

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023
7:00 P.M.

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 JANUARY 5, 2023. A COPY OF THE NOTICE WAS MAILED TO THE NORTH JERSEY HERALD & 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.LENJ.COM. ELECTRONIC PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING.**

ROLL CALL

MINUTES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 27, 2023
AND THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2023

MAYOR'S REPORT

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING LITTLE FALLS JR. HORNETS JUNIOR FOOTBALL SQUAD

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING LITTLE FALLS JR. HORNETS JUNIOR SQUAD CHEERLEADERS

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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.

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CONSENT AGENDA

ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND WILL BE ENACTED WITH A SINGLE MOTION. FOR ANY ITEMS UNDER REQUISITIONS THE TREASURER HAS SUPPLIED A CERTIFICATION OF THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

REPORTS

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2023

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2023

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2023

RECREATION CENTER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2023

CIVIC CENTER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2023

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2023

CONSTRUCTION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2023

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2023

APPLICATIONS

RAFFLE, SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #108, ON-PREMISE 50/50, 2/11/24, 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M., 591 MAIN STREET, LITTLE FALLS

LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY APPLICATION, GUILLERMO SANTOS, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

NJ STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, ALEXANDER VISAGGIO, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

NJ STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, VINCENZO DEMATTIA, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

BLUE LIGHT PERMIT, ANDRE ORNA, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO ISSUE SEVERAL CHECKS IN AN AMOUNT TOTALING \$12,370.64 REPRESENTING TAX REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2023 ON SEVERAL PROPERTIES DUE TO OVERPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES [A]

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO ISSUE SEVERAL CHECKS IN AN AMOUNT TOTALING \$5,335.23 REPRESENTING TAX REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2023 ON SEVERAL PROPERTIES DUE TO OVERPAID IN-LIEU TAXES FOR PILOT PROGRAM [B]

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO ISSUE A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,845.68 REPRESENTING REFUND OF 2023 1ST - 3RD QUARTER TAXES AND CANCELLING 2023 4TH QUARTER TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,774.30 ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 251, LOT 2 DUE TO MOD IV ERROR IN 2023 TAX DUPLICATE [C]

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO ISSUE SEVERAL CHECKS IN AN AMOUNT TOTALING \$2,101.83 REPRESENTING REFUND OF OVERPAID IN-LIEU TAXES FOR PILOT PROGRAM IN 2023 AND CANCELLING 2023 PILOT IN-LIEU TAXES ON SEVERAL PROPERTIES [D]

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE RENTER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT 405 MAIN STREET, UNIT 128, LITTLE FALLS, NJ [E]

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC FOR A VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION PROGRAM [F]

BILL LIST [G]

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL MATTERS

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RESOLUTION [A] 23-12-18 # _____

WHEREAS, the following properties in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey have overpaid real estate taxes in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amounts overpaid listed below due to taxes being overpaid by the payee; and

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>
2023/4	88.05/1 C210	Mary Dickerson 300 Main St Unit 210	Mary Dickerson 300 Main St Unit 210 Little Falls NJ 07424	OP	\$2,078.51
2023/4	88.04/2 C202	Gregory & Amanda Cuoco 280 Main St Unit 202	Gregory & Amanda Cuoco 280 Main St Unit 202 Little Falls NJ 07424	OP	1,678.79
2023/4	96/23	Zambito & Restreo Holdings 2 Meadow Dr	Foundation Title, LLC Hackensack 411 Hackensack Av Ste 1003 Hackensack NJ 07601	OP	2,282.17
2023/4	155/4 C202	Lori Mc Gowan 202 Autumn Court	Classic Business Solutions, LLC 267 Amboy Ave Ste 12 Metuchen NJ 08840	OP	2,929.61
2023/4	184.04/1	Elena Wuebbens Baer 218 Lower Notch Rd	Navy Federal Title Services, LLC 2163 Ridgetop Circle Suite 265 Sterling VA 20166	OP	2,791.52
2023/4	201/9	Levco c/o NY Urban 1600 Route 46 West	Levco c/o NY Urban 80 Park Ave Suite B Hoboken NJ 07030	OP	<u>610.04</u>
Total Refunds					\$12,370.64

APPROVED: _____

cc: Finance Dept.
Tax Collector
Dept.

RESOLUTION [B] 23-12-18

WHEREAS, the following properties in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey have overpaid in-lieu taxes for pilot program in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amounts overpaid listed below due to both parcels being paid online for the 4th qtrs. by each owner in error and paid by their lenders; and

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>
2023/4	P0077/ 3.02 C106X	John Bottenberg Jr 377 Main St	John Bottenberg Jr 377 Main St Little Falls NJ 07424	OP	\$2,944.11
2023/4	P0077/ 3.02 C201X	Andrew Kopek & Michael Kopek 343 Main St	Andrew Kopek & Michael Kopek 343 Main St Little Falls NJ 07424	OP	<u>2,391.12</u>
Total Refunds					\$5,335.23

APPROVED: _____

cc: Finance Dept.
Tax Collector
Dept.

RESOLUTION (C) 23-12-18# _____

**CANCEL 2023 4TH QUARTER TAXES AND
REFUND 2023 1ST – 3RD QUARTER TAXES DUE
MOD IV ERROR IN 2023 TAX DUPLICATE**

WHEREAS, the following property in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey has overpaid real estate taxes in the Year 2023 due to the owner paying in error the 1st – 3rd qtrs. as Assessor's MOD IV billed this parcel in error known as Block 251 Lot 2, Theta Holding Co LP @ Route 46 East when several years ago it was added as an additional lot to Lot 14 in the current name of ACA Realty Co GP @ 41 Oak Hill Road ; and

WHEREAS, the Council shall authorize the Tax Collector to cancel the 1st – 4th qtr taxes in total amount of \$3,783.30(1st \$944.73; 2nd \$944.72, 3rd \$956.23 and 4th \$928.62); and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Preliminary taxes will not be in our Assessor's and/or Tax Collector's 2024 Tax Duplicate as this Lot 2 has been deleted from the same by our Assessor and the Preliminary 2024 shall be discarded by Theta Holding Co LLP; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amount 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 refund be made by the Treasurer:

<u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u>	<u>Block Lot</u>	<u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2023/1-3	251/2	Theta Holding Co LP Route 46 East	Theta Holding Co LP 150 Clove Rd – 1 st Floor Little Falls, NJ 07424	OP	\$2,845.68
Total Refund =					\$2,845.68
Total Cancelation =					\$3,774.30

APPROVED: _____

cc: Finance Dept.
Tax Collector
Tax Assessor
Dept.

RESOLUTION [D] 23-12-18

**CANCEL 2023 PILOT IN-LIEU TAXES
AND REFUND 2023 PILOT IN-LIEU TAXES**

WHEREAS, the following properties in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey have overpaid in-lieu taxes for pilot program in 2023 due to our Assessor's and CFO assessed values having differences; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amounts overpaid listed below; and

WHEREAS, the Council shall authorize our CFO along with our Tax Collector to **cancel** the Pilot in-lieu of taxes as follows:

1. Block P0077 Lot 3.02 C209X Rudra Pooja @ 359 Main St total amount of \$1,773.20; and
2. Block P0077 Lot 3.02 C803X Francesca Ronzitti @ 6 Harvest Way total of \$334.63; and

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>
2023(1-4)	P0077/ 3.02 C209X	Rudra Pooja 359 Main St	Corelogic RE Tax Serv Attn: Refund Dept 3001 Hackberry Road Irving TX 75063	OP	\$1,773.20
2023(4)	P0077/ 3.02 C803X	Francesca Ronzitti 6 Harvest Way	Francesca Ronzitti 6 Harvest Way Little Falls NJ 07424	OP	<u>334.63</u>
Total Refunds					\$2,107.83

APPROVED: _____

cc: Finance Dept.
Tax Collector
Tax Assessor
Dept.

RESOLUTION [E] 23-12-18 - # _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE RENTER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED 405 MAIN ST, UNIT 339 , LITTLE FALLS, NJ 07424

WHEREAS, Jasmen M Mickens [will rent/rents] property located at 405 Main St, Unit 339, 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 18th day of December, 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 339, Little Falls, NJ 07424.

CERTIFICATION

I, Cynthia Kraus, Clerk of the Township of Little Falls, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls at its meeting held on the 18th day of December, 2023.

Cynthia Kraus, Clerk

RESOLUTION [F] 23-12-18 - #_____

**AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE
COUNTY OF PASSAIC FOR A VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the County of Passaic has contracted with Hera Property Registry, LLC to administer a Shared Services Program for Vacant and Foreclosed Property Registration; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls has determined that this service will be beneficial to the municipality in helping to identify and register vacant and foreclosed properties in the town; and

WHEREAS, the Township is required to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Passaic County Improvement Authority in order to participate in the program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into a shared services agreement with the County of Passaic for a Vacant and Foreclosed Property Registration Program via Hera Property Registry, LLC.

APPROVED: _____

cc: Finance Dept.
Building Dept.
County of Passaic
Hera Property Registry, LLC
Contract File