

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

Monday, July 24, 2017

Council President Anthony Sgobba called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following members present: Marc Benitez, Maria Cordonnier, William Liess, and Chris Vancheri. Also present were Mayor James Damiano, Township Attorney Joseph Wenzel, Township Administrator Charles Cuccia and Township Clerk Cynthia Kraus.

Absent: Township Engineer Dennis Lindsay

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

Following the Salute to the Flag, the Statement of Public Notice was read.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE: Take notice that adequate notice of this meeting was 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 3, 2017; 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 Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Cordonnier, that the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of July 10, 2017 and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 26, 2017 be and they were approved.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Council President SGOBBA stated the Township reviewed the tax payment methods in Fort Meyers, FL, as per a resident's request and found a percentage is charged to the resident on top of the amount of taxes to be paid. Mr. Cuccia explained the tax payment methods now available in the Township and provided step by step instructions on how Township residents can pay their taxes online. Since being available as of July 14, 2017, nineteen residents have paid their August tax payments using the online payment system. This method has no additional cost added to the resident's payment. Mr. Cuccia stated auto pay is not available at this time and any payment issues should be brought to the Township to be resolved. Additionally, for security reasons, the Township does not retain any banking or personal information. Councilmember CORDONNIER questioned whether the payment processing time of up to 48 hours would impact a resident meeting the tax deadline. Mr. Cuccia stated the payment is posted back to the day of the deposit. Councilmember BENITEZ questioned whether a live chat feature is available should a resident have a problem. Mr. Cuccia responded a live chat is not available. The resident would be rerouted to the beginning steps if the incorrect block and lot number were provided.

Mr. Fernandez commented the online tax payment process is very simple and commended the Council. Councilmember VANCHERI announced there is a new tab for taxes on the Township website.

Council President SGOBBA requested a status report on the Corrective Action Plan of the Annual Audit for 2016. Mr. Cuccia reported the Corrective Action Plan was filed with the Division of Local Government as required on the Management Comments included in the Audit. Currently, internal reviews are being conducted and lists of items to be addressed are being created. At the next Workshop, a list of outstanding checks for Council approval will be presented.

Council Ad-Hoc Committees:

Domestic Violence Prevention Committee

Community Representatives (3) Alan Bernhardt, Gina Clough, Stephanie Cedeno

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember VANCHERI reported the progress of the Technology Committee. The vendor has developed the initial layout and color design for the Township website. The contents of the current website are being reviewed along with new content based on the Councilmembers' Committee activities. Councilmember VANCHERI raised the issue of creating a Facebook Page for the Township to keep residents up to date on special events. With regard to the Wildlife Committee, Councilmember VANCHERI announced deer crossing signage has been posted. In addition, on August 16, 2017, from 6-7:15 pm, a wildlife presentation and awareness session will be presented in partnership with the Clifton Health Department. In response to Council President SGOBBA, Councilmember VANCHERI indicated his awareness that many townships have adopted an ordinance changing the rules for feeding wildlife in response to health concerns raised. In follow-up to a request from Mr. Roland Day at a previous meeting, Councilmember VANCHERI stated research was conducted and confirmation was obtained that Staff Sergeant Hollander was a resident of Little Falls during his enlistment. Mr. Hollander's name will be added to the memorial in Little Falls and he will be honored during the Veteran's Day ceremony on November 11th.

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Councilmember BENITEZ recognized the three new members added to the Domestic Violence Prevention Committee. He also highlighted some initiatives of the Committee, including partnering with the NJ Coalition to End Domestic Violence. Also, the Committee will coordinate a clothing drive for victims of Domestic Violence to distribute to the local shelters.

Councilmember CORDONNIER announced an additional \$100 million has been added to the 2017-18 school budgets in the State for K-12, with an additional \$12 million for special education. Of those funds, \$66,000 will flow to Passaic Valley High School. Councilmember CORDONNIER will obtain and provide the amounts for the Little Falls schools. Councilmember CORDONNIER noted her pleasure to attend a recent LF Business Association meeting to learn membership has expanded. Also, the LF Business Association will partner with the Township to host an event similar to the block party. Councilmember CORDONNIER reported on the status of several quality of life issues pertaining to the train stations, train whistles, announcements, and other safety issues. She reported a meeting has been planned with the NJ Transit Regional Manager for Community Relations to address these issues. Finally, Councilmember CORDONNIER commended Grant Committee member Arnold Korotkin, who sourced a grant that would enable the expansion of the use of bicycles in the Township.

Councilmember LIESS stated he visited the Recreation Center during the summer camp and commended Mr. Pace on his efforts. The Senior Advisory Board will convene in August to organize new ideas for seniors.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Damiano followed-up on a topic raised at the last meeting regarding ADA accessibility in the Township. Councilmember CORDONNIER will be reviewing and assessing ADA compliance and accessibility within the Township through the Transportation Committee. Collaboration with the Township Engineer will occur as needed. Mayor Damiano also addressed the Old Police Station, the status of which has been in discussion for some time under Committee form. In consultation with Committee members, the Mayor and Council have agreed the determination of what outcome would be best suited for that building will be decided by the Council and Mayor. Mayor Damiano stated funds have been set aside to enable reports to be completed to assist in that determination. The Mayor also explained the rationale of not offering credit card payments for property taxes. He indicated to properly move forward with credit card payments an additional employee would need to be hired, resulting in a tax increase to residents. Mayor Damiano expressed his belief that it is not in the Township's best interest to offer payment by credit card, as doing so would not be financially prudent, as it would be a cost borne by all residents. In closing his report, the Mayor encouraged residents to cool down during the extreme heat at the Library. Any residents who experience problems due to the extreme heat may contact the Mayor or any Councilmember for assistance.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Wenzel had nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Bob Dombrowski, 49 Parkway, requested the status of sidewalk installation as part of upgrade work near Main Street and Zeliff Avenue. Mr. Simone to review pictures and provide follow-up.

Mr. Dombrowski requested information on the rating status of restaurants from the Clifton Health Department. Mr. Cuccia stated each establishment must display their inspection certificate. He instructed that additional information about the inspection process may be obtained through the OPRA process. Mr. Cuccia indicated the Township is not obligated to post the inspection information. Councilmember VANCHERI stated the Township's new website can incorporate how to obtain information about the inspection process by contacting the Clerk's office.

Louis Fernandez, Harrison Street, commended the Police Department for monitoring his home while he was away on vacation. He elaborated the Police conducted the check in response a residency check form he completed at the Police Department, available to all residents.

Mr. Fernandez commented on the simplicity of the online tax payment process.

Mr. Fernandez discussed the concept of a tax discount for paying a full year of property taxes ahead of the deadlines. He provided his personal experience with a property owned in Florida. Mayor Damiano explained that process is permissible under the statute in Florida but is not permissible in New Jersey.

Mr. Fernandez commented he visited Garrett Mountain Park and witnessed many cars arriving to feed deer. Council President SGOBBA clarified that in the Township of Little Falls, residents cannot feed the wildlife on Township property, however, the Township cannot restrict what residents do on their own property.

Mr. Fernandez commented and reiterated his concern raised at previous meetings regarding the amount of tax overpayments.

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Arnold Korotkin, 181 Long Hill Road, stated that he was pleased to hear something is being addressed to obtain ratings of restaurants. Mr. Korotkin requested wild turkey be added to the concerns of the Wildlife Committee, if not already present. He also provided several significant dates to be added to Township website calendar. Councilmember VANCHERI responded everything through September with regard to the website has been reviewed; the Committee is currently going through the following months and is in process of confirming dates.

Mr. Korotkin questioned Ordinance No. 1297 with specific reference to Lindsley Road and received clarification. Mr. Korotkin further queried whether proper signage would be installed to direct trucks upon reaching Francisco Avenue, prohibiting them from traveling from Francisco to Main Street on Cedar Grove Road. Mayor Damiano stated proper truck signage will be placed throughout the Township.

Mr. Korotkin questioned whether Township Committee meetings are open to the public. Council President SGOBBA stated the members appointed to the Committees have the right to take part in the meeting; residents may attend and observe. Mr. Korotkin requested Committee meetings be posted on the Township website. The Council approved of Mr. Korotkin’s request.

Mr. Korotkin questioned whether it would be possible to post the minutes from each Township Committee meeting on the Township website. Mr. Wenzel clarified that Mr. Kortokin referred to those Committees that are not open public meetings. There is no quorum requirement, or requirement to keep minutes, and therefore to post that would not be a requirement of the law. Councilmember VANCHERI stated the Township website would include a page for each of the Committees where the purpose and projects of the Committee will be listed.

Mr. Korotkin referred to the Mayor’s earlier comments on ADA compliance, and requested a status of the ramp at Inwood Park. Councilmember CORDONNIER stated she had begun to assess the Township’s handicap requirements prior to a resident’s concern raised at the July 10, 2017 Workshop meeting. Other areas within the Township have been identified in addition to the ramp at Inwood Park. Councilmember CORDONNIER assured Mr. Korotkin she will keep him updated. Mr. Korotkin questioned the availability of handicap parking at the Great Notch Firehouse and the NJ Transit lot at the old Great Notch train station. He also recommended the Transportation Committee include an individual on the Committee who has an insight to living with a disability. Councilmember CORDONNIER stated her intention to invite an individual who has a disability to the Committee to offer their point of view. Council President SGOBBA stated Councilmember Cordonnier will touch base with Mr. Lindsay and report back on the issues presented by Mr. Kortokin.

Bob Dombrowski, 49 Parkway, requested clarification as to whether trucks would get a summons if they are making a delivery on a route that is not a truck route. Mayor Damiano stated Mr. Dombrowski was correct with his understanding that interstate commerce trumps any local ordinance. However, it also requires the truck to get off at the closest exit to where their delivery is being made, and not to deviate from the truck route until within close proximity to the delivery location. Truck routes would be clearly marked and trucks would have to follow trucks routes over GPS.

Al Attianese, 27 Dewey Avenue, questioned the purpose of two recently erected pillars in the back entrance of School #1 on Walnut Street. Councilmember CORDONNIER stated she will inquire and report back. Mr. Attianese expressed his opinion that residents should be made aware of school board openings in advance. Councilmember CORDONNIER stated she is sensitive to the separation between the Town government and the schools, and that she believed it was not her function as liaison to publicize when the cutoff is to run for a school election.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the Consent Agenda were considered to be routine and 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 2017

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT
Month of June 2017

ABC LICENSES		\$22,330.00
OTHER LICENSES		
Business Licenses	\$1460.00	
Pre-paid Business Licenses		
Raffle Licenses	95.00	
		\$1,555.00
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS		
Fees & Permits	\$320.00	
Marriage Licenses-LF	\$22.00	
Marriage Licenses-NJ	\$150.00	
		\$492.00
MRNA		
Street Maps	\$3.00	
Zoning Maps	\$6.00	

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Zoning Ordinances		
Document Copies	\$5.20	
Garage Sales	\$25.00	
Misc. Fees & Refunds:	\$250.00	
TOTAL MRNA		\$289.20
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT		\$24,666.20
TOTAL TO TREASURER		<u>\$24,666.20</u>

Municipal Clerks Dog/Cat License Report - Month of June 2017

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT
Month of June 2017

Dog Licenses issued 06/01/2017 to 06/30/2017		
Nos. 238 to 287 = 50 Licenses		
Amount due Little Falls		\$340.00
Amount due State		\$78.00
Total Cash Received		\$418.00
Cat Licenses issued 06/01/2017 to 06/30/2017		
Nos. 19 to 20		
Licenses Issued 2		
Total Cash Received		\$16.00
Total to Treas.		<u>\$434.00</u>

Tax Collector's Report – Month of June, 2017

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 2017

Categories 01-	June 1-30, 2017	2017 Year to Date
2017 Taxes	\$257,104.22	\$22,534,112.86
2015&2016 Taxes	17,355.87	493,745.81
Interest	7,294.51	51,141.06
Duplicate Tax Bills	0.00	50.00
Tax Searches	0.00	2.00
Insufficient Check Charge	40.00	100.00
6% Penalty Fee	0.00	9,600.45
Municipal Copy Fee/Misc.	0.00	0.08
GRAND TOTALS	\$281,794.60	\$23,088,752.26

Delinquent 2016 Taxes \$202,348.61 (1st-4th Qtrs.) – subject to tax sale 10/03/17.
Delinquent 2017 Taxes \$451,430.29 (1st – 2nd Qtrs.)
Total Delinquent Taxes \$653,778.90

2017 Refunds this month = -\$11,285.87
2017 Year to date refunds = -\$11,285.87
Breakdown of refunds for years 2011-2017 completed in 2017(see attached).

REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2017 (YEAR 2011)

Months	2011 STCJ	Total by Months
January	\$0.00	\$34,647.80
February	\$0.00	\$1,186.80
March	\$0.00	\$7,728.86
April	\$13,522.09	\$132,072.60
May	\$0.00	\$7,610.15
June	\$0.00	\$12,682.63
Totals	\$13,522.09	\$195,928.84

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.

REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2017 (YEARS 2012-2017)

Months	2012 STCJ	2013 STCJ	2014 STCJ	2015 STCJ or 2015 Reg.	2016 STCJ or 2016 Reg.	2017 CBJ	Regular 2017	2017 Veteran / Widow	2017 Senior/ Disabled	Exempt 2017	Total by Months
January	\$3,956.00	\$7,254.75	\$7,634.70	\$7,843.80	\$7,958.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,647.80
February	\$1,186.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,186.80
March	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,233.53	\$5,495.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,728.86
April	\$21,843.10	\$18,310.43	\$19,922.07	\$29,025.14	\$29,449.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$132,072.60
May	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,479.03	\$2,546.93	\$2,584.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,610.15
June	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,396.76	\$0.00	\$11,285.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,682.63
Totals	\$26,985.90	\$25,565.18	\$30,035.80	\$41,649.40	\$46,884.60	\$0.00	\$11,285.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$195,928.84

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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 2017

	Deposit	2017 Year-to-Date
January 2017 *corrected March 1, 2017	\$22,489.28*	\$22,489.28*
February 2017	\$46,003.72	\$68,493.00
March 2017	\$ 0.00	\$68,493.00
April 2017	\$ 0.00	\$68,493.00
May 2017	\$ 0.00	\$68,493.00
June 2017	\$ 0.00	\$68,493.00
Total Collected as of June 30, 2017		\$68,493.00

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 2017

	Liens with Premiums Redeemed/ (-)	Bal. /Dep. (+)
Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2017)		\$285,500.00
January 2017	\$ -21,900.00	\$263,600.00
February 2017	\$ -31,000.00	\$232,600.00
March 2017	\$ 0.00	\$232,600.00
April 2017	\$ 0.00	\$232,600.00
May 2017	\$ 0.00	\$232,600.00
June 2017	\$ 0.00	\$232,600.00
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2017		\$232,600.00

Construction Report – Month of June, 2017

Permit Fee Log Summary – All permits issued between 06/01/2017 and 06/30/2017

Permits Processed		Type of Work		
Permits:	61	New buildings:	3	
Permit Updates:	4	Additions:	1	
		Rehabilitation:		
Ownership		Alterations:	19	
Private	65	Renovations:	6	
Public	0	Reconstruction:	0	
		Repairs:	30	
		Multiple Rehab.:	0	
		Minor Work:	3	
		Demolitions:	3	
Totals		Addition/Rehab:	0	
Total Area:	2,475 sq. ft.	Lead Hazard Abatement:	0	
Total Volume:	42,927 cu.ft	Asbestos Abatement:	0	
Total Value of Construction:	\$527,038	Radon Remediation:	0	
		Annual Permit:	0	
Technical Subcodes				
Building	21			
Electrical	37			
Plumbing	41			
Fire Protection	8			
Elevator	1			
Housing Unit Changes				
	Sale		Rent	
	Sale	Income Restricted	Rent	Income Restricted
Units Gained:	1	0	0	0
Units Lost:	0	0	0	0
Change:	1	0	0	0
Fee Summary				
Type		Inspection	Admin.	Total
Building		\$3,430.54	\$0.00	\$3,430.54
Electrical		\$3,310.00	\$0.00	\$3,310.00
Plumbing		\$3,680.00	\$0.00	\$3,680.00
Fire Protection		\$ 525.00	\$0.00	\$ 525.00
Elevator		\$ 316.20	\$0.00	\$ 316.20
Mechanical		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual Permit		\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00
DCA		\$ 847.11	N/A	\$ 847.11
Certificate		\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00
Totals		\$12,108.85	\$0.00	\$12,113.00*

*Note- Subcode fees include Administrative 3rd Party Agency Fees where applicable. "Adjustments" can include plan review credits, min/max. fees and rounding where applicable.

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Recreation Report – Month of June, 2017

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 2017	4,599	113	362
February 2017	3,563	147	302
March 2017	2,742	142	211.5
April 2017	3,666	160	220
May 2017	4,884	175	250
June 2017	6,741	185	332

Civic Center Report - Month of June, 2017

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 2017	482
February 2017	397
March 2017	704
April 2017	485
May 2017	519
June 2017	920

CORRESPONDENCE

REQUEST FROM EAGLE RESCUE SQUAD FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL BOOT DRIVE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017 AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017 FROM 9:00 A.M. UNTIL 6:00 P.M. AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAIN STREET AND UNION AVENUE, WITH RAIN DATES OF SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017 AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017.

REQUEST FROM LITTLE FALLS FOOTBALL PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD A CAN SHAKE ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017 AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017 FROM 9:00 A.M. UNTIL 4:00 P.M. AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF MAIN STREET AND STEVENS AVENUE AND LONG HILL ROAD AND NOTCH ROAD.

RESOLUTIONS

Tax Overpayments in the Years 2011 and 2012 due to State Tax Court Judgements

RESOLUTION [A] 17-07-24 - #1

WHEREAS, the following properties in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey have overpaid real estate taxes in the Years 2011 and 2012 due to State Tax Court Judgments; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amounts overpaid listed below;

WHEREAS, these refunds shall be **granted on or before August 30, 2017** (60 days from the date of entry of the Tax Court Judgment June 30, 2017) waiving interest;

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 refunds be made by the Treasurer:

Tax Year & Qtr.	Block Lot/O	Taxpayer/ Location	Payee	Reason	Amount
2011/4	168/64	Jersey Investments, LLC 163 E Main St	Strasser & Associates, PC 7 E. Ridgewood Avenue Paramus, NJ 07652	SBJ	\$11,501.49
2012/4	168/64	Jersey Investments, LLC 163 E Main St	Strasser & Associates, PC 7 E. Ridgewood Avenue Paramus, NJ 07652	SBJ	\$14,103.60
Total Refund =					\$25,605.09

Tax Overpayments in the Year 2017

RESOLUTION [B] 17-07-24 - #2

WHEREAS, the following properties in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey have overpaid real estate taxes in 2017: and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amounts overpaid listed below:

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

Tax Year Block & Qtr.	Taxpayer/ Lot	Location	Payee	Reason	Amount
2017/1	27/18	Sahatjian John & Nicole 10 Haines Place	John & Nicole Sahatjian 10 Haines Place Little Falls, NJ 07424	AA OP	\$852.03
2017/1	88.02/1 C004	Sheer, Lawrence 240 Main St., Unit 4	Lawrence Sheer 240 Main St., Unit 4 Little Falls, NJ 07424	OP	\$3,171.00
2017/1	88.05/1 C207	Westerinen to Vento 300 Main St., Unit 2017	Ridgeview Title & Settlements 1501 Hamburg Tpk Suite 420 B Wayne, NJ 07470	OP	\$1,933.00

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<u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Taxpayer/ Lot</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2017/2	94/14	Chandler to Apolito	58 Walnut St.	Title on Demand of NJ, Inc. 54 Woodport Rd Sparta, NJ 07871	HR OP	\$641.84
2017/2	171/9	Nardino to Pocius	9 Villa Road	Evident Title Agency, Inc. 878 Pompton Ave. Suite A2 Cedar Grove, NJ 07009-1266	HR OP	\$1,050.00
2017/1	220/23	Arena, Philip T. & Kara L.	54 Ryle Avenue	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service Attn: Tax Refunds 3001 Hackberry Road Irving , TX 75063	OP	\$1,819.00
2017/2	220/23	Arena, Philip T. & Kara L.	54 Ryle Avenue	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service Attn: Tax Refunds 3001 Hackberry Road Irving , TX 75063	OP	\$1,819.00
Total Refunds =						\$11,285.87

Tax Overpayments in the Year 2016

RESOLUTION [C] 17-07-24 - #3

WHEREAS, the following properties in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey have overpaid real estate taxes in 2016; and **WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector is requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amounts overpaid listed below;

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

<u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u>	<u>Block Lot/Q</u>	<u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2016/4	68/14	Brian Liscio to Twsp of Little Falls 8 Zeliff Ave	Abraxas Abstract Inc 366 Passaic Avenue Nutley, NJ 07110	OP	\$ 447.00
2016/4	85/9	Martin Rucando to Bank of America, et als 28 Riverview Circle	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service Attn: Tax Refunds 3001 Hackberry Road Irving, TX 75063	OP	\$796.73
Total Refunds					\$1,243.73

Payment of Bills

RESOLUTION [D] 17-07-24- #4

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls the Council having received the Treasurer’s certification of the availability of funds for payment of all bills presented, that payment of all bills approved by the Finance Committee be and is hereby authorized, subject to the availability of funds and subject to the appropriate and available appropriation in the line item.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1297 - It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Benitez, that the public hearing of Ordinance No. 1297, “**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FURTHER AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS CODE CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE I, SECTION 7-15, ‘TRAFFIC, ON-STREET REGULATIONS, ROUTES FOR TRUCKS OVER THIRTEEN TONS.,’**” be and it was opened.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Louis Fernandez, Harrison Street, requested clarification on why trucks are not prohibited from traveling in the entire Township. Mayor Damiano explained trucks are permitted to travel on County roads. The County will not permit the Township to prohibit trucks from traversing their roads. The limit on tonnage was increased to 13 tons because many SUVs and landscaping trucks are over four tons, which was the limit in the old ordinance. Mr. Fernandez was provided with a copy of the ordinance to review.

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No one further having come forward to be heard, it was moved by Councilmember Liess, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the public hearing on the Ordinance No. 1297 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the Ordinance No. 1297 be and it was adopted.

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, 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 Benitez, that the meeting be and it was opened to the public.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

George Stafford, 16 Kitchell Avenue, Wharton, NJ, was present and was represented the NJ Highlands Coalition and a statewide group named Keep It Green, which advocates for open space. Mr. Stafford explained ground water and small stream levels have not recovered as in the past droughts. He attributed this to problems with open space. He presented a resolution for Council review that requested the State adopt a plan for funding and purchasing open space. He discussed a payment in lieu of taxes option contingent with the proposal. Council President SGOBBA requested Mr. Stafford forward his contact information and the proposed resolution to Mr. Cuccia, who will forward it to the Open Space Committee for consideration.

Arnold Korotkin, 181 Long Hill Road, announced in reference to a previous statement he made, the Governor signed legislation raising the age for people to purchase cigarettes to 21.

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

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, 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 Liess, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk