

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

Monday, July 26, 2021

Council President Sgobba called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Christine Hablitz, Albert Kahwaty, and Christopher Vancheri. Also present were Mayor James Damiano, Township Attorney Gerald Friend, Township Administrator Charles Cuccia, Deputy Clerk Melissa DePiro, and Township Clerk Cynthia Kraus.

Absent: Councilmember Tanya Seber.

Township Employees present: Police Chief Steve Post, Fire Chief Jeff Altonjy.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE:

Take notice that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-10 as follows: A notice of the meeting was prominently posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building, located at 225 Main Street, Little Falls, N.J. on July 22, 2021. 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. **This meeting is being conducted under the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 health situation. Only 25 members of the public will be allowed to attend the meeting in person. A link and a telephone number to join the meeting virtually can be accessed on the Township website at www.lfnj.com. Electronic provisions have been established for the public to participate during the public comment portion of the meeting.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Kahwaty, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, the Regular Meeting of June 28, 2021, the Workshop Meeting of July 12, 2021 be and they were approved.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember VANCHERI discussed his viewpoint to reject Ordinance No. 1416 on the Agenda tonight. Councilmember VANCHERI announced the 9-11 ceremony will take place at 11:00 am at Wilmore Park on Saturday, September 11, 2021. Councilmember VANCHERI stated resident letters will be mailed out to affected residents on Jacobus Avenue and Van Pelt Place to gather input on placement of speed humps.

Councilmember HABLITZ discussed her intention to vote against Ordinance No. 1416. She announced the Library will hold a Luau and Drive-in Bingo at the Civic Center parking lot on Wednesday, July 28, 2021. Councilmember HABLITZ highlighted the details of the Town-wide Garage Sale which will be held on September 18, 2021.

Councilmember KAHWATY recalled the success of the first ever Water Event. The first of five Movie Nights will be held on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at the Recreation Center. Councilmember KAHWATY thanked members of the Domestic Violence Prevention Committee who attended the Farmers Market. Lastly, Councilmember KAHWATY stated he would vote against Ordinance No. 1416.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Council President SGOBBA remarked on the success of the Water Event. Council President SGOBBA reported on the recent concert at the Civic Center sponsored by the Senior Advisory Board, who will also host a BBQ on August 14, 2021 at the American Legion Post 108. Council President SGOBBA reported several senior residents have expressed an interest in an outreach program that would provide transportation on Wednesdays in August. Lastly, Council President SGOBBA stated he would not support Ordinance No. 1416.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Damiano commented on the recent Town Hall Meeting held in relation to Ordinance No. 1416. Mayor Damiano also explained his recommendation to the Council to hold the vote on Ordinance No. 1417 until a meeting with the Fire Department, Council and a Mayor can convene, although a Public Comment will be held tonight.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Friend had nothing to report.

Council President SGOBBA requested a motion to move the order of the Agenda. It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty to change the order of the Agenda in order to hold the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1416 at this time.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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Ordinance No. 1416 - -It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1416, “**AN 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 280, ENTITLED “ZONING,” TO ESTABLISH ARTICLE XIV – A SPECIAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT”** be and it was opened.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Luis Fernandez, 54 Harrison Street, thanked the Council for reconsidering Ordinance No. 1416.

Vanessa Apaza, - 9 Woodside Avenue, expressed her disappointment that Ordinance No. 1416 was voted down. She requested a future ordinance include a 1000-foot buffer to include not only schools, but day care centers and recreation facilities.

Peter Samp -22 Cheryl Court, expressed his opinion against Ordinance No. 1416 and requested clarification as to the revenue that would be received by the municipality from cannabis sales.

Rosa Amica-Terra, on behalf of Local 464A, property owners on 219-267 Paterson Avenue, thanked the Council for voting Ordinance No. 1416 down.

Magda Pal – 14 Ryle Avenue, commented that the location is the issue and questioned what other locations are being considered.

Luis Fernandez.- 54 Harrison Avenue, questioned whether Ordinance No. 1416 could be re-introduced and the timeframe for same. Council President SGOBBA stated a reintroduction is not scheduled any time soon. Mayor Damiano further explained should any other licenses be considered in another part of the Township or the same zone it would require a new reintroduction, and a second reading and public comment.

Vanessa Apaza – 9 Woodside Avenue, requested clarification on Ordinance No. 1416 and Ordinance No. 1415. Council President SGOBBA explained Ordinance No. 1415 includes the same licenses on the Route 46 corridor. Ordinance No. 1416 encompasses the area on Paterson Avenue from the mechanic shop to Route 46 on the left-hand side.

As no further comments from the public were received, it was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1416 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty to reject Ordinance No. 1416.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to address the Township Council may do so through the Council President. Please give your name and address for the record. Comments are to be limited to three minutes, however, if appropriate, you may be granted additional time in the sole discretion of the Council President.

Members of the public who have joined the Meeting virtually and desire to provide comment shall raise their virtual hand in the Zoom application. The Meeting moderator will queue the members of the public that wish to provide comment and the Council President will recognize them in order. Members of the public who have joined the Meeting by calling in must press *6 to mute and unmute themselves and *9 to raise their hand. Members of the public who have joined the Meeting via the Zoom application must click the Reactions icon and then Raise Hand icon. Please give your name and address for the record. Once the process is complete, we will return to the regular order of business.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Al Attianese- 27 Dewey Avenue, commended the Mayor and Council on offering a hybrid meeting, made comments on Ordinance No. 1417, and requested clarification on Ordinance No. 1417. Mr. Attianese queried the Council’s opinion regarding the possible purchase of Enterprise Fire Company by KV Realty. Council President SGOBBA reiterated the right to sell the property lies with the Fire Department, adding that the Council has not been a part of discussion on it. Mayor Damiano elaborated upon the relationship between the Township and the Fire Department

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emphasizing the Fire Department is a separate entity from the municipality. Councilmember KAHWATY made comments and stated he has confidence in the decisions of the Fire Department.

Paul Margitich– 74 First Avenue, made comments regarding his dissatisfaction with services from the Township when obtaining a lift assist for his wife on July 22, 2021. Mayor Damiano commented that our EMS services are utilized for emergency services. The Mayor also discussed implementing a program to provide scheduled assistance for residents and still have an ambulance available or emergency services. Council President SGOBBA also made comments in response to Mr. Margitich.

Rory Langan -181 Long Hill Road Apt. H6, submitted comments regarding safety concerns concerning a pedestrian crossing near Woods Road, Long Hill Road, and Glen Rock Road. Council President SGOBBA recalled previous discussion on the topic with Township engineers and requested Mr. Langan forward an email to the Clerk to request follow-up on this matter.

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

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Kahwaty, 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.

REPORTS

Municipal Clerk’s Report – Month of June 2021

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT		
Month of June 2021		
ABC LICENSES		\$31,130.00
OTHER LICENSES		
Business Licenses	\$1,090.00	
Pre-paid Business Licenses		
Raffle Licenses	40.00	
		\$1,130.00
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS		
Fees & Permits	\$632.00	
Marriage Licenses-LF	\$100.00	
Marriage Licenses-NJ	\$12.00	
		\$744.00
MRNA		
Street Maps		
Zoning Maps		
Zoning Ordinances		
Document Copies		
Garage Sales	\$60.00	
Misc. Fees & Refunds:	\$21.50	
TOTAL MRNA		<u>\$81.50</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT		<u>\$33,085.50</u>
TOTAL TO TREASURER		<u>\$33,085.50</u>

Municipal Clerks Dog/Cat License Report - Month of June 2021

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT	
Month of June 2021	
Dog Licenses issued 06/01/2021 thru 06/30/2021	
Nos. 28 to 59 = Licenses	
Amount due Little Falls	\$217.60
Amount due State	\$59.40
Total Cash Received	\$277.00
Cat Licenses issued 06/01/2021 thru 06/30/2021	
Nos. 4 to 6	
Licenses Issued	
Total Cash Received	\$24.00
Total to Treas.	<u>\$301.00</u>

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Tax Collector's Report -- Month of June 2021

MONTHLY REPORT*

Municipality of Township of Little Falls

Office of the Tax Collector

Township of Little Falls Current Account, Lakeland Bank Revenues

Revenues Collector for the Month of June 2021

Categories 01-	June 1-30, 2021	2021 Year to Date
2021 Taxes	\$241,320.29*	\$23,573,196.05
2020, 2016 Taxes	10,927.99	362,936.24
Interest	4,868.68*	38,419.72
Duplicate Tax Bills	5.00	180.00
6% Penalty Fee	0.00	702.97
GRANT TOTALS	\$257,121.96	\$23,975,434.98

*adj. on 06/30/2021 from 05/07/2021 deposit; \$-0.06 current; \$+0.06 int.; May report remains as presented.

Delinquent 2016 Taxes \$310,655.31 (Inc. 6% ye-pe)
 Delinquent 2020 Taxes 102,044.48 (Subject to tax sale 09/14/2021)
 Delinquent 2021 Taxes 299,857.26 (1ST -2nd qtrs. 2021)
Total Delinquent Taxes \$712,577.05

2021 Refunds this month = -\$0.00
 2021 Year to date refunds = -\$24,378.28

Breakdown of refunds for years 2016-2021 completed in 2020(see attached).

REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2021

Months	2016 STCJ	2017 STCJ	2018 STCJ	2019 STCJ	2020 STCJ	2021 CBJ	2020 Regular	2021 Regular	2021 Senior /Disabled	Exempt 2021	Total by Months
January	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,732.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,732.97
February	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(V) \$250	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
March	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,452.32	0.00	0.00	21,452.32
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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,925.96	0.00	0.00	2,925.96
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,982.97	\$24,378.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31,361.25

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 2021

	2021 Deposit	2021 Year-to-Date
January 2021	\$ 115,126.74	\$ 115,126.74
February 2021	0.00	115,126.74
March 2021	0.00	115,126.74
April 2021	11,108.06	126,234.80
May 2021	0.00	126,234.80
June 2021	39,994.80	166,229.60
Total Collected as of June 30, 2021		\$166,229.60

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Township of Little Falls Tax Collector Trust 2 (Lien Premium Monies), Lakeland Bank

Revenues for the Month of June 2021

	Liens with Premiums Redeemed/ (-)	Bal. /Dep. (+)
Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2021)		\$191,100.00
January 2021	-\$7,800.00	\$183,300.00
February 2021	0.00	183,300.00
March 2021	0.00	183,300.00
April 2021	0.00	183,300.00
May 2021	0.00	183,300.00
June 2021	-38,100.00	145,200.00
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2021		\$145,200.00

Recreation Report – Month of June, 2021

Recreation Center June 2021				
Program	Facility	# Classes	Hours	Participants
TaiChi	Gym	5	10	94
Fencing	Gym	4	8	28
Yoga	Gym	9	9	65
Tigers Basketball	Gym	12	42	428
Zumba	Gym	8	8	120
Fit-4U	Turf	5	5	40
School #1 Graduation	Turf	*	*	600
8 th Grade Celebration	Turf	*	3	75
Blaze Basketball	Gym	6	6	36
Weekly Totals		49	91	1,486

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Civic Center Report – Month of June 2021

June 2021			
Meeting Group	# of Meetings	Hours	Participants
Stamp Club	2	4	26
Senior Clubs	8	40	135
Election Day Primary	*	14	NA
Senior Adv. Board	1	2	5
Abbe Condo	1	3	25
LFFPA	1	1	2
LFFPA Cheer	1	2	21
Historical Society	1	1	5
Monthly Totals	15	67	219

Police Department Report - Month of June 2021

PATROL DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT – June 2021

This agency handled **10,613** details between January 1, 2021 and June 30, 2021.

This agency completed **749** Operations reports and **220** Investigations between January 1, 2021 and June 30, 2021.

The Little Falls Police Department handled **1,608** details and wrote **132** Operation reports and **34** Investigation reports between May 1, 2021 and June 30, 2021.

The patrol division patrolled **10,165** miles during the month of June, 2021

Calls for Service

Call Type	Total
Medical emergency	38
Fire Department incident	5
Narcans deployment	1
Burglar alarms/false	33
911 calls transferred to another jurisdiction	70
Domestic violence incidents	8
Burglary	0
Criminal mischief	3
Theft	15
Suspicious person/vehicle/incident	22
General investigation	23
Noise complaint	12
All others not listed	1380

Traffic Summary

Crashes	Total
Motor vehicle crashes	55
Motor vehicle crash injuries	5
Motor vehicle crash fatalities	0
Enforcement	Total
Motor vehicle stops	282
Speeding summonses	15
DWI summonses	1
Driving while suspended summonses	6
Uninsured vehicle summonses	7
Moving violations	88
Parking violations	20
Total summonses issued	108

Arrest Summary

Total Arrests - 6

Type of Arrest	Total
CDS	0
DWI	2
Warrant	0
Domestic Violence	2
Theft	2
All others	0

Directed Patrol Summary

Detail Type	Total
School arrival	32
School dismissal	34
School walk through	47
Radar post	142
Park check	254
Vacant house check	0
Extra attention check	0
DWI/Aggressive driving patrol	0
Foot patrol	9

Patrol Division Time & Attendance

Type of Hours	Total
Vacation	130
Holiday	202
Compensatory	142.5
Sick	93
Personal time	100
Credit time	231
Administrative	24
PBA day	17
Schedule transition	140
Bereavement	0
Overtime due to Training	36
Overtime hours to maintain minimum staffing level	172.5
Overtime due to incident/weather/other event	11.5

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17 out of a total of 60 shifts during the month of June were below minimum staffing.

Patrol staffing level during month: 3.50

Major incident/Notable achievement

Seven officers required to work PVHS Graduation on June 18, 2021.

COMMUNITY POLICING

Detail Type	Total
Cell block inspection	21
School arrivals	11
School dismissals	10
School walk thru	39
Vacant house checks	0
Child car seat installations	1
Headquarters safety inspections	0
Project medicine box emptied	1
Trips to Covanta for prescription drug destruction	0
Community function appearances	2
School function appearances	2

Special projects/details

Assisted with both 8 th Grade Graduation and PVHS Graduation.
Concerts in the park started June 24.

TRAFFIC DIVISION

Detail Type	Total
Traffic details	*
Radar posts	*
Crashes investigated	*
Speedometer calibrations	*
Alcotest maintenance assignments	*
Traffic meetings attended	*
Traffic complaints received	*
Road job safety checks	*
Assisted patrol	*
Enforcement	Total
Motor vehicle stops	*
Moving summonses	*
Parking summonses	*
Total summonses issued	*

Special projects/details

Due to manpower shortage, no one assigned to Traffic Division.
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FLEET MANAGEMENT

PATROL DIVISION MONTHLY MILEAGE REPORT – June 2021

UNIT	STARTING MILEAGE	ENDING MILEAGE	TOTAL
800	18024	18060	36
810	25165	26773	1608
811	68238	67763	525
812	23513	24264	751
813	38685	39689	1004
814	81615	82773	1158
815	52575	53691	1116
816	11061	11334	273
817	71860	73453	1593
818	15400	17501	2101
		TOTAL MILEAGE	10165

Investigations Division Report

June 2021 Monthly Report

Criminal Case Management

- 14 Cases were assigned for follow-up investigation.
- 27 Investigations currently remain open and active.
- 11 Cases closed from current and previous months.
- 14 Cases deemed Open/Inactive from current/previous months.

Criminal Complaints/Warrants Served:

- 1 Case where Criminal Complaints was issued by the Investigative Division.
- 0 Attempts were made to service outstanding criminal arrest warrants issued by the Little Falls Municipal Court.

Juvenile

- 0 Juvenile Petitions were issued and submitted to the Passaic County Superior Court, Family Division.
- 1 Station-House Adjustment was filed by the Department’s Juvenile Detective.

Narcotics

- 2 Active Narcotics investigation(s)
- 0 Arrests were made by the investigative division for a drug related offense.
- 32 Pounds of prescription medication was deposited in the Prescription Drug Box.

After Hours Call-Outs

- 1 Incident required a detective response for investigative support after hours.
- (21-10293) Employee involved motor vehicle crash

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Internal Affairs (IA)

0 IA Complaint was screened and indexed.

1 IA Investigation was conducted and closed.

3 IA Complaint remains open and is being investigated.

There were 0 investigations that resulted in disciplinary action requiring a suspension of ten (10) or more days.

Grand Jury/Superior Court Appearances

0 Cases required a Detective to appear and testify before a Grand Jury or Superior Court.

Search Warrants/Subpoenas

1 Subpoena was requested to be served for an investigation.

There were 0 search warrants and 0 communication data warrants executed.

Background Investigations

The Investigative Division conducted 2 Police Applicant investigations, 1 Dispatcher Applicant Investigation and 0 Crossing Guard Applicant Investigations.

Megan's Law (Sex-Offender) Registrations

1 New Registrations

1 Address Verification and Re-Registrations

There are currently 10 registered sex-offenders residing within the Township.

Detective Time Off and Overtime:

Detective Time Off: TOTAL 49.5 hours

Compensatory – 9.5 hours Vacation/Holiday – 40 Hours Personal – 0 hours Sick- 0 hours Other – 0 Hours

Division Monthly Staffing Level (M-F) – 2.72 Detectives

Detective Overtime

Hours worked for Cash – 3.5 hours (DB) Hours worked for Compensatory Time – 13.00 hours non DB (Det. Cespedes worked patrol OT)

Property and Evidence

5 Item classified as property was entered into the department's BEAST Evidence System, processed, logged and secured. (This includes missing, lost and found property, recovered stolen property and items left for safekeeping.)

1 Firearms/Weapons were entered into the BEAST Evidence System, processed, logged and secured.

0 Firearms were transported for ballistics analysis.

8 Items classified as evidence were entered into the BEAST Evidence System, processed, logged and secured.

1 Items classified as Drug Evidence were transported to the NJ State Police Laboratory for analysis.

0 Items classified as Forensic Evidence were transported to the NJ State Police Laboratory at Hamilton or Holmdel, NJ for analysis. (This includes physical, chemical, and biological evidence.)

2 Random drug screen analysis specimens were transported to the NJ State Medical Examiner's Office for analysis.

\$0.00 Currency was seized and submitted to the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office pending asset forfeiture proceedings.

Notable Cases

21-04772 – Det. Cespedes successfully identified the suspect of a lewdness incident that occurred on Main Street. As a result of the investigation, criminal charges were filed against the actor.

Comments: D/Lt. Prall and D/Cpl. Moncato met with Lt. Lane of the Passaic Police Department, Juvenile Division to discuss participation in the county wide Enhanced Station House Adjustment Program (SHAP) for diversion of juvenile matters. We screened our first potential enrollment into the program, a juvenile accused of shoplifting from the Shop-Rite store. D/Cpl. Moncato is working with the Passaic Police Department for the inclusion of additional juvenile offenders from Little Falls.

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION – Administrative Monthly Report –June 2021

RECORDS BUREAU

Discovery and OPRA

1 Discovery Cases involving Digital (Audio/Video) files were processed and uploaded to Dropbox for defense attorneys, the public defender, and prosecutors.

21 OPRA requests were processed.

570 pages of reports were facilitated and forwarded to the Township Clerk's Office for OPRA requests.

\$681.00 was deposited by the Records Bureau during the month.

Discovery \$0.00/Firearms \$31.00/Accident & Incident Reports \$650.00/Fingerprints \$0

Firearms

13 Applications for Firearms Permits

6 Firearms Purchaser ID cards were *Issued*

10 Handgun Purchase Permits were *Issued*

0 Application was *Denied*

Background Investigations

Firearms – 10 Firearms Investigations Completed

Permit to Carry – 0 Permit to Carry Applications.

TRAINING:

Outside Training

- Ptl. Racanelli – 2 Week Basic Police Motorcycle Training
- Ptl. Tulling – PCPA 2 Day De-Escalation Training
- Sgt. Gilchrist & Ptl. Emperio – 1 Week Police Bicycle Training Course
- Det. Cespedes & Ptl. Racanelli – Firearms Instructor Training
- Chief Post, Det/Lt Prall, Lt. Briggs and Lt. Presing – MEL EPL Training
- Ptl. Norton – Began PTC Waiver Training
- Recruit Hablitz began 3 Week Pre-Academy Training
- Det. Cespedes – 2 Day Phase 2 Fire Investigation Training
- Sgt. Romaine & Sgt. Gilchrist – 2 Day Resiliency Training
- Det/Cpl Moncato – 2 Day Internal Affairs Training
- Sgt. Gilchrist & Det. Cespedes – PT Instructor Training

Online Training

Power DMS:

- Ethics Training
- Workplace Harassment Training
- CJIS Security Awareness Training
- AG Directive 2021-5

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Firearms

All members of the department participated in and successfully completed Rifle Qualifications during the month of June.

DISPATCHER TIME OFF AND COVERAGE

Dispatcher Time Off

COMP – 24 Hours HOL – 229.5 Hours VAC – 48 Hours PER – 24 Hours
 C/T – 98 Hours SICK – 72 Hours FML – 36 Hours

Dispatcher Coverage – Overtime

Part-time Dispatcher Hours Worked – 192 hours
 Full time Dispatcher OT CASH – 281 Hours
 Dispatch Vacancy Covered by Patrol OT – 0 hours
 Dispatch Vacancy Covered by Patrol Shift – 0 hours
 Full-time Dispatcher OT Comp – 34.5 hours
 Part-Time Dispatcher Proficiency Hours Worked – 58.5 hours

Construction Report – Month- June 2021

Uniform Construction Code

Permits Issued – 52
 Inspections - 94
 Total Value of Construction - \$1,047,805.00
 Certificate of Occupancy - \$100.00
 Permit Fees Collected - \$18,956
 Permit Fees Waived - \$0.00
 Total Fees Collected - \$19,056.00

Zoning

Fence Permits – \$450.00
 Sign Permits - \$0.00
 Zoning fees – \$4,815.00
 Total Fees Collected- \$5,265.00

Property Maintenance

Certificates of Compliance Fees – \$2,350.00
 Inspections – 123
 Complaints Inspections - 16
 Violations Issued – 34
 Roll-off permits – \$100.00
 Total Fees Collected – \$2,450.00

Monthly Revenue \$26,771.00

YTD Revenue \$337,011.00

Finance Department Report –Month of June, 2021

BUDGET STATUS REPORT TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS YEAR TO DATE – JANUARY 1, 2021- JULY 7, 2021							
ACCOUNT 01-2010	BUDGET	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Paid or Committed	Balance	% Spent
00-0000	BUDGET	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1000	ADMINISTRATION S&W	64,371.00	33,182.07	0.00	33,182.07	31,188.93	51.5
20-1050	ADMINISTRATON O/E	58,800.00	25,590.49	3,810.00	29,400.49	29,399.51	50.0
20-1100	MAYOR & COUNCIL S&W	17,500.00	8,020.98	0.00	8,020.98	9,479.02	45.8
20-1102	MAYOR & COUNCIL O/E	2,000.00	720.17	0.00	720.17	1,279.83	36.0
20-1200	CLERK S&W	248,806.00	112,501.77	0.00	112,501.77	136,304.23	45.2
20-1202	CLERK O/E	85,000.00	33,689.96	13,707.49	47,397.45	37,602.55	55.7
20-1300	FINANCIAL ADM. S&W	151,069.00	71,375.60	0.00	71,375.60	79,693.40	47.2
20-1302	FINANCIAL ADM. O/E	65,000.00	36,859.88	544.74	37,404.62	27,595.38	57.5
20-1352	FINANCIAL ADMIN. AUDIT	50,000.00	15,850.00	0.00	15,850.00	34,150.00	31.7
20-1450	REVENUE ADMIN.S&W	102,034.00	46,411.07	0.00	46,411.07	55,622.93	45.4
20-1452	REVENUE ADMIN.-O/E	39,500.00	6,667.50	4477.75	11,145.25	28,354.75	28.2
20-1500	ASSESSMENTS S&W	58,218.00	26,953.00	0.00	26,953.00	31,265.00	46.2
20-1502	ASSESSMENT OF TAXES	30,900.00	16,216.45	3,011.58	19,228.03	11,671.97	62.2
20-1550	LEGAL SERVICES S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1551	LEGAL SERVICES O/E	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1552	LEGAL SERVICES O/E	175,000.00	103,941.70	0.00	103,941.70	71,058.30	59.3
20-1651	ENGINEERING S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
20-1652	ENGINEERING O/E	100,000.00	45,775.38	0.00	45,775.38	54,224.62	45.7
20-1801	PLANNING BOARD S&W	5,077.00	2,344.37	0.00	2,344.37	2,732.63	46.1
20-1802	PLANNING BOARD O/E	13,500.00	3,909.15	1,602.29	5,511.44	7,988.56	40.8
20-1951	CONST.CODE OFF. S&W	211,627.00	116,514.72	0.00	116,514.72	95,112.28	55.0
20-1952	CONST.CODE OFF. O/E	37,800.00	8,668.66	3,673.55	12,342.21	25,457.79	32.6
22-2001	PLUMBING INSP. S&W	23,484.00	10,787.32	0.00	10,787.32	12,696.68	45.9
22-2002	ELECTRIC INSP. S&W	27,528.00	12,644.93	0.00	12,644.93	14,833.07	45.9
23-2101	LIABILITY INSURANCE	32,850.00	5,933.00	0.00	5,933.00	26,917.00	18.0
23-2102	LIABILITY INSUR-	262,400.00	187,696.00	0.00	187,696.00	74,704.00	71.5
23-2150	LIABILITY INSUR-	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.0
23-2151	WORKERS COMP.-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
23-2152	WORKERS,	241,500.00	185,271.00	0.00	185,271.00	56,229.00	76.7
23-2202	NJSHBP-GROUP HEALTH	1,495,000.00	715,711.02	4,750.00	720,461.02	774,538.98	48.1
23-2252	UNEMPLOYMENT INSUR.	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.0
25-2401	POLICE S&W	3,789,784.00	1,770,465.90	0.00	1,770,465.90	2,019,318.10	46.7
25-2402	POLICE O/E	221,650.00	77,658.53	60,316.98	137,975.51	83,674.49	62.2
25-2403	POLICE S&W	449,304.00	203,866.72	0.00	206,866.72	245,437.38	45.3
25-2404	POLICE S&W	195,101.00	78,697.98	0.00	78,697.98	116,406.02	40.3
25-2412	ACQ. OF POLICE CARS	106,000.00	0.00	73,148.00	73,148.00	32,852.00	69.0
25-2521	EMERG. MGMT. S&W	15,000.00	6,875.00	0.00	6,875.00	8,125.00	45.8
25-2522	EMERG. MGMT. SERV.-	20,000.00	7,285.54	1,855.28	9,140.82	10,859.18	45.7
25-2651	FIRE S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2652	AID VOLUNTEER FIRE	166,865.00	31,658.12	8,205.73	39,863.85	127,001.15	23.8
25-2653	FIRE O/E- FLOOD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2662	FIRE HYDRANT SERV.	182,000.00	79,486.40	0.00	79,486.40	102,513.60	43.6

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ACCOUNT 01-2010	BUDGET	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Paid or Committed	Balance	% Spent
25-2751	PROSECUTOR S&W	20,537.00	9,433.92	0.00	9,433.92	11,103.08	45.9
25-2801	EMS/AMBULANCE EMT	343,401.00	274,731.25	0.00	274,731.25	68,669.75	80.00
25-2802	EMS/AMBULANCE	50,000.00	21,569.06	6,712.69	28,281.75	21,718.25	56.5
25-2871	EMS/AMB ELMWOOD	271,560.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	271,561.00	0.0
25-2872	EMS/AMB ELMWOOD PK	75,000.00	23,043.95	3,513.13	26,575.08	48,424.92	35.4
26-2901	DPW S&W	1,081,046.00	540,626.01	0.00	540,626.01	540,419.99	50.00
26-2902	DPW-O/E	213,300.00	76,120.01	18,301.18	94,421.19	118,878.81	44.2
26-3001	SHADE TREE COMM.	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.0
26-3002	SHADE TREE COMM. O/E	28,870.00	0.00	600.00	600.00	28,270.00	2.0
26-3051	SOLID WASTE S&W	70,000.00	19,172.87	0.00	19,172.87	50,827.13	27.3
26-3052	SOLID WASTE O/E	555,000.00	253,270.81	213,178.26	466,449.07	88,550.93	84.0
26-3101	BLDGS & GROUNDS S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
26-3102	BLDGS & GROUNDS O/E	120,000.00	38,017.09	41,829.98	79,847.07	40,152.93	66.5
26-3151	VEHICLE MAINT. S&W	90,000.00	39,466.13	0.00	39,466.13	50,533.87	43.8
26-3152	VEHICLE MAINT. O/E	93,500.00	38,687.88	4,380.20	43,068.08	50,431.92	46.0
26-3252	COMMUNITY SERVICES	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.0
27-3302	BOARD OF HEALTH-	20,025.00	5,844.61	141.04	5,985.65	14,039.35	29.8
27-3332	PEOSHA - FIRE	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.0
27-3350	FLOOD BOARD O/E	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.0
27-3451	PUBLIC ASSIST. S&W	14,482.00	6,652.09	0.00	6,652.09	7,829.91	45.9
27-3452	PUBLIC ASSIST. O/E	550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	550.00	0.0
27-3501	FIRE PREVENTION S&W	122,410.00	38,892.38	0.00	38,892.38	83,517.62	31.7
27-3502	FIRE PREVENTION O/E	5,000.00	692.98	662.94	1,355.92	3,644.08	27.1
27-3701	SENIOR ACTIVITIES S&W	25,744.00	7,963.07	0.00	7,963.07	17,780.93	30.9
27-3702	SENIOR ACTIVITIES O/E	6,000.00	742.40	0.00	742.40	5,257.60	12.3
27-3722	SR. CITIZEN TRANSPORT	2,900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,900.00	0.0
28-3701	RECREATION S&W	213,084.00	80,106.35	0.00	80,106.35	132,977.65	37.5
28-3702	RECREATION O/E	156,350.00	59,162.92	24,659.85	83,822.77	72,527.23	53.6
29-3902	MAINT. PUBLIC LIBRARY	566,172.00	283,086.00	0.00	283,086.00	283,086.00	50.0
30-4102	PRIOR YEARS BILLS:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
30-4202	CELEB. OF PUBLIC EVE.	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00	0.0
30-4251	S&W ADJUSTMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
31-4352	STREET LIGHTING	80,000.00	51,900.95	0.00	51,900.95	28,099.05	64.8
31-4402	TELEPHONE/IT	138,000.00	88,474.53	27,618.83	116,093.36	21,906.64	84.1
31-4452	WATER	35,000.00	11,363.81	15.56	11,379.37	23,620.63	32.5
31-4462	GAS & ELECTRIC	250,000.00	152,737.47	0.00	152,737.47	97,262.53	61.0
31-4472	DIESEL	30,000.00	13,681.84	13,000.00	26,681.84	3,318.16	88.9
31-4552	LANDFILL/SOLID WASTE	400,000.00	209,113.09	124,505.37	333,618.46	66,381.54	83.4
31-4560	RECYCLING TAX	15,500.00	7,819.27	180.73	8,000.00	7,500.00	51.6
31-4562	PASSAIC VALLEY SEWER	995,000.00	497,379.17	248,653.82	746,032.99	248,967.01	74.9
31-4572	SECOND RIVER JOINT	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0
31-4582	THIRD RIVER JOINT	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	100.0
31-4592	TWSP OF MONTCLAIR	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.0
31-4602	GASOLINE	75,000.00	32,991.18	14,378.07	47,369.25	27,630.75	63.1
31-4612	CITY OF CLIFTON	115,000.00	56,682.00	0.00	56,682.00	58,318.00	49.2
32-0000	Passaic Cty CARES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
36-4712	PERS	337,629.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	337,629.00	0.0
36-4722	SOCIAL SECURITY	325,000.00	161,258.75	0.00	161,258.75	163,741.25	49.6
36-4752	PFRS	1,048,447.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,048,447.00	0.0
36-4762	LOSAP	105,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	105,000.00	0.0
36-4765	PREP/NEW DIGITAL TAX	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.0
36-4770	Employer Contribution to	20,000.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	19,500.00	2.5
36-4772	PEN.VOL. FIRE WIDOWS	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0
36-4775	DEFICIT IN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
36-4776	DEFERRED CHARGES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7012	MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE	13,707.36	3,778.40	0.00	3,778.40	9,928.96	27.5
40-7025	N J ALCOHOL ED.	5,084.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,084.00	0.0
40-7030	BODY ARMOR GRANT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7035	BULLET PROOF VEST	3,018.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,018.00	0.0
40-7040	RECYCLING TONNAGE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7076	NEW JERSEY HWY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7451	DWI - DDEF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7533	CLICK OR TICKET	3,135.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,135.00	0.0
40-7535	DISTRACTED DRIVING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7601	FF GLOBAL PREVENTION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7602	NJ AMERICAN WATER FF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7702	CLEAN COMMUNITIES	20,489.00	797.76	808.36	1,606.12	18,882.88	7.8
43-4901	MUNICIPAL COURT S&W	168,467.00	49,824.29	0.00	49,824.29	118,642.71	29.5
43-4902	MUNICIPAL COURT O/E	33,000.00	1,723.00	2,993.47	4,717.27	28,282.73	14.2
43-4952	PUBLIC DEFENDER	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00	0.0
43-4980	DEFERRED CHARGES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
44-9012	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	250,000.00	4,201.89	0.00	4,201.89	245,798.11	1.6
44-9052	ACQ. OF COMPUTERS	75,000.00	7,386.49	607.00	7,993.49	67,006.51	10.6
45-9202	BOND PRINCIPAL	951,000.00	171,000.00	0.00	171,000.00	780,000.00	17.9
45-9302	INTEREST ON BONDS	446,000.00	260,366.26	0.00	260,366.26	185,633.74	58.3
45-9402	INTEREST ON NOTES	86,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	86,000.00	0.0
45-9502	NOTE PRINCIPAL	265,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	265,000.00	0.0
46-8750	SPECIAL EMERGENCY	11,750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,750.00	0.0
46-8883	DEFERRED CHARGES-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
46-8886	DEFERRED CHARGES-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
46-8889	DEFERRED CHARGES-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
50-8992	RES UNCOLLECTED TAX	950,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	950,000.00	0.0
67-4800	JUDGEMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0
70-1000	LIBRARY PAYROLL	0.00	132,153.72	0.00	132,153.72	-132,153.72	0.0
	GRAND TOTAL	20,265,025.36	7,834,546.83	925,861.87	8,760,408.70	11,504,616.66	43.2

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APPLICATIONS

RAFFLE, OUR LADY OF THE HOLDY ANGELS CHURCH, ON-PREMISE 50/50, 9/6/2021, 6:00P.M. – 10:00 P.M., 465 MAIN STREET, LITTLE FALLS

LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY APPLICATION, DANIEL GIANDUSO, SECOND AVENUE, LITTLE FALLS, ENTERPRISE CO. #2

RESOLUTIONS

Approving Extension of Plenary License

**RESOLUTION [A] – 21-07-26-#1
TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for the extension of Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 1605-33-015-007, to the Bankruptcy Trustee David Wolff, Esq.; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, including proof of appointment to act as Trustee; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Falls Township Council does hereby approve, nunc pro tunc to June 29, 2021, the extension of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License to David Wolff, Esq. to conduct business under the privileges, terms and conditions of the license as Bankruptcy Trustee until such time as the license may be transferred in compliance therewith, and directs the Township Clerk/A.B.C. Board Secretary to endorse the license certificate as follows: "This license is hereby extended, subject to all its terms and conditions to David Wolff, Esq., Bankruptcy Trustee nunc pro tunc to June 29, 2021.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1415 - It was moved by Councilmember Kahwaty, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1415, "**AN 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 280, ENTITLED "ZONING,"**" be and it was opened.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Hugh Giordano- Representative of UFCW Local 152, expressed his hope that the Council would consider a merit-based application system.

M. Kimmel – 13 Cheryl Court, expressed concern and opposition to No. 1415 regarding cannabis and questioned what direction the Township would take now rejecting Ordinance No. 1416. Mr. Kimmel further queried what benefit the Township would receive and discussed concerns regarding testing. Council President SGOBBA and Mayor Damiano commented the on the opportunity for revenue generation.

Vanessa Apaza – 9 Woodside Avenue, requested the Township extend the 1000-foot buffer of schools to daycare and recreational facilities. She agreed with Mr. Kimmel’s comments regarding testing. Mayor Damiano referenced Ordinance No. 1415 paragraph 17 which responded to zoning. Council President SGOBBA added that the Planning Board would have to approve and take into consideration many of the issues brought forth regarding zoning.

Walter Kilpatrick- 6 Oak Tree Lane, referred to article 3-1B under the Cannabis Act and requested clarification. Mr. Friend responded that if no action is taken by August 22, then the municipality is prohibited from taking action for five years. All licenses would then be conditional uses for five years. Councilmember KAHWATY questioned whether action taken on the B-2 zone would mean action has been taken on the entire Township or does action have to be taken on each individual zone. Mr. Cuccia clarified that by establishing that the Township allowed it as a conditional use only in the B2 zone precludes it from the other zones.

Rosa Amica-Terra Attorney for Local 464A, submitted correspondence to the Council regarding concerns regarding cannabis, summarizing that the risks outrun the benefits for any cannabis processing or production in the municipality. Council President SGOBBA then reviewed the due diligence of the Planning Board.

Luis Fernandez – 54 Harrison Street, questioned how penalties and fines would be assessed. Council President SGOBBA stated the Township has until August 22, 2021, to implement a plan.

At this time, Mayor Damiano clarified what businesses are allowed in the B-3 district; day care facilities are not permitted.

As no further comments from the public were received, it was moved by Councilmember Kahwaty, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1415 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, that the Ordinance No. 1415 be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1417 - -It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1417, “**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LITTLE FALLS FIRE DIVISION IN THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE SECTION 3-7.8, ENTITLED “FIRE DIVISION,”**” be and it was opened.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Al Attianese- 27 Dewey Avenue questioned whether the membership would be included in the Meeting with the Fire Department, what criteria would be used to move equipment owned by the Township, and why term limits for the Fire Chief are not left to the membership to decide. Mr. Attianese also commented on the membership limit and expressed concern it does not mention lifetime members. Mayor Damiano stated the Fire Department has operational control over the equipment. The Fire Chief would ultimately decide which apparatus would operate out of what facility. There is no modification to the prior ordinance to that portion. Regarding terms for Chiefs, Mayor Damiano explained term limits have been proposed, however, this will be discussed at the upcoming meeting with the Fire Department on August 4, 2021. Mayor Damiano stated there are no changes from the prior ordinance with regard to number of membership, auxiliary members and life time membership.

Edward Riley – 745 Riverview drive, Totowa, stated he is a member of the Fire Department and EMS, and stated his opinion of the Ordinance No. 1416.

Jeff Altonjy –165 Lincoln Avenue, Fire Chief, announced he looked forward to sitting down with the Mayor and Business Administrator, and gathering comments from the Fire Department.

As no further comments from the public were received, it was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1417 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Kahwaty seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, to table Ordinance No. 1417 until August 9, 2021.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1418 - -It was moved by Councilmember Kahwaty, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1418, “**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LITTLE FALLS FIRE DIVISION IN THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE SECTION 82.1, ENTITLED “FIRE PREVENTION,”**” be and it was opened.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Jeff Altonjy – 165 Lincoln Avenue, Fire Chief, stated many of the changes in Ordinance No. 1418 are verbiage.

As no further comments from the public were received, it was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1418 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that the Ordinance No. 1418 be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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Ordinance No. 1419 - -It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1419, “**AN 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 71, FEES**” be and it was opened.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

As no comments from the public were received, it was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1419 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, that the Ordinance No. 1419 be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1422 - -It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1422, “**AN 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 71, FEES**” be and it was opened.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

As no comments from the public were received, it was moved by Councilmember Kahwaty, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1422 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the Ordinance No. 1422 be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1423 - It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that there be introduced and the meeting of August 23, 2021 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
ORDINANCE NO. 1423
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND CHAPTER 7 (ON-STREET REGULATIONS)
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS**

WHEREAS, under N.J.S.A. 39:4-140, a municipal may enact ordinances to designate the placement of Stop Signs at intersections of roadways under municipal control,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to update and amend the Municipal Code to include additional Stop Signs in order to ensure the consistent flow of traffic, reduction of speeding and other motor vehicle offenses, and prevention of automotive and pedestrian accidents; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has found it proper to amend the language of the Code accordance therewith;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, that Chapter 7, On-Street Regulations, of the Code of the Township of Little Falls, is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

§7-20 Stop Intersection.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-140, the intersections described are hereby designated as stop intersections. Stop signs shall be installed as provided therein.

Bradford Avenue and Strickland Avenue – STOP sign shall be installed on Bradford Avenue.

Jackson Street and Cedar Street – STOP sign shall be installed on Jackson Street.

Overlook Avenue and Birch Road – STOP sign shall be installed on Birch Road.

Stanley Street and First Avenue – STOP sign shall be installed on Stanley Street.

Veranda Street and Amity Street – STOP sign shall be installed on Veranda Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that:

1. Ordinances, resolutions and regulations or parts of ordinances, resolutions and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency; and
2. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such a decision shall not affect the remaining portion of the Ordinance; and
3. Except as hereby amended, the Code of the Township of Little Falls shall remain in full force and effect.
4. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty days after final passage and publication in accordance with law.

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

Meeting of July 26, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL MATTERS

Anyone wishing to address the Township Council may do so through the Council President. Please give your name and address for the record. Comments are to be limited to three minutes, however, if appropriate, you may be granted additional time in the sole discretion of the Council President.

Members of the public who have joined the Meeting virtually and desire to provide comment shall raise their virtual hand in the Zoom application. The Meeting moderator will queue the members of the public that wish to provide comment and the Council President will recognize them in order. Members of the public who have joined the Meeting by calling in must press *6 to mute and unmute themselves and *9 to raise their hand. Members of the public who have joined the Meeting via the Zoom application must click the Reactions icon and then Raise the Hand icon. Please give your name and address for the record. Once the process is complete, we will return to the regular order of business.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Doreen Frega – Animal Protection League of NJ, questioned if the Township had a geese management program and offered the League as a resource for non-lethal solutions and management information for geese and deer. Council President SGOBBA responded that the Township did have a problem with geese in the past, but since turf has been installed it is no longer an issue. He further stated the Township does not have a geese program in place and was not aware of any problems in the Township. Council President requested Ms. Frega forward her contact information. Councilmember VANCHERI suggested Ms. Frega reach out to PVHS.

Luis Fernandez, 54 Harrison Street, requested information on the status of Fire Chief, Jack Sweezy. Mayor Damiano stated he was terminated from his position and there is pending legal action at this time. Mr. Fernandez questioned why the public must provide a name and address during Public Comment, as he felt it compromised safety. Mrs. Kraus responded the name and address is stated for the record. Mr. Friend stated he would like to investigate this issue further.

Raymond Kostroski – 170 Donato Drive – stated he previously spoke to the DPW about the need to address a depression in the road on Donato Drive and requested a status report. Council President SGOBBA requested Mayor Damiano follow-up on the matter. Mr. Kostroski also discussed the replacement of trees near the curb and the progression of weeds where seed was planted by the contractor. Mayor Damiano recalled discussion of the matter with the DPW Superintendent and stated he believed several trees are slated to be planted in the area in the future.

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: Hablitz, Kahwaty, 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 Kahwaty, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk