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

### Monday, January 23, 2023

Council President 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, and Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus.

Absent: Deputy Clerk Melissa DePiro.

Township Employees present: Police Chief Bryan 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 December 27, 2022. A copy of the notice was mailed to the North Jersey Herald and News and The Record on the same date. Additionally, a copy of the notice was filed in the office of the Township Clerk on said date. A link and a telephone number to join the meeting virtually can be accessed on the Township website at <a href="www.lfnj.com">www.lfnj.com</a>. Electronic provisions have been established for the public to participate during the public comment portion of the meeting.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2022, be and they were approved.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of January 9, 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.

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Patel, that the Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 3, 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

PRESENTATION OF MADD AWARDS TO LFPD OFFICERS – Mayor Damiano discussed the importance of proactively stopping drunk drivers and thanked the police officers receiving MADD awards for their efforts. At this time Chief Prall presented statistics on drunk driving and awarded MADD awards to Detective Kania and Detective Fleck.

STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP – Mayor Damiano then presented the annual State of the Township as follows:

With 2022 to a close, without daily changes in rules surrounding the COVID-19 Pandemic, it's nice getting back to the old normal.

Before I begin, I would be remiss if I did not mention that everything that happens in this Town would not be possible if it were not for the incredible support that I receive day in and day out from all of our Councilmembers, and this past year was no exception. I would like to congratulate Council President Anthony Sgobba on his reelection as Council President. I would also like to congratulate Councilmembers Vancheri, Murphy, and Patel on their election this past November.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all 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, our Township Clerk, Cynthia Kraus, and our Deputy Clerk Melissa DePiro.

I am thrilled to announced that the first three sections of our Main Street Streetscape project which have been delayed for years due to supply chain issues and COVID related delays is finally under way. Soon, our downtown will not be stuck in 1960, and like so many of our surrounding neighbors, we will have a modern, cleaned up downtown, that we can all be proud of, that will be decorated with lights and wreaths and banners, funded by grants received in prior years. All the construction that you see ongoing along Main Street is currently to improve the downtown aesthetics and bring Little Falls into the Millennium. Eventually, it is my vision that this Streetscape will

span from the border of Little Falls in North Caldwell in Singac to the very top of Long Hill Road, as well as along Stevens Ave and eventually Paterson Ave. It will add a welcoming and soft feel to the Township.

Little Falls had a great 2022 from a grant's perspective, and the Township was awarded funding of nearly \$1.75 million and comes from a combination of State and County sources. We received nearly a half million dollars to improve Wilmore Park, we've received over \$469,000 to continue the Streetscape on Stevens Ave. from Main Street to Walnut Street. We received \$300,000 to expand the Streetscape on Main Street from Maple Ave. to Van Ness Ave., and we received \$248,000 to add a sidewalk along Wilmore Road to allow students to safely walk to school from Francisco Ave.. We also received \$100,000 to add Belgium block curbs and repave Mozart Ave. and Cherry Street, as well as nearly \$100,000 for police overtime for things such as highway enforcement, drunk driving enforcement, and seatbelt enforcement, as well as \$26,000 towards firefighter turnout gear. All of these improvements and expenses come to Little Falls residents at no costs funded by grants, which have increased by hundreds of thousands of dollars since I have become Mayor over prior administrations.

Little Falls continued to have incredible attendance at its Summer Concerts in the Park with the assistance of the ABC, we continued to host outdoor movie nights, and the ever-popular Farmers Market which nearly doubled its visitors this year to almost 15,000 visitors throughout its 24 weeks, and this year, the Township hosted its second annual Water Day, which wasn't cut short by rain, and was an incredible success. The Township continued to host its annual 5K, town wide garage sale, Light Up Little Falls, and its numerous flag raising ceremonies to honor and remind us of the struggles and success of others. I need to thank Councilmember Hablitz for her dedication to making Little Falls such a great place to live, as well as former Councilmembers Seber and Kahwaty for their assistance in making these events so successful with so many events offered to people of all ages.

I also need to thank our Little Falls CERT Team more than ever for their services this year as they assisted at all of our major events throughout Town to ensure all remained safe.

This past year, the Township made a substantial upgrade to the 911 communication system which cost nearly \$1 million. We continued to make substantial sewer repairs and upgrades to our aging sewer system in town, some of which is over 100 years old. We also completed the pedestrian walkway at Town Hall which was part of the original plan but eliminated during its original construction. We purchased a roll off truck to ensure that in the event there ever is a flood again that we are never dependent upon garbage contractors to assist in removing and relocating dumpsters when our residents are in dire need of dumpsters being relocated. We also brought our tax map into the 21st century and have now digitized the tax map. And we passed a lead-based paint abatement ordinance to ensure that residents, particularly tenants, remain safe. And finally, after over a decade of the building remaining empty, and this administration vowing to work to save the building, we partnered with the Historic Society and Ethan and the Bean to repurpose the old Municipal Building at 35 Stevens Ave. to have it restored to its old beauty at no cost to the residents of Little Falls.

For the Recreation Department this past year, the Fall and Spring sports were able to utilize the renovated Sports and Recreation Complex, and the Township's annual Summer Camp program was back in full swing, thanks to our Recreation Department headed by Mr. Passero and Mr. Pace. This past year, Pickleball saw its highest registration numbers with 139 individuals registered, and seemingly, that many people there each day. Our spring sports season saw an all-time high registration of 889 children registered as well with more and more children being drawn to the renovated facility than ever before, with a total of 2,456 youth and adult sports registrations through the Community Pass in 2022.

This year, the Little Falls Recreation Department successfully added two events, one of which was delayed a few years due to weather and COVID-19, with the addition of the food truck festival for Halloween, as well as the addition of the Peddlers Village Holiday Marketplace. There are now 38 total different sports programs and events hosted by the Township Recreation Department each year available to Little Falls residents.

For the Building Department and Fire Official, in 2022, under the leadership of James DiMaria, the Building Department and the Township have continued to work towards revitalizing, upgrading, and enhancing our Township in a positive direction which is simultaneously helping to ensure the financial future of the Town. Many homeowners have also invested in their homes continuing to choose Little Falls as their home and continuing to make improvements to their homes. In 2022, there were 764 permits issued and costing over \$600,000 in total permit fees. There were 70 new buildings constructed with new construction totaling over \$37 million. There were 759 inspections completed, and 230 violations issued. These new buildings and developments will increase the tax base and ratables for the municipality and greatly assist in continuing to stabilize the taxes in Little Falls while assisting playing down the excessive debt that Little Falls has had since prior to me taking office.

Under his department in Fire Prevention, Mr. DiMaria has performed a total of 742 inspections in 2022 and performed a total of 9 fire investigations. Through these inspections, he has issued 258 violations for issues that he has noted. The Building and Fire Prevention Departments have been busy in 2022.

As far as developments and traffic, the new development which is under way has proven to have little impact on our schools, and little impact on the traffic in Little Falls which was a concern of many residents here in Town prior to them being developed. In fact, only a couple of children have been added to our schools from all of the developments, including those approved even prior to me being elected by Mayor. As far as traffic, traffic has noticeably decreased over the past several months now that drivers are becoming more accustomed to the new traffic pattern at the Rt 46/3 split. Once the project is completed and additional lanes are added at the split, and the highway becomes even safer and accidents hopefully decrease substantially, traffic along Main Street will be almost entirely alleviated. Since changing the timing of the traffic lights on Main Street, traffic even during rush hour, is minimal and flows with little wait time at all of the traffic lights along Main Street.

For the Peckman River, as residents are aware, last year the Federal government announced funding for the Peckman River project, which the Federal Government has announced funding to the tune of over \$146 million. I have just learned that the design study is about to begin and soon, will be underway. While this project will take some time to be completed, it will ultimately add relief that many Little Falls residents need to help them sleep better at night, knowing that their homes are not one rainstorm away from flooding.

The Little Falls Library continues to add countless community events each year for our residents, and hosts so many events for our children and adults.

With respect to our Police Department, this past year, the Little Falls Police Department, led by newly sworn in Chief Bryan Prall, continues to maintain its accreditation as a department due to the policies and procedures that have been instituted to ensure the safety of our department and our residents. I want to wish Chief Prall safety and success in his leadership of this Department as he leads them in his new rank as Chief.

This past year, under his leadership, the Little Falls Police Department has responded to 26,099 calls for service, averaging over 71 calls per day. There were 994 motor vehicle crashes, 4,273 traffic enforcements, and over 100,000 miles patrolled, all with in a town that's less than 3 square miles.

As we progress into 2023, the Little Falls Police Department will be launching an online traffic complaint form where residents can log a complaint, and officers can follow up with data and information to provide the best solutions to issues that may exist on their particular streets or areas of concern. Stay tuned for more information. We are also going to be transforming to a new program to disseminate information to residents for both emergency and non-emergency purposes.

During 2023, Chief Prall intends to reinstitute the Special Police Officer Program. These officers, once trained and in place, will allow us the flexibility to bolster the Department's capabilities with community policing, traffic enforcement and patrol related duties. They will also serve as a force-multiplier during states of emergency or when additional manpower is necessary.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of the members of the Little Falls Police Department for their service, as well as their families, who work holidays, emergencies, and all hours of the day and night.

The Council and I continue to keep the safety of the residents in the forefront of our minds, and after having the opportunity to monitor the success of the speed humps that were added on Jacobus Ave. and Van Pelt, additional streets through Little Falls may be added in the upcoming year after additional meetings with residents. I would like to thank Councilman Vancheri for continued dedication to the transportation related issues in in this municipality. This year, Councilmember Vancheri was instrumental in having the first "don't block the box" added to the intersection of Montclair Ave., with additional intersections along Main Street to be added in the upcoming warmer weather.

This year, I am hopeful that the installation of the traffic light at the intersection of Francisco Ave., at Cedar Grove Road and Wilmore Road will be completed, adding a level of safety for everyone that uses that intersection on a daily basis.

For EMS, in furtherance of the Township's dedication to safety, this year, the Little Falls EMS program has moved to a full-time program. Under the guidance of EMS Coordinator Mike Bandurski, the Little Falls EMS program has run smoothly and more efficiently and has provided an incredible service to Little Falls residents, which to date, no resident has been issued a bill for services by the EMT's or for the Ambulance. In 2022, Little Falls EMS was called a total of 1,647 calls. Little Falls staffed at least one ambulance 24/7 and a second ambulance when possible. Little Falls EMS answered 1,266 calls within the Township and responded to medical calls in Wayne 94 times, Totowa 65 times, Woodland Park 59 times, Clifton 57 times, and several other towns totaling an additional 37 times. Thank you to all of our EMT's who work each day responding to some of the least expected calls anyone can imagine. In 2023, the construction of the new EMS Building on Wilmore Road should be underway as soon as funding is approved by the Council and plans are completed.

For the Fire Department, in 2022, the Little Falls Fire Department, led by Chief Ken Cichy, responded to a dorm fire at MSU, a structure fire at Tony's Pizza, a structure fire on Loretta Drive, a motor vehicle entrapment on Cedar Grove Road and Newark Pompton Turnpike, and multiple mutual aid calls to Cedar Grove, Passaic, and Prospect Park to fight structure fires. There were a total of 584 alarms, with 43 of them being at Montclair State University.

In 2022, the water main project along Main Street from Union Ave. to Rt 23 was completed increasing water pressure for residents and the Fire Department if ever needed.

In 2023, the Little Falls Fire Department is looking to secure funding to migrate the Fire Department on to the State radio system, including new portable and mobile radios. The Department is also looking to secure funding for the replacement of Engine #4 as well as a mini pumper/squad vehicle for Singac Company #3.

Thankfully, residents of this Township can sleep with the peace of mind that the Little Falls Fire Department is ready to jump into action any time of day, no matter the weather. I want to thank each and every member of the Little Falls Fire Department for their dedication to the residents of this Township.

For the DPW in 2022, under the guidance of Superintendent Ron Campbell, the Little Falls DPW continued to keep up with its traditions of making sure that Little Falls roadways were plowed within seconds of snow hitting them following every snowstorm. This small crew is responsible for maintaining all of our parks and fields throughout the Town, as well as maintaining 140 various lots that were affected by FEMA buyouts. The DPW planted dozens of trees this year on various vacant lots and in our parks and built a rain garden on the old Morris Canal Lane. The DPW continued to re-stripe all of the crosswalks and stop bars as needed throughout town and restriped all of the parking spaces along the Rec. Center to maximize parking for visitors. The DPW painted epoxy floors in the cells and garage at the Police station as well as hung new TVs to assist the Police in upgrading the Township's surveillance system.

This year, the Township also received a new F350 with a plow as well as two state of the art Ventrac snowplow and blower machines, which frankly, if we don't get to use this year I'd be happy. Being a grown-up has dramatically changed the way I feel about snow.

Over the past 6 years, I have truly enjoyed serving as Mayor. When I ran for Mayor, the number one concern of the residents was the ever-increasing taxes, and I vowed to find a way to stabilize taxes. I have found a solution to do so, and anyone who does budgeting knows that there are two parts to any budget, income and expenses. I am happy to say that there is very little money that can be removed from the budget with respect to spending. So the only way to offset the ever growing costs, is to increase the income, and adding rateables is the only way municipalities can do so. Many have criticized the development that is occurring in Town. Yet, on the other hand, if nothing was done to offset growing expenses, your taxes would increase, and the number one concern of nearly every resident that I have ever spoken to would not have been addressed.

That is where I ask you all to take a look at what is most important to you and decide what is right for Little Falls. Is it more important to be able to afford your basic needs and necessities and have developments that beautify industrial zones in Little Falls or is it more important to allow industrial zones along Main Street to sit stagnant in the name of quaintness while simultaneously not being able to afford to live here anymore, because you can't chose both

The answer that you would prefer a balance between the two simply does not exist, because developers have a minimum density that they require in order for the project to be feasible. As an aside, I agree with nearly everyone that has said that the new developments are tall, that they are close to the street, that they are dense, that they are plain. However, the fears that schools will be overcrowded, traffic will increase, and additional services will be needed have simply proven to be incorrect. A balance had to be met that brought in a benefit to the Township that keeps Little Falls affordable while not costing additional services. And as many economists suspected, the market was only going to warrant redevelopment for short period of time, and that bubble has now burst. We had to strike while the iron was hot. I now suspect that there will be a period of time when major development will cease for a long period, and thankfully, Little Falls will have the advantage of these new rateables to assist us all in stabilizing our local taxes.

So, in the face of adversity, so much has been accomplished here in Little Falls in 2022. As I have stated from the onset, I remain dedicated to my promise of transparency. I wish people would attend Council meetings and address me and this Council with questions, rather than spreading their misinformation on social media which goes largely unanswered.

The future of this Township is truly bright, and all of our pockets will truly see a tremendous benefit. I have truly enjoyed each day that I have been fortunate enough to serve as your Mayor.

As always, if you ever have any issues, no matter how big or small, no matter day or night, I invite you to contact me by any means. I am always happy to have a discussion about anything and prefer to do so without people using social media as their first effort to have an issue addressed.

I look forward to continuing to serve as your Mayor, and I wish everyone health and happiness in 2023.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Councilmember PATEL reported on her meeting with Clifton Health Department representatives who provided an overview of services provided to Little Falls. Councilmember Patel stated one of her goals is to provide more transparency to residents to be more informed as to what is occurring while encouraging participation in Board of Health events. She announced upcoming Health Department events and provided a 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2022 report on areas on such COVID-19, the Flu clinic, animal control, and food establishment inspections. Lastly, Councilmember Patel noted a survey will be launched to obtain a better understanding of what residents are seeking in terms of programs and information.

Councilmember HABLITZ highlighted upcoming Library activities including a Teen Advisory Board Meeting on February 1st, a Writer's Café on February 21st, and the availability of the Pronunciator website which enables individuals to learn a new language. Additionally, the Friends of the Library will hold their annual meeting on January 24th. Councilmember HABLITZ announced applications are being accepted for the fourth season of the Farmers Market which will run from May 21st until October 29th. Lastly, the Open Space Committee will convene in February to discuss grant applications and future plans for parks and Open Space monies.

Councilmember VANCHERI provided a Transportation Committee update. He recounted his attendance along with Councilmember Hablitz at the Passaic Valley Marching Band Association annual beefsteak and tricky tray and thanked Mr. De Luccia for his leadership. Finally, Councilmember VANCHERI reminded residents that the Recreation Department will be sending out flyers to sign up for spring sports.

Councilmember MURPHY reported the Domestic Violence Prevention Committee will convene on February 7<sup>th</sup> and welcomed new members.

### REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Council President SGOBBA announced the Senior Advisory Committee will host Dessert and Dancing on February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center and a St. Patrick's Day event on March 14<sup>th</sup>. The Senior Advisory Committee is also seeking members. Lastly, Council President SGOBBA commented on the accomplishments included in the Mayor's State of the Township with special mention to the EMS.

### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Wenzel had nothing to report.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

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 Buono- owner of Buono's Prime Meats & Deli on 470 Main Street, thanked the Council and Chief Prall for addressing parking concerns in the vicinity of his business. Per Council President SGOBBA's request, Mr. Buono elaborated on the contributing factors to issues with parking and expressed concern regarding speeding on Arlington Avenue.

<u>Peggy Olivi</u>- Little Falls Historical Society, thanked Mayor Damiano for his expeditious response to her concerns regarding the Post Office.

Jim Dorn – questioned whether the Township could speak with federal officials regarding the treatment of the Passaic River near Riverview Circle and discussed whether new technologies were available to ameliorate flooding. Mayor Damiano stated he could reach out and determine if any of the measures mentioned are permissible. He also noted that any major infrastructure-like funding for the Passaic River is on a hold in Washington DC and needs to be unfrozen. The Mayor stated he was unsure if this would have any impact on this as well.

<u>Al Kahwaty</u> – Morningside Circle, addressed Mr. Dorn's comments on the dam located upstream on the Passaic River, and noted the opening and closing of the dam was computerized under the Christie administration. Since then, the measures are already in place to eliminate the issue Mr. Dorn raised going forward.

No one having come forward to be heard, it was moved by Councilmember Murphy, 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.

## CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the Consent Agenda were considered to be routine and will be enacted with a single motion. For any items under REQUISITIONS carried a Treasurer's certification of the availability of funds.

### REPORTS

Municipal Clerk's Report – Month of December 2022

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT Month of December 2022

ABC LICENSES
OTHER LICENSES

Business Licenses \$5,985.00
Pre-paid Business Licenses \$
Raffle Licenses \$20.00

REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

Fees & Permits \$472.00
Marriage Licenses-LF \$
Marriage Licenses-NJ \$

\$472.00

\$6,005.00

MRNA

Street Maps Zoning Maps Zoning Ordinances Document Copies

Garage Sales Misc. Fees & Refunds:

\$ \$8,275.00

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TOTAL MRNA TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT
TOTAL TO TREASURER

\$8,275.00 \$14,752.00 \$14,752.00

# Municipal Clerks Dog/Cat License Report - Month of December 2022

# MUNICIPAL CLERK'S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT

Month of December 2022

Dog Licenses issued 12/01/2022 thru 12/31/2022

Nos. 0 to 0 =Licenses Amount due Little Falls Amount due State Total Cash Received

\$ \$0.00

Cat Licenses issued 12/01/2022 thru 12/31/2022 Nos. 0 to 0

Licenses Issued Total Cash Received

\$0.00

Total to Treas. \$0.00

# Tax Collector's Report - Month of December 2022

### MONTHLY REPORT

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Municipality of } \underline{\text{Township of Little Falls}} \\ \text{Office of the } \underline{\text{Tax Collector}} \end{array}$ 

Township of Little Falls Current Account, Lakeland Bank

Revenues Collector for the Month of <u>December 2022</u>

Categories 01-	December 1-29, 2022	2022 Year to Date
2022 Taxes	\$176,845.13	\$49,814,730.08
2016-2021 Taxes	(20.00)	454,565.42
Prepaid 2023	79,892.88	321,759.84
Interest	6,813.71	113,400.69
Cost of Tax Sale	0.00	879.88
Duplicate Tax Bills	0.00	10.00
Insufficient Check Fee	20.00	220.00
6% Penalty Fee	0.00	11,355.66
Pilot In-lieu of taxes	64,882.79	64,822.79
GRAND TOTALS	\$328,374.51	\$50,781,744.36

\$310,655.31(Inc. 6% ye-pe/MSU-NJ Educ) 2,240.64 (bankruptcy) Delinquent 2016 Taxes

Delinquent 2020 Taxes Delinquent 2021 Taxes 4,519.28 (bankruptcy) Delinquent 2022 Taxes **Total Delinquent Taxes** 647,206.11 (1st-4th qtrs.). **\$964,621.34** 

2022 Refunds this month -\$8,429.65 2022 Year to date refunds = -\$55,271.27

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

<b>REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2023</b>
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Months	2017 STCJ	2018 STCJ	2019 STCJ	2020 STCJ	2022 CBJ	2022 Regular	2021 Senior/	Exempt 2022	Total by Months
							Veteran		
January	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
February	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,468.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,468.78
March	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,834.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,834.86
April	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
May	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
June	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$915.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$915.36
July	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
August	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
September	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,359.39	\$20,098.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,457.59
October	\$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	\$0.00	\$9,165.03	\$9,165.03
December	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,429.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,429.65
Totals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,359.39	\$42,746.85	\$250.00	\$9,165.03	\$55,521.27

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 <u>Township of Little Falls</u>
Office of the <u>Tax Collector</u>
Township of Little Falls <u>Tax Collector Trust 1 (Lien Monies)</u>, <u>Lakeland Bank</u>
Revenues for the Month of <u>December 2022</u>

	2022
<u>Deposit</u>	Year-to-Date
\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
9,040.44	9,040.44
0.00	9,040.44
0.00	9,040.44
0.00	9,040.44
0.00	9,040.44
0.00	9,040.44
0.00	9,040.44
0.00	9,040.44
12,928.61	21,969.05*
0.00	21,969.05
38,410.76	60,379.81
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### Total Collected as of December 29, 2022 \$60,379.81

Municipality of <u>Township of Little Falls</u>
Office of the <u>Tax Collector</u>
Township of Little Falls <u>Tax Collector Trust 2 (Lien Premium Monies)</u>, <u>Lakeland Bank</u>
Revenues for the Month of <u>December 2022</u>

Liens with	
Premiums	
Redeemed/(-)	Bal. /Dep. (+)
	\$342,500.00
\$ 0.00	342,500.00
-2,000.00	340,500.00
0.00	340,500.00
0.00	340,500.00
0.00	340,500.00
0.00	340,500.00
0.00	340,500.00
0.00	340,500.00
171,000.00	511,500.00
-49,000.00	462,500.00
0.00	462,500.00
-13,000.00	449,500.00
	Premiums Redeemed/ (-)  \$ 0.00 -2,000.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 171,000.00 -49,000.00 0.00

Ending Balance as of December 29, 2022 \$449,500.00

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			2022 Current Y rt N.J.S.A. 54:4
Current Year Taxes: 2022 Current Year Levy 2022 Added Assessment Taxes 2022 Total Current Year Tax Levy	\$50,700,166.65 <u>88,700.89</u>	\$50	),788,867.54
Less: Tax Collected in 2021 Tax Collected in 2022 (-refunds) Deductions Allowed/Disallowed Sub-Total Current Year Levy	\$ 297,651.20 49,759,458.81 52,779.45 \$50,109,889.46		
Tax Title Liens as of 12/29/22 Canceled/CBJ Overpaid not refunded (CBJ appeal) Total Credits/Debits		\$ <u>\$ 5</u>	9,973.01 22,127.56 (328.60) 0,141,661.43
Amount Outstanding as of 12/29/22		\$	647,206.11
2021 Delinquent Taxes: Balance as of 12/31/21 Increased By: 2021 Added Assessments Refunds Senior/Disabled Disallowances Total Increases: Sub-Total	\$ 1,763.39 250.00 1,250.00	\$	455,230.57 <u>3,263.39</u>
		\$	458,493.96
Decreased By: Veteran Allowed County Board Judgments Other Adjustments Total Cash Paid Total decreases	\$ 250.00 0.00 0.62 453,724.06		<u>\$453,974.68</u>
Amount Outstanding as of 12/29/22			\$4,519.28

2020 Delinquent Taxes: Balance as of 12/31/21 Increased By: 3,082.00 Total Increases:
Decreased By:
Total Cash Paid 0.00

\$841.36

Total decreases \$841.36 \$2,240.64 Amount Outstanding as of 12/29/22

**2016 Delinquent Taxes:** Balance as of 12/30/21 310,655.31

Increased By:

Total Increases: Sub-Total 310,655.31

Decreased By:

Total decreases 0.00

Amount Outstanding as of 12/29/22 \$ 310,655.31

 $\underline{Recreation\ Report}-Month\ of\ December\ 2022$ 

Recreation Center –December 2022				
Program	Facility	# Classes	Hours	Participants
Pickle Ball	Gym	12	40	200
Zumba Gold	Gym	6	6	90
Tai Chi/Qi Gong	Gym	8	8	72
Fit-4-You	Gym	3	3	30
Zumba Tone	Multi	5	5	75
Chair Yoga	Gym	3	3	36
Girls Show Green Ex/Cheer	Gym & Multi	38	120	562
Robotics	Multi	5	6	60
Travel Basketball	Gym	13	52	390
Recreation Basketball	Gym	10	42	750
Pitching Clinic	Gym	3	3	36
Misc. Police, Awards, Meetings	Gym & Multi	8	15	100
Weekly Totals		114	303	2401

<u>Civic Center Report</u> – <u>Month of December 20</u>22

Month of I	December 20	22	
Meeting Group	# of Meetings	Hours	Participants
Senior Citizen Social Club Meetings	8	48	140
Senior Citizen Holiday Lunch	1	6	65
Historical Society Special Program	1	3	50
LF Girl Scout Holiday Book Wrapping	1	4	100
LF Girl Scout Holiday Craft Fundraiser	1	4	30
LF Girl Scout Meeting	1	2	20
Stamp Club Meetings	2	4	20
LF PTA Pocketbook Bingo Fundraiser	1	8	50
Autumn Point Condo Resident's Meeting	1	2	10
LF OEM Meeting	1	2	10
LF Alliance for a Better Community Meeting	1	2	5
LF School Referendum Voting	1	6	*
LF Biz Breakfast with Santa	1	8	200
Totals	21	99	700

<u>Police Department Report</u> - Month of December 2022

# PATROL DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT – December 2022

Total Calls for Service 2,582 Total Operation Reports Generated 143

Total Investigation Reports 54

### ARREST TOTAL: 16

Type of Arrest	Total
Fugitive From Justice	1
DWI	5
Simple Assault	4
Warrants	5
False Document as Proof of Identification	1
All others	0

**Patrol Division Time & Attendance** 

Type of Hours	Total
Vacation	116
Holiday	299
Compensatory	209
Sick	228
Personal time	24
Credit time	45.5
Administrative	0
PBA day	24
Schedule transition	48
Bereavement	0
Overtime due to Training	77
Overtime hours to maintain minimum staffing level	63
Overtime due to Incident/Weather/Other Event	121.5

Call Type	Total	Call Type	Total
	Events		Events
BURGLARY	1	TRAFFIC ENFORCE/STOP	551
THEFT	10	TRAFFIC HAZARD	15
THEFT ALL OTHERS	1	DISABLED MV	17
BURGLARY TO MOTOR VEHICLE	4	PARKING ENFORCEMENT	38
SEX OFFENSE ALL OTHERS	1	ABANDONED IMPOUND/TOWAWAY	4
SIMPLE ASSAULT	7	MV CRASH – PEDESTRIAN	1
FRAUD – ALL OTHER	8	MOTORIST ASSIST	8
BLACKMAIL/EXTORTION/ALL OTHER	1	TRAFFIC POST	4
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	1	PROPERTY CHECK/AREA CHECK	373
PROPERTY DAMAGE	4	VACANT HOME CHECK	6
STALKING	1	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	55
DISPUTES	18	NOTIFICATIONS	8
DISORDERLY CONDUCT/HARASSMENT	3	OTH PUB SERV/WELFARE CHK	18
NOISE COMPLAINT	19	ASSIST CITIZEN	1
DISORDERLY CONDUCT/NOISE ALL OTHERS	1	EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSON	2
ALARM ALL OTHERS	2	CHECK SCHOOL FACILITIES	110
TRO/FRO INFORMATION & SERVICE	6	BAR/TAVERN CHECK	41
MUNICIPAL ORD VIOLATIONS/OTHER OFFENSE	1	ASSIST OTHER POLICE DEPT	5
OVERDOSE OVERDOSE	_	ASSIST OTHER POLICE DEPT ASSIST OTHER PD ALCO TEST	
	1		2
STREET LIGHTS OUT/REPAIRS	1 7	LOCK OUT	1
DOWN-WIRES/POLES/TREES/LIMBS	5	UTILITIES PROBLEM	2
HARASSMENT	2	WATER LEAK	1
TRESPASSING	1	ASSIST SCHOOL	3
	1	DWI-ALCOHOL/UNDER INFL	5
OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS	21	WARRANTS-ALL	9
SUSPICIOUS AUTO	16	ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES	192
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	12	COMMUNITY POLICING	5
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	9	CHECK SCHOOL GUARD/COVER SCHOOL POST	98
FIRE-BRUSH/GRASS FIRE	1	COURT	2
FIRE-WIRES/TRANSFORMER/ELECTRICAL	1	IN SERVICE TRAINING	74
MV CRASH-SR-1/OTHER	1	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	17
PATROL INVESTIGATION	15	POLICE INFORMATION	1
BURGLARY ALARMS/RESIDENCE	8	TRAINING	1
BURGLARY ALARM/COMMERCIAL	21	SICK DAY	18
FIRE ALARMS	4	FIREARMS APPLICATION	13
SMOKE CONDITION	1	FINGERPRINT	2
ASSIST OWN AGENCY	2	CIVIL MATTER	1
OTHER NON-CRIMINAL INV GENERAL POLICE	15	SPECIAL DETAIL ASSIGNMENT	32
UNATTENDED DEATHS	1	MUNICIPAL PERMIT APPLICATION	3
FOUND ARTICLES	3	ASSISTING -FIRE DEPT	1
LOST ARTICLES	4	BACKGROUND CHECK	1
LOST/FOUND STRAY ANIMALS	8	ASSISTING-OTHER AGENCIES	3
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	2	DIRECTED PATROL	200
SIGNALS SIGNS OUT	1	911/CHECK WELFARE	69
MV ACCIDENT W/INJURY	7	FOOT PATROL	1
MV ACCIDENT WINJURIES  MV ACCIDENT NO INJURIES	99	FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	22
SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT TRAFFIC	20	CHILD SEAT INSPECTIONS	1
			1
RADAR TRAFFIC MV COMPLAINTS	94	911 TRANSFER TO OTHER	64
TRAFFIC MV COMPLAINTS	6	CHILD CUSTODY EXCHANGE	1
FIELD CONTACT INFORMATION	1	LICENSE AND PERMITS	1
HANDICAPPED PARKING PERMIT	1	EVIDENCE DUTIES	2
ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION	1		

# COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITIES DECEMBER 2022

0	Vacant House Checks	30	School walk thru
15	Cell Inspections	1	Car Seat Installs
15	School Arrivals	4	Handle with Care Notice:

Emptied Medicine Drop Box (38 lbs. collected) 10 School Dismissals

- 12/2
- Attended tree lighting ceremony.

  Attended soccer clinic event in Clifton sponsored by NJ Guardians Court Officer 12/3 12/6
- 12/8 Dressed as Santa for kids at St. Joseph's Hospital
- 12/13 Escort School #2 to and from PVHS for Holiday assembly.
- 12/13 12/14
- Coordinated and participated in School #3 Lock Down Drill.
  Served seniors at annual senior holiday luncheon.
  Deliver several hundred toys to St. Joseph's Hospital from annual toy drive. 12/15
- 12/19 Coordinated and participated in School #2 Lock Down Drill. 12/20 Coordinated and participated in School #1 Lock Down Drill.
- 12/21
  - Attended Menorah lighting ceremony.

    Quarterly medicine drop box reported completed and sent to the state.
  - LEAD schedule was completed for 2023

### **Investigations & Services Division Report**

December 2022 Monthly Report

### **Criminal Case Management:**

- 10 Cases were referred for follow-up investigation.

- 17 Investigations currently remain open and active.
  24 Cases closed from current and previous months.
  6 Assist own Agency (Patrol Invest/Cases/Special Details)

- <u>Criminal Complaints/Warrants Served:</u>
  1 Cases where criminal complaints were issued by the Investigative Division.
  1 Total Criminal Complaints Issued
- **0** Attempts were made to service outstanding criminal arrest warrants issued by the Little Falls Municipal Court.

### Juvenile:

- 1 Juvenile cases investigated -
- 0 Juvenile Complaint Issued -
- 0 Station-House Adjustments were filed by the Department's Juvenile Detective.

- Narcotics:
  1 Active narcotics investigation(s)
- **0** Arrests were made by the investigative division for a drug related offense.
- $\boldsymbol{0}$  Pounds of prescription medication were deposited in the Prescription Drug Box.

### **After Hours Call-Outs:**

1 Incident required a detective for investigative support or notification after hours.

### Internal Affairs (IA):

- 0 IA Complaint(s) were screened and indexed.
- 0 IA Investigation(s) were conducted and closed.

 $1 \ \text{IA Complaint(s) remains open and is being investigated.} \\ \text{Major Discipline: There were } \textbf{0} \ \text{investigations closed that resulted in disciplinary action requiring termination, demotion and/or suspension of five }$ (5) or more days.

Grand Jury/Superior Court Appearances:

1 Case required a Detective to appear and testify before a Grand Jury or Superior Court.

### Search Warrants/Subpoenas:

9 Subpoenas were requested to be served for an investigation.

There were 0 search warrants and 0 communication data warrants executed.

### **Background Investigations:**

The Detective Bureau completed:

**0** Police Applicants

0 Dispatcher Applicants

0 Crossing Guard Applicants

O Solicitor Applicant Investigations

1 ABC Background/Applicant

### Megan's Law (Sex-Offender) Registrations:

- New Registrations
   Address Verification and Re-Registration
- Transferred to Other Agency

There are currently 12 registered sex-offenders residing within the Township.

### **Detective Time Off: TOTAL 81.5 hours**

 $\begin{tabular}{lll} \underline{Detective\ Time\ Off\ and\ Overtime:}\\ Compensatory - 25.5\ hours & Vacation/Holiday - 48\ hours \end{tabular}$ Other -0 hours Personal – 0 hours Sick-8 hours

### **Detective Overtime: TOTAL 42 Hours**

Hours (Investigations and Follow ups) Hours for Cash - 1.5 hours Detective (Investigations and Follow ups) Hours for Compensatory Time - 7 hours

Patrol Shift Coverage by Detective -20 hours (OT Cash)

Patrol Grant OT – **13.5** hours Court OT –**0** Hours (OT Cash)

 $PVHS \ / \ Outside \ Events - 0 \ Hours$ 

### **Property and Evidence: May and June**

- Items classified as property were entered into the department's BEAST Evidence System, processed, logged and secured. (This includes missing, lost, and found property, recovered stolen property and items left for safekeeping.)
- 0 Firearms/Weapons were entered into the BEAST Evidence System, processed, logged and secured.
- 6 Firearms were transported for ballistics analysis.
  Items classified as evidence were entered into the BEAST Evidence System, processed, logged, and secured. 16
  - Items classified as Drug Evidence were transported to the NJ State Police Laboratory for analysis.
  - Items classified as Forensic Evidence were transported to the NJ State Police Laboratory at Hamilton or Holmdel, NJ for analysis. (This includes physical, chemical, and biological evidence.) Random drug screen analysis specimens were transported to the NJ State Medical Examiner's Office for analysis.

Currency was seized and submitted to the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office pending asset forfeiture proceedings.

Property items were seized and submitted to the Passaic County Prosecutor's office pending asset forfeiture proceedings.

### **Notable Detective Cases:**

Investigations

- Case#22-24469 On 12/7/22, Detective Fleck concluded a weeks long investigation into a Theft of cash in the amount of \$5000.00 that occurred during a private transaction for a used motor vehicle. The victim and his acquaintance, identified only as Jose, traveled from New York to Little Falls to purchase a vehicle which was found for sale on Facebook. The acquaintance committed the act of theft by tricking the victim into giving the money to him and ultimately leaving him stranded in Little Falls. Detective Fleck positively identified the actor through open-source social media, facial recognition and prior arrest records. The victim eventually made a positive ID of the suspect through a photo lineup, and he was subsequently charged with the theft.
- All Detectives were assigned to work Patrol (12/20-12/21) to build teamwork and keep Detectives fresh on patrol techniques.

### RECORDS BUREAU:

5 Discovery Cases involving Digital (Audio/Video) files were processed for defense attorneys, the public defender and prosecutors. 10 Total discovery cases. 34 OPRA requests were processed.

996 pages of reports were facilitated and forwarded to the Township Clerk's Office for OPRA requests.

\$301.00 was deposited by the Records Bureau during the month.

Discovery \$0.00/Firearms \$51.00/Accident & Incident Reports \$250.00/Fingerprints \$0.00

### **Firearms**

- 12 Applications for Firearms Permits
  12 Firearms Purchaser ID cards were *issued*
- 22 Handgun Purchase Permits were issued

### **Background Investigations**

- 20 Firearm Investigations Completed
- 7 Permit to Carry Handguns Issued
- 0 Application Withdrawn by Applicant/Denied

### **TRAINING:**

**Outside Training** 

School Behavioral Threat Assessment – Det. Moncato, Det Fleck Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement – Ptl. Pinnola, Ptl. Yannuzzi, Ptl. Santos, Ptl. Piedrabuena CJIS TAC Training – Ptl. Kania

### **Departmental Training-**

Defensive Tactics (1 day)- Lt. Gilchrist, Sgt. Strothers, Det. Moncato, Ptl. Pinnola, Ptl. Racanelli, Ptl. Conti, Ptl. Kania, Ptl. Yannuzzi. Active Shooter Training- Det. Fleck, Sgt. Strothers, Det./Lt. Prall, Ptl. Timmerman, Ptl. Hablitz, Ptl. Pinnola Rifle Qualifications – All sworn personnel.

### Construction Report - December 2022

### **Uniform Construction Code**

Permits Issued – 60 Inspections - 189 Total Value of Construction - \$3,806,437.00 Certificate of Occupancy - \$3,571.00 Permit Fees Collected - \$58,000.00 Permit Fees Waived - \$10,755.00 Penalties - \$0.00

### Zoning

Fence Permits –\$0.00 Sign Permits - \$50.00 Zoning fees - \$310.00 Total Fees Collected- \$360.00

Total Fees Collected - \$61,571.00

### **Property Maintenance**

Certificates of Compliance Fees –\$1,850.00 Inspections -21 Complaints Inspections - 3 Violations Issued –4 Roll-off permits – \$10.00 Total Fees Collected - \$1,860.00

### Monthly Revenue \$63,791.00

YTD Revenue \$654,729.00

### <u>Township Council Construction Report – 2022 Year End Report</u>

### Uniform Construction Code

Permits Issued – 764 Inspections – 3,042 Permits Closed – 433 New Construction – 70 Buildings Total Value of Construction -\$37,023,718.00 Certificate of Occupancy - \$31,718.00 Permit Fees Collected - \$541,765.00 Elevator Fees - \$26,485.00 Permit Fees Waived - \$32,174.00 Penalties - \$3,250.00 Total Fees Collected - \$603,218.00

### Zoning

Zoning Application Fees – \$39,865.00 Zoning Inspections – 74 Total Fees Collected - \$39,865.00

### **Property Maintenance**

343 Certificates of Compliance Fees – \$32,100 Inspections – 759 Violations Issued - 230
Pro-champs Property Registration Program - \$15,980.00
Penalty and Judgements - \$22,000.00 Total Revenue - \$70,080.00

### Total Revenue 2022 \$731,163.00 increase of \$92,095 from 2021

### <u>Bureau of Fire Prevention – 2022 Year end Summary</u> Fire Code Enforcement

Inspections - 371 Violations Issued – 258 Permits Issued – 64 Certificate of Fire Code Inspections – 49 Smoke Detector & CO Compliance Inspections – 258 Total - 742 Inspections Fire Investigations - 9

NFIRS Reports - 473

Life Hazard Use Fees - \$21,326.84 Local Registration Fees - \$40,175.00 Smoke Detector & CO - \$15,578.00 Certificate of Fire Code Status - \$1,715.00 Permit Fees - \$4,895.00 Penalty - \$4,250.00 Invoice Late Fee - \$2,543.00 Total Revenue 2022 - \$90,667.84

Total Revenue 2021 - \$82,217.74

<u>Finance Department Report</u> Temporary Budget 2023

### BUDGET STATUS REPORT YEAR TO DATE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS TEMPORARY BUDGET JANUARY 1, 2023-JANUARY 23, 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	13,125.00	2,083.35	0.00	2,083.00	11,041.65	15.8
20-1050	ADMINISTRAION O/E	16,091.25	3,300.00	8,400.00	11,700.00	4,391.25	72.7
20-1100	MAYOR & COUNCIL S&W	4,593.75	520.84	0.00	520.84	4,072.91	11.3
20-1102	MAYOR & COUN IL O/E	525.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	525.00	0.00
20-1200	CLERK S&W	65,744.44	11,604.22	0.00	11,604.22	54,140.22	17.6
20-1202	CLERK O/E	22,312.51	359.98	719.96	1,079.94	21,232.57	4.8
20-1300	FINANCIAL ADM. S&W	39,070.76	6,669.58	0.00	6,669.58	32,401.18	17.0
20-1300	FINANCIAL ADM. O/E	18,375.01	769.87	621.37	1,391.24	16,983.77	7.5
20-1302	FINANCIAL ADMIN. AUDIT	15,225.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,225.00	0.0
20-1332			4,368.33	0.00	4,368.33		
	REVENUE ADMIN.S&W	27,520.50				23,152.17	15.8
20-1452	REVENUE ADMINO/E	10,368.76	28.62	6,237.24	6,265.86	4,102.90	60.4
20-1500	ASSESSMENTS S&W	15,733.99	2,497.46	0.00	2,497.46	13,236.53	15.8
20-1502	ASSESSMENT OF TAXES	8,636.26	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	2,636.26	69.4
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	45,937.50	25,748.60	22,500.00	48,248.60	-2,311.10	105.0
20-1651	ENGINEERING S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1652	ENGINEERING O/E	32,812.50	1,770.38	0.00	1,770.38	31,042.12	5.3
20-1801	PLANNING BOARD S&W	1,369.20	217.34	0.00	217.34	1,151.86	15.8
20-1802	PLANNING BOARD O/E	4,331.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,331.25	0.0
20-1951	CONST.CODE OFF. S&W	57,473.59	12,017.69	0.00	12,017.69	45,455.90	20.9
20-1952	CONST.CODE OFF. O/E	11,051.25	209.56	419.12	628.68	10,422.57	5.6
22-2001	PLUMBING INSP. S&W	6,334.13	1,005.41	0.00	1,005.41	5,328.72	15.8
22-2001	ELECTRIC INSP. S&W	7,424.81	1,178.54	0.00	1,178.54	6,246.27	15.8
23-2101	LIABILITY INSURANCE	9,187.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,187.50	0.0
23-2101	LIABILITY INSURANCE  LIABILITY INSUR-	74,392.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
23-2150	LIABILITY INSUR-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
23-2151	WORKERS COMP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
23-2152	WORKERS	74,392.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	74,392.50	0.0
23-2202	NJSHBP-GROUP HEALTH	390,862.50	7,707.98	14,232.02	21,940.00	368,922.50	5.6
23-2252	UNEMPLOYMENT INSUR.	3,937.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,937.50	0.0
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	1,062,738.86	178,180.14	5,656.55	183,836.69	878,902.17	17.2
25-2402	POLICE O/E	62,304.40	7,940.20	23,166.10	31,106.30	31,198.10	49.9
25-2403	POLICE S&W	135,738.75	21,142.64	0.00	21,142.64	114,596.11	15.5
25-2404	POLICE S&W	48,808.99	6,726.47	0.00	6,726.47	42,082.52	13.7
25-2412	ACQ. OF POLICE CARS	28,785.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,785.00	0.0
25-2521	EMERG. MGMT. S&W	20,703.00	625.00	0.00	625.00	3,312.50	15.8
25-2522	EMERG. MGMT. SERV	5,250.01	256.61	1,148.64	1,405.25	3,844.76	26.7
25-2651	FIRE S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2652	AID VOLUNTEER FIRE	48,527.09	1.400.00	5,665.60	7,065.60	41,461.49	14.5
25-2653	FIRE O/E- FLOOD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2662	FIRE HYDRANT SERV.	47,775.00	19,378.10	39,621.90	59,000.00	-11,225.00	123.4
25-2002	PROSECUTOR S&W	5,539.28	879.26	000	879.26	4,660.02	15.8
			23.778.80	0.00		123,221.20	
25-2801	EMS/AMBULANCE EMT	147,000.00	- ,		23,778.80	- /	16.1
25-2802	EMS/AMBULANCE	18,860.63	0.00	12,581.23	12,581.23	6,279.40	66.7
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	289,977.19	46,650.53	0.00	46,650.53	243,326.66	16.0
26-2902	DPW-O/E	56,437.50	3,012.87	42,373.84	45,386.71	11,050.79	80.4
26-3001	SHADE TREE COMM.	315.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	315.00	0.0
26-3002	SHADE TREE COMM. O/E	7,972.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,972.13	0.0
26-3051	SOLID WASTE S&W	19,687.50	1,778.52	0.00	1,778.52	17,908.98	9.0
26-3052	SOLID WASTE O/E	106,575.00	53,546.42	45,474.91	99,021.33	7,553.67	92.9
26-3101	BLDGS & GROUNDS S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
26-3102	BLDGS & GROUNDS O/E	32,812.50	185.00	14,002.93	14,187.93	18,624.57	43.2
26-3151	VEHICLE MAINT. S&W	23,625.00	3,868.49	0.00	3,868.49	19,938.51	15.6
26-3152	VEHICLE MAINT. O/E	30,187.50	0.00	12,861.82	12,861.82	17,325.68	42.6
26-3252	COMMUNITY SERVICES	3,937.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,937.50	0.0
27-3302	BOARD OF HEALTH-	35,181.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,181.57	0.0
27-3332	PEOSHA – FIRE	1,312.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,312.50	0.00
27-3350	FLOOD BOARD O/E	131.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	131.25	0.00
27-3330	PUBLIC ASSIST. S&W	3,906.00	619.99	0.00	619.99	3,286.01	15.8
27-3451	PUBLIC ASSIST. O/E	144.38	0.00	0.00		144.38	0.0
					0.00		_
27-3501	FIRE PREVENTION S&W	34,418.74	3,459.39	0.00	3,459.39	30,959.35	10.0
	FIRE PREVENTION O/E	3,543.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,543.76	0.0
27-3502		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
27-3701	SENIOR ACTIVITIES S&W		0.00	0.00	0.00	1,575.00	0.0
27-3701 27-3702	SENIOR ACTIVITIES O/E	1,575.00		0.00	0.00	761.26	0.0
27-3701 27-3702 27-3722	SENIOR ACTIVITIES O/E SR. CITIZEN TRANSPORT	761.26	0.00			1	
27-3701 27-3702 27-3722 28-3701	SENIOR ACTIVITIES O/E SR. CITIZEN TRANSPORT RECREATION S&W	761.26 60,803.93	7,728.92	0.00	7,728.92	53,075.01	12.7
27-3701 27-3702 27-3722	SENIOR ACTIVITIES O/E SR. CITIZEN TRANSPORT RECREATION S&W RECREATION O/E	761.26				53,075.01 9,047.49	12.7 80.7
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27-3701 27-3702 27-3722 28-3701 28-3702	SENIOR ACTIVITIES O/E SR. CITIZEN TRANSPORT RECREATION S&W RECREATION O/E	761.26 60,803.93 46,903.51	7,728.92 31,468.18	0.00 6,387.84	7,728.92 37,856.02	53,075.01 9,047.49	80.7
27-3701 27-3702 27-3722 28-3701 28-3702 29-3902	SENIOR ACTIVITIES O/E SR. CITIZEN TRANSPORT RECREATION S&W RECREATION O/E MAINT. PUBLIC LIBRARY	761.26 60,803.93 46,903.51 155,996.40	7,728.92 31,468.18 0.00	0.00 6,387.84 0.00	7,728.92 37,856.02 0.00	53,075.01 9,047.49 155,996.40	80.7 0.0
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	BUDGET	Budget After	Paid or	Encumbered	Paid or	Balance	%
ACCOUNT		Modification	Charged		Committed		Spent
01-2010							
31-4452	WATER	9,187.50	1,252.08	2,647.92	3,900.00	5,287.50	42.4
31-4462	GAS & ELECTRIC	65,625.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	65,625.00	0.0
31-4472	DIESEL	7,875.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,875.00	0.0
31-4552	LANDFILL/SOLID WASTE	105,000.00	36,806.32	0.00	36,806.32	68,193.68	35.0
31-4560	RECYCLING TAX	4,068.75	1,349.37	0.00	1,349.37	2,719.38	33.1
31-4562	PASSAIC VALLEY SEWER	268,290.49	261,760.38	0.00	261,760.38	6,530.11	97.5
31-4572	SECOND RIVER JOINT	4,068.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,068.75	0.0
31-4582	THIRD RIVER JOINT	656.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	656.25	0.0
31-4592	TWSP OF MONTCLAIR	6,562.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,562.50	0.0
31-4602	GASOLINE	19,687.50	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	4,687.50	76.1
31-4612	CITY OF CLIFTON	1,968.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,968.75	0.0
32-0000	Passaic Cty CARES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
36-4712	PERS	120,224.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	120,224.48	0.0
36-4722	SOCIAL SECURITY	91,875.00	14,963.58	0.00	14,963.58	76,911.42	16.2
36-4752	PFRS	302,967.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	302,697.41	0.0
36-4762	LOSAP	27,562.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,562.50	0.0
36-4765	PREP/NEW DIGITAL TAX	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
36-4770	Employer Contribution to	5,250.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	4,750.00	9.5
36-4772	PEN.VOL. FIRE WIDOWS	1,312.50	416.66	833.32	1,249.98	62.52	95.2
36-4775	DEFICIT IN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
36-4776	DEFERRED CHARGES	17.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.83	0.0
40-7012	MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE	5,890.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.890.50	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	582.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	582.41	0.0
40-7035	BULLET PROOF VEST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7040	RECYCLING TONNAGE	5.463.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,463.50	0.0
40-7076	NEW JERSEY HWY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7451	DWI - DDEF	2,643.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,643.26	0.0
40-7533	CLICK OR TICKET	1,575.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,575.00	0.0
40-7535	DISTRACTED DRIVING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7601	FF GLOBAL PREVENTION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7602	NJ AMERICAN WATER FF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7702	CLEAN COMMUNITIES	5,726.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,726.22	0.0
43-4901	MUNICIPAL COURT S&W	44,090.03	6,935.41	0.00	6,935.41	37,154.62	15.7
43-4901	MUNCIPAL COURT O/E	8,820.02	28.62	4,257.24	4,285.86	4,534.16	48.5
43-4902	PUBLIC DEFENDER	1,968.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,968.75	0.0
43-4932	DEFERRED CHARGES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
44-9012		72,187.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	_	0.0
	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT					72,187.50 19,687.50	
44-9052 45-9202	ACQ. OF COMPUTERS	19,687.50	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.0
	BOND PRINCIPAL	386,137.50	0.00			386,137.50	
45-9302	INTEREST ON BONDS	181,442.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	181,442.89	0.0
45-9402	INTEREST ON NOTES	4,131.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,131.49	0.0
45-9502	NOTE PRINCIPAL	69,562.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	69,562.50	0.0
46-8750	EMERGENCY  DEFENDED CHARGES	117,383.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	117,383.18	0.0
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	131,250.00	0.00	0.0	0.00	131,250.00	0.0
67-4800	JUDGEMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
70-1000	LIBRARY PAYROLL	0.00	11,438.61	0.00	11,438.61	-11,438.61	0.0
	GRAND TOTAL	5,668,712.05	843,317.64	313,664.30	1,156,981.94	4,511,730.11	20.4

### APPLICATIONS

LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY APPLICATION, JACOB ZALOCHA, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY APPLICATION, AARON KLEIN, LITTLE FALLS FIRE **DEPARTMENT** 

RAFFLE, SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #108, ON-PREMISE 50/50, FEBRUARY 12, 2023, 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M., 591 MAIN STREET, LITTLE FALLS

RAFFLE, PASSAIC VALLEY FENCING PARENTS ASSOCIATION, OFF-PREMISE 50/50, FEBRUARY 25, 2023, 2:00 P.M., 101 NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE, LITTLE FALLS

### RESOLUTIONS

Authorization of Tax Refund Due to Overpayment

# **RESOLUTION [A] – 23-01-23- #1**

WHEREAS, the following property in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey has overpaid real estate taxes in the Year 2022 due to County Board Judgement re: Added Assessment appeal; and WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amount overpaid listed

below;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the following listed tax refund be made by the Township Treasurer:

Tax Year	<u>Bloc</u> k	<u>Taxpayer/</u>	<u>Payee</u>	Reason	<u>Amount</u>
& Qtr.	Lot	<b>Location</b>			
2022/4	30/5	Postorino, Michael &	James P Nolan & Assoc/	OP/CBJ	\$328.60
		Vogt, Kristin	Fr Esq.		
		35 Hughes Pl	61 Green Steet		
		•	Woodbridge NJ 07095		
			-	Total Refund:	\$328.60

Change Order to Adamo Construction for Municipal Building Pedestrian Plaza Improvements

# RESOLUTION [B] 23-01-23 - #2 RESOLUTION AWARDING CHANGE ORDER TO ADAMO BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING PEDESTRIAN PLAZA IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Township Council has received a recommendation from the Township Special Project Engineer, Boswell Engineering, regarding the contract for the Municipal Building Pedestrian Plaza Improvements to change contract items as listed in the original

WHEREAS, the Township Council has considered this recommendation in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-1 et seq. and the Local

Public Contracts Law; and
WHEREAS, the Township Council has a contract with Adamo Brothers Construction, Inc. for Municipal Building Pedestrian Plaza Improvements, which were awarded by public bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council authorizes a change order to Adamo Brothers Construction Inc. in the amount of \$1,264.00, making the revised contract amount \$210,861.00.

Change Order to Grade Construction for Streetscape Section 4 Improvements

# RESOLUTION [C] 23-01-23 - #3 RESOLUTION AWARDING CHANGE ORDER TO GRADE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE FY2021 NJDOT DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (LF SECTION 4)

WHEREAS, the Township Council has received a recommendation from the Township Engineer, Alaimo Group Consulting Engineers, regarding the contract for the Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project (LF Section 4) to change contract items as listed in the

WHEREAS, the Township Council has considered this recommendation in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-1 et seq. and the Local Public Contracts Law: and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has a contract with Grade Construction for FY2021 NJDOT Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project, which was awarded by public bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council authorizes a change order to Grade Construction in the amount of \$4,028.00, making the revised contract amount \$389,600.40.

Bill List

### **RESOLUTION [D] 23-01-23 - #4**

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.

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

Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba Poll: Ayes:

> Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

# REGULAR AGENDA

# **NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance No. 1448 - It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that there be introduced and the meeting of February 27, 2023 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

# ORDINANCE NO. 1448 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND CHAPTER 7 (ON-STREET REGULATIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS

WHEREAS, a municipal may enact ordinances to designate parking restrictions of roadways under municipal control, WHEREAS, it is necessary to update and amend the Municipal Code to include additional areas to prohibit or restrict parking in order to ensure the consistent flow of traffic, reduction of motor vehicle offenses, and prevention of automotive and pedestrian accidents; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, that Chapter 7, On-Street Regulations, of the Code of the Township of Little Falls, is hereby amended and supplemented as follows: §7-11 Parking time limited on certain streets.

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

to 4:00 p.m.

 $\S 7-13$  Parking prohibited at all times on certain streets.

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

Arlington Place North From a point 202 feet from Main Street extending 30 feet thereof Muller Place From a point 22 feet from Muller Place to corner of Arlington East

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that:

- Ordinances, resolutions and regulations or parts of ordinances, resolutions and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency; and
- If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of
- competent jurisdiction, such a decision shall not affect the remaining portion of the Ordinance; and Except as hereby amended, the Code of the Township of Little Falls shall remain in full force and effect.

4. Township Police Department shall have the authority to place such signs as deemed necessary to advise the public of the aforementioned parking restrictions.

5. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty days after final passage and publication in accordance with law.

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Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Chief Prall discussed the process by which Ordinance No. 1448 came to fruition to address customer parking and to keep the intersection in the area as safe as possible. Council President SGOBBA commented the time allotment of thirty minutes in his opinion was a short window of time. Councilmember VANCHERI noted parking near businesses in the center of town is two hours, however, thirty minutes is sufficient for customers that often frequent the business at hand. Chief Prall added the business is predominantly a carry out. In response to Council President SGOBBA, Chief Prall noted the Ordinance would allow two timed parking spots by the distances and reviewed the parking restrictions indicated in the Ordinance. Chief Prall then addressed questions posed by Councilmember Murphy. Mr. Wenzel clarified that some of the pieces of the Ordinance are already obligations of a vehicle parking on the street under regular Title 39 jurisdiction. Mr. Wenzel then added this Ordinance addresses and clarifies those issues such as timing which is within the purview of the Council. Mayor Damiano then reviewed the hours of operation of Buono's Prime Meats.

### 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 Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, 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.

Mr. Wenzel explained the process of how an Ordinance is introduced, advertised, and adopted, noting that any changes to Ordinance No. 1448 would be announced between now and the second reading and adoption on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

No one coming forward to be heard, it was moved by Councilmember Patel, 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.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [EX]

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into executive session during a Public Meeting; and WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Little Falls has deemed it necessary to go into executive session to discuss certain matters which are exempted for the Public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Governing Body with reconvene;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls will go into executive session for the following reason(s) – pending litigation – action will be taken.

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Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri and Council President Sgobba

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

The Council entered Executive Session at 8:03 p.m.

At 8:37 p.m. the Council returned to Open Session.

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, to approve Resolution E.

RESOLUTION NO. [E] 23-01-23 - #5
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AUTHORIZE THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN CLAIMS MADE BY STEVEN MAYE AND JACK **SWEEZY** 

WHEREAS, Steven Maye and Jack Sweezy have made certain allegations relative to their respective employment with the Township of Little Falls ("Township"); and

WHEREAS, the Township and all of its subsidiary department and divisions, along with its insurers, through Summit Risk Services, at all times have been prepared to vigorously defend against the claims through the courts and to try these matters to their conclusion, if

WHEREAS, notwithstanding Township and carriers' willingness and readiness to defend against these claims, Township and carriers have also engaged in and completed settlement negotiations in an attempt to resolve their claims without the need for formal litigation and the costs associated therewith; and

WHEREAS, with the recommendation of its insurance carriers, Township deems it appropriate to settle these claims; and

WHEREAS, in settling these claims, Township has not and does not make any admission of liability, but rather has decided that a negotiated settlement of these claims serves the public's interest in avoiding further costs of litigation that would have been incurred in the defense of the litigation, as well as the operational disruption of a trial; and

WHEREAS, Steven Maye and Jack Sweezy, through counsel are each expected to execute a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release in a form acceptable to the Township Attorney and to defense counsel assigned by the insurance carrier, together with a stipulation of dismissal with prejudice of their claims;

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

- All of the above recitals are incorporated herein by reference as if repeated at length.

  Township Council hereby approves and authorizes the resolution of Steven Maye's and Jack Sweezy's claims for payments of Seven 2) Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$775,000) to Steven Maye and Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to Jack Sweezy, by and through Township's primary and/or excess liability insurance carrier with contribution by the Township, along with Steven Maye's voluntary resignation from employment with the Township and from all other volunteer positions within the Little Falls Fire Division and any Company thereunder, with no admission of liability and contingent upon Township receiving a signed Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release and stipulation of dismissal with prejudice from Steven Maye and Jack Sweezy in a form acceptable to the Township Attorney and to defense counsel assigned by the insurance carrier.
- Township Council further empowers the Mayor and Township Attorney to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the settlement as outlined above including such final formatted Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release. 3)
- 4) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Poll: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri and Council President Sgobba Ayes:

Nays:

The Council President declared the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Poll: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri and Council President Sgobba Aves:

Navs:

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Cynthia Kraus Municipal Clerk