

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

Monday, July 23, 2018

Council President Anthony Sgobba called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Maria Cordonnier, Willam Liess, 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 Paul Przybylinski.

Township Employees present: DPW Superintendent Phillip Simone, Police Chief Steven Post, and Deputy Registrar Marlene Simone.

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 2, 2018. A copy of the notice was mailed to the North Jersey Herald and News and The Record on the same date. Additionally, a copy of the notice was filed in the office of the Township Clerk on said date.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Liess, that the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of July 9, 2018 and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 25, 2018 be and they were approved.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REMARKS FROM CHAIR

Council President SGOBBA welcomed everyone and announced it was Councilmember Seber's birthday this evening. He reported the automatic doors for the Library will hopefully be completed soon. The Domestic Violence Prevention Committee will have a program in the schools called Healthy and Unhealthy Relationships. Lastly, on behalf of the Council, he hoped the Mayor would entertain having a more relaxed Mayor's forum with the community.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember VANCHERI announced Corporal Moncato will be present at the next Transportation Committee meeting on July 30, 2018. Corporal Moncato will gather a list of streets with signage issues and provide an update on concerns regarding specific streets where complaints were received. He will also work with the Police Department to monitor those streets for speeding.

Councilmember LIESS discussed the Little Falls Historical Society and its monthly article. He encouraged residents to be a part of the Historical Society.

Councilmember CORDONNIER thanked Councilmember Liess for discussing the Historical Society, noting the Society had a fabulous presentation at the ArtWalk which represented the rich history of the Township. She also commented that our CERT members have been coming to every concert in the park to make sure everyone is safe. She recalled an incident that occurred about two weeks ago and commended the response of the CERT team.

Councilmember SEBER thanked the Council for the birthday well wishes. She reminded everyone that National Night Out is on August 7, 2018 and encouraged everyone to attend.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Damiano responded to Council President Sgobba's comments on a Town Hall type of a meeting and his interest in doing so. He would be open to being able to converse with residents and would like to announce a date and location at an upcoming meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Wenzel had nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Bob Dombrowski, 3 Garden Street, recalled his request from a previous meeting regarding the dog ordinance and the number of summonses issued. Mayor Damiano stated there were no tickets issued by the Police Department to

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date. The Mayor elaborated that the number of calls in recent months prompted a review of the ordinance. The Mayor then made the recommendation the Council instruct the Police as to when these things are permissible or not, rather than leaving it open ended.

No one further having come 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, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President SGOBBA announced Resolution B will be taken out for a separate vote.

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.

REPORTS

Municipal Clerk’s Report – Month of June 2018

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT
 Month of June 2018

ABC LICENSES		\$33,330.00
OTHER LICENSES		
Business Licenses	\$1,895.00	
Pre-paid Business Licenses		
Raffle Licenses	60.00	\$1,955.00
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS		
Fees & Permits	\$424.00	
Marriage Licenses-LF	\$15.00	
Marriage Licenses-NJ	\$125.00	\$564.00
MRNA		
Street Maps		
Zoning Maps	\$6.00	
Zoning Ordinances		
Document Copies	\$6.45	
Garage Sales	\$50.00	
Misc. Fees & Refunds:	\$725.00	
TOTAL MRNA		<u>\$787.45</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT		<u>\$36,636.45</u>
TOTAL TO TREASURER		<u>\$36,636.45</u>

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

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

Dog Licenses issued 06/01/2018 thru 06/30/2018	
Nos. 203 to 259 = 57Licenses	
Amount due Little Falls	\$387.60
Amount due State	\$80.40
Total Cash Received	\$468.00
Cat Licenses issued 06/01/2018 thru 06/30/2018	
Nos. 9 to 18	
Licenses Issued	
Total Cash Received	<u>\$80.00</u>
Total to Treas.	<u>\$548.00</u>

Tax Collector’s Report – Month of June, 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 June 2018

Categories 01-	June 1-30, 2018	2018 Year to Date
2018 Taxes	\$172,156.14	\$21,621,027.23
2017&2016 Taxes	15,410.54	292,834.18
Interest	5,630.19	39,040.20
Duplicate Tax Bills	5.00	45.00
Insufficient Check Fee	60.00	260.00
6% Penalty Fee	0.00	4,975.24
GRAND TOTALS	\$193,261.87	\$21,958,181.85

Delinquent 2016 Taxes	\$817,845.89
Delinquent 2017 Taxes	189,994.68
Delinquent 2018 Taxes	<u>402,793.24</u>
Total Delinquent Taxes	\$1,410,633.81

2018 Refunds this month = -\$0.00
 2018 Year to date refunds = -\$17,011.02

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
Totals	\$0.00	\$2,080.83	\$2,137.82	\$2,169.10	\$2,198.29	\$0.00	\$17,011.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,597.06

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 June 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
Total Collected as of June 30, 2018		\$19,800.97

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 June 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	\$277,400.00
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2018		\$277,400.00

Recreation Report – Month of June, 2018

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

Civic Center Report - Month of June, 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

*Does not include Election Day usage

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Construction Report – Month of June, 2018

Uniform Construction Code

Permits Issued – 52
Total Value of Construction - \$1,309,835.00
Total Fees Collected - \$975.00
Penalties - \$1500.00
Permit Fees Collected - \$16,214.00
Total Fees Collected - \$18,689.00

Zoning

Fence Permits – 3 @ \$50.00
Zoning Applications – 4 @ \$200.00
Total Fees Collected - \$950.00

Property Maintenance

Certificates of Compliance Issued – 38 @ \$35.00
Warnings Issued – 21
Complaints Addressed – 15
Roll-off permits – 4 @ \$10.00
Total Fees Collected - \$1,334.00

CORRESPONDENCE

REQUEST FROM LITTLE FALLS FOOTBALL PARENT ASSOCIATION FOR PERMISSION TO CONDUCT A CAN SHAKE ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018 AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018 AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF MAIN STREET/STEVENS AVENUE AND LONG HILL ROAD/NOTCH ROAD FROM 9:00 A.M. UNTIL 4:00 P.M.

REQUEST FROM LITTLE FALLS EAGLE SCOUTS TROOP 14 FOR PERMISSION TO HOST ITS COURT OF HONOR CEREMONY ON THE MORRIS CANAL TRAIL AT CENTER AVENUE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018

APPLICATIONS

LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY APPLICATION, RAPHAEL NUZZO, OAK TREE LANE, LITTLE FALLS, GREAT NOTCH FIRE CO. #4

LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY APPLICATION, JASON GONLES, ISLAND AVENUE, LITTLE FALLS, SINGAC FIRE CO. #3

LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY APPLICATION, THOMAS EHRENBERG, LOWER NOTCH ROAD, LITTLE FALLS, GREAT NOTCH FIRE CO. #4

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #108, OFF-PREMISE 50/50, 10/13/18, 5:00 P.M., 591 MAIN STREET, LITTLE FALLS

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, ON-PREMISE MERCHANDISE RAFFLE, 9/23/18, 12:00 PM TO 7:00 PM, 121 VAN PELT PLACE, LITTLE FALLS

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, ON-PREMISE 50/50, 9/23/18, 12:00 PM TO 7:00 PM, 121 VAN PELT PLACE, LITTLE FALLS

RESOLUTIONS

State Tax Court Judgement

RESOLUTION [A] 18-07-23 #1

WHEREAS, the following property in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey has a 2017 State Tax Court Judgment; and
WHEREAS, the Judgment entered date is June 26, 2018. The property is known as Block 217 Lot 17.02; 1755 Rt 46 Little Falls LLC c/o ADPP, 1755 Route 46 East; and

WHEREAS, the Stipulation of Settlement signed by both Plaintiff and Defendant’s attorneys stipulates to forward a refund check to Jennifer R. Jacobus, Esq., Attorney for 1755 Rt 46 Little Falls LLC; however, the NJSA Title 54 statute takes precedent over this stating that when there is a delinquency of taxes with interest the Tax Collector is to apply the Judgment amount to the delinquency amount first to interest and then to principal; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund a check made payable to the Township of Little Falls and to forward it to the Tax Collector for applying the 2017 Judgment amount to the unpaid 2018 2nd qtr. taxes and interest in the total amount of \$5,680.75 (\$5,081.26 princ. 2018 2nd qtr. and \$599.49 interest from due date May 1, 2018 to June 26, 2018); and

WHEREAS, this refund check shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector **on or before**

June 30, 2018; and

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

<u>Tax Year/Qtr.</u>	<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Taxpayer/Location</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2017/4	217/17.02	1755 Rt 46 Little Falls LLC 1755 Rt 46 East	Township of Little Falls 225 Main Street Little Falls, NJ 07424	\$5,680.75
Total Refund =				\$5,680.75

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Amended Resolution- Identification of Block and Lot Designations

RESOLUTION [C] 18-07-23 - #3

AMENDED RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, IDENTIFYING PARTICULAR BLOCK AND LOT DESIGNATIONS OF AN AREA OF THE TOWNSHIP DESIGNATED AS “AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT & REHABILITATION” PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2016, the Mayor and Council adopted Resolution No. [H] 16-10-17 - #8, requesting and authorizing the Planning Board to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the properties identified as Block 77, Lots 1, 2, 2.01, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6.02, 7, 8, 8.01, 9, 17, 18, 20, and 20.01, as identified on the Official Tax Map of the Township of Little Falls (collectively, the “Study Area”) to determine if such properties qualify as a “non-condemnation” area in need of redevelopment and/or rehabilitation pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A.40A:12A-1, et. seq. (the “Redevelopment Law”); and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. [H] 16-10-17 - #8 provided in part that the powers of eminent domain may not be applied to the Study Area; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board retained the services of H2M Associates, LLC, a professional planning firm (“H2M”), to assist in conducting the necessary investigations and analysis to determine whether the Study Area does or does not qualify as an area in need of redevelopment under the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, H2M conducted such investigations and prepared a report of its investigations entitled “Downtown Area in Need of Redevelopment & Rehabilitation Preliminary Investigation Report” dated July 21, 2017 (the “Redevelopment & Rehabilitation Investigation Report”); and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment & Rehabilitation Investigation Report concludes that the Study Area exhibits conditions which conform with various redevelopment criterion under Section 5 of the Redevelopment Law, N.J.S.A.40A:12A-5, as more specifically set forth in the Redevelopment Investigation Report; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment & Rehabilitation Investigation Report additionally concludes that the Study Area exhibit conditions which conform with various rehabilitation criterion under Section 14 of the Redevelopment Law, N.J.S.A.40A:12A-14, as more specifically set forth in the Redevelopment & Rehabilitation Investigation Report; and

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2017, the Planning Board conducted a duly-noticed public hearing, pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:12A-6, at which time it heard a presentation of the Redevelopment Investigation Report by Jeffrey Janota, the primary author of the Redevelopment Investigation Report, as well as comments from members of the public in attendance; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Janota responded to questions from the Planning Board members and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, based upon the Redevelopment Investigation Report, Mr. Janota’s testimony concerning the Redevelopment Investigation Report, and the comments from the public, on September 7, 2017, the Planning Board adopted a Memorializing Resolution accepting the findings of the Redevelopment Investigation Report, concluding that the Study Area meets the criteria for designation as a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment and an area in need of rehabilitation under the Redevelopment Law, and recommending that the Mayor and Council designate the Revised Study Area as a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment and an area in need of rehabilitation, pursuant to the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council accepted the conclusions of the Redevelopment Investigation Report and the Planning Board’s recommendation and designated the Revised Study Area as a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment and an area in need of rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the Council on September 25, 2017 passed Resolution [F] 17-09-25 - #6 effectuating same but such Resolution did not include, among other things, a definitive reference to the block and lot numbers although the area was well designated in all reports and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure clarity in the Council’s designation as to Block and Lots numbers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls that the Study Area previously designated as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area and an Area in Need of Rehabilitation, pursuant to the Redevelopment Law, be clarified with the specific reference to Block 77, Lots 1, 2, 2.01, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6.02, 7, 8, 8.01, 9, 17, 18, 20, and 20.01.

Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
PASSAIC COUNTY NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION [D] 18-07-23 - #4**

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 1605-33-005-010, heretofore issued to Two Old Guys, LLC in Little Falls, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Falls Township Council does hereby approve, effective July 23, 2018, the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License to Chelas Restaurant & Bar, LLC, and does hereby direct the Township Clerk/A.B.C. Board Secretary to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: “This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Chelas Restaurant & Bar, LLC, with a mailing address at 93 Market Street, Paterson, New Jersey 07505, effective July 23, 2018.

Bill List

RESOLUTION [E] 18-07-23 - #5

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Mayor Damiano explained Resolution B and its placement on the Agenda. The Township was informed by the Township’s grant writers of the availability of a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) that included \$150,000 which could be allocated and used towards a downtown streetscape improvement. The Council and Mayor have been interested in using local grant funds to making improvements to the Downtown area to make it more pedestrian friendly. The Mayor elaborated that TAP funds are very competitive and the Township has not been successful in

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obtaining them in the past. Additionally, TAP funds are unlikely to be awarded unless using local dollars recently earned. The Council has indicated an interest in using DOT grant funds towards the improvement of the streetscape. If the Township does receive the funds the Township can choose what to do with the funds. The Resolution authorizes Millenium to write for the grant with the hope of securing TAP funds to make streetscape improvements downtown.

Councilmember CORDONNIER commended the initiative of the grant company and the quick action of the grant company and Council, however, she requested that the in the future requests such as this are brought to a Workshop Meeting first.

It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Liess, that the following be approved:

Grant Submission NJDOT Transportation Set-Aside Alternatives

RESOLUTION [B] 18-07-23 - #2

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM 2018

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls, State of New Jersey desires to apply to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for funding under the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls has designed the Downtown Little Falls Streetscape Improvements Project to meet all criteria necessary to receive funding under Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program, and to maximize accessibility of multiple modes of surface transportation within Patterson Avenue to Main Street and,

WHEREAS, the primary activity within this Project Area will be to expand Township parking, establish one-way route with on-street parking, and access road relocation; and,

WHEREAS, this primary activity involves land that is owned by the Township of Little Falls, and the Township of Little Falls hereby commits to maintain the Project Area once developed; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls will provide matching funds in the amount of [\$\$\$] toward the proposed project; and,

WHEREAS, responsibilities for administering the proposed project in accord with federal and state guidelines (to be known as the Responsible Charge) will be Charles Cuccia, full-time Township Administrator; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, State of New Jersey formally authorize submission of the electronic grant application identified as TA-2018-Little Falls Township-00070 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for funding under the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program on behalf of the Township of Little Falls.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1329-It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that there be introduced and the meeting of August 27, 2018 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 1329

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 19 ANIMALS

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls ("Township") is a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that a more defined provision should be made for dogs barking during certain hours of the day; and

WHEREAS, the municipal council ("Municipal Council") of the Township has determined to amend the Little Falls Township Code ("Code") to provide a specific hours of the day wherein barking is most problematic; and

WHEREAS, the Code at Chapter 19 regulates and governs Animals and the Licensing of Dogs within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council has determined to amend and supplement Chapter 19 of the Code to read as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are in [brackets]):

19-11Disturbing the peace.

A. No person shall own, keep, harbor or maintain any dog which habitually barks or cries ~~between the hours of 10:00p.m. and 7:00 a.m.~~

B. Any violation of this section shall result in:

(1) A penalty of \$50 for a first offense.

(2) A penalty of \$100 for a second offense.

(3) A mandatory Municipal Court appearance for any third or subsequent offense.

C. ~~Dogs barking while unattended~~

No person shall leave a dog unattended which habitually barks or cries, and no person shall keep, harbor or maintain a dog which habitually barks or cries while unattended.

3. 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.
4. A copy of this Ordinance shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Township Clerk.
5. 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.

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, Vancheri and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Arnold Korotkin, 181 Long Hill Road, questioned the funding for Resolution B with regard to local funding. Mayor Damiano explained that the Township does not know what the grant award will be, though the maximum amount could be \$150,000. The Township is permitted to use other grant monies. The amount is blank because the

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matching funds are unknown and where the funds will come from are unknown. Local property taxes will not be used to match this particular grant.

Bob Dombrowski, 3 Garden Street, recalled his request at previous meeting to contact the County regarding the crosswalk near Arlington Street and Main Street. He suggested use of pedestrian yield signs. He also questioned whether there was an ordinance addressing additional storm drains leading to the pump station, emphasizing the prevention of flooding. His concern was expressed specifically with regard to the construction on Muller Street. Lastly, he commended Mr. Simone and the DPW for putting trees in the empty lots in the flooded areas.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk