

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024
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 4, 2024. A COPY OF THE NOTICE WAS SENT 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.LFNJ.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 JANUARY 22, 2024
AND THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2024

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR'S BUDGET PRESENTATION

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.

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. ONCE THE PROCESS IS COMPLETE, WE WILL RETURN TO THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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 JANUARY 2024

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024

RECREATION CENTER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024

CIVIC CENTER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024

CONSTRUCTION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024

CORRESPONDENCE

REQUEST FROM LITTLE FALLS FIRE ASSOCIATION FOR PERMISSION TO CONDUCT A BOOT DRIVE ON 5/3/24 FROM 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M., ON 5/4/24 FROM 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. AND ON 5/5/24 FROM 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF LONG HILL ROAD AND NOTCH ROAD, MAIN STREET AND UNION AVENUE, BROWERTOWN ROAD AND ROSE PLACE, AND MAIN STREET AND NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO ISSUE SEVERAL CHECKS TOTALING \$416.81 REPRESENTING TAX REFUNDS ON SEVERAL PROPERTIES DUE TO OVERPAYMENTS [A]

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE RENTER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT 405 MAIN STREET, UNIT 341, LITTLE FALLS, NJ [B]

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE RENTER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT 405 MAIN STREET, UNIT 445, LITTLE FALLS, NJ [C]

RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE AND ACCEPT THE SUBURBAN METRO JOINT INSURANCE FUND CERTIFIED EMS PROGRAM [D]

LITTLE FALLS FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION [E]

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE PASSAIC COUNTY CDBG PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CLARENCE AVENUE AND MAIN STREET TO WOODCLIFFE AVENUE [F]

BILL LIST [G]

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL MATTERS

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RESOLUTION [A] 24-02-26 # _____

WHEREAS, the following properties in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey have overpaid real estate taxes; 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>
2023/4	140/15	Kathleen Kane 175 Lincoln Ave	Kathleen Kane 175 Lincoln Ave Little Falls NJ 07424	CR	\$252.71
2023/4	146/38	Nazir Alwazzour 35 Third Ave	Nazir Alwazzour 35 Third Ave Little Falls NJ 07424	CR	<u>164.10</u>
Total Refunds					\$416.81

CR=County Board Judgment

APPROVED: _____

cc: Finance Dept
Tax Collector

RESOLUTION [B] 24-02-26 - # _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE RENTER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED 405 MAIN ST, UNIT 341 , LITTLE FALLS, NJ 07424

WHEREAS, Diosmarys J Gomez-Almonte [will rent/rents] property located at 405 Main St, Unit 341, 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 \$1,554.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 26th day of February, 2024, 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 341, 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 26th day of February, 2024.

Cynthia Kraus, Clerk

RESOLUTION [C] 24-02-26 - # _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE RENTER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED 405 MAIN ST, UNIT 445, LITTLE FALLS, NJ 07424

WHEREAS, Cheyanne Pierre [will rent/rents] property located at 405 Main St, Unit 445, 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 \$1,089.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 26th day of February, 2024, 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 445, 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 26th day of February, 2024.

Cynthia Kraus, Clerk

RESOLUTION [D] 24-02-26 - #_____

**RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE AND ACCEPT THE SUBURBAN
METRO JOINT INSURANCE FUND CERTIFIED EMS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Governing Body of the Township of Little Falls desires to apply for the Suburban Metro Joint Insurance Fund Certified EMS Program; and,

WHEREAS, Michael Bandurski EMS Coordinator is hereby appointed to serve as the Liaison Officer for the purpose of coordinating and implementing this program; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Governing Body of the Township of Little Falls agree to utilize the MEL Safety Institute (MSI) policy distribution and training program to document receipt of the operational policies and to confirm understanding of the policies; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Governing Body agree to annually update the policies and annually certify as to their completion through the adoption of a resolution and request for a \$5,000 assessment credit; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Little Falls that it does hereby request participation in the Suburban Metro Joint Insurance Fund Certified EMS Program and agrees to perform the requirements of this program.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Township Little Falls, In the County of Passaic, New Jersey, at a meeting held on February 26, 2024.

Cynthia Kraus Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION [E] 24-02-26 - # _____

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.

Approved this 26th day of February 2024

ATTEST:

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Printed Name of Authorized Representative

Telephone Number

RESOLUTION [F] 24-02-26 - #_____

At a meeting held on February 26, 2024, 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 Clarence Avenue from Main Street to Woodcliff Avenue 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.

The Municipal Council agrees that if CDBG funds are determined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to be expended on ineligible program costs or do not meet a national objective, the Township of Little Falls agrees to repay the proportion deemed ineligible from non-federal sources.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Printed Name of Authorized Representative

Telephone Number