

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

**Monday, December 8, 2014**

Council President Louis Fontana called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present: John Vantuno, William Organisciak, and Joseph Maceri. Also present were Mayor Darlene Post, Township Attorney Leslie London, Township Administrator Charles Cuccia, and Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus. Councilmembers-Elect William Liess and James Damiano were also present.

Absent: Councilmember Pamela Porter

Township Employees present: DPW Superintendent Phillip Simone, Chief of Police John Dmuchowski 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 28, 2014; 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.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Poll:           Ayes:           Vantuno, Organisciak, Maceri and Council President Fontana  
                  Nays:           None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Arnold Korotkin, Long Hill Road, requested consideration of reinstating a second public comment starting January, 2015, and to have handouts made available to the public at Council meetings. He also appealed to the Council for status reports of the bus shelters, the DEP review of the Rose Street property, and the procedure for those individuals who remain outstanding in filing their Financial Disclosure Statements. He sought a response on the early closing of the Municipal Building.

Chief John Dmuchowski, Little Falls Police Department, reviewed findings of several traffic studies conducted on Jacobus which revealed less than 3,000 vehicles travel the street in one day, which does not validate the presence of an officer. The data has been referred to Mr. Lindsay for further assessment.

Ron Mullen, 94 Jacobus Avenue, reported upon discussion with an Engineer at the State level, he learned that speed humps are not allowed in this area, therefore he recommended speed bumps be considered.

Mike Russo, 95 Jacobus Avenue, sensed the speeding problem on his street has worsened and requested Council address this issue.

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

Poll:           Ayes:           Vantuno, Organisciak, Maceri and Council President Fontana  
                  Nays:           None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Mr. Simone reported the bus shelters are to be installed upon approval of the bus stop ordinance from the County.

Mayor Post announced the Rose Street property is one which will be examined in 2015. Mr. Lindsay added preliminary discussions with the DEP questioned whether further studies were warranted to determine if the property meets DEP requirements. Council President FONTANA recommended financial disclosure statements be filed on time and be addressed in the 2015.

Mr. Cuccia stated better accommodations will be made to have handouts for the meeting. With regard to the early closing, Mr. Cuccia recalled the township had been closed for a holiday party in December and in many municipalities it has been found to be team building situation sought to improve the work environment. He will discuss whether it would be an issue with the collective bargaining unit with the labor counsel.

Council President FONTANA thanked the Police Chief and Mr. Cuccia for their reports.

Mr. Lindsay categorically explained the various criteria for speed bumps, speed humps, and four way stop signs, describing the specific criteria to be met in detail. Each option carries pros and cons which must be considered as some options may have secondary affects that are not immediately apparent such as impacts on noise level, emergency response, and DPW maintenance. Council President FONTANA recommended a concerted review of options in an effort to alleviate the speeding issue.

**Meeting of December 8, 2014**

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

**ADMINISTRATOR**

**Transit Village Zoning-**

Mr. Cuccia apprised the Council the area is currently under review by the assessor to identify how each parcel will be affected by the changes, as well as who is permitted and prohibited in the zone. Discussion ensued with regard to COAH. The zoning schedule has been completed by Mr. Lindsay and is to be distributed to the Council for review.

**Budget Transfer Resolution-**

A transfer resolution is to be presented at the next meeting by Mr. Cuccia and will include a resolution to cancel in an emergency.

**Safe Corridor Resolution-**

This resolution authorizes the mayor and the clerk to sign an agreement. Chief Dmuchowski reported a grant of \$74,000 will be applied to equipment and methods for promoting the safety and safety enforcement. The grant should be received once paperwork is filed, most likely some time in 2015.

**Firefighter Grant-**

Mr. Cuccia informed the Council a grant application was submitted for the SCBA program, which would award Totowa, Little Falls, Woodland Park, and Passaic \$1,946 million dollars, of which 10% (\$45,000) would be given to Little Falls. Chief Sweezy noted the filling station and air packs would be applicable to this grant and noted that one grant can be filed per year.

**PVWC Request for Resolution of Support-**

Mr. Cuccia stated the Passaic Valley Water Commission is seeking support. Council President FONTANA further elaborated on the topic.

**Request for Council Action-**

Mr. Cuccia advised the Council a revote of Bond Ordinance No. 1193 pursuant to direction is related to the ADA for the recreation center bathroom.

**Bond Ordinance No. 1193** – It was moved by Councilmember Vantuno, seconded by Councilmember Organisciak, that the Bond Ordinance No. 1193 be and it was adopted.

Poll:	Ayes:	Vantuno, Organisciak, Maceri and Council President Fontana
	Nays:	None

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Vantuno, seconded by Councilmember Maceri, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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Cynthia Kraus  
Municipal Clerk