

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024  
7:00 P.M.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE** - TAKE NOTICE THAT ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4-8 AND N.J.S.A. 10:4-10 AS FOLLOWS: A NOTICE OF THE MEETING WAS PROMINENTLY POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, LOCATED AT 225 MAIN STREET, LITTLE FALLS, N.J. ON JANUARY 4, 2024. A COPY OF THE NOTICE WAS SENT TO THE NORTH JERSEY HERALD & NEWS AND THE RECORD ON THE SAME DATE. ADDITIONALLY, A COPY OF THE NOTICE WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK ON SAID DATE. **A LINK AND A TELEPHONE NUMBER TO JOIN THE MEETING VIRTUALLY CAN BE ACCESSED ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE AT [WWW.LENJ.COM](http://WWW.LENJ.COM). ELECTRONIC PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING.**

**ROLL CALL**

**MINUTES**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2023  
AND THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF JANUARY 2, 2024  
AND THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 2, 2024  
AND THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2024

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC HEARING FOR GREEN ACRES PROGRAM JAKE'S LAW APPLICATION -  
IMPROVEMENTS AT DUVA PARK

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

LUIS MOROCHO - CASA ARTURO

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

**REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR**

**COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

MARY CELIS - UNITED WAY

**ATTORNEY'S 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.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND WILL BE ENACTED WITH A SINGLE MOTION. FOR ANY ITEMS UNDER REQUISITIONS THE TREASURER HAS SUPPLIED A CERTIFICATION OF THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

#### **REPORTS**

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023

RECREATION CENTER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023

CIVIC CENTER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023

CONSTRUCTION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023

FIRE PREVENTION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023

#### **APPLICATIONS**

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

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

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE RENTER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT 405 MAIN STREET, UNIT 349, LITTLE FALLS, NJ [A]

RESOLUTION APPROVING CERTIFIED LIST OF LOSAP ELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT [B]

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES PROGRAM FOR DUVA FIELD PLAYGROUND UPDATES [C]

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE NEW JESREY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES PROGRAM FOR AMITY PARK PLAYGROUND UPDATES [D]

**NEW BUSINESS**

ORDINANCE NO. 1475, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "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", WITH A SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2024.

**PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL MATTERS**

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**ADJOURN**

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS**  
**RESOLUTION [A] 24-01-22 - # \_\_\_\_\_**

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Cynthia Kraus, Clerk of the Township of Little Falls, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls at its meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.

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Cynthia Kraus, Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS  
PASSAIC COUNTY NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION [B] 24-01-22 - # \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

cc: Finance Dept.  
Auditor  
Fire Dept.  
File  
Dept.

Company 1		Monthly Activity Points												Annual Activity Points												Yes														
Last	First	Status	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		Aug		Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Total Cert	Expire Cert	For Training	Warn Over	Late Over	Co. Over	Dist. Over	CUT Cert	Years of Service	Total Cash Points	Active Points (24)	Annual Points Earned	Annual Points Award	Military Points
			Co. Dns	Dept. Dns	Co. Dns	Dept. Dns	Co. Dns	Dept. Dns	Co. Dns	Dept. Dns	Co. Dns	Dept. Dns	Co. Dns	Dept. Dns	Co. Dns	Dept. Dns	Co. Dns	Dept. Dns	Co. Dns	Dept. Dns	Co. Dns	Dept. Dns	Co. Dns	Dept. Dns	Co. Dns	Dept. Dns														
Anthony	Jeff		5	3	3	3	6	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	Yes	7	1	6	1	4	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	18.0	20	38	11	88	79.4	35.4	\$337.50
Anthony	Louie		5	2	5	1	12	2		6	1							1	1	Yes	1	1	5	1	2	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	18.0	20	43	13	48	60.9	36.9	\$337.50
Antonio	Mathew	Military Leave																									Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	18.0	20	31	9	24	33.3	33.3	\$337.50
Awendahl	Hahnke	Resigned																									Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	18.0	5	0	0	25	25.0	24.6	\$0.00
Casarena	Sergio		5		7	1	8	1	1	5	1								2	3	Yes	10	2	4	4	15	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	18.0	20	72	22	65	86.8	45.6	\$675.00
Fannon	Edward	Military Leave																									Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	18.0	10	0	0	25	25.0	24.0	\$0.00
Fogelman	Scott																										Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	18.0	20	1	0	21	21.3	21.3	\$0.00
Gallies	Jason		5	1	1	1	6	1	1	2	1								1	1	Yes	2			5	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	18.0	10	31	9	50	58.3	33.3	\$337.50
Heaney	James		1																								Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	18.0	20	1	0	32	32.3	24.3	\$0.00
Heano	Christian																										Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	18.0	20	5	2	36	37.5	25.5	\$0.00
Holzach	Paul		1		2		1			5	2								4	2	Yes	9		3	1	13	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	18.0	20	57	17	58	75.1	41.1	\$975.00
Hunter	Daniel		2		1		1												3	4	Yes	6			1	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	18.0	5	16	5	15	19.8	19.8	\$0.00
Ilie	Christina	Transferred to Co #3																									Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	18.0	20	0	0	20	20.0	20.0	\$0.00
Muzzo	Anthony																										Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	18.0	5	1	0	12	12.3	12.3	\$0.00
Pasquarello	John		4	2	1	1	6	2		4	3								1	1	Yes	1		1	1	9	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	18.0	20	54	16	73	89.2	40.2	\$875.00	
Rally	Edward		14	5	7	3	9	3	1	9	4								6	3	Yes	8	2	7	1	28	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	18.0	20	0	0	48	48.0	24.0	\$0.00	
Rosenberg	Marvor	Resigned																									Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	18.0	20	1	0	20	20.3	20.3	\$0.00
Son	Chie	Transferred to Co #4																									Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	18.0	20	1	0	20	20.3	20.3	\$0.00
Valrose	Lilly																										Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	18.0	5	7	2	20	22.1	22.1	\$0.00
Waltzow	Sarah	Started Fire School July 2023																									Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	18.0	5	1	0	21	21.3	21.3	\$4,725.00









**RESOLUTION [C] 24-01-22 - # \_\_\_\_\_**

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
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Cynthia Kraus RMC, Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls at a meeting held on the 22nd day of January, 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and the official seal of this body this 22nd day of January, 2024.

**RESOLUTION [D] 24-01-22 - # \_\_\_\_\_**

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;

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

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and the official seal of this body this 22nd day of January, 2024.

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.

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PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

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Cynthia Kraus, Municipal Clerk

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James Damiano, Mayor