

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 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 DECEMBER 27, 2022. 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

RECOGNIZING PASSAIC VALLEY YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS
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MINUTES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2022
AND THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2022

MAYOR'S REPORT

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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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 2023

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2023

RECREATION CENTER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2023

CIVIC CENTER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2023

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2023

CONSTRUCTION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2023

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2023

APPLICATIONS

LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY APPLICATION, MICHAEL SANTILLO, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

RAFFLE, LITTLE FALLS ALLIANCE FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY, ON-PREMISE 50/50, JUNE 29, 2023 - AUGUST 31, 2023, 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M., WILMORE ROAD PARK, LITTLE FALLS

RAFFLE, LITTLE FALLS ALLIANCE FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY, TRICKY TRAY, APRIL 26, 2023, 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M., 4 WOODHULL AVENUE, LITTLE FALLS

RAFFLE, LITTLE FALLS ALLIANCE FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY, ON-PREMISE 50/50, APRIL 26, 2023, 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M., 4 WOODHULL AVENUE, LITTLE FALLS

RAFFLE, LITTLE FALLS ALLIANCE FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY, ON-PREMISE 50/50, MAY 24, 2023, 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M., 4 WOODHULL AVENUE, LITTLE FALLS

RAFFLE, LITTLE FALLS ATHLETIC CLUB, ON-PREMISE 50/50, 3/25/23 - 6/9/23, 8:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M., 160 PATERSON AVENUE, LITTLE FALLS

RAFFLE, LITTLE FALLS ATHLETIC CLUB, TRICKY TRAY, 3/25/23 - 4/1/23, 8:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M., 160 PATERSON AVENUE, LITTLE FALLS

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO ISSUE A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,184.64 REPRESENTING TAX REFUND ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 149, LOT 1 DUE TO DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION [A]

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF IN REM TAX FORECLOSURE [B]

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE PASSAIC COUNTY CDBG PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CHERRY STREET AND MOZART AVENUE [C]

LITTLE FALLS FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION [D]

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT TO F. BASSO JR. RUBBISH REMOVAL SERVICES FOR SOLID WASTE/RECYCLABLE MATERIALS COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL [E]

BILL LIST [F]

NEW BUSINESS

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1448, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND CHAPTER 7 (ON-STREET REGULATIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS".

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL MATTERS

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RESOLUTION [A] 23-02-27 # _____

WHEREAS, the following property in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey has overpaid real estate taxes in 2023 due to our Tax Assessor granting a 100% disabled veteran exemption and approved on February 3, 2023; and

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

WHEREAS, the 2nd qtr. 2023 taxes in the amount of \$3,449.41 shall be canceled and once the 2023 tax rate is struck and received this account will be revisited for more action needed by Collector and Council;

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 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	149/1	John P & Janet C Dubowchik 100 Third Ave	John P & Janet C Dubowchik 100 Third Ave Little Falls NJ 07424	Exempt 100% Dis. Vet	\$2,184.64
Total Refund					\$2,184.64

APPROVED: _____

cc: Finance Dept.
Tax Collector
Tax Assessor
Dept.

RESOLUTION [B] 23-02-27 - # _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, COUNTY OF PASSAIC,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE
INSTITUTION OF IN REM TAX FORECLOSURE**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of Little Falls has prepared an *in rem* tax foreclosure list and has certified the same to the governing body; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the governing body to Institute *in rem* tax foreclosure proceeding against the additional property known as Schedule #9, which is set forth on Schedule "A" attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 17-09-25-#3 was adopted for Schedule #'s 1-8, and the lien calculations have been updated on attached Schedule "A"; and

WHEREAS, it is not only in the best Interest of the municipality to institute said proceedings, but also is a duty of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the institution of said *in rem* proceeding will result in revenue to the Township of Little Falls either by a redemption of the subject property or their foreclosure and resale by the Township of Little Falls; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney and the Tax Collector will be fulfilling all the necessary documents for the *in rem proceedings*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the governing body does hereby authorize the institution of *in rem* tax foreclosure proceedings in regard to the additional property known as Schedule 9, set forth on Schedule "A" attached hereto.
2. That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Township Attorney.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I, the undersigned, am the Township Clerk of the Township of Little Falls and am duly authorized to certify resolutions adopted by the Township Council at a regular meeting held on the 27th day of February 2023.

Cynthia Kraus
Township clerk, Little Falls

cc: Finance Dept
Tax Collector

RESOLUTION [C] 23-02-27 - #_____

LITTLE FALLS CDBG APPROVAL

At a meeting held on February 23, 2023, 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 and Mozart 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.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Printed Name of Authorized Representative

Telephone Number

RESOLUTION [D] 23-02-27 - # _____

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.

Approved this 24th day of February 2023

ATTEST:

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Printed Name of Authorized Representative

Telephone Number

ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT
FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

WHEREAS, pursuant to advertising duly made, bids were received by the Township of Little Falls on February 15, 2023 for Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Collection and Disposal Service for one, three and five-year contract options. Based upon Administration review, it was determined to use the five-year option with the results as follows:

Gaeta Recycling Co., Inc.
278-282 West Railway Avenue
Paterson, N.J. 07503
Garbage & Recycling 1yr \$1,697,080.00
Garbage & Recycling 3yrs \$5,616,216.00
Garbage & Recycling 5yrs \$8,892,280.00

F. Basso Jr. Rubbish Removal, Inc.
55-93 S 20th Street
Irvington, NJ 07111
Garbage & Recycling 1yr \$1,240,464.00
Garbage & Recycling 3yrs \$3,806,944.00
Garbage & Recycling 5yrs \$6,472,120.00

Joseph Smentkowski, Inc.
P.O. Box 17398
Jersey City, NJ 07307
Garbage & Recycling 1yr \$1,342,912.00
Garbage & Recycling 3yrs \$4,236,240.00
Garbage & Recycling 5yrs \$7,361,200.00

and, WHEREAS, the Department of Township Administrator has reviewed the bids for technical sufficiency and the Township Attorney has reviewed the bids for legal sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, each bidder has been notified of the need to supply the appropriate form of proof of compliance with Affirmative Action requirements; and

WHEREAS, the award is subject to the Availability of Funds and certification of same in the 2023 budget for Solid Waste Disposal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Little Falls as follows:

- 1) That the bid of
F. Basso Jr. Rubbish Removal, Inc.
55-93 S. 20th Street
Irvington, NJ 07111

in the amount of
\$6,472,120.00 for five years,
including tipping fees based upon 5,528 tons/year
be and the same is hereby accepted; and

2) That the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute a Contract in a form approved by the Township Attorney for the designated services at the bid price hereinabove cited, subject to the successful Contractor's filing the required form of Affirmative Action compliance and Payroll Certification for Public Works Projects; and

3) That the Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to return to the unsuccessful bidder(s) any Certified checks and/or Bid Bonds received from them as surety, with the exception of the surety received from the second-lowest bidder, which shall be retained for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days or until a contract in a form satisfactory to the Township Attorney shall have been executed with the low bidder, whichever shall come first.

APPROVED: _____

cc: Finance Dept.
DPW Supt.
Attorney
F. Basso Rubbish Removal, Inc.
Award File
Dept.

ORDINANCE NO. 1448

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND CHAPTER 7 (ON-STREET REGULATIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS

WHEREAS, a municipal may enact ordinances to designate parking restrictions of roadways under municipal control,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to update and amend the Municipal Code to include additional areas to prohibit or restrict parking in order to ensure the consistent flow of traffic, reduction of motor vehicle offenses, and prevention of automotive and pedestrian accidents; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has found it proper to amend the language of the Code accordance therewith;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, that Chapter 7, On-Street Regulations, of the Code of the Township of Little Falls, is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

§7-11 Parking time limited on certain streets.

A.

Arlington Place North 30 mins. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning 24 feet from Main Street extending 178 feet north thereof

§7-13 Parking prohibited at all times on certain streets.

A.

Arlington Place South ~~From a point 60 feet north of the northerly curbline of Main Street to a point 250 feet thereof~~ Entire length of roadway

Arlington Place North From a point 202 feet from Main Street extending 30 feet thereof

Muller Place East From a point 22 feet from Muller Place to corner of Arlington

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that:

- 1. Ordinances, resolutions and regulations or parts of ordinances, resolutions and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency; and
- 2. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such a decision shall not affect the remaining portion of the Ordinance; and
- 3. Except as hereby amended, the Code of the Township of Little Falls shall remain in full force and effect.
- 4. Township Police Department shall have the authority to place such signs as deemed necessary to advise the public of the aforementioned parking restrictions.
- 4. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty days after final passage and publication in accordance with law.

PASSED: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk

James Belford Damiano
Mayor