

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

Monday, February 28, 2022

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

Absent: Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus.

Township Employees present:

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 14, 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. **This meeting is being conducted under the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 health situation. Only 25 members of the public will be allowed to attend the meeting in person. A link and a telephone number to join the meeting 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 Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2021, the Workshop Meeting of February 14, 2022 be and they were approved.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Damiano announced that effective March 1, 2022 masks will be optional in municipal buildings. He then gave a status report on COVID-19.

MAYOR'S BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mayor Damiano provided an overview of the 2022 Municipal Budget which included highlights of the municipal appropriations, reserve for uncollected taxes, debt service, budget revenue, and the amount to be raised by taxes. The Mayor discussed the effect of unanticipated circumstances, including emergency appropriations due to Hurricane Ida and a shortfall in anticipated 2020 revenue.

The Mayor also noted the shared service arrangement with Elmwood Park to provide EMS services has been terminated effective 11/1/22 and adjustments have been made to Township services providing 10 full time EMTs to cover Little Falls 9-1-1 calls exclusively.

The Mayor explained the budget introduction is slated for March 14, 2022 with a public hearing and adoption on April 11, 2022. Councilmember KAHWATY commented on the budget presentation.

PRESENTATION BY LITTLE FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY RE: 35 STEVENS AVE

At this time, John Veteri, on behalf of the Little Falls Historical Society presented a plan for a creative adaptive re-use of the old Police Station at 35 Stevens Ave. The plan included a complete renovation with a branding of Old Town Hall featuring The Little Falls Historical Society & Museum, The Little Falls Arts Center gallery space, and expanded space for Ethan and the Bean.

Pam Donovan from Ethan & the Bean (ETB) highlighted opportunities for the space in line with the goals of ETB, and Francesca Cwynar, Social Media Community Outreach, discussed the potential to expand the scope of baking and coffee production as well as community programming. Adriell Alvarez, Historical Society Trustee, reviewed floor plans and elevations. Kelly Ruffel, Passaic County Department of Cultural and Historic Affairs, discussed funding opportunities. Mr. Veteri reviewed components of the estimated project cost of \$659,985 with \$200,000 of funds raised thus far. Mr. Alvarez noted the project timeframe would be two years. Mr. Veteri added that letters of intent for grants for the slate roof and ADA bathrooms will be submitted. The floor was then opened to the Councilmembers. Mr. Veteri responded to Councilmember KAHWATY's query as to how far the budget would include fully outfitting ETB. Ms. Donovan added information on funding opportunities for ETB. Councilmember KAHWATY discussed the use of some space for a teen center, to which Mr. Veteri recalled conversation with Superintendent Marinelli with respect to programming in the arts. Council President SGOBBA requested clarification to the \$200,000 earmarked funds, to which Mr. Veteri explained the grants would be applied to the roof and handicapped accessible bathrooms. Mr. Veteri answered Councilmember HABLITZ's question confirming that another two grant applications could be submitted the following year. Mr. Veteri then addressed Councilmember HABLITZ's question regarding asbestos. In response to Council President SGOBBA, Ms. Donovan stated that ETB fundraising monies have been earmarked to expansion due to program demand. Mr. Veteri addressed Councilmember KAHWATY's query indicating the timeline for start would be as soon as possible. Mr. Veteri then responded to Councilmember SEBER's inquiry signifying that outside maintenance would be the Township's

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responsibility. Discussion ensued regarding the contiguous nature of the floor plan for ETB. In reply to Councilmember VANCHERI, potential obstacles were identified as legal standing to seek grants and supply chain issues. Mr. Veteri and Ms. Donovan reviewed grant deadlines per the request of Councilmember HABLITZ. Lastly, Council President SGOBBA requested clarification on the monies to be raised to cover projected costs.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember HABLITZ highlighted upcoming Library events including the celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 5th as well as Adult Coloring on March 11 and March 18th. Lastly, the Friends of the Library seeks new members and will host a spring book drive on April 1-2.

Councilmember VANCHERI announced a flag raising in recognition of Autism Awareness will be on April 1, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Building. Councilmember VANCHERI provided a progress report on Memorial Day weekend plans. He expressed his condolences to Passaic County Commissioner Terrence Duffy regarding the recent passing of his son.

Councilmember KAHWATY announced Water Day is slated for July and five outdoor movies nights are being planned for the summer. Councilmember KAHWATY encouraged residents to support the Cub Scouts annual Pinewood Derby held at St. John's Church this Saturday and the Boy Scouts pasta dinner fundraiser on March 12th at the Civic Center.

Councilmember SEBER announced the Little Falls Farmers Market is currently accepting vendors. She then recognized those residents with relatives in Ukraine and expressed that her thoughts and prayers are with everyone.

Mayor Damiano reported he read to Kindergarten, First and Second graders for Kick Off for Read Across America Week, while Deputy Chief Prall read to students at School No. 3.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Council President SGOBBA announced the Senior Advisory will host a St. Patrick's Day event on March 16, 2022.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Wenzel had nothing to report.

At this time Council President SGOBBA invited Deputy Chief Prall to address the Council and residents. Deputy Chief Prall discussed the upcoming Police Department accreditation commission review on March 10, 2022, and his invitation to read to School No. 3 students. Deputy Chief Prall also highlighted initiatives in progress including the social media campaign, funding for Special Police Officers, and a LGBTQ liaison for the Department.

PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP'S APPLICATION TO THE PASSAIC COUNTY OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO WILMORE PARK

It was moved by Councilmember Kahwaty, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the meeting be open to the public for comment on the Township's application to the Passaic County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund for improvements to Wilmore Park.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to address the Township Council may do so through the Council President. Please 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. Please give your name and address for the record. Once the process is complete, we will return to the regular order of business.

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

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

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Luis Fernandez – 54 Harrison Street, requested clarification as to the funding of the Historical Society. Mr. Veteri reviewed funding sources. The Mayor confirmed there is no line item for the Historical Society in the budget. Councilmember KAHWATY then made comments regarding the clarification to which Council President SGOBBA added that no Township monies are going to the project at this time. Per Mr. Fernandez’ request, the Mayor indicated the 2022 assessed value was 0.910.

Dorothy Cataldo - 534 Main Street, commented that the proposal for the Old Police Station would be a fantastic addition to the Township.

Don Handel – 9 Cedar Grove, made comments on the presentation and noting it would be a great addition to the Town.

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

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Kahwaty, Seber, Vancheri, and 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. For any items under REQUISITIONS carried a Treasurer’s certification of the availability of funds.

REPORTS

Municipal Clerk’s Report – Month of January 2022

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT Month of January 2022		
ABC LICENSES		
OTHER LICENSES		
Business Licenses	\$5,220.00	
Pre-paid Business Licenses		
Raffle Licenses	\$40.00	
		\$5,260.00
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS		
Fees & Permits	\$482.00	
Marriage Licenses-LF	\$150.00	
Marriage Licenses-NJ	\$18.00	
		\$650.00
MRNA		
Street Maps		
Zoning Maps		
Zoning Ordinances		
Document Copies	\$1.00	
Garage Sales		\$
Misc. Fees & Refunds:	\$22.68	
TOTAL MRNA	\$	\$23.68
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT		\$5,933.68
TOTAL TO TREASURER		<u>\$5,933.68</u>

Municipal Clerks Dog/Cat License Report - Month of January 2022

MUNICIPAL CLERK’S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT Month of January 2022		
Dog Licenses issued 01/01/2021 thru 01/31/2022		
Nos. 205 to 210 = Licenses		
Amount due Little Falls		\$40.80
Amount due State		\$7.20
Total Cash Received		\$48.00
 Cat Licenses issued 01/01/2022 thru 01/31/2022		
Nos. to		
Licenses Issued		
Total Cash Received		
Total to Treas.		<u>\$48.00</u>

Tax Collector’s Report - Month of January 2022

MONTHLY REPORT

Municipality of Township of Little Falls
Office of the Tax Collector
Township of Little Falls Current Account, Lakeland Bank Revenues
Revenues Collector for the Month of January 2022

Categories 01-	January 1- 31, 2022	2022 Year to Date
2022 Taxes	\$2,609,847.42	\$2,609,847.42
2016-2021 Taxes	74,391.86	74,391.86
Interest	3,209.52	3,209.52
GRAND TOTALS	\$2,687,448.80	2,687,448.80

Delinquent 2016 Taxes	\$310,655.31 (Inc. 6% ye-pe)
Delinquent 2020 Taxes	<u>2,240.64</u> (Bankruptcy)
Delinquent 2021 Taxes	<u>399,167.74</u>
Total Delinquent Taxes	\$712,063.69
2022 Refunds this month =	-\$0.00
2022 Year to date refunds =	\$0.00

Breakdown of refunds for years 2017-2022 completed in 2022 (see attached).

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REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2022

Months	2017 STCJ	2018 STCJ	2019 STCJ	2020 STCJ	2022 CBJ	2022 Regular	2021 Senior/ Disabled	Exempt 2022	Total by Months
January	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Totals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00

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.

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 January 2022

January 2022	<u>Deposit</u> \$0.00	2021 <u>Year-to-Date</u> \$ 0.00
Total Collected as of January 31, 2022		\$0.00

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 January 2022

Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2022)		<u>Liens with Premiums Redeemed/ (-)</u> <u>Bal. /Dep. (+)</u>
January 2022	\$	\$342,500.00
Ending Balance as of January 31, 2022		\$342,500.00

Recreation Report – Month of January 2022

Recreation Center –January 2022				
Program	Facility	# Classes	Hours	Participants
Zumba Gold	Gym	7	7	80
Tai Chi/Qi Gong	Multi	4	8	60
Yoga	Multi	8	8	32
Fencing	Gym	4	8	52
Chair Yoga	Gym	3	3	28
Girls Show	Gym	21	63	545
Rec Basketball	Gym	*	*	1006
K-2 Clinics	Gym	3	3	265
Champions League Bball	Gym	2	2	26
Travel Basketball	Gym	*	*	304
Pickle Ball	Gym	10	20	107
Men’s Basketball	Gym	2	6	100
Weekly Totals		47	97	2398

Civic Center Report – Month of January 2022

Month of January			
Meeting Group	# of Meetings	Hours	Participants
Senior Clubs	7	42	95
LF Senior Advisory Board	1	2	5
Stamp Club	2	4	20
LF Fire Dept.	1	2	10
LF School Pocketbook Raffle	1	6	75
LF CERT	1	2	20
Totals	13	58	225

Police Department Report - Month of January 2022

PATROL DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT – January 2022

This agency handled **1,846** details between January 1, 2022 and January 31, 2022.
This agency completed **98** Operations reports and **28** Investigations between January 1, 2022 and January 31, 2022.
The patrol division patrolled **13,794** miles during the month of January 2022.

Calls for Service

Call Type	Total
Medical emergency	52
Fire Department incident	4
Narcan deployment	9
Burglar alarms/false	27
911 calls transferred to other jurisdiction	65
Domestic violence incidents	4
Burglary	5
Criminal mischief	0
Theft/Fraud	10
Suspicious person/vehicle/incident	30
Disputes	9
Noise complaint	5
All others not listed	1497

Traffic Summary

Crashes	Total
Motor vehicle crashes	71
Motor vehicle crash injuries	6
Motor vehicle crash fatalities	0
Enforcement	Total
Motor vehicle stops	205
Speeding summonses	10
DWI summonses	1
Driving while suspended summonses	3
Uninsured vehicle summonses	3
Moving violations	55
Parking violations	46
Total summonses issued	101

Arrest Summary

Total Arrests - 4

Type of Arrest	Total
CDS	0
DWI	1
Warrant	1
Domestic Violence	2
Theft	0
All others	0

Directed Patrol Summary

Detail Type	Total
School arrival	54
School dismissal	56
School walk through	45
Radar post	90
Park check	229
Vacant house check	0
Extra attention check	0
DWI/Aggressive driving patrol	0
Foot patrol	13

Patrol Division Time & Attendance

Type of Hours	Total
Vacation	0
Holiday	60
Compensatory	77.75
Sick	224
Personal time	0
Credit time	129
Administrative	0
PBA day	12
Schedule transition	204
Bereavement	12
Overtime due to Training	12
Overtime hours to maintain minimum staffing level	124
Overtime due to incident/weather/other event	43

9 out of a total of 62 shifts during the month of January were below minimum staffing.

Patrol staffing level during month: 4.03

Major incident/Notable achievement

Snow storms on January 5 and January 28 resulted in (21) hours of overtime.

COMMUNITY POLICING

Detail Type	Total
Cell block inspection	21
School arrivals	16
School dismissals	15
School walk thru	41
Vacant house checks	2
Child car seat installations	0
Headquarters safety inspections	0
Project medicine box emptied	1(24 lbs)
Trips to Covanta for prescription drug destruction	0
Community function appearances	4
School function appearances	20

Special projects/details

Began LEAD program with 3rd and 7th grade classes.

TRAFFIC DIVISION

Detail Type	Total
Traffic details	173
Radar posts	37
Crashes investigated	7
Speedometer calibrations	0
Alcotest maintenance assignments	1
Traffic meetings attended	0
Traffic complaints received	0
Road job safety checks	0
Assisted patrol	12
Enforcement	Total
Motor vehicle stops	97
Moving summonses	33
Parking summonses	18
Total summonses issued	51

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Special projects/details

Ptl. Issahk assigned to traffic (3) days
Ptl. Timmerman assigned to traffic (11) days.

Investigations Division Report
January, 2022 Monthly Report

Criminal Case Management

7 Cases were assigned for follow-up investigation.
23 Investigations currently remain open and active.
16 Cases closed from current and previous months.

Criminal Complaints/Warrants Served:

3 Case where criminal complaints were issued by the Investigative Division.
(21-19116 Shoplifting Warrant, 2C:39-4D Possession of weapon for unlawful purpose, 2C:12-1A (3) simple assault.)
0 Attempts were made to service outstanding criminal arrest warrants issued by the Little Falls Municipal Court.

Juvenile

1 Juvenile Matter was investigated and generated no charges due to PVHS intervention (21-20150, Simple Assault)
0 Station-House Adjustment was filed by the Department’s Juvenile Detective.

Narcotics

0 Active Narcotics investigation(s)
0 Arrests were made by the investigative division for a drug related offense.
24 Pounds of prescription medication was deposited in the Prescription Drug Box.

After Hours Call-Outs

2 Incidents required a detective response for investigative support after hours.
(22-01717 and 22-01720 MV Burglary)

Internal Affairs (IA)

0 IA Complaint was screened and indexed.
0 IA Investigation was conducted and closed.
3 IA Complaint remains open and is being investigated.
There were 0 investigations that resulted in disciplinary action requiring a suspension of ten (10) or more days.

Grand Jury/Superior Court Appearances

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

Search Warrants/Subpoenas

5 Subpoenas were requested to be served for an investigation.
There were 0 search warrants and 0 communication data warrants executed.

Background Investigations

The Investigative Division completed 44 Police Applicant investigation (Partial background), 4 Dispatcher Applicant (Full), 0 Crossing Guard Applicant and 0 Solicitor Applicant Investigations.

Megan’s Law (Sex-Offender) Registrations

0 New Registrations
1 Address Verification and Re-Registrations
There are currently 10 registered sex-offenders residing within the Township.

Detective Time Off and Overtime:

Detective Time Off: TOTAL 28 hours

Compensatory – 4 hours Vacation/Holiday – 16 Hours Personal – 0 hours Sick- 8 hours Other – 0 Hour

Detective Overtime

Hours worked for Cash –3 hours Hours worked for Compensatory Time – 1 hour
Training Compensatory Time – 4.5 hours (PCPA Instruction) Patrol Shift Coverage by Detective – 12 hours (OT Cash)

Property and Evidence

17 Item classified as property was entered into the department’s BEAST Evidence System, processed, logged and secured. (This includes missing, lost and found property, recovered stolen property and items left for safekeeping.)
3 Firearms/Weapons were entered into the BEAST Evidence System, processed, logged and secured.
1 Firearms were transported for ballistics analysis.
5 Items classified as evidence were entered into the BEAST Evidence System, processed, logged and secured.
0 Items classified as Drug Evidence were transported to the NJ State Police Laboratory for analysis.
1 Items classified as Forensic Evidence were transported to the NJ State Police Laboratory at Hamilton or Holmdel, NJ for analysis. (This includes physical, chemical, and biological evidence.)
0 Random drug screen analysis specimens were transported to the NJ State Medical Examiner’s Office for analysis.
\$0.00 Currency was seized and submitted to the Passaic County Prosecutor’s Office pending asset forfeiture proceedings.

Notable Cases

21-13356 – Det. Cespedes assisted patrol in an investigation of an incident that occurred on 8/14/2021. Sergeant Ted Shaplo, Sergeant Ryan Hoyt, Patrolman Timothy Fleck and Patrolman Shaun O’Brien responded to the Mobil gas station on a possible burglary in progress. Upon Patrolman Shaun O’Brien’s arrival, he contacted workers who were the on-duty gas station attendants. They reported just been involved in an incident in which the male operator of a silver-colored Chevrolet SUV brandished a knife during a dispute. Det. Cespedes retrieved video surveillance evidence, conducted follow up investigation measures, positively identified and charged the actor.
21-15346 – Det. Moncato investigated an incident of shoplifting that occurred at the Little Falls Shoprite on November 6th, 2021 in which an unknown actor loaded up his shopping cart with over 300.00 worth of merchandise and fled the store in a gray Hyundai. Det. Moncato retrieved and reviewed video surveillance evidence, was able to observe the vehicle and obtain a registration, conducted follow up investigation measures, then positively identified and charged the actor.

Comments:

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION – Administrative Monthly Report – January 2022

RECORDS BUREAU

Discovery and OPRA

0 Discovery Cases involving Digital (Audio/Video) files were processed and uploaded to Dropbox for defense attorneys, the public defender and prosecutors.
35 OPRA requests were processed.
1,001 pages of reports were facilitated and forwarded to the Township Clerk’s Office for OPRA requests.
\$141.00 was deposited by the Records Bureau during the month.
Discovery \$0.00/Firearms \$46.00/Accident & Incident Reports \$95.00/Fingerprints \$0.00

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Firearms

15 Applications for Firearms Permits
3 Firearms Purchaser ID cards were *Issued*
16 Handgun Purchase Permits were *Issued*

Background Investigations

12 Firearms Investigations Completed
0 Permit to Carry Applications.
0 Applications Withdrawn by Applicant/Denied

Departmental Training

Outside Training

- AlcoTest Recert – Cpl. W. Post
- ABLE – Sgt. Strothers, Ptl. Sayad, Ptl. Conti, Prl. Racanelli, Sgt. Romaine, Sgt. Pinnola, Ptl. O’Brien, Ptl. Kania
- VALOR Training – Sgt. Gilchrist
- Basic FTO Officer Cert (3 Day) – Ptl. Tulling
- SFST (5 Day) – Ptl. Yannuzzi

Departmental Training

eAgent Training
Agency Field Training – Ptl. Hablitz
Sgt. Field Training – Sgt. Cespedes
CED & Flammable Liquids – Dept. Issued

Firearms- The next Firearms Training is currently scheduled for March 2022.

DISPATCHER TIME OFF AND COVERAGE

Dispatcher Time Off

COMP – 0 Hours	HOL – 57 Hours	VAC – 8 Hours	PER – 0 Hours
C/T – 64 Hours	SICK – 0 Hours	FML – 0 Hours	

Dispatcher Coverage – Overtime

Part-time Dispatcher Hours Worked – 186 hours	
Full time Dispatcher OT CASH – 153 Hours	Full-time Dispatcher OT Comp – 0 hours
Dispatch Vacancy Covered by Patrol OT – 36 hours	Part-Time Dispatcher Training Hours Worked – 45 hours
Dispatch Vacancy Covered by Patrol Shift – 141.5 hours	

Note: Vacant hours increased due to being short 2 full time public safety telecommunicators. Hiring in process in progress to fulfill the vacancies.

Construction Report – January 2022

Uniform Construction Code

Permits Issued – 33
Inspections - 136
Total Value of Construction - \$237,788
Certificate of Occupancy - \$3,815.00
Permit Fees Collected - \$6,576.00
Permit Fees Waived - \$827.00
Penalties - \$3,250.00
Total Fees Collected - \$13,641.00

Zoning

Fence Permits – \$50.00
Sign Permits - \$00.00
Zoning fees – \$330.00
Total Fees Collected- \$380.00

Property Maintenance

Certificates of Compliance Fees – \$2695.00
Inspections – 41
Complaints Inspections - 7
Violations Issued – 9
Roll-off permits – \$120.00
Total Fees Collected - \$2,815.00

Monthly Revenue \$16,836.00

YTD Revenue \$16,836.00

APPLICATIONS

NJ STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION, RYAN TOLOMEO, MORNINGSIDE CIRCLE, LITTLE FALLS, COMPANY #4

RAFFLE, PASSAIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION, MERCHANDISE RAFFLE, 04/13/22, 5:00 PM-8:00 PM, 100 EAST MAIN STREET, LITTLE FALLS

CORRESPONDENCE

REQUEST FROM ENTERPRISE CO. #2 FOR PERMISSION TO CONDUCT A BOOT DRIVE AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAIN STREET AND UNION AVENUE ON FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 4:00 P.M AND 7:00 P.M. AND SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 P.M. AND 4:00 P.M. WITH RAIN DATES OF MAY 13, 2022 AND MAY 14, 2022.

RESOLUTIONS

Tax Refunds on Several Properties

RESOLUTION [A] 22-02-28 #1

WHEREAS, the following properties in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey have overpaid real estate taxes in 2022; and
WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amounts 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 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>
2022/1	94/7	Est of Josephine Sykes 44 Walnut St	Est of Josephine Sykes c/o Diane Duran 49 Devonshire Rd Cedar Grove NJ 07009	O/P	\$ 1,986.63
2022/1	96/8 C102	Patel, Milankumar K & Hiral M 102 Abbe Rd	Corelogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202 Coppell TX 75019-9760	O/P	112.73
2022/1	114/16	Cestone, James Jr & V 1 First Av	Accumatch 2711 LBJ Frwy, Ste 1065 Dallas TX 75234	O/P	2,797.66
2022/1	184.01/19	Mueller, Austin & A 25 Birch Rd	Austin & Anna Mueller 25 Birch Rd Little Falls NJ 07424	O/P	208.78
2022/1	218/8.03	Handel Contractors Inc 60 Sindle Av	Accumatch 2711 LBJ Frwy, Ste 1065 Dallas TX 75234	O/P	<u>6,362.98</u>
Total Refunds					\$11,468.78

Application to Passaic County Open Space and Farmland Preservation

RESOLUTION [B] 22-02-28 - #2

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls are requesting funding through the Passaic County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund for improvements to Wilmore Road Park (also referred to as Wilmore Park); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Shared Services Act, such funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the Township of Little Falls; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls do hereby confirm endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council certify the resolution for the application to be presented to the Passaic County Department of Planning.

Application to Passaic County CDBG Program

RESOLUTION [C] 22-02-28 - #3

At a meeting held on February 28, 2022, the Municipal Council of the Township of Little Falls adopted the following resolution:

The Municipal Council authorizes an application to the Passaic County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for Improvements to Cherry Street described in the proposal. If awarded CDBG funds, the Municipality shall implement the activities in a manner to ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

Little Falls Fair Housing Resolution

**RESOLUTION [D] 22-02-28 - #4
LITTLE FALLS FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION**

The Township of Little Falls supports Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination. It is the policy of the Township of Little Falls to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, nationality, familial status, marital or domestic partnership status, affectional or sexual orientation, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, genetic information, liability for military service, mental or physical disability, perceived disability, AIDS/HIV status and Lawful Income or Source of Lawful Rent Payment (Section 8). The Township of Little Falls further objects to discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap or disability as prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination. Therefore, the Municipal Council of the Township of Little Falls do hereby approve the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that within available resources, the Township of Little Falls will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against under one of the aforementioned categories, to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Little Falls shall publicize this resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law, the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, and any local laws or ordinances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the municipality will at a minimum include, but not be limited to: (1) the printing and publicizing of this resolution, a fair housing public notice and other applicable fair housing information through local media, community contacts and placement on the Municipal website and in other social media; (2) distribution of posters, flyers, and any other means which will bring to the attention of those affected, the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing.

RESOLUTION [E] 22-02-28 - #5

Bill List

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.

At this time Councilmember HABLITZ provided an explanation of Resolution B which pertained to the application of a grant for playground equipment at Wilmore Park.

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At this time Councilmember KAHWATY explained Resolution C, an application for a Community Development Block Grant from Passaic County, to be utilized toward aesthetic and minor drainage issues on Cherry Street. It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, that the Consent Agenda be approved as printed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL MATTERS

Anyone wishing to address the Township Council may do so through the Council President. Please 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. Please give your name and address for the record. Once the process is complete, we will return to the regular order of business.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Luis Fernandez – 54 Harrison Street, requested a timeline on the Route 46/3 project. Mayor Damiano stated DOT advised of a deadline of December 31, 2024 when DEP permits expire, however, it is anticipated the project will be completed prior to that date. The Mayor commented on the 80% increase in traffic accidents over the prior year in the construction area. He further commented that upon project completion, traffic flow through the area and Main Street is expected to be alleviated. Mr. Fernandez then commented on a tractor trailer traversing through Jackson Park and requested an update on the property owner. Upon attending a preplanning meeting with the property owner, Mayor Damiano reported access to 75 Harrison will occur through Sindle Avenue in the future. In response to Mr. Fernandez’s suggestion to have street parking on both sides to deter trucks, Mayor Damiano stated parking is determined by street width and consideration must be made for the ability of emergency vehicles to traverse the areas as well.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Kahwaty, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk