

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

Monday, January 22, 2024

Council President Anthony Sgobba called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Christine Hablitz, Michael Murphy, Jayna Patel, and Christopher Vancheri. Also present were Mayor James Damiano, Township Attorney Joseph Wenzel, Township Administrator Charles Cuccia, Assistant Township Administrator Vincent Quatrone, Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus, and Deputy Clerk Melissa DePiro.

Absent: None.

Township Employees present: Police Chief Prall.

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 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. **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.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the December 18, 2023, the Workshop Meeting of January 2, 2024, the Reorganization Meeting of January 2, 2024, and the Special Meeting of January 8, 2023 be and they were approved.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

At this time, Mayor Damiano recognized Arturo Morocho of Casa Arturo Bistro and read a Proclamation that acknowledged Arturo Morocho for his kindness in extending his hospitality to those affected by the recent flooding in the Township. On January 18, 2024, Casa Arturo opened its doors and offered meals to those affected by the flood.

At this time, Council President SGOBBA invited Mary Celis, CEO of Passaic County United Way Fund to speak about what the United Way could do for residents affected by the recent double flooding. Ms. Celis stated in response to the flooding, United Way sent out a press release in December, activated the COAD (Community Organization Active in Disaster), and launched the Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund for Passaic County. Funds raised in collaboration with partners such as the Salvation Army, Officer of Emergency Management and Red Cross would be used to meet unmet needs of the community. Ms. Celis commented on partnering with Catholic Charities to provide case management, and explained the different kinds of assistance that might be available. Ms. Celis responded to Councilmember HABLITZ's question regarding a designated donation specific to Little Falls residents and highlighted the features of the website which included a Disaster Relief Recovery Fund page where donations could be made. Councilmember VANCHERI requested Ms. Celis forward the press release over to Council President SGOBBA or Mayor Damiano to put on social media or in email blasts. In response to Council President SGOBBA, Ms. Celis responded the amount of funds residents could receive were estimated to be up to \$700.

STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP – At this time, Mayor Damiano read the following State of the Township:

As we enter 2024, I had hoped to start this State of the Township differently. I was hoping I could begin by talking about all of the great things that happened in 2023, and all of the things we have to look forward to in 2024. Unfortunately, the topic I am going to start with is neither of those. As everyone knows, this Township has dealt with grave hardship over the past month. Two devastating back-to-back floods hitting this Township just three weeks apart. But with that devastation, and in spite of all of the hatred and animosity in this Country, I watched this community come together to support those affected in an incredible fashion, putting race, religion, and politics aside. Watching this occur right before my eyes, with mountains of toys being delivered to assist around the holidays, to neighbors donating food, to restaurant's providing free meals was inspirational. I stand here today as the proudest Mayor in this Country. I stand here today before a Township that has reaffirmed my faith in humanity, and I want to thank everyone who had any part in helping these residents, from our Police, Fire, EMS and Office of Emergency Management. Our DPW who worked tirelessly to help get our neighborhood back on track in record time, our recreation department who collected toys, and our Administration who worked to make all of this possible, and most of all, our residents, who came together as one family.

And now, I ask that everyone bear with me over these next few minutes as I present the 2024 State of the Township.

2023 was a busy year here in Little Falls, and I, along with this Council, have no intentions of slowing down in 2024.

As I drive down Main Street, especially during the holidays, I was excited to see our new beautiful Streetscape with new sidewalks and curbs, lights and wreaths, all funded by grants. Soon, the Streetscape will extend down Main Street and our other main corridors from end to end, as we invite our residents and neighbors into Little Falls.

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Now, I'd like to take a look back at some of the accomplishments and highlights that were achieved in 2023, and talk a little about what we can expect in 2024:

I am thrilled to announce that in 2023, the Township saw an overall Tax Decrease for the second time during my seven years as Mayor. Over these past seven years, taxes have increased only 2.88% in total, meaning an average of only .4% each year. I am confident that this is a sign of what's to come over the next several years as the tax benefits of the revitalization of Little Falls take effect.

In 2023, the Township received hundreds of thousands of dollars in grant funding which will offset the costs of these improvements, including a grant to improve Wilmore Park. In the upcoming months, an incredible new playground will be built where the now wooden structure and swings exist, with a state-of-the-art jungle gym and swings, with a rubberized flooring. And soon, a real bathroom will also replace the current porta john at this park. I would like to thank Councilwoman Hablitz along with our recreation directors for making this a reality.

In 2024, we will continue to seek out grants to improve the playgrounds at the recreation center as well as Amity field, and in the future, we are hoping to improve Louis Street and Sukorsky Parks. This administration has placed a premium on improving our recreational facilities for our youth to thrive, while offsetting those costs with grants.

This past year, the site of the former municipal building and police station has begun to see its new life, as part of the historical society and future site of Ethan and the Bean, after sitting vacant for over a decade, with all of this work taking place at no cost to the taxpayers. I am excited to see the revitalization of this building, as our Streetscape extends past it this upcoming year. This is a major step towards modernizing that property as we strive to continue to bring the curb appeal back to Little Falls.

As we modernize and revitalize our downtown, and the demand for downtown parking continues to grow, I am pleased that the Township is making progress on the expansion of the former PNC parking lot where soon 75+ parking spaces will be available for public parking. This is all part of the Townships plan to meet the expanding need of our downtown parking as our businesses in the area demand this space.

With respect to the Peckman River, just this past week, the Townships excavator has continued to clean out the Peckman River of any shoals created by the prior storms. It is our intention to continue to do so as the need arises. We have also had an Engineer explore the removal of the trees along the Peckman's bank that need removal, and 30 trees have been identified that need removal to ensure no damming occurs at any of our bridges. This is all being done in an effort to reduce the risk of future floods, as we continue to work towards finding additional flood solutions. Just as important as it is to have these trees removed, it is equally important to plant more trees than the Township removes, and we will continue to identify locations for the planting of trees, with the assistance of our DPW Superintendent Ron Campbell, who has planted over 100 trees during my tenure as Mayor.

This past year, to more quickly and efficiently address issues raised by residents, we launched the Complaint Portal which can be accessed on the Township website. We have received dozens upon dozens of complaints and concerns, which are all monitored and forwarded to the appropriate department heads, who can quickly address those concerns. Thank you to our Construction Official James DiMaria for launching this portal and to Assistant Business Administrator Vince Quatrone for monitoring it on a daily basis ensuring that all of our resident concerns are addressed expeditiously.

In 2023, the Little Falls Police Department, led by Chief Bryan Prall, received the AAA award for being a safe town. The police department also had a record number of traffic stops exceeding 8,600 stops, walked through our schools 1,116 times, and dealt with nearly 900 motor vehicle accidents. In total, our 30-member department, dealt with 41,267 various calls for service, and made 180 arrests, all while patrolling 134,896 miles, enough miles to travel around the equator of the earth nearly 6 times, all while doing so in our little 2.8 square mile town. I would like to commend the police department and the dispatchers not only for all of this work, but for the countless hours that so many spend away from their families while working on nights, weekends and holidays.

In 2024, in addition to so many other great programs, the Little Falls Police Department now has a full-time School Resource Officer to assist with keeping our schools safe, a great addition to our Department. This year, the Police department is also looking to begin increasing security throughout the town with License Plate Readers to ensure that no stolen vehicles are entering the municipality and allowing our officers to respond accordingly.

In 2023, the Fire Department, led by Department Chief Ken Cichy, started the process to acquire a new Engine, to replace Company 4's almost 30-year-old Engine. Our EMS Coordinator Mike Bandurski has also been leading the charge as Little Falls EMTs respond to calls within and outside of our municipality for life saving emergencies proving under four-minute response times. Over these next few years, the needs of these departments will be evaluated to ensure that residents remain as safe as possible here in town.

In 2023, the Township has continued its road resurfacing program, which was suspended under prior administrations, as we strive to bring all of our roadways up to date. We will continue to make improvements to our roadways as the needs arise while ensuring our roadways remain safe.

As we have experienced over these past couple of weeks, the Little Falls DPW continues to be second to none when it comes to cleaning roads after a snowstorm. I want to thank them for all of their hard work, including during the overnight hours to keep us all safe.

Thanks to our Council President Anthony Sgobba who has greatly expanded the senior citizen services and dances offered by the Township. In 2023, he has advocated for more winter, summer, spring and fall events for our seniors, which we have continued to expand each year.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all of the employees of this Township who work so hard each and every day to keep this Town up and running, especially our Business Administrator Chuck Cuccia, and Assistant Business Administrator Vince Quatrone who are my right hand on a day to day basis here in Town Hall, and our Township Clerk and Assistant Clerk, Cynthia Kraus and Melissa DePiro, who keep our clerk's office running smoothly.

I would also like to thank all of the volunteers in town who assist with our committees and our council members who chair each of them. You continue to be an invaluable asset to this community.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for making Little Falls a great place to live, where I have the honor to serve as your Mayor. I have truly enjoyed each day that I have been fortunate enough to serve as your Mayor. I look forward to what is in store for the Township.

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As I have stated in the past, if you ever have any issues, no matter how big or small, no matter day or night, I invite you to contact me by phone, email, text, Social Media, or any way convenient for you.

I hope I have made everyone proud of the 2023 that we have all had here in Little Falls, and I look forward to continuing to serve as your Mayor.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR GREEN ACRES PROGRAM JAKE’S LAW APPLICATION – IMPROVEMENTS AT DUVA PARK

It was moved by Councilmember Patel, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that the meeting be and it was opened to the public for a hearing on the Green Acres Program Park Jake’s Law Application for Duva Park.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Mayor Damiano explained the purpose of the hearings was to discuss whether residents were in favor of or opposed to improvements at Duva Park or Amity Park. The Mayor added that the application for Jake’s Law for Duva Park was specific and particular to ADA accessibility and making the park even more inclusive. Councilmember HABLITZ then elaborated further on the grant application with Jake’s Law and how it pertains to improvements at the park. Council President SGOBBA made comments regarding the amount of monies the Township would be responsible for and the timeframe. Councilmember HABLITZ responded with possible sources of funding and noted the timeframe would be 2024-2025. Mayor Damiano explained the maximum amount of the award would be sought; however, the actual improvements may be lower once the actual bid was received.

No one having come 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, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR GREEN ACRES PROGRAM PARK DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION – IMPROVEMENTS AT AMITY PARK

It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the meeting be and it was opened to the public for a hearing on the Green Acres Program Park Development Application for Amity Park.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Councilmember HABLITZ explained an application would be sought for \$145,500, would require a 75% match for the project, and the timeframe would be 2025/26. In response to Council President SGOBBA, Councilmember HABLITZ explained the rationale for applying for two grants at the same time.

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

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF LEONOR LOPEZ AS THE MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE COUNCIL –

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that Leonor Lopez be appointed as the Municipal Court Administrator.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember PATEL discussed the availability of many Clifton Health Department events, and the goal of making the programs available in Little Falls as well. Councilmember PATEL highlighted upcoming events including a free dental clinic for school age children, a free eye screening, a mental health screening, a bone density screening, and the availability of Northeast NJ Legal Services. Discussion then occurred on how to disseminate the information most effectively to residents.

Councilmember HABLITZ thanked Casa Arturo, Bob Dombrowski and the St. Agnes Food Pantry for helping flood victims. Councilmember HABLITZ highlighted upcoming Library events including a Strength & Balancing Workshop, a Palette Party, and Trivia Night. Councilmember HABLITZ announced the First Open Space Meeting convened on January 10, 2024 and the five year plan for parks and recreation, bid approval, and meeting schedule was discussed.

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Councilmember VANCHERI thanked Casa Arturo for their hospitality during the flood and the DPW for their efforts during the recent snowstorm and commented on the United Way’s assistance for flood victims.

Councilmember MURPHY reported on the Township Calendar, thanked the Fire Department for their efforts on a recent working fire, and Casa Arturo and Bob Dombrowski for their contributions to flood victims.

Per the request of Council President SGOBBA, Mayor Damiano commented on the procurement of a roll-off truck for the removal of dumpsters. The Mayor further commended the coordinated efforts of all the Departments during the recent flooding.

Chief Prall reiterated the Mayor’s comments on the coordinated efforts of all Departments.

Council President SGOBBA provided an update on recent additions to the Hometown Hero program. Council President SGOBBA announced the Senior Advisory Board will sponsor a Dinner and Dancing Event on February 14th at the Civic Center.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Mr. Wenzel had nothing to 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.

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Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

C O N S E N T A G E N D A

All items on the Consent Agenda were considered to be routine and will be enacted with a single motion.

REPORTS

Municipal Clerk’s Report – Month of December 2023

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT Month of December 2023		
ABC LICENSES		
OTHER LICENSES		
Business Licenses	\$5,124.00	
Pre-paid Business Licenses		
Raffle Licenses	\$20.00	
		\$5,144.00
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS		
Fees & Permits	\$192.00	
Marriage Licenses-LF	\$150.00	
Marriage Licenses-NJ	\$18.00	
		\$360.00
MRNA		
Street Maps		
Zoning Maps		
Zoning Ordinances		
Document Copies		
Garage Sales		
Misc. Fees & Refunds:	\$1,000.00	
TOTAL MRNA		<u>\$1,000.00</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT		<u>\$6,504.00</u>
TOTAL TO TREASURER		<u>\$6,504.00</u>

Municipal Clerks Dog/Cat License Report - Month of December 2023

MUNICIPAL CLERK’S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT
Month of December 2023

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Dog Licenses issued 12/01/2023 thru 12/31/2023	
Nos. 210 to 214 = Licenses	
Amount due Little Falls	\$34.00
Amount due State	\$6.00
Total Cash Received	\$40.00
Cat Licenses issued 12/01/2023 thru 12/31/2023	
Nos. 0 to 0	
Licenses Issued	
Total Cash Received	\$0.00
Total to Treas.	<u>\$40.00</u>

Tax Collector’s Report – Month December 2023

MONTHLY REPORT

Municipality of Township of Little Falls
 Office of the Tax Collector
 Township of Little Falls Current Account, Lakeland Bank
 Revenues Collector for the Month of December 2023

Categories 01-	December 1-28, 2023	2023 Year to Date
2023 Taxes	\$302,438.50	\$49,960,714.12
2016-2022 Taxes	996.95	648,519.58
Prepaid 2024	72,707.68	324,844.80
Interest	8,923.62	131,750.23
Cost of Tax Sale	0.00	2,529.72
Duplicate Tax Bill	0.00	55.00
Insufficient Check Fee	0.00	240.00
6% YE-Penalty Fee	0.00	19,868.04
Misc. Line-Item Fee	50.00	\$100.00
PILOT in-lieu of taxes	29,460.26	787,137.91
GRAND TOTALS	\$414,577.01	\$51,875,759.40

Delinquent 2020 Taxes	2,240.64 (bankruptcy).
Delinquent 2021 Taxes	4,519.28 (bankruptcy).
Delinquent 2022 Taxes	10,483.69
Delinquent 2023 Taxes	888,624.54 (1 st -4th qtrs/princ)
Total Delinquent Taxes	\$905,868.15
2023 Refunds this month =	\$-12,370.64
2023 Year to date refunds =	-\$61,380.03

Breakdown of refunds for years 2019-2024 completed in 2024(see attached).

REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2023

Months	2019 STCJ	2020 STCJ	2021 STCJ	2022 STCJ	2022 Exempt/ Other	2023 CBJ	2023 Regular	2023 Senior/ Vet	2023 Exempt	Totals By Months
January	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$328.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$328.60
February	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,184.64	\$2,184.64
March	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$328.60	\$3,378.02	\$0.00	\$6,194.94	\$9,901.56
April	\$1,533.24	\$2,329.96	\$52,368.44	\$56,170.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$112,402.53
May	\$0.00	\$8,861.47	\$10,146.71	\$12,105.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,982.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,096.60
June	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
July	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,152.77	\$0.00	\$1,201.04	\$0.00	\$4,265.23	8,619.04
August	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,786.72	\$2,093.75	\$0.00	\$3,593.65	\$28,474.12
September	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
October	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
November	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,370.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,370.64
December	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,845.68			
Totals	\$1,533.24	\$11,191.43	\$62,515.15	\$68,276.51	\$3,481.37	\$23,115.32	\$24,871.93	\$0.00	\$16,238.46	\$211,223.41

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 I (Lien Monies), Lakeland Bank
 Revenues for the Month of December 2023

	2023 Deposit	2023 Year-to-Date
January 2023	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
February 2023	0.00	0.00
March 2023	19,684.33	19,684.33
April 2023	18,984.71	38,669.04
May 2023	31,365.76	70,034.80
June 2023	0.00	70,034.80
July 2023	0.00	70,034.80
August 2023	0.00	70,034.80
September 2023	50,073.32	120,108.12
October 2023	0.00	120,108.12
November 2023	32,029.39	152,137.51
December 2023	10,318.93	162,456.44
Total Collected as of December 2023		\$ 162,456.44

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Municipality of Township of Little Falls
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 Township of Little Falls Tax Collector Trust 2 (Lien Premium Monies), Lakeland Bank
 Revenues for the Month of December 2023

	Liens with Premiums Redeemed/ (-)	Bal. /Dep. (+)
Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2023)		\$449,500.00
January 2023	\$ 0.00	449,500.00
February 2023	0.00	449,500.00
March 2023	-30,000.00	419,500.00
April 2023	-43,000.00	376,500.00
May 2023	-76,000.00	300,500.00
June 2023	0.00	300,500.00
July 2023	0.00	300,500.00
August 2023	0.00	300,500.00
September 2023	212,100.00	512,600.00
September 2023	-91,500.00	421,100.00
October 2023	0.00	0.00
November 2023	-56,000.00	365,100.00
December 2023	-11,000.00	\$354,100.00
Ending Balance as of November 30, 2023		\$354,100.00

Recreation Report – Month of December 2023

Recreation Center – December 2023				
Program	Facility	# Classes	Hours	Participants
Pickleball	Gym	14	35	258
Girls Show	Rec	17	85	442
Zumba Tone	Multi	6	6	120
Zumba Gold	Gym	8	8	83
Qi Gong/Tai Chi	Gym	3	6	47
Fencing	Gym	8	16	80
Fit 4 U	Gym	4	4	54
Gentle Yoga/Fit Over Fifty	Gym	5	10	50
Open Gym	Gym	2	2	40
Rec Basketball	Gym	11	50	800
Travel Basketball	Gym	12	35	316
Misc. Girl Scouts, Drafts,	Rec	11	14	245
LFFPA Equipment Return				
Comp. Cheer, Trap Tees				
Weekly Totals		101	271	2,535

Civic Center Report – Month of December 2023

Month of December 2023			
Meeting Group	# of Meetings	Hours	Participants
Senior Social Clubs	5	30	125
LF Senior Holiday Lunch	1	6	75
LF Biz Breakfast With Santa	1	6	225
PACOPAD Holiday Party	1	6	125
LF Girls Scouts Book Wrapping	1	3	50
LF Girl Scouts Meeting	1	3	10
Stamp Club	1	3	10
Little Falls Flood Emergency Shelter	*	*	*
American Red Cross Shelter	*	*	*
Totals	11	57	620

Police Department Report – Month of December 2023

LITTLE FALLS TWP POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT ANALYSIS – AGENCY CFS REPORT FROM DATE: 1/1/23 TO DATE: 12/31/23							
CFS CODE	CFS DESCRIPTION	TOTAL EVENTS	FOUNDED	UNFOUNDED	0000-0800	0801-1600	1601-2400
0210	RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT	2	1	1	0	2	0
0310	ROBBERY GUN	1	1	0	1	0	0
0338	ROBBERY OTHER	2	2	0	0	2	0
0410	ASSAULT GUN	1	1	0	0	1	0
0420	ASSAULT KNIFE	1	1	0	1	0	0
0430	ASSAULT OTHER DANGEROUS WEAPON	2	2	0	0	1	1
0440	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT HANDS & FEET	7	7	0	1	2	4
0510	BURGLARY	18	18	0	4	10	4
0610	THEFT	86	86	0	9	47	30
0613	THEFT SHOPLIFTING	16	16	0	0	7	9
0614	BURGLARY TO MOTOR VEHICLE	5	5	0	0	2	3
0615	THEFT AUTO PARTS & ACCESSORIES	1	1	0	0	0	1
0619	THEFT ALL OTHERS	1	1	0	0	1	0
0710	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	8	8	0	0	7	1
0800	SIMPLE ASSAULT	37	37	0	3	12	22
1010	FORGERY	1	1	0	0	0	1
1020	COUNTERFEITING	1	1	0	1	0	0
1110	BAD CHECKS	1	1	0	0	0	1
1120	CREDIT CARDS	5	5	0	0	3	2
1130	FRAUD ALL OTHERS	63	63	0	3	32	28
1341	RECOVER STOLEN VEHICLE NOT FOR LOCAL THEFTS	3	3	0	1	0	2

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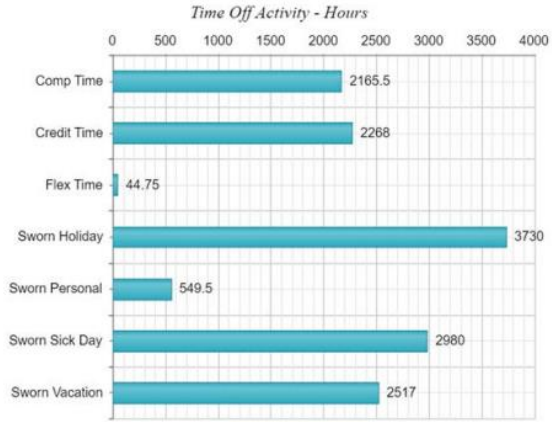
CFS CODE	CFS DESCRIPTION	TOTAL EVENTS	FOUNDED	UNFOUNDED	0000-0800	0801-1600	1601-2400
1342	RECOVER STOLEN PROPERTY NOT FOR LOCAL THEFTS	3	3	0	1	1	1
1440	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF ALL	28	27	1	3	16	9
1445	PROPERTY DAMAGE REPORT	67	65	2	10	33	25
1510	WEAPONS	2	2	0	0	0	2
1711	SEX OFFENSE ALL OTHERS	2	2	0	0	2	0
1720	INDECENT EXPOSURE	2	2	0	0	1	1
1810	CDS	6	6	0	1	5	0
1850	OVERDOSE	4	4	0	1	0	3
2111	DWI-ALCOHOL/UNDER INFL	71	71	0	56	1	14
2210	LIQUOR LAWS VIOLATIONS	1	1	0	0	1	0
2410	FIGHT	4	3	1	0	1	3
2415	DISPUTE	199	196	3	28	79	93
2420	DISORDERLY CONDUCT/HARASSMENT	27	27	0	0	17	10
2450	NOISE COMPLAINT	162	134	28	56	25	81
2480	DISORDERLY PERSONS/NOISE ALL OTHERS	4	4	0	1	0	3
2485	ALARM ALL OTHERS	24	22	2	5	10	9
2605	ENDANGER WELFARE/INCOMPETENT	2	2	0	0	0	2
2610	BLACKMAIL/EXTORTION/ALL OTHER OFFENSES	4	4	0	0	1	3
2618	CONTRIB./DELIQ. OF JUV./ALL OTHER OFFENSES	3	2	1	0	0	3
2619	VIOLATION OF TRO/FRO	7	7	0	1	5	1
2640	MUNICIPAL ORD VIOLATION/OTHER OFFENSES	26	25	1	16	4	6
2652	PERJURY/OTHER OFFENSES	1	1	0	0	1	0
2656	THREATS	25	25	0	0	17	8
2657	HARASSMENT	45	45	0	4	14	27
2660	TRESPASSING	15	15	0	1	9	5
2662	WEAPONS OFFENSE/OTHER	2	2	0	0	2	0
2664	STALKING	1	1	0	0	1	0
2665	FIREWORKS	26	20	6	3	0	23
4008	ELECTRIC OUTAGES GENERAL POLICE	2	2	0	1	1	0
4012	GAS LEAKS/EXPLOSIONS GENERAL POLICE	1	1	0	0	1	0
4014	OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS GENERAL POLICE	62	62	0	52	4	6
4018	STREET LIGHTS-OUT/REPAIRS	18	18	0	2	8	8
4019	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY CDS RELATED	4	4	0	0	3	1
4020	SUSPICIOUS AUTO GENERAL POLICE	120	111	9	42	36	42
4021	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	111	99	12	21	37	53
4022	SUSPICIOUS PERSON GENERAL POLICE	100	88	12	19	36	45
4023	SHOTS FIRED- REPORTS	1	0	1	0	1	0
4024	WATER LEAKS-MAINS/HYDRANT GENERAL POLICE	10	10	0	1	3	6
4026	DOWN-WIRES/POLES/TREES/LIMBS	37	37	0	4	26	7
4028	OTHER NON-CRIMINAL INV GENERAL POLICE	248	229	19	24	141	83
4040	PATROL INVESTIGATION	104	100	4	35	22	47
4051	ALARM BURGLARY OR HOLD UP RESIDENCE	151	151	0	18	86	47
4052	ALARM BURGLARY OR HOLD UP NON RESIDENCE	138	138	0	42	47	49
4054	PANIC ALARM	1	1	0	0	1	0
4100	ALARMS (FIRE ALARMS)	57	57	0	11	33	13
4141	FIRE-RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE	11	10	1	3	5	3
4143	FIRE-VEHICLE FIRE	4	4	0	1	2	1
4144	FIRE-DUMPSTER/GARBAGE FIRE	5	5	0	1	4	0
4145	FIRE-BOAT/WATERCRAFT	1	1	0	0	1	0
4146	FIRE-BRUSH/GRASS FIRE	3	3	0	0	1	2
4151	FIRE-APPLIANCE FIRE	2	2	0	0	2	0
4152	FIRE -WIRES/TRANSFORMER/ELECTRICAL	10	10	0	2	4	4
4157	FUMES-ODOR OF GAS	10	10	0	3	7	0
4158	FUMES-ODOR NON-GAS	3	3	0	0	2	1
4159	SMOKE CONDITION	15	14	1	2	8	5
4167	HAZMAT SPILL/INCIDENT	1	0	1	0	1	0
4170	ASSIST-POLICE DEPARTMENT	35	35	0	12	13	10
4173	FIRE-SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT	1	1	0	0	0	1
4175	MEETING	58	58	0	28	6	24
4188	SERVICE CALL-INVESTIGATION	1	1	0	0	1	0
4191	FIRE-VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	2	2	0	0	2	0
4208	FIRE-WATER/ICE RESCUE	18	18	0	0	9	9
4242	RESCUE-ELEVATOR	2	2	0	1	0	1
4504	ATTEMPTED SUICIDES	1	1	0	0	0	1
4506	SUICIDES	1	1	0	0	1	0
4510	UNATTENDED DEATHS	5	5	0	0	2	3
5004	FOUND ARTICLES	41	41	0	2	25	14
5008	LOST ARTICLES	58	58	0	2	38	18
5016	MISSING PERSON	11	11	0	0	5	6
5502	BARKING DOG/ANIMAL NOISE	5	4	1	0	0	5
5504	ANIMAL BITES	7	7	0	0	3	4
5506	LOST/FOUND/STRAY ANIMALS	67	54	13	1	38	28
5510	ANIMAL COMPLAINTS ALL	77	64	13	8	38	31
5515	BEAR SIGHTING/COMPLAINT	1	1	0	0	0	1
5517	DISPOSAL OF INJURED ANIMAL	11	11	0	1	5	5
6006	MV ACCIDENT W/INJURY	43	43	0	5	18	20
6008	MV ACCIDENT NO INJURIES	794	779	15	65	429	303
6010	MV CRASH-SR-1/OTHER	15	15	0	1	7	7
6015	MC CRASH HIT & RUN	5	5	0	0	2	3
6303	TRAFFIC OFFENSE ALL OTHER	3	3	0	1	1	1
6305	SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT TRAFFIC	1168	1166	2	198	552	419
6306	RADAR	2120	2120	0	487	739	903

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6308	TRAFFIC MV COMPLAINT	187	154	33	29	92	67
6310	TRAFFIC ENFORCE/STOP	8603	8603	0	1897	3171	3551
6335	TRAFFIC HAZARD	148	127	21	18	78	53
6336	DISABLED MV	250	231	19	46	108	96
CFS CODE	CFS DESCRIPTION	TOTAL EVENTS	FOUNDED	UNFOUNDED	0000-0800	0801-1600	1601-2400
6510	PARKING ENFORCEMENT	1185	1175	10	83	762	341
6602	ABANDONED IMPOUND/TOWAWAY	7	7	0	0	5	2
6608	ESCORTS	37	37	0	1	33	3
6610	MOTORIST ASSIST	22	22	0	3	11	8
6612	SIGNALS SIGNS OUT	23	20	3	1	19	3
6614	TRAFFIC POST	126	126	0	11	88	27
6615	TRAFFIC COUNTER DEPLOYMENT/RADAR SIGN	42	42	0	1	32	9
6616	TRAFFIC STUDY	27	27	0	3	21	4
7002	BUILDING/PROPERTY CHECK	26	26	0	0	22	4
7003	PROPERTY CHECK/AREA CHECK	8683	8683	0	4096	2646	1951
7004	VACANT HOME CHECK	327	327	0	53	218	56
7006	LOCK OUT	11	11	0	2	6	3
7008	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	519	519	0	101	229	191
7010	NOTIFICATIONS	69	69	0	6	42	21
7012	BANKS ESCORTS, ETC	11	11	0	0	11	0
7014	OTH PUB SERV/WELFARE CHK	178	170	8	18	100	60
7015	ASSIST CITIZEN	72	72	0	5	42	25
7020	TRANSPORTATIONS	7	7	0	2	2	3
7025	EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSON (EDP)	12	12	0	4	6	2
7028	DOCTOR DUTY TO WARN -EDP	1	1	0	0	1	0
7050	PROPERTY CHECK SCHOOL FACILITIES	1712	1712	0	494	924	294
7055	BAR/TAVERN CHECK	512	512	0	458	0	54
7085	CHILD CUSTODY EXCHANGE	3	3	0	0	3	0
7502	ASSISTING-FIRE DEPT	1	1	0	0	0	1
7504	ASSISTING-OTHER POLICE DP	145	144	1	43	55	47
7505	ASSIST OTHER PD ALCO-TEST	14	14	0	10	0	4
7506	ASSISTING -OTHER AGENCIES	47	45	2	16	14	17
7509	FLOODING	10	10	0	7	0	3
7510	UTILITIES PROBLEM	7	7	0	3	1	3
7512	WATER LEAK	6	6	0	0	1	5
7585	ASSIST SCHOOL	52	52	0	3	46	3
7604	SERVICE OF PROCESS	3	3	0	0	1	2
8010	WARRANTS-LOCAL	38	38	0	8	15	15
8110	WARRANTS-OTHER AGENCIES	18	18	0	9	5	4
8212	WARRANTS-CONTEMPT OF COURT	1	1	0	0	0	1
8216	WARRANTS-FTA-CRIMINAL	1	1	0	0	0	1
8220	WARRANTS-NON SUPPORT	1	1	0	0	1	0
8221	WARRANTS-OTHER	1	1	0	0	0	1
8222	WARRANTS-OUT OF COUNTY	5	5	0	3	1	1
8225	WARRANTS-NEW CRIMINAL COMPLAINT	1	1	0	0	1	0
8226	WARRANTS-MUNICIPAL BENCH WARRANT	1	1	0	1	0	0
8504	PRISONER WATCH/JAIL DUTY/TRANSPORT	3	3	0	0	1	2
9002	ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES	3110	3110	0	987	1303	826
9003	COMMUNITY POLICING	151	151	0	7	85	59
9005	M.V. PURSUIT/HIGH SPEED	2	2	0	1	0	1
9006	SICK DAY	150	150	0	35	56	59
9007	CHECK SCHOOL GUARD/COVER SCHOOL POST	1116	1116	0	103	1022	1
9008	COURT	62	62	0	2	59	1
9010	IN SERVICE TRAINING	842	842	0	310	416	116
9011	MISC MAINTENANCE RADIOS ETC	14	14	0	2	9	3
9012	OTHER MAINTENANCE	8	8	0	1	6	1
9020	POLICE INFORMATION	24	24	0	2	20	2
9021	TRAINING	10	10	0	3	7	0
9025	FIELD CONTACT INFORMATION	16	16	0	6	1	9
9027	FIREARMS APPLICATION	153	153	0	0	146	7
9028	FINGERPRINT	32	32	0	0	28	4
9029	CIVIL MATTERS	55	55	0	2	29	24
9030	SPECIAL DETAIL ASSIGNMENT	546	546	0	369	133	45
9033	MUNICIPAL PERMIT APPLICATION	4	4	0	0	4	0
9034	REPOSSESSION	12	12	0	9	1	2
9035	L.E.A.D. PROGRAM/DRUG AWARENESS	49	49	0	0	49	0
9050	BACKGROUND CHECK	27	27	0	1	25	1
9052	TRO/FRO INFORMATION & SERVICE	40	40	0	1	16	23
9071	DIRECTED PATROL	849	848	1	513	88	248
9085	SURRENDER OF PROPERTY (NOT RECOVERY)	1	1	0	0	1	0
911	911 HANG UP/CHK WELFARE	938	926	12	124	459	358
9110	PRO-ACTIVE PATROL	1354	1354	0	1032	55	267
9112	FOOT PATROL	41	41	0	11	27	3
9114	LIQUOR LICENSE INVEST	18	18	0	0	13	5
9115	FOLLOW-UP	445	445	0	46	274	127
9118	CHILDSEAT INSPECTION	18	18	0	0	13	5
9110	911 TRANSFER TO OTHER	664	664	0	104	284	276
9130	OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET	13	13	0	2	11	0
9137	EVIDENCE DUTIES	35	35	0	5	25	5
9192	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	368	368	0	17	336	16
9210	ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION	2	2	0	0	2	0
9982	SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	23	23	0	0	19	5
9991	CAMERA REVIEW DETAIL	13	13	0	1	6	6
9998	DAILY ASSIGNMENTS	98	98	0	34	40	25
	TOTAL:	41263	41003	260	12473	16717	12145

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Total Calls for Service: 41,267
Total Operations Reports Generated: 2,033
Total Investigations Reports Generated: 513
Total Arrests: 180
Total Mileage Patrolled: 134,896



OPERATION
Investigations & Services Division Monthly Report
 2023 Annual Total

DETECTIVE BUREAU

Criminal Case Management:

80	Cases Referred for Follow-Up Investigation
-	Open and Active Investigations
282	Cases Closed
158	Assist Own Agency

Criminal Complaints/Warrants Served:

28	Criminal Complaints Issued By the Division
38	Total Criminal Complaints Issued
4	Arrest Warrant Service Attempt(s)

Juvenile:

18	Juvenile Cases(s) Investigated
0	Juvenile Complaints Issued
2	Stationhouse Adjustments Issued by Juvenile Officer

Narcotics:

0	Arrests made by division for drug related offenses.
384	Lbs. of prescription drugs collected in the drop box.

After Hours Callouts:

18	Incident(s) required a detective for investigative support or notification.
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Grand Jury/Superior Court Appearances:

7	Case required a detective appearance before a Grand Jury or Superior Court.
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Internal Affairs (IA):

4	IA Complaint(s) was screened and indexed.
4	IA Investigation(s) was conducted and closed.
1	IA Complaint(s) remains open and is being investigated.
0	Investigation(s) closed that resulted in disciplinary action requiring termination, demotion and/or suspension of five(5) or more days.

Search Warrants/Subpoenas:

106	Subpoenas were requested to be served for an investigation.
3	Search warrant(s) executed
0	Communication data warrant(s) executed

Background Investigations:

The Detective Bureau completed:

11	Police Applicant	6	Dispatcher Applicant
5	Crossing Guard Applicant	0	Solicitor Applicant
15	ABC Background/Applicant		

Megan's Law (Sex Offender) Registration:

1	New Registrations
20	Address Verification and Re-Registrations
0	Address Verification and Re-Registrations

There are currently 14 registered sex-offenders residing within the Township.

Notable Detective Cases:

Investigations

Case #23-15161 – (Liquor License Investigation); Chela's Restaurant & Bar –

With the assistance from the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, D/Sgt. Moncato successfully completed a five-month investigation into the complaint of Underage consumption of alcoholic beverages at the establishment. On May 13th, 2023, Officers from the ABC and the Little Falls Police Department entered Chela's Restaurant & Bar after undercover officers identified several underage customers being served and consuming alcoholic beverages. All underage customers were identified and released on summonses. The owner and bartender were also issued summonses. Further administrative charges against Chela's Restaurant & Bar will be filed by the ABC.

Case #23-18460 – (Attempted Murder); Chela's Restaurant & Bar -

On June 10th, 2023, it was discovered that a 20 y/o male was stabbed by another customer from Chela's Restaurant & Bar. At the conclusion of a 6-day investigation, the actor, Francisco Rivera Jr. of Passaic was identified and successfully apprehended without incident. Mr. Rivera was

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charged with one count of Criminal Attempt, one count of Murder, one count of weapons possession for unlawful purpose, and one count of unlawful possession of a weapon.

Detective Time Off and Overtime:

Time Off:

201	Compensatory
649	Vacation/Holiday
0	Personal
207	Sick
8	Other (Bereavement)
	Total

Overtime:

173.5	Detective (Investigations and Follow-ups) Hours for Cash
36.5	Detective (Investigations and Follow ups) Hours for Compensatory Time
64	Patrol Shift Coverage by Detectives
38	Patrol Grant OT
49.5	Court OT
81.5	PVHS/Outside Events

RECORDS BUREAU:

Discovery and OPRA

175	Discovery cases processed for defense attorneys, public defender, and prosecutors.
385	OPRA requests processed.
7124	Pages of reports were facilitated and forwarded to the Township Clerk’s Office for OPRA requests.

\$14,248.00	Total deposited by the Records Bureau.
\$0.00	Discovery
\$11,277.00	Firearms
\$2,971.00	Accident & Incident Reports
\$0.00	Fingerprints

Firearms:

195	Applications for Firearms Permits
60	Firearms Purchaser ID Cards were issued
188	Handgun Purchase Permits were issued
18	Permit to Carry Handguns Issued
180	Firearm Investigations Completed
14	Applications Withdrawn by Applicant/Denied

TRAINING

Outside Training:

Two hiring processes were completed, one for a lateral transfer officer and one for the hiring of special class II officer.

Field training was completed for one full time officer, 3 class II special police officers, and 1 class III special police officer.

The officers of the Little Falls Police Department attended approximately 2,722.5 hours of training.

COMMUNITY POLICING:

Detail Type	Total
Community Function Appearances	45
School Function Appearances	37
School Arrivals	138
School Dismissals	100
School Walk Throughs	253
Vacant House Checks	144
Car Seat Installations	16
Cell Block Inspections	223

Additional Community Policing & Crime Prevention

Highlights from Community Policing & Crime Prevention in 2023 included L.E.A.D. instruction, the 5th Annual Junior Police Academy class, National Night Out, and Toys for Tots to benefit St. Joseph’s Children Hospital.

Looking forward to 2024, Community Policing & Crime Prevention is planning to add a Senior Citizen Police Academy and several other crime prevention initiatives.

Construction Report – December 2023

Uniform Construction Code

Permits Issued – 43

Inspections -128

Total Value of Construction – \$496,950.00

Certificate of Occupancy - \$0.00

Permit Fees Collected - \$12,769.00

Permit Fees Waived - \$105.00

Penalties - \$0.00

Total Fees Collected - \$12,769.00

Zoning

Total Zoning Fees - \$2660.00

Property Maintenance

Certificates of Compliance Fees –\$870.00

Inspections –19

Roll-off permits – \$30.00

Complaints – 1

Violations Issued – 1

Total Fees Collected - \$900.00

Monthly Revenue \$16,329.00

YTD 2023 Revenue \$506,642.00

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Fire Prevention Annual Report for 2023

Fire Code Enforcement

Building Inspections – 651
 Violations Issued – 286
 Permits Issued – 67
 Certificate of Fire Code Inspections – 45
 Smoke Detector & CO Compliance Inspections – 200
 Total Inspections – 896
 Fire Investigations – 17
 NFIRS Reports – 545

Revenue

Life Hazard Use Fees - \$22,237.48
 Local Registration Fees \$37,825.00
 Smoke Detector & CO - \$12,737.00
 Certificate of Fire Code Status - \$1,580.00
 Permit Fees - \$3,717.00
 Penalty - \$6,072.00
 Invoice Late Fee - \$1,850.00
 Total Revenue 2023 - \$86,018.48

Finance Department Report – December 2023

BUDGET STATUS REPORT YEAR TO DATE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS JANUARY 1, 2023 – DECEMBER 31, 2023							
ACCOUNT 01-2010	BUDGET	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Paid or Committed	Balance	% Spent
00-0000	BUDGET	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1000	ADMINISTRATION S&W	159,000.00	143,692.17	0.00	143,692.17	15,307.83	90.3
20-1050	ADMINISTRATON O/E	73,800.00	69,916.45	637.46	70,553.91	3,246.09	95.6
20-1100	MAYOR & COUNCIL S&W	17,500.00	16,771.14	0.00	16,771.14	728.86	95.8
20-1102	MAYOR & COUNCIL O/E	2,000.00	718.92	0.00	718.92	1,281.08	35.9
20-1200	CLERK S&W	303,129.00	287,351.87	0.00	287,351.87	15,777.13	94.7
20-1202	CLERK O/E	78,500.00	62,079.84	2,373.78	64,453.62	14,046.38	82.1
20-1300	FINANCIAL ADM. S&W	158,450.00	144,186.77	0.00	144,186.77	14,263.23	90.9
20-1302	FINANCIAL ADM. O/E	75,000.00	68,882.38	415.87	69,298.26	5,701.74	92.3
20-1352	FINANCIAL ADMIN. AUDIT	58,000.00	41,375.00	0.00	41,375.00	16,625.00	71.3
20-1450	REVENUE ADMIN.S&W	107,723.00	103,234.45	0.00	103,234.45	4,488.55	95.8
20-1452	REVENUE ADMIN.-O/E	54,500.00	52,619.95	245.00	52,864.95	1,635.05	97.0
20-1500	ASSESSMENTS S&W	67,587.00	59,021.10	0.00	59,021.10	8,565.90	87.3
20-1502	ASSESSMENT OF TAXES	17,900.00	8,502.30	0.00	8,502.30	9,397.70	47.4
20-1550	LEGAL SERVICES S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1551	LEGAL SERVICES O/E	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1552	LEGAL SERVICES O/E	175,000.00	166,597.17	0.00	166,597.17	8,402.83	95.1
20-1651	ENGINEERING S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1652	ENGINEERING O/E	50,000.00	47,705.53	1,884.00	49,589.53	410.47	99.1
21-1801	PLANNING BOARD S&W	5,360.00	5,136.33	0.00	5,136.33	223.67	95.8
21-1802	PLANNING BOARD O/E	26,500.00	14,892.90	96.63	14,989.53	11,510.47	56.5
21-1803	PLANNING BOARD SPEC	175,000.00	175,000.00	0.00	175,000.00	0.00	100.0
20-1951	CONST.CODE OFF. S&W	291,444.00	288,518.45	0.00	288,518.45	2,925.54	98.9
20-1952	CONST.CODE OFF. O/E	37,200.00	28,461.54	183.46	28,645.00	8,555.00	77.0
22-2001	PLUMBING INSP. S&W	32,293.00	31,172.21	0.00	31,172.21	1,120.79	96.5
22-2002	ELECTRIC INSP. S&W	33,263.00	31,991.18	0.00	31,991.18	1,271.82	96.1
23-2101	LIABILITY INSURANCE	35,000.00	34,832.00	0.00	34,832.00	168.00	99.5
23-2102		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
23-2150	LIABILITY INSUR-	220,800.00	220,800.00	0.00	220,800.00	0.00	100.0
23-2151	WORKERS COMP.-	325,200.00	265,535.50	0.00	265,535.50	59,664.50	81.6
23-2152		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
23-2202	NJSHBP-GROUP HEALTH	1,640,000.00	1,696,918.28	0.00	1,696,918.28	-56,918.28	103.4
23-2252	UNEMPLOYMENT INSUR.	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	100.0
24-2401	STORM IDA EMERGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
24-2402	STORM IDA EMERGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2401	POLICE S&W	4,172,948.00	3,980,511.11	0.00	3,980,511.11	192,436.89	95.3
25-2402	POLICE O/E	270,350.00	247,292.96	5,922.35	253,215.31	17,134.69	93.6
25-2403	POLICE S&W	537,164.00	528,729.25	0.00	528,729.25	8,434.75	98.4
25-2404	POLICE S&W	226,038.00	201,985.27	0.00	201,985.27	24,052.73	89.3
25-2412	ACQ. OF POLICE CARS	110,000.00	110,000.00	0.00	110,000.00	0.00	100.0
25-2521	EMERG. MGMT. S&W	15,000.00	14,375.00	0.00	14,375.00	625.00	95.8
25-2522	EMERG. MGMT. SERV.-	20,000.00	12,951.83	6,430.02	19,381.85	618.15	96.9
25-2651	FIRE S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2652	AID VOLUNTEER FIRE	202,240.00	181,554.35	9,045.94	190,600.29	11,639.71	94.2
25-2653	FIRE O/E- FLOOD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2662	FIRE HYDRANT SERV.	217,000.00	230,215.06	0.00	230,215.06	-13,215.06	106.0
25-2751	PROSECUTOR S&W	22,683.00	22,013.04	0.00	22,013.04	669.96	97.0
25-2801	EMS/AMBULANCE EMT	580,940.00	552,705.33	0.00	552,705.33	28,234.67	95.1
25-2802	EMS/AMBULANCE	113,950.00	105,423.42	4,667.31	110,090.73	3,859.27	96.6
25-2871	EMS/AMB ELMWOOD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2872	EMS/AMB ELMWOOD PK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
26-2901	DPW S&W	1,018,498.00	909,351.90	0.00	909,351.90	109,146.10	89.2
26-2902	DPW-O/E	225,000.00	194,881.76	14,402.61	209,284.37	15,715.63	93.0
26-3001	SHADE TREE COMM.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
26-3002	SHADE TREE COMM. O/E	23,370.00	21,329.99	0.00	21,329.99	2,040.01	91.2
26-3051	SOLID WASTE S&W	75,000.00	42,685.52	0.00	42,685.52	32,314.48	56.9
26-3052	SOLID WASTE O/E	686,000.00	854,164.97	0.00	854,164.97	-168,164.97	124.5
26-3101	BLDGS & GROUNDS S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0

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ACCOUNT 01-2010	BUDGET	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Paid or Committed	Balance	% Spent
26-3102	BLDGS & GROUNDS O/E	113,800.00	90,572.89	18,415.40	108,988.29	4,811.71	95.7
26-3151	VEHICLE MAINT. S&W	90,000.00	86,268.67	0.00	86,268.67	3,731.33	95.8
26-3152	VEHICLE MAINT. O/E	115,000.00	113,032.61	514.00	113,546.61	1,453.39	98.7
26-3252	COMMUNITY SERVICES	5,000.00	13,642.42	0.00	13,642.42	-8,642.42	272.8
27-3302	BOARD OF HEALTH-	123,025.00	122,577.41	0.00	122,577.41	447.59	99.6
27-3332	PEOSHA – FIRE	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.0
27-3350	FLOOD BOARD O/E	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.0
27-3451	PUBLIC ASSIST. S&W	12,289.00	11,466.72	0.00	11,466.72	822.28	93.3
27-3452	PUBLIC ASSIST. O/E	550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	550.0	0.0
27-3501	FIRE PREVENTION S&W	101,727.00	90,429.79	0.00	90,429.79	11,297.21	88.8
27-3502	FIRE PREVENTION O/E	9,700.00	6,522.64	147.98	6,670.62	3,029.38	68.7
27-3701	SENIOR ACTIVITIES S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
27-3702	SENIOR ACTIVITIES O/E	6,000.00	5,890.88	0.00	5,890.88	109.12	98.1
27-3722	SR. CITIZEN TRANSPORT	2,900.00	1,650.00	0.00	1,650.00	1,250.00	56.8
28-3701	RECREATION S&W	220,617.00	210,615.35	0.00	210,615.35	10,001.65	95.4
28-3702	RECREATION O/E	198,780.00	197,892.07	361.06	198,253.13	526.87	99.7
29-3902	MAINT. PUBLIC LIBRARY	651,432.00	651,432.00	0.00	651,432.00	0.00	100.0
30-4102	PRIOR YEARS BILLS:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
30-4202	CELEB. OF PUBLIC EVE.	10,000.00	9,740.00	0.00	9,740.00	260.00	97.4
30-4251	S&W ADJUSTMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
31-4352	STREET LIGHTING09	95,000.00	100,964.47	0.00	100,964.47	-5,964.47	106.2
31-4402	TELEPHONE/IT	115,000.00	93,506.23	3,106.91	96,613.14	18,386.86	84.0
31-4452	WATER	31,000.00	28,781.31	0.00	28,781.31	2,218.69	92.8
31-4462	GAS & ELECTRIC	280,000.00	330,326.97	0.00	330,326.97	-50,326.97	117.9
31-4472	DIESEL	50,000.00	36,355.77	3,033.28	39,389.05	10,610.95	78.7
31-4552	LANDFILL/SOLID WASTE	485,000.00	478,164.84	0.00	478,164.84	6,835.16	98.5
31-4560	RECYCLING TAX	15,500.00	16,571.40	0.00	16,571.40	-1,071.40	106.9
31-4562	PASSAIC VALLEY SEWER	1,050,000.00	1,047,041.49	0.00	1,047,041.49	2,958.51	99.7
31-4572	SECOND RIVER JOINT	4,500.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	500.00	88.8
31-4582	THIRD RIVER JOINT	2,500.00	2,469.00	0.00	2,469.00	31.00	98.7
31-4592	TWSP OF MONTCLAIR	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.0
31-4602	GASOLINE	105,000.00	95,085.24	6,275.91	101,361.15	3,638.85	96.5
31-4612	CITY OF CLIFTON	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00	0.0
32-0000	Passaic Cty CARES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
36-4712	PERS	460,605.00	460,605.00	0.00	460,605.00	0.00	100.0
36-4722	SOCIAL SECURITY	360,000.00	364,750.99	0.00	364,750.99	-4,750.99	101.3
36-4752	PFRS	1,276,611.00	1,276,611.00	0.00	1,276,611.00	0.00	100.0
36-4762	LOSAP	105,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	105,000.00	0.0
36-4765		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
36-4770	Employer Contribution to	20,000.00	11,500.00	0.00	11,500.00	8,500.00	57.5
36-4772	PEN.VOL. FIRE WIDOWS	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0
36-4775	DEFICIT IN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
36-4776	DEFERRED CHARGES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7012	MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7025	N J ALCOHOL ED.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7030	BODY ARMOR GRANT	3,628.29	3,628.29	0.00	3,628.29	0.00	100.0
40-7035	BULLET PROOF VEST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
40-7040	RECYCLING TONNAGE	18,415.35	18,415.35	0.00	18,415.35	0.00	100.0
40-7076	NEW JERSEY HWY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7451	DWI - DDEF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7533	CLICK OR TICKET	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7535	DISTRACTED DRIVING	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	0.00	100.0
40-7537	STIGMA FREE GRANT	445.00	445.00	0.00	445.00	0.00	100.0
40-7601	FF GLOBAL PREVENTION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7602	ASSISTANCE TO	26,000.00	26,000.00	0.00	26,000.00	0.00	100.0
40-7702	CLEAN COMMUNITIES	21,765.61	21,765.61	0.00	21,765.61	0.00	100.0
43-4901	MUNICIPAL COURT S&W	178,527.00	166,994.99	0.00	166,994.99	8,532.01	95.2
43-4902	MUNICIPAL COURT O/E	34,350.00	20,574.71	11,965.64	32,540.35	1,809.65	94.7
43-4952	PUBLIC DEFENDER	5,500.00	4,800.00	0.00	4,800.00	700.00	87.2
43-4980	DEFERRED CHARGES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
44-9012	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	300,000.00	300,000.00	0.00	300,000.00	0.00	100.0
44-9052	ACQ. OF COMPUTERS	85,000.00	70,090.70	0.00	70,090.70	14,909.30	82.4
45-9202	BOND PRINCIPAL	1,525,000.00	1,525,000.00	0.00	1,525,000.00	0.00	100.0
45-9302	INTEREST ON BONDS	576,976.00	495,182.31	0.00	495,182.31	81,793.69	85.8
45-9402	INTEREST ON NOTES	202,587.00	4,048.64	0.00	4,048.64	198,538.36	1.9
45-9502	NOTE PRINCIPAL	260,000.00	259,113.00	0.00	259,113.00	887.00	99.6
46-8750	EMERGENCY	662,174.00	662,174.00	0.00	662,174.00	0.00	100.0
46-8883	DEFERRED CHARGES-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
46-8886	DEFERRED CHARGES-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
46-8889	DEFERRED CHARGES-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
50-8992	RES UNCOLLECTED TAX	600,000.00	600,000.00	0.00	600,000.00	0.00	100.0
67-4800	JUDGEMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
70-1000	LIBRARY PAYROLL	0.00	302,985.62	0.00	302,985.62	-302,985.62	0.0
	GRAND TOTAL	23,403,734.25	22,745,769.59	90,124.61	22,835,894.20	567,840.05	97.5

APPLICATIONS

NJ STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION, MICHAEL SANTILLO, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

NJ STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION, ANDRE ORNA, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTIONS

Affordability Assistance Grant – 405 Main Street Unit 349

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
RESOLUTION [A] 24-01-22 - #1
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF A GRANT PURSUANT TO THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE TENANT OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT
LOCATED 405 MAIN ST, UNIT 349, LITTLE FALLS, NJ 07424**

WHEREAS, Applicant Janif T Green (“Tenant”) will be renting 405 Main St, Unit 349, Little Falls Township (“Property”), a property governed by the statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations restricting occupancy and use of the property as an affordable housing unit; and
WHEREAS, the Tenant has requested an Affordability Assistance Grant through Little Falls Township’s Affordability Assistance Program to pay for one month’s rent for the Property; and
WHEREAS, the Township’s Affordable Housing Administrative Agent, CGP&H, LLC., has reviewed the Tenant's application and qualified the Tenant for the requested assistance; and
WHEREAS, the amount of the requested grant for the one month’s rent will be paid directly to the landlord by the Township; and
WHEREAS, the Township is willing, pursuant to the Affordable Assistance Program, to extend a grant to the Tenant in the amount of \$887.00; Eight Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars and 00/100 cents.
WHEREAS, the funding for the grant will be from the Little Falls Township Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 22nd day of January, 2024, by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized, pursuant to the Township’s Affordability Assistance Program, to enter into an Agreement with Tenant and provide Tenant with a grant to be used to pay for one month’s rent for the Property.
2. The Mayor, Administrator, Clerk, Township Attorney, CFO, and such other staff and officials as may be appropriate are authorized to take such steps as may be reasonably required to implement this resolution, including issuance of the grant amount.

Approving Certified list of LOSAP Eligible Volunteers

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
PASSAIC COUNTY NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION [B] 24-01-22 - #2
APPROVING CERTIFIED LIST OF LOSAP ELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER
MEMBERS OF THE LITTLE FALLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, that the attached certified list of volunteer members of the Little Falls Volunteer Fire Department eligible to participate in the Little Falls Length of Service Award Program is hereby approved.

Submission of Grant Application to NJ DEP for Duva Field Playground Updates

RESOLUTION [C] 24-01-22 - #3

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides grants and/or loans to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition, development, and stewardship of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and
WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$726,000, in the form of a \$726,000 matching grant and, if available, a \$0 loan, from the State to fund the following project(s): Duva Field Playground Updates Project at a cost of \$968,000;
WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and
WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State’s funds in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body/board resolves that:

1. James Damiano or the successor to the office of Mayor is hereby authorized to:
 - a) make application for such a loan and/or such a grant,
 - b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
 - c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant;
2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding request, if a match is required, in the amount of \$242,000;
3. In the event the State’s funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Submission of Grant Application to NJ DEP for Amity Park Playground Updates

RESOLUTION [D] 24-01-22 - #4

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides grants and/or loans to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition, development, and stewardship of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and
WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$145,500, in the form of a \$145,500 matching grant and, if available, a \$0 loan, from the State to fund the following project(s): Amity Park Playground Updates Project at a cost of \$582,000;
WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and
WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State’s funds in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body/board resolves that:

James Damiano or the successor to the office of Mayor is hereby authorized to:

- a) make application for such a loan and/or such a grant,
- b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
- c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant;

The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding request, if a match is required, in the amount of \$436,500;

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In the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;

The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and This resolution shall take effect immediately.

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that the Consent Agenda be approved as printed.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1475 - It was moved by Councilmember Patel, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that there be introduced and the meeting of February 12, 2024 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 1475

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 136 NOISE

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls ("Township") is a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey; and
WHEREAS, the Township's Code of General Ordinances ("Code") currently provides for noise issues in the Township;
WHEREAS, the municipal council ("Municipal Council") of the Township has determined to amend Chapter 136 of the Code entitled Noise; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council has determined to amend said Chapter of the Code as follows:

Noise Regulations:

136.8 Restricted uses and activities

C. In all Residential Zones (R-1A, R-1B, R-1C, R-2, R-3, and R-3A) in the Township of Little Falls: All construction and demolition activity, excluding emergency work, shall not be performed between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on weekdays, or between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. on weekends and federal holidays. All motorized equipment used in construction and demolition activity shall be operated with a muffler and/or sound reduction device if possible.

C-1. In all Commercial Zones (MDR, B-1, B-2, B-3, B-4, I, LICU, M.P., MFS and Transit Village Districts) in the Township of Little Falls: All Construction, excavation, erection, alteration, repairing, demolition activity, or landscaping, excluding emergency work as decided by the Township Administrator or Construction Official, shall not be performed between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on weekdays or between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. on Saturdays and Federal Holidays, unless such activities can meet the limits set forth in Tables I and II. All motorized equipment used in construction and demolition activity shall be operated with a muffler at all other times, the limits set forth in Tables I and II do not apply to construction and demolition activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Little Falls, Passaic County, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Municipal Council hereby amends Chapter 136 Noise Regulations of the Code of the Township of Little Falls.
3. It is the intent of the Municipal Council to incorporate the additions and/or supplements contained in this Ordinance into the Code. All of the remaining provisions in Chapter 136 Noise Regulations of the Code shall remain unchanged and have full force and legal effect. All other ordinances enacted and inconsistent herewith are hereby modified pursuant to the terms of this Ordinance.
4. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence, phrase or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.
5. A copy of this Ordinance shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Township Clerk.
6. This Ordinance shall take effect after twenty (20) days of its final passage by the Municipal Council, upon approval by the Mayor and publication as required by law.

Council President SGOBBA questioned whether this was being done on a short-term basis. Mayor Damiano explained this Ordinance is to provide relief on the noise ordinance for those making repairs due the flood.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1476 - It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that there be introduced and the meeting of February 12, 2024 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS

ORDINANCE NO. 1476

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATE SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT JACKSON STREET, AND OTHERWISE KNOWN AS BLOCK 225, LOT 13 IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls owns property located at Block 225, Lot 13 A/K/A Jackson Street (the "Property"); and
WHEREAS, the Property is undersized and cannot be developed without the approval of variances; and
WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Township that there is no public purpose for the Township to retain the Property; and
WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b) provides that a parcel such as the Property may be sold by private sale to an adjacent property owner pursuant to an ordinance and without conducting a public auction, provided that (i) the property is undersized; (ii) there are no capital improvements on the property; (iii) the sale of the property is made for at least fair market value; and (iv) the purchaser is both an adjacent property owner and the highest bidder of all other adjacent property owners, and subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions and/or requirements, if any; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey that:

Section 1: The sale of the property located at Jackson Street, also known as Block 225, Lot 13 be subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

1. The Property shall be sold for not less than Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00), the fair market value thereof, along with the payment of any and all expenses incurred by the Township in connection with the sale and transfer of the title the Property, including but not limited to the payment by purchaser of the Township's legal, survey, title and environmental fees, if any.
2. The purchaser shall take all necessary steps to formally merge the Property with its property and provide the Township with proof thereof.
3. The purchaser or any subsequent owner shall not be permitted to subdivide the Property or any portion thereof and shall not be permitted to construct another principal structure thereon.

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- 4. The deed transferring the Property to the purchaser shall incorporate the restrictions set forth above.
- 5. The Property shall be sold "as is" with regard to any and all conditions, including but not limited to environmental and title issues.
- 6. The purchaser of the Property shall be required to provide ten percent (10%) of the fair market value of the Property with the sealed bid via cash or certified funds, which percentage shall be deemed a non-refundable deposit.
- 7. The purchaser of the Property shall be required to execute a contract of sale in connection with the payment of the deposit.
- 8. The closing shall occur by no later than March 30, 2024 and the Township shall provide a quitclaim deed in connection therewith; an affidavit of title will not be provided.

Section 2: All Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3: Should any section, paragraph, clause or other portion of this Ordinance be adjudged by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect or impair the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall effect upon its passage and publication according to law.

Per Council President SGOBBA, Mayor Damiano explained the rationale for this Ordinance which involves the purpose of a small piece of municipal property that is not able to have major improvements on it.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri and Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL MATTERS

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.

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

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Jim Doran – 21 Riverview Circle, thanked everyone for allowing him to return to his home during the recent flooding and for Arturo Morocho’s hospitality. Mr. Doran commented on the recent flooding and questioned as forecasting abilities are tested and improved whether the State government could be asked to have plans to release waters from large reservoirs in anticipation of very heavy precipitation. He stated releasing water should be considered.

At the request of Council President SGOBBA, Mayor Damiano commented on the trains of thought as to the efficacy of releasing water from the dams. The Mayor further stated he does not know enough about it other than to provide both sides of the argument. Mr. Doran also questioned whether dredging below the Dundee dam was possible to which Council President SGOBBA explained the area could not be dredged because of toxins. Lastly, Mr. Doran stated he raised two sons in Little Falls and in retrospect he is very grateful that so much is being done to bring Little Falls forward as a community.

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

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, and Vancheri, 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 Hablitz seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk