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

#### Monday, January 9, 2012

Council President Darlene Post called the meeting to order at 7:31p.m. with the following members present: Louis Fontana, Mercedes Gonzalez, Joseph Sisco and John Vantuno. Also present were Township Attorney Joseph Trapanese, Township Engineer Dennis Lindsay, Township Grant Writer Joanne Bergin, Municipal Clerk William Wilk and Township Administrator Henry Underhill.

#### Absent: Mayor Michael DeFrancisci

Township Employees present: Police Chief John Dmuchowski, DPW Superintendent Phillip Simone, OEM Coordinator Alfred Batelli, Fire Official Edmond Pomponio and Deputy Municipal Clerk Cynthia Meyer

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 bulleting board at the Municipal Building, located at 225 Main Street, Little Falls, N.J. on January 5, 2012; 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.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Councilmember Fontana, seconded by Councilmember Vantuno, that the Minutes of the Special meeting of December 28, 2011 be approved.

Poll:	Ayes:	Fontana, Gonzalez, Sisco, Vantuno and President Post		
	Nays:	None		
The Council President dealered the motion passed				

The Council President declared the motion passed.

#### **REMARKS FROM CHAIR**

Councilmember POST informed that she overlooked Councilmember Sisco's appointment to subcommittees during last week's Reorganization meeting. She then appointed him to the Local Flood Board.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Councilmember SISCO said he is glad to work with the Flood Board.

Councilmember GONZALEZ said she is looking forward to working hard this year in order to see more advancement in town.

Councilmember FONTANA had nothing to report.

Councilmember VANTUNO explained that the Township has a new internet service provider and said they are working on fixing some problems in the system; this should be completed shortly.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

There was no report in the absence of the Mayor.

#### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Trapanese informed that he recently reviewed his records in order to provide a report to the Council regarding costs related to the legal contract. He explained that he only works on matters assigned to him by the Governing Body, including all other matters that he is required to take on legally. He informed that there has been a significant increase in the number of cases he handles since he was first hired. He also pointed out that he has many lawsuits, meetings, disciplinary hearings and tax appeals to work on, which are all extra matters. Throughout all of this, he informed that he has not requested any increase in his billing structure, noting that it is the same as it was ten years ago. He named many of the other tasks he performs on a regular basis which he said is included in the amount of his contract. He also informed that all other lawyers working for the Township are included in his budget, which he said is not fair.

In response to Councilmember Gonzalez, Mr. Trapanese said he has brought over one million dollars into the town over the last ten years. Councilmember GONZALEZ pointed out that over the ten year period Mr. Trapanese has been the Township Attorney, this amount does not nearly cover his legal fees, noting that his contract and fees are out of order.

Mrs. Bergin gave an update on the RFC, informing that the design is complete for three of the homes. The plans are being reviewed at this time. She referred to SRL Round One and informed that the funding for this is in place; many of the residents have opted for acquisition. The agreement for this is now subject to legal review, and will then be brought to the Council for approval to execute same and proceed with the project.

She informed that Round Three grant application has been submitted and is still pending. The HMGP application that was submitted was verbally approved and she is awaiting the agreement on same. The Blue Acres application is pending and they are waiting to hear back about this.

#### PUBLIC PORTION

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

Poll:	Ayes:	Fontana, Gonzalez, Sisco, Vantuno and President Post
	Nays:	None
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The Council President declared the motion passed.

Louis Fernandez, 54 Harrison Street, said he was quoted in the Passaic Valley Today Newspaper that he is opposed to overnight parking. However, he said he is not opposed to overnight parking; he thinks there must be some rules in place. He also informed that he was surprised to see a new Council President this evening, and asked if this was something that would change every year. Referring to the last Regular Council meeting, he pointed out that Councilmember Gonzalez had questioned the legal fees. He agreed that Mr. Trapanese has very high fees and asked if the public has access to these fees for inspection.

<u>Dorothy O'Haire</u>, Turnberry Road, informed that she went to the Peckman River yesterday with Nick Agnoli. She explained that the river was in terrible shape and has a large amount of debris that has been deposited, which has raised the bed of the river. She informed that Mr. Agnoli would be working on a report pertaining to this which will include pictures. She also noted that the Regional Food Board is in need of money. In the past, the Sewerage Commission has come in to dig out the debris; however, it has become to much at this point and there is no place for it. She explained that the debris is of value and can be sold; it must be removed before April. She suggested discussing this matter with Senator O'Toole and Assemblyman Rumana. She informed that they would be discussion this at the Regional Flood Board meeting this Thursday.

<u>Brian Reynolds</u>, 7 Notch Road, questioned the appointment of Robert Scalera for Police Dispatcher on this evening's agenda. Referring to Councilmember Vantuno's remarks about the email system, he asked what this will include. Referring to the construction of the Justice Complex, he explained that this project is over budget already and asked what additional money will still be needed for this.

<u>Tom Larson</u>, 38 Garrabrant Avenue, explained that he is continuing to have problems with the children on the playground at all hours of the night; he has made complaints of this before. He is very concerned about what has been going on at the park at night.

<u>Arnold Korotkin</u>, Long Hill Road, referred to a recent article in the League of Municipalities Magazine regarding municipalities using the service of interns. He hoped the Township could pursue this in 2012.

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

Poll:

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Ayes:Fontana, Gonzalez, Sisco, Vantuno and President PostNays:None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Council President POST informed that they would be discussing the parking ordinance at the next meeting. Mr. Wilk explained that every year within the first week of the New Year, the Municipality is required to reorganize the government for that year; the Council President is voted on every year.

Councilmember GONZALEZ informed that the Council received an emergency resolution in the amount of \$35,000. She informed that she has gone through all of her paperwork from the beginning of the year and wrote down all of the legal expenses; she will pass this information on to her peers for review so they can make some appropriate changes. She informed that this information is public knowledge. Mr. Wilk explained that Mr. Fernandez could fill out an OPRA request for this information.

Mr. Lindsay said he would have to see the location in which Mrs. O'Haire is referring to; they removed quite a bit of the debris already. If there is another area, he will go and take a look to see if they have any records of prior conditions. They may be able to get permission to work on it.

Chief Dmuchowski informed that the Police Department has had an ongoing battle with Mr. Larson and his wife, noting that they have continuously gone to monitor the situation. He explained that it is a playground and they cannot stop people from going there. The school would have to invoke permission for the Township to pass an ordinance to regulate this matter. It would go a long way to install cameras to hold people accountable for when damage is done. Council President POST asked Councilmember Vantuno to speak with the School's Superintendent about regulating this.

Council President POST agreed with Mr. Korotkin that this is something they should look into.

Chief Dmuchowski explained that Robert Scalera is a per diem Police Dispatcher, noting that part time positions are appointed each year; he was not included on the list for the Reorganization meeting.

Councilmember VANTUNO explained that the reverse email system can be used for any type of communication, noting that they still have the names of those people who previously signed up for this service.

Mr. Underhill said there have been no change orders done for the Justice Complex to increase or decrease the amount originally approved. He will speak further about this at the Workshop Meeting. Chief Dmuchowski said the budget is approximately \$4.4 million, which includes everything. Chief said the budget for this was cut to something the previous Council thought was acceptable. SISCO said original plan was changed to conform with certain new requirements, which increased the amount. Mr. Underhill said the Department of Corrections has to come in annually to inspect the building to make sure they are in compliance. Chief said the way they operate currently is very unsafe.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the Consent Agenda were considered to be routine and were enacted with a single motion. Any items under REQUISITIONS carried a Treasurer's certification as to sufficiency of funds.

**TO DECEMBER 30, 2011** 

#### REPORTS

Tax Collector's Report - Month of December 2011

MONTHLY REPORT Municipality of the <u>Township of Little Falls</u> Office of the <u>Tax Collector</u> Revenues Collector for the Month of <u>December 2011</u> Tax Collection <u>Account #622402226 Lakeland Bank</u>

GRAND TOTALS			\$337,496.99	\$40,965,715.98
Municipal Copy Fee	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.29
Premium Outside Lien Tax Sale Additional Fee	0.00	0.00	1,900.00	129,200.00
Misc. Line Item Fee		0.00		0.00
6% Penalty Fee		0.00		5,536.78
Insufficient Check Charge		20.00		140.00
Tax Searches	0.00			0.00
Duplicate Tax Bills 5.00	380.00			
Outside Tax Liens		0.00		59,725.94
Cost of Tax Sale		0.00		3,516.30
Township Tax Title Lien Int.		0.00		434.28
Township Tax Title Lien		0.00		6,687.49
Interest		8,360.50		96,573.23
Prepaid 2012 Taxes		73,965.05		181,315.02
2010 Taxes		0.00		512,222.07
2011 Taxes		\$ 255,146.44		\$39,968,084.58

Dec. 1, 2010 to Dec. 29, 2010 <u>344,224.20</u> - \$6,727.21  $\frac{39,894,581.56}{+\$1,071,134.42}$ 

2011 Refunds this month - \$21,758.65 Year-to-date refunds - \$138,779.86\* Bounced checks this month \$0.00 Year-to-date bounced checks \$36,177.08 In 2011 Refunds Year-to-date for 2009 \$1,569.60 STCJ for 2010 32,342.45 STCJ for 2011 5,758.37 STCJ \*in figure above.

for 2011 88,331.14 CBJ \*in figure above.

2011 YEAR TO DATE

Delinquent 2011 taxes as of December 30, 2011 = \$536,946.75 (138 line items). Delinquent 2010 taxes as of December 31, 2010 = \$492,627.80 (134 line items).

#### Municipal Clerk's Report – Month of December 2011

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT Month of December 2011

ABC LICENSES OTHER LICENSES Business Licenses Pre-paid Business Licenses Raffle Licenses	\$14,215.00	\$14,215.00
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS		
Fees & Permits	\$440.00	
Marriage Licenses-LF	6.00	
Marriage Licenses-NJ	50.00	
		\$496.00
MRNA		
Street Maps		
Zoning Maps	\$15.00	
Zoning Ordinances		
Document Copies	.40	
Garage Sales		
Misc. Fees & Refunds:		
TOTAL MRNA		\$15.40
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT		\$14,726.40
TOTAL TO TREASURER		\$14,726.40

# Municipal Clerk's Dog/Cat License Report – Month of December 2011 MUNICIPAL CLERK'S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT Month of December 2011

<b>Dog</b> Licenses issued 12/1/11 thru 12/31/11 Nos. 436 to 440 = 5 Licenses Amount due Little Falls Amount due State Total Cash Received	\$34.00 12.00 \$46.00
<b>Cat</b> Licenses issued 12/1/11 thru 12/31/11 Nos. 101 to 101	
Licenses Issued 1	
Total Cash Received	<u>\$8.00</u>
Total to Treas.	<u>\$54.00</u>

#### RESOLUTION [A] 12-01-09 - #1

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, the Treasurer having certified to the availability of funds, that the Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue a check in the amount of: \$300.00

payable to:

Treasurer, State of NJ

representing 4th Quarter 2011 Marriage License/Civil Union Fees. \*\*\*\*

#### NJ State Dept of Health - Dog License Fees

RESOLUTION [B] 12-01-09 - #2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, the Treasurer having certified to the availability of funds, that the Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue a check in the amount of: \$12.00

payable to:

NJ State Dept. of Health

representing payment of State dog license fee, license Nos. 436 to 440 for the month of December 2011.

It was moved by Councilmember Sisco, seconded by Councilmember Vantuno, that the Consent Agenda be approved.

Fontana, Gonzalez, Sisco, Vantuno and President Post Poll: Ayes: Navs: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

The following items were individually considered.

#### **INTERDEPARTMENTAL**

Finance - - It was moved by Councilmember Gonzalez, seconded by Councilmember Fontana, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS IN THE 2011 BUDGET: \$6,995.00 [C]#3

Mr. Wilk provided a brief explanation of this resolution.

Poll: Fontana, Gonzalez, Sisco, Vantuno and President Post Ayes: Navs: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

- - It was moved by Councilmember Gonzalez, seconded by Councilmember Fontana, that the Council approve the following: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2012 MUNICIPAL

BUDGET: \$300,000.00 [D]#4

Mr. Wilk provided an explanation of this resolution as well.

Poll: Fontana, Gonzalez, Sisco, Vantuno and President Post Ayes: Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Requiring Physical Examinations for All Newly Hired Employees - It was moved by Councilmember Fontana, seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez, that the Council approve the following:

#### **RESOLUTION [E] 12-01-09 - #5** REQUIRING PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FOR ALL NEWLY HIRED EMPLOYEES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, that all new employees being hired by the Township, whether permanently or temporarily, for any department or division whatsoever, except for the Recreation Division's summer counselors, shall be administered a physical examination, by a State of New Jersey licensed physician in good standing, within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of hire, with the cost of said physical examination to be paid solely by the new employee. The physical examination shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following medical testing, based upon the position being filled :

> CBC and SMAC Blood Tests, Urinalysis, Pulmonary Function Test, EKG and Chest X-Rays, Lumbosacral X-Rays (for Police Division Bargaining Unit Employees and Public Works Division Employees only)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in the event that the newly hired employee shall have, within the prior sixty (60) days, received a duplicate examination, in whole or in part, then the Township at it's sole discretion may, after reviewing the relevant medical records, accept the results of the earlier examination and elect to forego elements of the medical examination provided for herein, either in whole or in part; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township's Physician, Joseph T. Farnese, M.D., shall be the Police Medical Administrator, unless the

Township Counsel shall by formal resolution specify an additional or replacement medical provider; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all such examinations shall include drug testing, and in view of the fact that all such new employees shall be on a probationary status as employees of the Township, any confirmed positive drug testing results shall be grounds for the immediate dismissal of any such newly hired employee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the within resolution shall be re-adopted annually at the Township's Reorganization Meeting, or as soon as practicable thereafter, for the ongoing guidance of the Township's staff, until such time as the Township Council shall elect to alter, expand, eliminate or otherwise modify the policy implemented herein. \*\*\*\*

Mr. Wilk explained that this was pulled off of the Reorganization meeting agenda, noting that it was previously adopted by the Council in February of 2011.

Poll: Fontana, Gonzalez, Sisco, Vantuno and President Post Aves: Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Establishing Rules of Conduct for Council Meetings - It was moved by Councilmember Fontana, seconded by Councilmember Vantuno, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [F] 12-01-09 - #6

WHEREAS, the Little Falls Township Council wishes to establish rues of conduct for Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, these regulations should apply to elected officials, and the public alike; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following code of conduct is hereby establishes for all meetings of the little Falls Township Council:

Conduct of Council Members:

While the Council is in session, the members shall preserve order and decorum and a member shall neither by conversation o otherwise delay nor interrupt the proceedings. A member of the Council shall not disturb any member while speaking or refuse to obey the orders of the Council or its presiding officer, except as otherwise herein provided. Any person making personal, impertinent or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous shall be barred by the presiding officer from further attendance at the meeting of the Council unless permission to continue is granted by the majority of the Council. 2

Conduct of Public:

Any person who shall disturb the peace of the Council, and create such conduct, so as to affect the conducting of Township business, make offensive or abusive remarks or conduct himself or herself in a boisterous, loud or offensive manner while addressing the Council shall be forthwith barred by the presiding officer from further audience before the Council, except that if the speaker shall submit to proper order under these rules, permission

for him to continue may be granted by a majority vote of the Council. 3. Failure by any member of the public to conform to proper order after being told to do so by the presiding officer shall subject that person to possible removal by the Little Falls Police.

This resolution shall be governed by the Statutes of the State of New Jersey and the Ordinances of the Township of Little Falls with 4 regard to the orderly conduct of meetings, without interruption and free from harassment or other unruly behavior. 5. The burden of proof on whether or not there is a violation shall be by the preponderance and governed by the rules and regulations in

effect, as contained in the Statutes of New Jersey dealing with disorderly persons and petty disorderly persons.

Poll: Fontana, Gonzalez, Sisco, Vantuno and President Post Aves: Nays: None The Council President declared the motion passed.

Stipulation of Settlement for Tax Years 2010 & 2011 - It was moved by Councilmember Fontana, seconded by Council President Post, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [G] 12-01-09 - #7

WHEREAS, a Tax Appeal has previously been filed with regard to the below mentioned property before the Tax Court of New Jersey with regard to the 2010 & 2011 tax years; and

WHEREAS, a proposed Stipulation of Settlement has been negotiated by the Township Attorney with the attorney for the taxpayer; and WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor, Richard Hamilton and the Township's expert appraiser Appraisal Systems, Inc. have recommended that the terms of the proposed settlement be accepted;

1. The proposed settlement of the 2010 & 2011 tax appeals pending before the Tax Court of New Jersey as hereinafter enumerated be and the same is hereby authorized, approved and ratified:

Block 112 Lot 1 64-72 Main Street

2010 Land:		Original Co <u>Assessment</u> \$362,000	ounty Board J <u>I</u> DIRECT	Requested Tax <u>idgement</u> \$362.000	Court Judgment
Improvements: Total:	<u>\$1,263,300</u>	\$1,625,300	APPEA	1 )	
		Original Co	ounty Board	Requested Tax	
2011		Assessment		<u>idgement</u>	Court Judgment
Land:		\$362,000	DIRECT	\$362,000	
Improvements: Total:	<u>\$1,263,000</u>	\$1,625,300	APPEA	<u>L</u> <u>\$1,038,000</u> \$1,400,000	

2. There will be no prejudgment interest.

3. The Township Attorney and Tax Assessor are authorized and directed to execute Stipulations of Settlement and to take such other and further action as may be required to effectuate the above. \*\*\*\*

Poll:	Ayes:	Fontana, Gonzalez, Sisco, Vantuno and President Po		
	Nays:	None		

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Stipulation of Settlement for Tax Years 2010 & 2011 - It was moved by Councilmember Vantuno, seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [H] 12-01-09 - #8

WHEREAS, a Tax Appeal has previously been filed with regard to the below mentioned property before the Tax Court of New Jersey with regard to the 2010 & 2011 tax years; and

WHEREAS, a proposed Stipulation of Settlement has been negotiated by the Township Attorney with the attorney for the taxpayer; and WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor, Richard Hamilton and the Township's expert appraiser Appraisal Systems, Inc. have recommended that the terms of the proposed settlement be accepted;

1. The proposed settlement of the 2010 & 2011 tax appeals pending before the Tax Court of New Jersey as hereinafter enumerated be and the same is hereby authorized, approved and ratified:

#### Block 111 Lot 5 86 Main Street

2010 Land: Improvements:	<u>\$2,612,700</u>	Original Cou Assessment \$346,000	nty Board N/A	Requested Tax <u>Judgement</u> \$346,000 <u>N/A \$2,612,700</u>	Court Judgment
Total:		\$2,958,700	N/A	\$2,958,700	
		Original Cou	nty Board	Requested Tax	
2011		Assessment	•	Judgement	Court Judgment
Land:		\$346,000	N/A	\$346,000	
Improvements:	<u>\$2,612,700</u>			<u>N/A</u> <u>\$2,354,000</u>	
Total:		\$2,958,700	N/A	\$2,700,000	

 There will be no prejudgment interest.
 The Township Attorney and Tax Assessor are authorized and directed to execute Stipulations of Settlement and to take such other and further action as may be required to effectuate the above. \*\*\*\*\*

Poll: Aves: Fontana, Gonzalez, Sisco, Vantuno and President Post None

Nays: The Council President declared the motion passed.

## APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF COUNCIL OF ROBERT SCALERA AS PER

DIEM POLICE DISPATCHER [1]#9 – It was moved by Councilmember Sisco, seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez that the appointment be approved.

Poll:	Ayes:	Fontana, Gonzalez, Sisco, Vantuno and President Post		
	Nays:	None		
The Council President declared the motion passed.				

It was moved by Councilmember Sisco, seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez, that the Council approve the following: RESOLUTION [J] 12-01-09 - #10

WHEREAS, the Township Council passed a resolution at its annual Reorganization Meeting held on January 4, 2012 fixing the meeting dates for the year of 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Workshop Meeting of January was scheduled to be held on Monday, January 23, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wisnes to move said meeting date to Tuesday, January 17, 2012.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Workshop Meeting of 1/23/12 is hereby changed to 1/17/12.
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Poll:	Ayes:	Fontana, Gonzalez, Sisco, Vantuno and President Post		
	Nays:	None		
The Council Dresident dealared the motion reased				

The Council President declared the motion passed.

#### **PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Poll:	Ayes:	Fontana, Gonzalez, Sisco, Vantuno and President Post
	Nays:	None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Phillip Simone, 19 Coney Road, informed that \$4.5 million is what was funded for the construction of the Justice Complex and \$3.9 million is what is actually being spent on the building.

Arnold Korotkin, Long Hill Road, hoped that his earlier suggestion regarding MSU would be pursued. He also asked if copies of agenda resolutions could be made for the public on the night of the meeting. He questioned Resolution [G] on this evening's agenda and asked that Resolution [F] be read aloud.

Louis Fernandez, 54 Harrison Street, said politicians always try to regulate everything, leaving the taxpayers to suffer. He recently saw an email in reference to tax delinquencies in town and pointed out that there is about \$800,000 in delinquencies. This should show the Council how hard it is getting for everyone to pay.

Rosemarie Bello-Truland, High Court, referred to Mr. Korotkin's suggestion regarding internship with MSU. She explained that she is a teacher and this is a topic of interest. She was sure that something could be worked out to help the Township. She also offered her services free of charge.

Donald Radcliffe, 239 Long Hill Road, said that he is baffled regarding the bookkeeping of the Justice Complex. When we say we are on budget for the Police Station, it is really the budget that has already been increased. He explained that \$500,000.00 has been added to the budget, which does not mean we are under budget. The Justice Complex budget is over budget at this time.

Brian Reynolds, 7 Notch Road, thanked Mr. Radcliffe for his remarks. He referred to the \$300,000 appropriation for recycling and voiced his understanding that this was a six-month trial contract. He asked if this was now a full contract.

Victor Nowak, 6 Stephen Place, voiced his opinion that the biggest disgrace in town is the lack of citizenship attentiveness at Council meetings. He said Mr. Trapanese did a wonderful job of answering his questions; however, he explained that Councilmember Gonzalez should be credited for being persistent in asking the question. There is a lot of information like that is unknown to the public; it will continue that way until the public starts attending the meetings. He expressed his confidence in the Council, noting that there are a lot of questions that haven't been asked or answered in the past; the public must be informed.

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

Poll:	Ayes:	Fontana, Gonzalez, Sisco, Vantuno and President Pos
	Nays:	None
The Counc	cil President declare	ed the motion passed.

Council President POST thanked Mr. Simone for his information.

Mr. Wilk agreed that the Clerk's Office could provide copies of the resolutions for the public. Councilmember GONZALEZ advised Mr. Wilk to provide one set of resolutions for the public to share, noting that anything more than that is a lot of paper

being used. At this time, Mr. Wilk explained Resolutions (G) and (H) on the agenda. Council President POST asked Mr. Wilk to read Resolution (F) at this time.

Council President POST agreed with Mr. Fernandez that it is difficult dealing with regulations, but they must follow them. She agreed that it is an expense.

President POST thanked Mrs. Truland for her offer of services. She asked Councilmember Vantuno to assist in some involvement with the colleges as well. Councilmember VANTUNO said this is definitely something can be done, noting that there is a program for this with MSU and the Board of Education.

President POST thanked Mr. Radcliffe for his remarks.

Mr. Wilk explained the Gaeta contract to Mr. Reynolds at this time, noting that it includes garbage and recycling for a three year contract. Councilmember VANTUNO pointed out that it was less expensive than just garbage pickup alone.

Council President POST addressed Mr. Nowak, explaining that they will try to be more informative to the public.

#### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

It was moved by Councilmember Vantuno, seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez, that the Council approve the following: RESOLUTION [BL]

RESOLUTION [BL] 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.

 Poll:
 Ayes:
 Fontana, Gonzalez, Sisco, Vantuno and President Post

 Nays:
 None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Louis Fontana

Darlene Post

John Vantuno

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Vantuno, seconded by Councilmember, Fontana, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

William E. Wilk Municipal Clerk

Cynthia Meyer Deputy Municipal Clerk