

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

Monday, January 28, 2019

Council President Sgobba called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Maria Cordonnier, Albert Kahwaty, Tanya Seber, and Christopher Vancheri. Also present were Mayor James Damiano, Township Attorney Joseph Wenzel, Township Administrator Charles Cuccia and Township Clerk Cynthia Kraus.

Absent: Township Engineer Woodney Christophe

Township Employees present: Police Chief Steve Post, DPW Superintendent Phillip Simone, Deputy Registrar Marlene Simone, Fire Chief Jack Sweezy, Brian Mistrette, DPW, Sgt. Jason Pressing, Sgt. Dan Gianduso, OEM Director, Pamela Cannataro, Assistant to the CFO, Former Mayor Darlene Conti, Police Administrative Assistant Steve Maye, Ptlm. Jonathan Cespedes, Ptlm. Frank Conti, and Ron Stell, DPW.

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. 10:4-10 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, 2019. A copy of the notice was faxed to the North Jersey Herald and News and The Record on the same date. Additionally, a copy of the notice was filed in the office of the Township Clerk on said date.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 17, 2018, the Reorganization Meeting of January 1, 2019, and the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of January 14, 2019 be and they were approved.

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Kahwaty, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Council President SGOBBA reported the Library's automatic doors will be replaced. Work is scheduled for Monday thru Thursday. Coordination has been made with Chief Post regarding security initiatives.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember SEBER reported funding for the Municipal Alliance is on the Agenda tonight. She highlighted the LEADS program for 5th and 7th graders and the BABES program for second and fourth graders in School No. 1 and School No. 3.

Councilmember KAHWATY looked forward to meeting with members of the Little Falls BIZ to kick off the Little Falls Green initiative. The Domestic Violence Prevention Committee will convene next week.

Councilmember VANCHERI reported the Transportation Committee will convene on February 8, 2019. The County was contacted regarding the striping on the Route 46 and McBride Avenue entrance. Councilmember VANCHERI reached out to the NJDOT remove graffiti under the bridge in that area.

Councilmember CORDONNIER announced the Open Space Committee will convene on February 5, 2019. The Committee will meet on the first Wednesday of every month, with extra meetings added if necessary. The Senior Advisory Committee is planning the year's event calendar and hopes to expand educational opportunities for seniors.

MAYOR'S REPORT

OATH OF OFFICE administered by MAYOR JAMES BELFORD DAMIANO to FIRE CHIEF JACK SWEEZY. At this time Mayor Damiano swore in Fire Chief Jack Sweezy, who entered his fourth term as our Fire Chief and has been a firefighter in the Township for over 42 years. Chief Sweezy thanked the Mayor, Council, Administrator, Township employees, family and friends, mutual aid chiefs, officers, and firefighters for their continued support. He expressed it was an honor to serve the community and conveyed his appreciation to Sgt. Dan Gianduso, OEM, Michael Burke President of the Fire Department, Deputy Chief Ed Pomponio, and Assistant Chiefs Jeff Altonjy, Paul Holzach, James DiMaria, and Chris Meletta.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING UNICO MEMBER OF THE YEAR – Mayor Damiano announced Roni Corrado was presented with this Proclamation at a UNICO event this past weekend, but was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP – Mayor Damiano then presented the annual State of the Township as follows: First and foremost, as I stated last year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of this great Town for providing me with the opportunity to serve as your Mayor. I remain humbled by the support and encouragement I receive on a daily basis from residents who are pleased with the direction of the municipality over the past two years, and I hope everyone will bear with me over these next few minutes as I present my second State of the Township.

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I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Councilman Chris Vancheri and Councilwoman Tanya Seber on the success of their reelection, as well as Councilman Kahwaty on his election to the Little Falls Council. I am confident that with their support, the residents of Little Falls will continue to see the progress continue that has been started over these past couple of years.

I would also like to congratulate Councilman Anthony Sgobba on his selection to serve as Council President, and I would like to thank Councilwoman Maria Cordonnier for her continued dedication to this Township.

I would also like to thank Councilman Bill Liess for all of his years of service to the Township, and his continued dedication to our senior community.

2018 was a busy year here in Little Falls, and I, along with this Council, have no intentions of slowing down in 2019. As I drive down Main Street, I'm thrilled to see that our once empty storefronts and streets are now filled with booming businesses and lively residents.

That said, I'd like to take a look back at some of the accomplishments and highlights that were achieved in 2018:

I am thrilled to announce that in 2018, the Township saw its first Tax Decrease in nearly two decades, and residents will notice a slight tax decrease over this upcoming year. I am hopeful that this is only a sign of what's to come over the next several years as we further the revitalization of Little Falls.

In 2018, the Township received in excess of \$900,000 in grant funding, the highest amount of funding received by the Township in a calendar year, a portion of which was the largest Department of Transportation grant ever received by the Township of \$600,000.

This occurred while the Township maintained its Investment Grade Bond Rating of A2.

In 2018, the Township has also continued to work with developers towards revitalizing, upgrading, and enhancing our township in a positive direction which is simultaneously helping to ensure the financial future of our Township. Completing the Singac Redevelopment Plan and initiating the Town Center Redevelopment Study are just some of the many ways that we have worked to revitalize our Township.

Developments such as Autumn Point, and the former Paul O Abbe site have been built, or are in the process of being built. These new developments will bring much needed ratables to the township, and once completed, will assist in expanding our tax base.

In 2018, the Township hired a new construction official, James DiMaria, who will provide much needed oversight as we move forward with all of the development throughout the Town.

Last year I announced that action would finally be taken on the site of the former municipal building and police station after sitting vacant for over a decade, and this past year, the Township posted a Request for Proposals for the former municipal building and police station as a first step towards modernizing that property as we strive to continue to bring the curb appeal back to Little Falls.

As we modernize and revitalize our Town Center, and the demand for downtown parking continues to grow at an exponential rate, in 2018, the Township invested in expanding our downtown parking to continue to strive to meet the needs of our town center.

In 2018, the Township, in conjunction with Woodland Park and Totowa, reorganized a regional Flood Board to assist in addressing the flood related issues that the Township faces. The Township also had its 2018 CRS Program recertified which assists our residents in securing far lower flood insurance rates.

Just this past week, I am proud to announce that the Township, in conjunction with Woodland Park, received an excavator through a grant, which will be used to clean the Peckman and Passaic Rivers and their tributaries to keep them clean of debris and rocks, in an effort to reduce the risk of future floods.

I have worked closely with the Army Corps to develop a plan that will address, and hopefully eliminate flooding caused by the Peckman River.

With respect to traffic throughout our Township, there have been concerns raised regarding the congestion in the center of town, especially during rush hour. Some of you, especially those traveling from the Singac section of the Township, may have recognized the congestion as you approach Stevens Ave has been greatly alleviated as a result of the timing of the traffic lights being modified to better address the flow of traffic during rush hour. It's these small, somewhat unrecognizable issues, which seem so minor in concept, that take great effort in conjunction with county and state organizations to assist in addressing the concerns of the residents of Little Falls, and me and this Administration work each day towards just that.

Our Little Falls Library has a new Library Director, and I need to thank our former director Christine Miller, and welcome our new Library Director Kristine Blumberg. Our library is currently in the process of installing upgraded, ADA accessible doors, and improving the flooring in our Library entrance way.

In 2017 the Township introduced our online payment of everyone's favorite thing, Taxes, by ECheck to assist our residents with an instant, and hassle free payment of their taxes right from the convenience of their home, and in 2018, we have eliminated the lock box system which numerous residents expressed concerns with, in an effort to make tax payments as effortless as possible.

This Council and I also remain dedicated to our promise of Transparency, and in furtherance of that goal, I will be holding several formal but informal Town Hall style meetings over the course of 2019 to discuss and address the concerns of the residents in a far less formal environment than standard Council Meetings permit. The Township has also begun live streaming all Council meetings on YouTube to make resident's accessibility to the meetings effortless from the convenience of one's home.

In 2018, the Township has continued its partnership with the Clifton Health Department who continue to provide exceptional health and animal services to our Residents.

In 2018 the Township has also taken active steps towards protecting its digital infrastructure in light of the countless municipalities that have been the subject of cyber-attacks and expensive recovery processes.

With respect to our Police Department, in 2018, the Little Falls Police Department, led by Chief Steve Post, was awarded an accreditation as a department after a grueling three year application process. This means that the Police Department has proven that best practices are being followed, and as a result, insurance costs to the Township are lower, because the liability the township faces as a result of these best practices being followed has been reduced.

In 2018, in response to residents' needs, the Police Department introduced its first full time traffic officer to meet the needs of the residents who have expressed concerns such as speeding. The Traffic Officer is able to perform duties such as traffic studies, and speed studies, to provide the department with a greater ability to maximize the safety of our roadways.

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The Police Department has also continued its efforts with Community Policing, and the Township continues to have a full time Community Policing Officer. The police department now also has a Police Sub Station in all of our Schools here in Little Falls, which our officers utilize to complete their reports during the school day rather than utilizing the police headquarters, to put additional officers in our schools at random hours of the day to further provide a level of security and safety to our schools by increasing the police presence.

Our community policing officer, Cpl. Jon Vanak, organized Little Falls' first national night out, which despite the weather being uncooperative, was an incredible success, which we hope to have grow year after year. Our community policing officer also organized the Townships first Toys for Tots drive which delivered over 800 gifts to children in need.

In 2018, the Little Falls Police Department became just the second town in Passaic County to issue Tasers to its officers which provides our officers a less than lethal alternative to address a dangerous situation.

By way of statistics, in 2018, the Little Falls Police Department traveled 154,358 miles. To put that into perspective, that's enough miles to travel around the earth 6.1 times. They performed over 400 school walk throughs, almost 1,000 school arrival and dismissal safety assignments, responded to over 6,450 9-1-1 calls, stopped 6,950 vehicles, wrote 8,500 reports, and performed over 1000 radar posts, while risking their lives each day for our safety, and most importantly, while maintaining the positive attitude that our officers display each and every day. The Police Department continues its movement towards a greener department as we limit the amount of idol time of the police vehicles. Just an incredible job by our Police Department, and I'm proud to have them here in the town I call home. In 2019, our Police department will continue to pursue its accreditation, another rigorous three year process, all while developing a Drone Program to better assist officers in searches and safety. In 2019, the township also intends to further expand its traffic officer program so that our roadways remain as safe as possible.

In 2018, the Fire Department, led by Department Chief Jack Sweezy, who was just elected to another three year term as Department Chief, has continued its Full Time Paid EMS Service, which has substantially reduced response times for our Emergency Medical Responders, saving lives. Our Fire Department, through our paid EMS program, costs the Township no more money than our volunteer service did, when response times and service was substantially delayed. The Township purchased two new ambulances in 2017 a package deal with Paterson which greatly reduced the cost of each ambulance due to the large quantity ordered, and those ambulances were put into service in 2018.

Over the 2018 calendar year, the Little Falls Fire Department continued to expand its Rapid Entry System program and we now have more commercial and residential buildings with emergency Knox Box keys for quick entry by our Fire Department and emergency responders.

This past year, the Little Falls Fire Department responded to a total of 572 alarms and the Little Falls EMS responded to a total of 1,559 medical emergency calls for assistance, for a total of 2,131 emergency calls, not to mention the non-emergency calls that our Fire Department responded to, including their assistance to the residents in pumping out their basements following the August 11th flood.

There were four active fires in Little Falls in 2018 where the Fire Department had to work for an extended period of time to mitigate the emergency. Most importantly, all of these emergencies were addressed without any substantial injury or loss of life.

2019 marks the 115th Anniversary of the Little Falls Fire Department, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone one of our members for all that they do each and every days as they are always prepared to respond to a fire.

Our DPW has also been busy in 2018, led by DPW Superintendent Phil Simone. In 2018 Duva field began displaying its new, state of the art LED athletic lights which not only more adequately lit the fields, but did so at a cost savings to the town with the new LED lighting. This project was largely funded with grants from Passaic County Open Space Trust Fund dollars, which this council and I will continue to pursue to assist in providing upgrades and improvements to our parks and open space, to offset increased costs to our residents.

The new state of the art LED lights throughout Wilmore Park are now installed, and looked incredible, especially during the holiday season. This will also allow our Summer Concert goers to have some additional light in the early evening. These new lights also help to enhance the Morris Canal Greenway that runs parallel with the park providing some much needed light along the canal path.

In 2018, the Township has continued its road resurfacing program, which was suspended under prior administrations, as we strive to bring all of our roadways up to date. This past year, the Jackson Park area of town had most of its roadways resurfaced. This happened in conjunction with the PSE&G gas main upgrades that are ongoing throughout the Township, through a partnership with PSE&G to ensure that roadways that were in need of the entire roadway being repaved got just that, rather than a roadway where only half of the road was paved. This Council and I are dedicated to ensuring that our damaged roads are repaved, and that our infrastructure does not fail us.

This year the DPW purchased a new Compactor Truck to replace our former truck which was several decades old. The Township also began taking active steps to improve our Fairfield Ave Pump Station that services a good portion of the Singac section of town.

As everyone is aware, this year, unfortunately our Township was hit with a flash flood on a day that I will never forget. August 11, 2018. On that day, and for the weeks following the flood, our DPW put everything on hold to assist al of the residents who were affected by the flood and removed all of the debris and household items that our residents were removing from their homes on a daily basis. Our DPW helped bring the normalcy back to this section of our town, for which I owe them my gratitude.

On a lighter note, the Little Falls DPW continues to be second to none when it comes to cleaning roads after a snowstorm. I'm certain that everyone remembers the November snow storm that brought almost the entire state to a halt; well not here in Little Falls. The Little Falls DPW had the roadways in Little Falls down to the blacktop before other towns even had a plow on the road. As a result of this storm, and after discussions with the County, the Township has now partnered even closer with the County, and now, the County salt truck will no longer have to go back to the County facility to be refilled with salt, but rather, will stay in Little Falls, and the Township will fill the truck during the storm, which the County will replenish following the storm. This means our County roads will be cleaner than ever, and getting more attention than they ever have in the past, because the County Plow and Salt Truck will stay right here in Little Falls during the entirety of a storm.

Our Parks and Recreation facilities have also had some major improvements made to them, and I need to thank our Rec Director John Pace for his oversight of our Recreation Department.

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Our Civic Center, which houses our senior services and town hall style meetings recently had a new sound system installed to better tend to the needs of our residents. We have also received a grant to install a new, ADA accessible ramp and door in the rear of the Civic Center which will be designed and installed in 2019.

In 2019, the Tennis Courts will have new LED lights installed to bring our Courts up to par to play tennis at night, and in 2019 the Township is excited to be installing what will be the first pickleball courts anywhere in the surrounding area.

The Rec Department also initiated a community pass system which will allow all payments for recreation activities to be made online, which will also assist with the scheduling of the usage of the fields.

In 2019, I look forward to continuing to improve our parks, civic center, and recreation facilities by installing modern audio systems at Duva Field, the Recreation Center, and Wilmore Park. We can also look forward to new dugouts and batting cages, which will be installed over the course of the summer.

Little Falls will also be taking on a Green Initiative this year, as we work towards a greener and more sustainable Little Falls. This is a Little Falls that I hope we are, and can all be proud of, especially as we move forward over the years to come.

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

Finally, I want to thank all of you for placing your trust in me as your Mayor, and for your overwhelming support over the past two years. I have truly enjoyed each day that I have been fortunate enough to serve as your Mayor. I look forward to the next two years of this term, and what is in store for the Township.

As I have stated in the past, if you ever have any issues, no matter how big or small, no matter day or night, I invite you to contact me by phone, email, text, Facebook, Instagram, or even Snapchat.

I hope I have made everyone proud of the 2018 that we have all had here in Little Falls, and I look forward to continuing to serve as your Mayor in 2019.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Wenzel had nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Kahwaty, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Luis Fernandez, 54 Harrison Street, requested clarification regarding the Ordinance No. 1344. Mr. Wenzel provided legal clarification and derivation of the 9 o'clock timeframe. He further explained the process the solicitor must go through to submit an application stating it is more extensive than other municipalities. Mayor Damiano elaborated how the modification was a defensive measure to protect the Township from future liability and law suits.

Raymond Kostroski, 3 Garden Street, questioned whether there were exemptions from the requirements, to which Council President SGOBBA confirmed that certain groups are exempt.

Doothy O'Haire, Turnberry Road, agreed with Mr. Fernandez's concerns regarding Ordinance No. 1344 and queried whether a condo association could limit solicitors' hours. In agreement with Council President SGOBBA, Mr. Wenzel further explained the condo association would have to consult their attorney to determine appropriateness. In reply to Ms. O'Haire, Council President SGOBBA stated the track hoe is at the Woodland Park DPW. In response to Ms. O'Haire's concern that the grant specifically stated the track hoe be stored indoors, Council President SGOBBA requested Mayor Damiano facilitate such. Mayor Damiano clarified that the keys to the track hoe have not been delivered until payment is rendered, and at that time the location change may then be pursued.

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

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Kahwaty, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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

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

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REPORTS

Municipal Clerk's Report – Month of December 2018

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT
Month of December 2018

ABC LICENSES		
OTHER LICENSES		
Business Licenses	\$6,340.00	
Pre-paid Business Licenses		
Raffle Licenses		
		\$6,340.00
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS		
Fees & Permits	\$264.00	
Marriage Licenses-LF	\$9.00	
Marriage Licenses-NJ	\$75.00	
		\$348.00
MRNA		
Street Maps	3.00	
Zoning Maps	24.00	
Zoning Ordinances		
Document Copies	\$4.80	
Garage Sales		
Misc. Fees & Refunds:	\$25.00	
		\$56.80
TOTAL MRNA		\$56.80
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT		\$6,744.80
TOTAL TO TREASURER		<u>\$6,744.80</u>

Municipal Clerks Dog/Cat License Report - Month of December 2018

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT
Month of December 2018

Dog Licenses issued 12/01/2018 thru 12/31/2018	
Nos. 326 to 334 = 9 Licenses	
Amount due Little Falls	\$61.20
Amount due State	\$10.80
Total Cash Received	\$72.00
Cat Licenses issued 11/01/2018 thru 11/30/2018	
Nos. 0 to 0	
Licenses Issued	
Total Cash Received	
Total to Treas.	<u>\$72.00</u>

Tax Collector's Report – Month of December, 2018

MONTHLY REPORT

Municipality of Township of Little Falls
Office of the Tax Collector
Township of Little Falls Current Account, Lakeland Bank
Revenues Collector for the Month of December 2018

Categories 01-	December 1-31, 2018	2018 Year to Date
2018 Taxes	\$297,713.93	\$45,219,246.48
2017&2016 Taxes	120.98	462,702.06
2019 Prepaid	79,532.43	245,713.68
Interest	11,996.39	109,369.28
Township Tax Title Lien	12,360.73	12,360.73
Cost of Tax Sale	0.00	1,991.62
Duplicate Tax Bills	5.00	135.00
Insufficient Check Fee	0.00	440.00
Misc. Fee	50.00	150.00
6% Penalty Fee	0.00	4,975.24
GRAND TOTALS	\$401,779.46	\$46,057,084.09

Delinquent 2016 Taxes	\$817,595.89
Delinquent 2017 Taxes	3,122.26
Delinquent 2018 Taxes	<u>309,586.09</u>
Total Delinquent Taxes	\$1,211,304.24

2018 Refunds this month =	-\$1,161.01
2018 Year to date refunds =	-\$44,043.32
Breakdown of refunds for years 2013-2018 completed in 2018(see attached).	

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REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2018

Months	2013 STCJ	2014 STCJ	2015 STCJ	2016 STCJ	2017 STCJ	2018 CBJ	Regular 2018	2018 Veteran/Widow	2018 Senior/Disabled	Exempt 2018	Total by Months
January	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
February	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
March	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,537.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,537.47
April	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
May	\$0.00	\$2,080.83	\$2,137.82	\$2,169.10	\$2,198.29	\$0.00	\$1,473.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,059.59
June	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
July	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	\$0.00
September	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,911.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,162.20	\$15,073.68
October	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,490.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,490.17
November	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,824.44	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$4,232.80	\$9,307.24
December	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,161.01	\$1,161.01
Totals	\$0.00	\$2,080.83	\$2,137.82	\$2,169.10	\$2,198.29	\$0.00	\$34,237.31	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$9,556.01	\$52,629.36

Note: The above figures represent the months that the Tax Collector did the adjustments in the computer; the Resolution(s) may have been adopted in the next month.

STCJ = State Tax Court Judgments.
CBJ= County Board Judgments.

Municipality of Township of Little Falls
Office of the Tax Collector
Township of Little Falls Tax Collector Trust 1 (Lien Monies), Lakeland Bank
Revenues for the Month of December 2018

	Deposit	2018 Year-to-Date
January 2018	\$19,800.97	\$19,800.97
February 2018	\$ 0.00	\$19,800.97
March 2018	\$ 0.00	\$19,800.97
April 2018	\$ 0.00	\$19,800.97
May 2018	\$ 0.00	\$19,800.97
June 2018	\$ 0.00	\$19,800.97
July 2018	\$ 0.00	\$19,800.97
August 2018	\$84,471.06	\$104,272.03
September 2018	\$ 0.00	\$104,272.03
October 2018	\$ 0.00	\$104,272.03
November 2018	\$ 5,777.32	\$110,049.35
December 2018	\$ 0.00	\$110,049.35
Total Collected as of December 31, 2018		\$110,049.35

Municipality of Township of Little Falls
Office of the Tax Collector
Township of Little Falls Tax Collector Trust 2 (Lien Premium Monies), Lakeland Bank
Revenues for the Month of December 2018

	Liens with Premiums Redeemed/ (-)	Bal. /Dep. (+)
Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2018)		\$286,300.00
January 2018	\$ -8,900.00	\$277,400.00
February 2018	\$ 0.00	\$277,400.00
March 2018	\$ 0.00	\$277,400.00
April 2018	\$ 0.00	\$277,400.00
May 2018	\$ 0.00	\$277,400.00
June 2018	\$ 0.00	\$227,400.00
July 2018	\$ 0.00	\$277,400.00
August 2018	\$ -66,600.00	\$210,800.00
September 2018	\$ 0.00	\$210,800.00
October 2018 (Tax Sale Premiums)	\$+26,000.00	\$236,800.00
November 2018	\$ -1,000.00	\$235,800.00
December 2018	\$ 0.00	\$235,800.00
Ending Balance as of December 31, 2018		\$235,800.00

Tax Collector's 2018 Current Year
Annual Report N.J.S.A. 54:4-91

Current Year Taxes:

2018 Current Year Levy	\$47,313,324.36	
2018 Added Assessment Taxes	233,470.97	
2018 Total Current Year Tax Levy		\$47,545,795.33

Less:

Tax Collected in 2017	\$ 1,756,771.80	
Tax Collected in 2018 (-refunds)	45,175,203.16	
Deductions Allowed/Disallowed	77,736.32	
Sub-Total Current Year Levy		\$47,009,711.28

Tax Title Liens as of 12/31/18	\$ 76,445.72	
Canceled	69,713.23	
Overpaid Not Refunded	-661.99	

Total Credits/Debits	\$ 47,155,209.44	
Amount Outstanding as of 12/31/18		\$ 390,586.09

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2017 Delinquent Taxes:

Balance as of 12/31/17 \$ 478,378.61

Increased By:

2017 Added Assessments \$ 14,881.89
 2017 Omitted/Added Assessments 1,149.75
 Refunds 2,198.29
 Senior Disallowances 2,302.74
 Total Increases: 20,532.67
 Sub-Total \$ 498,911.28

Decreased By:

Other Adjustments 2,198.64
 Tax Title Liens 31,196.59
 Total Cash Paid 462,393.79
495,789.02

Amount Outstanding as of 12/31/18 \$3,122.26

2016 Delinquent Taxes:

Balance as of 12/31/17 \$ 817,904.16

Increased By:

Refunds \$2,169.10
 Total Increases: 2,169.10
 Sub-Total \$ 820,073.26

Decreased By:

Other Adjustments 2,169.10
 Total Cash Paid 308.27
 Total decreases 2,477.37

Amount Outstanding as of 12/31/18 \$817,595.89

Recreation Report – Month of December, 2018

The following is a condensed version of our Excel work spread sheet providing the data on an ongoing basis for the Receptions Center.

Participants: indicates only those who participated in the various programs held here during the each month, it is not reflective of any spectators who might have attended these events.

Session: indicates the number of events held during each month.

Hours: indicates the total number of hours which were used to hold the session during each month and is not reflective of the total number hours the facility was open. It should be noted that the utilized number of hours may exceed the total number of hours of operation due to multiple events occurring at the same time.

Recreation Center Usage Report

Month	Participants	Sessions	Hours Utilized
January 2018	4,284	165	333
February 2018	3,493	157	306
March 2018	2,949	170	198
April 2018	3,796	175	243
May 2018	6,544	173	205
June 2018	6,790	188	341
July 2018	6,547	185	275
August 2018	3,115	105	195
September 2018	4,875	182	237
October 2018	4,839	175	265
November 2018	2,875	160	205
December 2018	3,325	181	300

Civic Center Report - Month of December, 2018

The following is a condensed version of our Excel work spread sheet providing the data on an ongoing basis for the Civic Center.

Month	Participants
January 2018	365
February 2018	427
March 2018	649
April 2018	548
May 2018	605
June 2018*	420
July 2018	455
August 2018	680
September 2018	450
October 2018	805
November 2018*	558
December 2018	1,213**
Total for the year	7,175

*Does not include Election Day usage

**Includes School #1 evacuation drill

Police Department Report - Month of December, 2018

PATROL DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT – December, 2018

This agency handled **31,297** details between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018.

This agency completed **8,154** reports between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018.

This agency had **1,124** inbound telephone calls and XXXXX outbound calls during the month of December, 2018.

This agency received **588** 911 calls during the month of December, 2018.

The Little Falls Police Department handled **2,435** details and wrote **535** Operation/Investigation reports between December 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018.

The patrol division patrolled **13,153** miles during the month of December, 2018.

Calls for Service

Call Type	Total
Medical emergency	63
Fire Department incident	5
Narcan deployment	1
Burglar alarms/false	18
Burglar alarms/valid	8
Domestic violence incidents	7
Burglary	0
Criminal mischief	1
Theft	6
Suspicious person/vehicle/incident	26
General investigation	28
Noise complaint	5
All others not listed	367

Traffic Summary

Crashes	Total
Motor vehicle crashes	90
Motor vehicle crash injuries	14
Motor vehicle crash fatalities	0
Enforcement	Total
Motor vehicle stops	719
Speeding summonses	39
DWI summonses	4
Driving while suspended summonses	28
Uninsured vehicle summonses	15
Moving violations	327
Parking violations	8
Total summonses issued	335

Arrest Summary

Total Arrests - 35

Type of Arrest	Total
CDS	19
DWI	5
Warrant	4
Domestic Violence	6
Theft	0
All others	1

Directed Patrol Summary

Detail Type	Total
School arrival	46
School dismissal	27
School walk through	39
Radar post	99
Park check	77
Vacant house check	24
Extra attention check	11
DWI/Aggressive driving patrol	14
Foot patrol	13

Patrol Division Time & Attendance

Type of Hours	Total
Vacation	260
Holiday	184
Compensatory	225.5
Sick	72
Personal time	35
Credit time	128
Administrative	0
PBA day	0
Schedule transition	24
Bereavement	0
Overtime due to Training	8
Overtime hours to maintain minimum staffing level	140
Overtime due to incident/weather/other event	0

18 out of a total of 62 shifts during the month of December were below minimum staffing.

Patrol staffing level during month: 3.75

Major incident/Notable achievement

*Patrol Officers participated in the State of New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign from December 7, 2018 until December 31, 2018.

*Patrol officers responded to an opiate overdose on December 7, 2018. Two doses of Narcan were administered to the patient who then regained consciousness and was transported to the hospital.

COMMUNITY POLICING

Detail Type	Total
Cell block inspection	19
School arrivals	15
School dismissals	10
School walk thru	15
Vacant house checks	21
Child car seat installations	1
Headquarters safety inspections	0
Project medicine box emptied	1 (29 lbs)
Trips to Covanta for prescription drug destruction	0
Community function appearances	3
School function appearances	0

Special projects/details

*Assisted with (3) evacuation drills at all three elementary schools.
 *Attended Alzheimer’s training December 5, 2018.
 *Gave tour of Headquarters to Girl Scouts December 6, 2018.
 *Attended Christmas Tree lighting December 7, 2018.
 *Attended senior lunch at Civic Center on December 12, 2018.
 *Collected over 500 toys for Toys for Tots that were delivered to Picatinny Arsenal on December 14, 2018.

TRAFFIC DIVISION

Detail Type	Total
Traffic details	173
Radar posts	11
Crashes investigated	10
Speedometer calibrations	0
Alcotest maintenance assignments	1
Traffic meetings attended	3
Traffic complaints received	40
Road job safety checks	7
Assisted patrol	23
Enforcement	Total
Motor vehicle stops	73
Moving summonses	75
Parking summonses	2
Total summonses issued	77

Special projects/details

- Traffic Study: Woodcliffe Ave between Township border and Clarence Avenue (Township Ordinance 7-22; No Turn between 6a-8p). Ordinance is not in the system, no fine assessed for the violation. Court advised to fix
 - Traffic Study: Main Street between Stevens Ave and Center Ave. Parking spaces to potentially be removed along the south side of Main Street.
 - SAGE – DWI Grant; December 7th 2018 – January 1st 2019
 - Crossing guards- Substitute assigned to posts due to added post and injury (PVHS)
 - Assist own agency: 22
 - Parking complaint/enforcement: 5
 - Administrative Details: 3
 - School Crossing Assignments: 2

Investigative Division Monthly Division Report

December, 2018

Case Management

9 Cases were assigned during the month of December, currently 9 of 7 remain open/active. 4 cases were closed from the previous months. 49 cases remain open/inactive, until further information is gained.

Off-Hour Call-outs

0 incident required a detective to respond during off hours, for the month of November.

Monthly Staffing

Hours Off 122.75 Overtime Hours 3 Division Strength 2.2

Vehicles

D-1 (GMC Envoy): Mileage 108,633 Repairs Needed N/A
 D-2 (Chevy Tahoe) Mileage ----- Repairs Needed -----
 D-3 (Ford Explorer) Mileage 87,224 Repairs Needed N/A
 Undercover vehicles, repairs needed N/A

Complaints Issued

3 Criminal complaints (Warrants/Summonses) were signed by the investigative division during the month of December.

Narcotics

0 arrests were made by the investigative division for drug related offenses. There is 1 open/active drug investigations, during the month of December.

0 Confidential Informants were registered.

0 Controlled buys were made.

29 pounds of prescription medication were deposited in the Prescription Drug Box. 0 trips were made to Cavanta Essex Co. in Newark for disposal, during the month of December.

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Grand Jury/Superior Court Appearances

Detectives were required to appear in Superior court or Grand Jury for 1 case during the month of December.

Search Warrants

0 Search Warrants and 0 Communication Data Warrants (CDW's) were executed during the month of December.

Internal Affairs

0 Internal Affairs complaints were indexed during the month of December. 0 Internal Affairs complaints were investigated and closed. 5 cases remain open and under investigation. 0 cases resulted in disciplinary action, requiring a suspension of ten (10) or more days.

Background Investigations

The investigative division conducted 0 Police Applicant investigations, 1 Dispatcher Applicant investigations and 0 Crossing Guard Applicant investigations in the month of December.

Megan's Law Restrictions

There were 0 New Registrations, 1 re-registrations and address verifications. 0 moved out of our jurisdiction during the month of December. There are currently 10 registered Sex Offenders residing in the Township.

Property and Evidence

During the month of December, 6 pieces of Property were entered into the Beast Evidence System and secured. (includes found property, recovered stolen property and items left for safekeeping)

- 1 Firearms/weapons were entered into the Beast Evidence System and secured.
- 27 pieces of Evidence were entered into the Beast Evidence System and secured.
 - 8 pieces of Drug Evidence were transported to the N.J. State Police Lab.
 - 1 piece of Forensic Evidence were transported to the N.J. State Police Labs at Hamilton or Holmdel, N.J.
- 3 Drug Screens were transported to the N.J. State Medical Examiner's Office.
- \$0 Dollars in seized currency were turned over to the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office for forfeiture proceedings.

Notable Cases

Case Number	Charges	Detective/s Assigned	Length of Investigation
18-07624	Criminal Sexual Assault	J. Macaluso	3 days
18-07858	Poss. Weapon unlawful Purp	Gilchrist	1 week
18-07339	Receive Stolen Prop., ID Theft	Gilchrist	2 months

Notes

The investigation division has begun background investigations on 12 entry level police candidates. While not working assigned cases detectives work on these backgrounds.
 One C.I. has been terminated due to violating the terms of the agreement, this ends months of investigative work and a controlled buy with a larger target.
 One new Narc. Invest. has began, which will require the aid on multiple neighboring agencies.

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION – Administrative Monthly Report – December 2018

RECORDS BUREAU

Discovery and OPRA

15 Discovery Packages were prepared for defense attorneys, the public defender, and the public during the month of *December*.
11 Discovery Cases involving Digital (Audio/Video) files were processed and uploaded to Dropbox for defense attorneys, the public defender and prosecutors during the month of *December*.
15 OPRA requests were processed for the month of *December*.

681 Pages of reports were facilitated and forwarded to the Township Clerk's Office for OPRA requests during the month of *December*.

\$846.20 was collected by the Records Bureau during the month of *December*.
 Discover **\$25.20**/Firearms **\$21.00**/Accidents **\$740.00**/Fingerprints **\$XX.XX**/Solicitor **\$60.00**
3 Expungement Orders were received and processed for the month of *December*.

Firearms

4 Applications for Firearms Permits/ID cards were received from residents during the month of *December*.
12 Firearms Permits and **4** Firearm ID cards were prepared, finalized, and provided to residents during the month of *December*.

Background Investigations

Firearms – **7** firearms background investigation /permit was processed during the month of *December*.
Permit to Carry – **0** permit to carry applications were completed during the month of *December*.
Solicitor(s) - **6** solicitor's permit backgrounds were processed during the month of *December*.
CAD Search - **0** CAD inquiries were conducted for the hiring process of other agencies in *December*.

TRAINING

Commercial Motor Vehicle Criminal Interdiction – Ptlm. Cespedes

Firearm Qualifications: Winter Qualifications were scheduled in December for new handguns and 4th quarter rifle training on the following dates: 11/26, 12/3, 12/4, 12/10 and 12/17

Handgun Qualifications

- Winter handgun qualifications were completed by the following Officers for the month of **December**: Chief Post, Lt. Minnella, Lt. Briggs, Sgt. R. Prall, Sgt. B. Prall, Sgt. Presing, Cpl. Strothers, Cpl. Post, Dept. Cpl. Macaluso, Cpl. Vanak, Cpl. Monaco, Det. Gilchrist, Ptlm. Shaplo, Ptlm. Pinnola, Ptlm. Fleck, Ptlm. Emperio, Ptlm. Tulling, Ptlm. Kania, Ptlm. Cespedes, Ptlm, Timmerman

Shotgun Training

- None at this time.

Rifle Training

- Rifle Qualifications were completed by the following Officers for the month of **December**: Chief Post, Lt. Minnella, Sgt. B. Prall, Sgt. Presing, Cpl. Strothers, Cpl. Post, Cpl. Monaco, Det. Gilchrist, Ptlm. Shaplo, Ptlm. Pinnola, Ptlm. Fleck, Ptlm. Emperio, Ptlm, Tulling, Ptlm. Kania, Ptlm. Cespedes, Ptlm, Timmerman

Taser Training

- TASER Recertification was completed by the following officers during the month of **December**: Chief Post, Sgt. Gianduso, Sgt. Romaine, Sgt. B. Prall, Sgt. Presing, Cpl. Strothers

Online Training

Power DMS:

- Training courses **scheduled and/or in-progress**: None at this time

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- Training Courses **completed:** Domestic Violence Training Module (4 Hour Mandatory Training), Use of Force Training Module, HazMat Awareness

NJ Learn Training:

- None at this time.

Other:

- None at this time.

Field Training

- None at this time.

SYNOPSIS OF TRAINING

On 12/4 thru 12/6, **Ptln. Jonathan Cespedes** attended Commercial Motor Vehicle Criminal Interdiction hosted by MAGLOCLEN and South Eastern PA Criminal Interdiction Working Group, in Newtown, PA. The purpose of this training is to familiarize Law Enforcement personnel with current trends and patterns in the use of commercial vehicles for significant criminal activity.

Topics covered include:

- The Norms of the Vehicle industry
- The indicators of commercial vehicle criminal activity
- Current drug trafficking trends and smuggling patterns
- Current criminal trends and trafficking patterns involving commercial vehicles
- Bulk drug movement indicators and detection methods
- Commercial vehicle driver interview techniques
- Indicators of a driver using, possessing, selling, or hauling illicit drugs
- Commercial vehicle rapid assessment/criminal interdiction techniques
- Commercial vehicle contraband concealment techniques
- Commercial vehicle search techniques
- Characteristics of impaired drivers
- Compliance to search and seizure law(s) applicable to roadside encounters
- Use of the El Paso Intelligence Center ~ EPIC

DISPATCHER TIME OFF AND COVERAGE

Dispatcher Time Off

COMP – 69 Hours HOL – 88.5 Hours VAC – 62 Hours PER – 13.5 Hours
 C/T – 17 Hours SICK – 12 Hours FML - 12 Hours

Dispatcher Coverage – Overtime

Part-time Dispatcher Hours Worked – 160.5 hours Full-time Dispatcher OT Comp – 24 hours
 Part-time Dispatcher Training (Aguilar) – 111.5 hours Dispatch OT Covered by Patrol – 16 hours
 Full-time Dispatcher OT CASH – 73 hours

Accreditation, IT Projects, Technical Issues, Discovery Recordings

Patrol Unit #818 – MVR (Verus/Data 911) MVR was returned from service and re-installed. A systems check was done. The MVR was determined to be operational and the patrol unit was put back in service. Accreditation management set up for TRG to begin 2018 Proof gathering.

FLEET MANAGEMENT (See Attached)

Date	Unit	Mileage	Maintenance/ Complaint	Repair	Location	Invoice	Cost	BD#	OOS	BIS
12/2/18	811	21546	Radar Antenna	Replaced bracket	HQ	NA	\$0.00	730	12/3	12/3
12/5/18	813	68608	Odor in passenger	Nothing noted	DPW	NA	\$0.00	759	12/5	12/5
12/5/18	815	6928	E-ticket Not Working	Installed replacement unit	HQ	NA	\$0.00	758	12/5	12/5
12/6/18	C-2	115429	L/F Window not work	Replace switch	P&A Auto	97161	\$142.01	756	12/6	12/6
12/6/18	C-2	115429	Headlight	Replace RF Headlight	DPW	NA	\$0.00	716	12/6	12/6
12/6/18	815	6928	Oil Service	Oil Service	DPW	NA	\$7.62	716	12/21	12/21
12/6/18	813	7419	Oil Service	Oil Service	DPW	NA	\$7.62	716	12/21	12/21
12/6/18	811	21595	Oil Service	Oil Service	DPW	NA	\$7.62	716	12/21	12/21
12/12/18	812	68707	Oil Service	Oil Service	DPW	NA	\$7.62	716	12/21	12/21
12/21/18	812	68707	Engine Noise	Skid plate struck/loose	DPW	NA	\$0.00	S/C	12/21	12/21
12/14/18	818	47088	Engine Light	Reset after service	DPW	NA	\$0.00	S/C	12/21	12/21
12/14/18	818	47088	Oil Service	Oil Service	DPW	NA	\$7.62	716	12/21	12/21
12/21/18	817	24224	Oil Service	Oil Service	DPW	NA	\$7.62	716	12/21	12/21
12/21/18	816	41718	Transmission Noise	Service Trans	Wayne Ford		\$0.00	716	12/21	
Total							\$187.73			

Construction Report – Month of December, 2018

Uniform Construction Code

Permits Issued –44
 Total Value of Construction - \$429,477
 Certificate of Occupancy - \$100.00
 Permit Fees Collected - \$8,095.00
 Permit Fees Waived - \$3,854.00
 Total Fees Collected - \$8,195.00

Zoning

Fence Permits – 0 @ \$50.00
 Zoning Fees – \$1,910.00
 Total Fees Collected - \$1,910.00

Property Maintenance

Certificates of Compliance Fees – \$1830.00
 Zoning Inspections – 22
 Complaints – 10
 Violations Issued - 2
 Roll-off permits – 7 @ \$10.00 = \$70.00
 Total Fees Collected - \$1900.00

TOTAL \$12,005.00

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Uniform Construction Code

Permits Issued –762
 Total Value of Construction - \$16,407,620.00
 Certificate of Occupancy - \$6,795.00
 Permit Fees Collected - \$278,495.00
 Elevator Admin. Fees - \$1,696.00
 Penalties - \$2,000.00
 Permit Fees Waived - \$18,985.00
 Total Fees Collected - \$288,986.00

Zoning

44 Fence Permits – \$2,200
 40 Zoning Applications - \$8,000
 Soil Removal - \$103.99
 Planning Board Fees - \$11,852.00
 Total Fees Collected - \$22,155.99

Property Maintenance

Certificates of Compliance Fees – \$19,804.00
 120 Roll-off permits - \$1,200.00
 Total Fees Collected - \$21,004.00

Total Revenue \$332,145.99

APPLICATIONS

BLUE LIGHT PERMIT, JOHN CONTI, PROSPECT STREET, LITTLE FALLS, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

RED LIGHT PERMIT, PAUL HOLZACH, VIEWMONT TERRACE, LITTLE FALLS, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

RAFFLE, HENRY BUIKEMA AMERICAN LEGION POST 121, ANNUAL LICENSE, INSTANT RAFFLE GAME, 3/2/19 - 3/2/20, 55 VAN NESS AVENUE, LITTLE FALLS

RAFFLE, PASSAIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC., MERCHANDISE RAFFLE, 5/3/19, 7 P.M. – 10 P.M., 245 PATERSON AVENUE, LITTLE FALLS

RAFFLE, PASSAIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC., ON-PREMISE 50/50, 5/3/19, 7 P.M. – 10 P.M., 245 PATERSON AVENUE, LITTLE FALLS

CORRESPONDENCE

REQUEST FROM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD A CAN SHAKE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019 AND SUNDAY APRIL 28, 2019 FROM 8AM TO 6PM AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF ROUTE 23 AND MAIN STREET AND AMIN STREET AND UNION BOULEVARD

RESOLUTIONS

Property Tax Appeal 600-620 Route 46

RESOLUTION [A] 19-01-28 - #1

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls have been advised of the proposed settlement of the property Tax Appeal filed by Ararat Properties LLC (hereinafter the “Tax Appeal”), under Docket Numbers 003356-2013; 003980-2014; 005980-2015; 005901-2016 and 004920-2017, and;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Tax Appeal involves a commercial property located at 600-620 Route 46, and is also designated as Block 203, Lot 1 on the tax assessment map of the Township (hereinafter the “subject property”), and;

WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has been advised as to the merits of the subject Tax Appeal by legal counsel, the Township Appraiser and the Township Tax Assessor, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed Tax Appeal settlement components are set forth in the Schedule “A” attached hereto and made part hereof, and;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township to settle the subject Tax Appeal in accordance with the settlement proposal set forth hereinabove.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls, that the proposed settlement of the aforesaid Tax Appeal be approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that with respect to the same, the Mayor, Township Administrator, Township Tax Attorney, Township Tax Assessor, Tax Collector Treasurer and/or any other appropriate Township official is hereby authorized to perform any act necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth in this Resolution

SCHEDULE “A”

The terms of the aforesaid Tax Appeal settlement shall consist as follows:

Property Owner	Block/Lot	Year	Original Assessment	Proposed Settlement
Ararat Properties LLC	203/1	2013	\$1,041,000	Withdraw
Ararat Properties LLC	203/1	2014	\$1,041,000	Withdraw
Ararat Properties LLC	203/1	2015	\$1,041,000	Withdraw
Ararat Properties LLC	203/1	2016	\$1,041,000	\$1,000,000
Ararat Properties LLC	203/1	2017	\$1,041,000	\$975,000
Ararat Properties LLC	203/1	2018	\$1,041,000	\$975,000

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Property Tax Appeal 123 Newark Pompton Turnpike

RESOLUTION [B] 19-01-28 - #2

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls have been advised of the proposed settlement of the property Tax Appeal filed by 123 NPT LLC (hereinafter the "Tax Appeal"), under Docket Numbers 009952-2015, 010422-2016, 009318-2017 & 009344-2018, and;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Tax Appeal involves a commercial property located at 123 Newark Pompton Turnpike, and is also designated as Block 53, Lot 37 on the tax assessment map of the Township (hereinafter the "subject property"), and;

WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has been advised as to the merits of the subject Tax Appeal by legal counsel, the Township Appraiser and the Township Tax Assessor, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed Tax Appeal settlement components are set forth in the Schedule "A" attached hereto and made part hereof, and;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township to settle the subject Tax Appeal in accordance with the settlement proposal set forth hereinabove.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls, that the proposed settlement of the aforesaid Tax Appeal be approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that with respect to the same, the Mayor, Township Administrator, Township Tax Attorney, Township Tax Assessor, Tax Collector Treasurer and/or any other appropriate Township official is hereby authorized to perform any act necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth in this Resolution

SCHEDULE "A"

The terms of the aforesaid Tax Appeal settlement shall consist as follows:

Property Owner	Block/Lot	Year	Original Assessment	Proposed Settlement
123 NPT LLC	53/37	2015	\$379,700	Withdraw
123 NPT LLC	53/37	2016	\$379,700	\$300,000
123 NPT LLC	53/37	2017	\$379,700	\$300,000
123 NPT LLC	53/37	2018	\$379,700	Withdraw

Municipal Alliance Program Funding

**RESOLUTION [C] 19-01-28 - #3
GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE
FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 2014-JUNE 2020**

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore, has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Passaic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Little Falls Municipal Alliance grant for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 (FY2020) in the amount of:
2.

DEDR	\$21,035.00
Cash Match	\$ 5,259.00
In-Kind	\$15,776.00
3. The Township Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Library Door Replacement

RESOLUTION [D] 19-01-28 - #4

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CHANGE ORDER TO COLLINE BROTHERS LOCK & SAFE CO.
FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY DOOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Township Council has received a recommendation from the Township Special Project Engineer, H2M Architects & Engineers regarding the Public Library Door Replacement contract to change contract items as listed in the original specification; and

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 Colline Brothers Lock & Safe Co. for the Public Library Door Replacement project, 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 Colline Brothers Lock & Safe Co. in the amount of \$3,256.25, making the revised contract amount \$21,491.73.

Dedication by Rider for US Department of Treasury Forfeiture Fund Equitable Sharing Program

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
COUNTY OF PASSAIC
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION [E] 19-01-28 - #5**

REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION OF RIDER FOR U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY FORFEITURE FUND EQUITABLE SHARING PROGRAM AS REQUIRED BY 31 U.S.C. §9705 (b)(4)(A) and (b)(4)(B)

WHEREAS, the prior written consent of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is required for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues anticipated during the fiscal year when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, 31 U.S.C. § 9705 (b)(4)(A) and (b)(4)(B) provides for the receipt of U.S. Department of the Treasury Forfeiture Fund under the Equitable Sharing Program by the municipality to provide for the operating costs to administer this act; and

WHEREAS, the Little Falls Police Department anticipates dedicated revenues from the U.S. Department of the Treasury Forfeiture Fund Equitable Sharing Program which, by law, are to be applied to specific purposes; and

WHEREAS, the revenue anticipated during the fiscal year are not subject to accurate estimate in advance; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from the U.S. Department of the Treasury Forfeiture Fund Equitable Sharing Program are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirement.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, New Jersey, that the Municipal Council does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures of the U.S. Department of the Treasury Forfeiture Fund Equitable Sharing Program as required by the United States Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Dedication by Rider for US Department of Justice Assets Forfeiture Fund Equitable Sharing Program

**RESOLUTION [F] 19-01-28 - #6
TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
COUNTY OF PASSAIC
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ASSETS FORFEITURE FUND EQUITABLE SHARING PROGRAM AS REQUIRED BY 21 U.S.C. §881(e)(1)(A), 18 U.S.C. §981(e)(2), AND 19 U.S.C. §1616a

WHEREAS, the prior written consent of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is required for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues anticipated during the fiscal year when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and
WHEREAS, 21 U.S.C. § 881 (e)(1)(A), 18 U.S.C. § 981(e)(2), and 19 U.S.C. §1616a provides for receipt of U.S. Department of Justice Assets Forfeiture Funds under the Equitable Sharing Program by the municipality to provide for the operating costs to administer this act; and

WHEREAS, the Little Falls Police Department anticipates dedicated revenues from the U.S. Department of Justice Assets Forfeiture Fund Equitable Sharing Program which, by law, are to be applied to specific purposes; and

WHEREAS, the revenues anticipated during the fiscal year are not subject to accurate estimate in advance; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from the U.S. Department of Justice Assets Forfeiture Fund Equitable Sharing Program are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, New Jersey that the Municipal Council does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures of the U.S. Department of Justice Assets Forfeiture Fund Equitable Sharing Program as required by the United States Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this Resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

Public Auction of Township Personal Property

**RESOLUTION [G] 19-01-28 - #7
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION OF THE TOWNSHIP'S
PERSONAL PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE**

WHEREAS, the attached is a list of personal property, which is no longer needed for public use by the Township of Little Falls; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-36, "Sale or other disposition of personal property," the governing body may authorize the public sale of municipal owned property no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Little Falls Township Council does hereby declare that the personal property listed is surplus and no longer needed for Township use; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council does hereby authorize the sale of the Township's personal property, not needed for public use, at public auction.

2019 EQUIPMENT AUCTION

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| 2007 Ford E-450 Ambulance | 1FDXE45PX7DA95160 |
| 1978 Ward LaFrance 1250 GPM Pumper | 8013 |
| Three used 125 HP, US motors, three phase 460 V | |
| One rebuilt 30 HP motor, three phase 460 V | |
| One used 3000 GPM Fairbanks & Morris pump | |
| One used 85 KW Onan generator w/transfer switch | |
| Accra Industries 52" PTO snow blower | Serial # 401209 |
| Laurin Inc. enclosed ROPS Cab w/heater | Serial # 0254207 |
| Miscellaneous electronic equipment | VCR, Amplifier, photo printer, 3 battery backups,
Computer monitor, keyboard, 2 radio car consoles |
| Bobcat mower | |
| Toro snow blower (2 cycle) | |
| Toro snow blower | |
| Ariens line trimmer | |
| Billy Goat Vac | |
| Old paint machine | |

LOSAP Eligible Volunteers

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
PASSAIC COUNTY NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION [H] 19-01-28 - #8
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.

Snow Removal Services Bids

RESOLUTION [I] 19-01-28 - #9

WHEREAS, the Township has received and Public Works Superintendent Phillip Simone has reviewed the two proposals for snow removal for the 2018-2019 snow season as follows:

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| Pacific Construction, LLC | |
| 531 Rt 22 East, PMB 240 | |
| White House Station, NJ 08889 | |
| 2008 Ford F250 w/8' plow steel blade | \$240.00 per hour |
| 2005 Ford F450 Mason Dump w 8.5' plow w/steel blade | \$265.00/hour each |
| Jim's Handyman Service, LLC | |
| P.O. Box 657 | |
| Woodland Park, NJ 07424 | |
| 2002 Ford F-150 with 6.5' power steel blade | \$75.00 per hour (up to 6")
\$105.00 per hour (6" and more) |

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Lavf Landscaping, LLC
166 East Third Street
Clifton, NJ 07011

2010 New Holland L-180 Skid Steer Loader
1998 John Deere 410E (4X4) backhoe

\$125.00 per hour
\$165.00 per hour (4hr. min)

and; **WHEREAS**, the DPW Superintendent has recommended that, after the remedying of any deficiencies specified in his report, the proposals be filed for reference and future use as the nature of the snowfall may require relative to the equipment and price proposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls that the proposals received be and are hereby referred to the Superintendent, Public Works for his reference and use as the coming snow season may require.

Licensure of Light Towing Service Companies

**RESOLUTION [J] 19-01-28 - #10
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LICENSURE OF COMPANIES PROVIDING ROTATIONAL LIGHT TOWING SERVICES
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 249 of the Code of the Township of Little Falls for Light Duty Towing and Storage Services, the Township was required to obtain applications for light towing services for the year 2019-2020 cycle, in accordance with the adopted Code; and
WHEREAS, the Township received three (3) applications and the Township Attorney reviewed the applications for legal sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, based on that review, the Township Attorney determined that two (2) of the applications (JML, Inc. and J&M Heavy Tow) contained material defects that could not be corrected; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that one (1) of the applications (Criger Service, Inc.) was compliant with the Township ordinance and determined to be satisfactory upon submission of a Business Registration Certificate; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following light towers shall be issued a license for light towing services:

LIGHT TOWING SERVICES
Criger Service, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following light duty towing and storage service applications are hereby rejected: JML, Inc. and J&M Heavy Tow

Rejecting Bids for Heavy Duty Towing Services

**RESOLUTION [K] 19-01-28 - #11
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, COUNTY OF
PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF BIDS SUBMITTED IN
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR
BIDS FOR HEAVY DUTY TOWING AND STORAGE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls issued a request for bids for Towing and Storage Services, and received two bids in response to the solicitation from JML, Inc. and from J&M Heavy Tow; and

WHEREAS, the bids were reviewed by the Township Attorney for legal sufficiency, and it was determined that there were material defects that could not be corrected with the bids; and

WHEREAS, in light of this determination, the Township desires to reject these bids; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY hereby authorizes the rejection of the bids submitted by JML, Inc. and J&M Heavy Tow for Heavy Duty Towing and Storage Services.

Final 2018 Bill List

RESOLUTION [L] 19-01-28 - #12

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 final 2018 bills presented, that payment of all 2018 final 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.

Bill List

RESOLUTION [M] 19-01-28 - #13

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 Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that the Consent Agenda be approved as printed.

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Kahwaty, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1344-It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, that there be introduced and the meeting of February 25, 2019 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1344
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND CHAPTER 151 (PEDDLING AND SOLICITING) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
LITTLE FALLS**

WHEREAS, the current Municipal Code under Chapter 151 contains certain provisions for the licensing of peddlers, hawkers, solicitors and/or canvassers in the Township of Little Falls as well as restrictions as to the locations and times to conduct this activity; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 151 was enacted to ensure the safety and protection of residents from unlicensed persons and potential criminal activity; and

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WHEREAS, Chapter 151 contains specific limitation as to the times when the aforementioned activity can occur; and
WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined that such a time limitation has the unintended consequence of preventing peddlers and solicitors from reaching citizens throughout the Township and that such time limit has been found unconstitutional by various Courts; and
WHEREAS, the Township Council has found it proper to amend the language of the Code to more accurately reflect the true intent of the regulation to continue to ensure the safety and peace of the residents of the Township while complying with all constitutional guarantees;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, that Chapter 151, Peddlers and Soliciting, of the Code of the Township of Little Falls, is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

§151-5: “Investigation of applicant; right of appeal; hearing”

A. Upon receipt of an application, the Chief of Police shall cause such investigation of the applicant's business and moral character to be made as he deems necessary for the protection of the public good. If as a result of the investigation, the applicant's character or business responsibility is found by the Chief of Police to be unsatisfactory, and the issuance of the license deemed to be contrary to the public good, the Chief of Police shall endorse on the application his disapproval and his reason for the same and shall notify the applicant that his application is disapproved. *The Chief of Police shall at that time provide a written statement of his reasons to the applicant.*

§151-15: “Time restrictions”

- A. No person shall sell, offer for sale, hawk or peddle in the Township before 9:00 a.m. or after ~~5:30~~ 8:00 p.m. nor on Sundays or holidays.
- B. No soliciting or canvassing activities shall be conducted before 9:00 a.m. or later than ~~5:30~~ 8:00 p.m., nor on Sundays or holidays. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Kahwaty, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT –GENERAL MATTERS

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

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Kahwaty, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Luis Fernandez, 54 Harrison Street, referenced the Mayor’s State of the Township report, stating the Council and Mayor should not take credit for the decrease in the budget. Mayor Damiano disagreed with Mr. Fernandez’s statements. He explained while Little Falls as a municipality may have had an increase on the local portion, because of the increase in assessments to increase the bases that this Township has, it offset the taxes paid by residents to the County and to the regional school. Mr. Fernandez made comments regarding Councilmember Liess’ response to a reporter at the December 17, 2018 Workshop meeting. Council President SGOBBA stated Councilmember Liess was an elected official. Councilmember VANCHERI stated Councilmember Liess was unable to answer the reporter’s questions as he was very emotional as it was his last meeting. Councilmember KAHWATY disagreed with Mr. Fernandez’s assertions. Mr. Fernandez then discussed his previous suggestion for a Proclamations regarding insulting people publicly. Councilmember CORDONNIER made a statement regarding respectful treatment of elected officials and that the Council is proud of the job they do and proud of the people they are elected with as well.

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

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Kahwaty, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Council President SGOBBA requested Mr. Simone clarify how often the auction process occurs. Mr. Simone elaborated that equipment is not permitted to be parked outside beyond six months. Therefore once something becomes excess equipment it will be forwarded for Council approval, the auction company is contacted for a date which is then advertised.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk