaty, Seber, 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 Seber, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that the meeting be and it was closed to the public.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Kahwaty, Seber, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATOR:

1. ORDINANCE NO. 1446 –AMENDING CHAPTER 3 (ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT) – Mayor Damiano explained Ordinance No. 1446 and how adding the transitional position of Assistant Business Administrator will enable the individual to learn the role of the Business Administrator. The Mayor then explained the rationale for adding the position of Administrative Assistant for the Mayor.
2. ORDINANCE NO. 1447 – 2022 SALARY ORDINANCE – Mayor Damiano reviewed Ordinance No. 1447 explained that there are two positions being opened, one due to Mr. Cuccia’s retirement in the next year and a half. The Mayor then elaborated upon how Ordinance No. 1446 and No. 1447 are interrelated.

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ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Councilmember Kahwaty, seconded by Councilmember Seber, to approve the following:

Bill List

RESOLUTION [A] 22-12-05 #1

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: Hablitz, Kahwaty, Seber, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No.1446 - It was moved by Councilmember Seber, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1446, "**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 3 (ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS,**" be and it was opened.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Kahwaty, Seber, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

As no comments from the public were received, it was moved by Councilmember Kahwaty, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1446 be and it was closed.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Kahwaty, Seber, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Seber, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that Ordinance No. 1446 be and it was adopted.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Kahwaty, Seber, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1447 - It was moved by Councilmember Kahwaty, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1447, "**2022 LITTLE FALLS SALARY ORDINANCE,**" be and it was opened.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Kahwaty, Seber, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

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Nays: None

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Nays: None

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COUNCIL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Councilmember HABLITZ reported on upcoming Library events including the Holiday Craft Night on December 21st and Holiday Music featuring the PVHS Music Department on December 7th. Councilmember HABLITZ then reported the Historical Society will host a presentation of Old Towne Hall on December 6th at the Civic Center.

Councilmember KAHWATY commented on the annual Holiday Tree Lighting, Peddlers Village, and Breakfast with Santa. He then announced the Moving Forward Meeting will be held tomorrow night at School No.1 to discuss the upcoming referendum.

Councilmember SEBER provided details of the Light Up Little Falls Holiday House Decorating contest.

Mayor Damiano discussed the annual Menorah lighting on December 21st at Wilmore Memorial Park. The Mayor then described an incredibly touching moment wherein the Fire & DPW Departments from the annual Holiday Light Parade that traverse through Totowa and Woodland Park, brought the parade to Liam, a young boy with cancer, who was too sick to participate in the parade due to his illness.

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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Kahwaty, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk