

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

Monday, January 8, 2018

Acting Council President Maria Cordonnier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: William Liess, Tanya Seber, and Chris Vancheri. Also present were Mayor James Damiano, Township Attorney Joe Wenzel, Township Administrator Charles Cuccia and Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus.

Absent: Anthony Sgobba

Township Employees present: DPW Superintendent Philip Simone, and Police Chief Steven Post

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE: Take notice that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with 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 2, 2018. A copy of the notice was faxed to the North Jersey Herald and News and The Record on the same date. Additionally, a copy of the notice was filed in the office of the Township Clerk on said date.

Following the Salute to the Flag, Councilmember CORDONNIER requesting a moment of silence for the passing of past NJ Governor Brendan Byrne.

PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL MATTERS

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

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, and Vancheri
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, and Vancheri
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS:

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Shade Tree Commission – Five-year term

Regular Members (4) – MAYOR appoints: Patricia Toomey (Secretary), John Lockwood, George White, and Leonard Szczawinski

Municipal Alliance – One-year term

Regular Members (3) – MAYOR appoints: Jon Vanak, Beth Billing, and Tiffany Sellitto

Council Ad-Hoc Committees

Open Space/Grant Committee

Community Representatives (13) Raymond Kostroski, Ann Kahwaty, Rosemary Kluth, Arnold Korotkin, Renea Shapiro, Mary Ann Kilpatrick, Rocco Corage, John Pace, Tom Kazmark, Hans Prell, Mark Seber, Kristi Burbano, and Councilmember Maria Martini Cordonnier.

Domestic Violence Prevention Committee – Council President appoints Community Representatives (21) Wendy Harman, Jacqueline Truland, Kevin Wronko, Stephanie Cedeno, Gina Clough, Alan Bernhart, Jayme Viera, Barbara Carrig, Rosemarie Bello-Truland, Janet Clark, Marianne Holzach, Suzanne Switlyk, Marybeth Fanelli, Sarah Goldstein, Lauren Hout, Wendy Madonia, Stacy Albanese, Marc Benitez, Maripat Alger-Cottone, Police Chief Steven Post, and Councilmember Maria Martini Cordonnier

Transportation Committee

Community Representatives (12) Paul Beers, Arnold Korotkin, Wendy Madonia, George Dassinger, Renea Shapiro, Steve Martin, Kenneth Kimmel, Karen Crawford, John Healy, Ron Crawford, Mike Voytko, and Councilmember Christopher Vancheri

Passaic River Advisory Board

Community Representatives (6) Tom Kazmark, Kevin Barry, Phyllis Dillon, Hans Prell, Jill Harland, and Councilmember Christopher Vancheri

Senior Citizen Advisory Board

Community Representatives (7) Lucille Clifford, Joan Imandt, Lynn DeLuccia, Nadine Heinis, Marcella Kelleher, Rosemarie Ryglicki, Evelyn Tosi, Janet Cohen, Jean Giancola, Wendy Madonia, Paul Huggins, Helen Lewis, Dr. Rico Visperas, Phyllis Dillon, Councilmember Maria Martini Cordonnier, and Councilmember William Liess.

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ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATOR:

1. RESOLUTION FOR RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND – Mayor Damiano explained the performance bond is related to Public Service’s work on the Notch Road station. He further declared that this is customary practice for every contractor to pull a performance bond before work begins, and if all work is satisfactory upon inspection, for it to be refunded.
2. DO NOT ENTER SIGN ON GLEN ROCK ROAD – Mayor Damiano elaborated upon the information and resident input leading to the recommendation for Council to review an ordinance to remove the Do Not Enter signs currently in place. Currently, there is a Do Not Enter sign on both sides of the street prohibiting traffic for emergency use only.
3. SOLID WASTE BIDS – Mayor Damiano stated the Township has received three bids, all of which provided figures for one, three and five year contracts with the opportunity for extension. The Mayor recommended the Council award the contract to the three-year term bid with the right to a two year extension. Mr. Wenzel noted the bids are currently in Attorney Review.
4. FENCE AMENDMENT – Mayor Damiano explained the intention of the amendment to prevent future property disputes in the Township. The amendment requires the applicant pay a nominal fee and provide a recent survey of their property to assure the proposed fence is constructed on the applicant’s private property.
5. FLOOD BOARD AMENDMENT – Mayor Damiano stated Cedar Grove has withdrawn from the Flood Board. The purpose of the amendment is to reorganize the Regional Flood Board to include representatives from Woodland Park and Little Falls.

COUNCIL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Councilmember CORDONNIER announced Councilmember Vancheri will be the new Chairman of the Transportation Committee.

ADMINISTRATOR:

1. SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION 1/22 – Mayor Damiano indicated he misspoke several weeks ago when referring to the speed limit ordinance. He had stated an ordinance had been introduced and approved and recalled the suggestion by a resident to include Ridge Road led to further research. It was determined that the concept was brought up at a previous Meeting for discussion only. In order to promote safety and continuity, the Mayor requested the Council consider the recommendations of the Transportation Committee and amend the current ordinance to reduce the speed limit on all streets in the municipality to 25 mph speed limit, with the exception of two streets, Turnberry Road and Canterbury Lane, which would have a speed limit of 15 mph.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

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| Poll: | Ayes: | Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, and Vancheri |
| | Nays: | None |

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Gary Giordano, 157 River Road, North Arlington, indicated he is the owner of JSI and was one of the bidders for solid waste contract discussed earlier in the Meeting. Mr. Giordano wished to distribute a document he maintained was public knowledge. At this time, Mr. Wenzel stated the bids are under Attorney Review and a bid will be awarded at the January 22, 2018 Meeting. He further inserted that as this involves a public bid, there are strict standards the Township must meet to operate in a legal and transparent fashion. Once the bid is received additional communication cannot be accepted.

Dorothy O’Haire, Turnberry Road, requested clarification on the Flood Board Amendment and reiterated her concern regarding lack of quorum to hold meetings in the past. Mayor Damiano responded that the major change is the membership and appointment of members to the Board. He elaborated that in order to maintain an odd number of Board members, the composition of the Board will be modified to consist of nine members. Each municipality will appoint a Councilmember, each municipality’s public works manager, two resident members will be appointed by each municipality with advice and consent of the Council. The mayor or designee of each municipality will serve as the ninth member in alternating years. In summary, there will be four permanent members representing each municipality with the mayor alternating each year. Ms. O’Haire queried whether the Board would then be Mayor appointed as opposed to Council appointed. The Mayor explained each of the three original municipalities had the same ordinance, however, each were using different practices. Ms. O’Haire stated her disagreement and offered to bring the ordinances for review. Mayor Damiano reiterated the two resident member appointments will be a Mayor’s appointment with advice and consent of the Council.

Louis Fernandez, Harrison Street, requested clarification on the location of work for the aforementioned performance bond, which the Mayor provided. In response to Mr. Fernandez’s query for a completion date on the Notch Road bridge, Mayor Damiano stated he was given a date of early January, weather permitting. Mr. Fernandez concluded by noting his disappointment Cedar Grove will no longer be on the Flood Board.

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

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| Poll: | Ayes: | Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba |
| | Nays: | None |

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The Council President declared the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Liess, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk