

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

Monday, June 12, 2023

Council President Sgobba called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Christine Hablitz, Michael Murphy, Jayna Patel, and Christopher Vancheri. Also present were Mayor James Damiano, Township Attorney Joseph Wenzel, Township Administrator Charles Cuccia, Assistant Administrator Vincent Quatrone, Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus and Deputy Clerk Melissa DePiro.

Absent: None.

Township Employees present: Police Chief Bryan Prall, PVHS Superintendent Dr. Brack Healy, Passaic Valley High School, Fire Chief Ken Cichy, John Pace, Recreation, and Library Board President Anne Kahwaty.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE: Take notice that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-10 as follows: A notice of the meeting was prominently posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building, located at 225 Main Street, Little Falls, N.J. on January 5, 2023. 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. **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.**

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING PRIDE MONTH – At this time, Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation recognizing June, 2023 as LGBTQIA Pride Month in the Township of Little Falls.

RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL VINCENT POST – Mayor Damiano then recognized Michael Vincent Post, who upon graduation, will be attending Sheppard Air Force base for technical training in advanced fighter aircraft integrated avionics.

RECOGNITION OF NATHAN STONE – Mayor Damiano also recognized Nathan Stone for his accomplishments obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout and detailed his Eagle Scout project which included design and construction of an storage and organizational unit for the LFAC’s sporting equipment.

PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL MATTERS AND AGENDA ITEMS

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

Members of the public who have joined the meeting virtually and desire to provide comment shall raise their virtual hand in the Zoom application. The Meeting moderator will queue the members of the public that wish to provide comment and the Council President will recognize them in order. Members of the public who have joined the meeting by calling in must press *6 to mute and unmute themselves and *9 to raise their hand. Members of the public who have joined the Meeting via the Zoom application must click the Reactions icon and then the Raise Hand icon. 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 Hablitz that the meeting be and it was opened to the public.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Anne Kahwaty – Member of the Little Falls Open Space Committee and Chair of the Passaic County Open Space Committee, thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of the Wilmore Road Park project.

Vanesa Apaza – commented on the upcoming application and resolution regarding the Municipal Alliance. Council President SGOBBA remarked the resolution will be on the Agenda of an upcoming Meeting. Mayor Damiano expressed his appreciation of Ms. Apaza for taking on the role of the Municipal Alliance Coordinator at no cost to the Township, as funding for the Municipal Alliance has decreased over the years.

Iris Rivera– made comments regarding the special needs community and thanked the Recreation Department for the formation of the Champions League.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATOR:

1. CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION – Mayor Damiano elaborated that this Resolution supports the ordinances introduced tonight as there were some modifications to them regarding how they were to be originally introduced.
2. TAX REFUND RESOLUTION – The Mayor then reviewed the Tax Refund Resolution pertaining to a disabled veteran exemption and responded to Council President SGOBBA’s query regarding wording of the Resolution.
3. AUTHORIZING AWARD OF TOWNSHIP ISSUED FIREARMS ISSUED TO RETIRED POLICE LIEUTENANT JAMES BRIGGS – Mayor Damiano explained this Resolution demonstrates the municipality properly authorizing the award of a prior Township issued firearm to be transferred to retired former Lieutenant James Briggs.
4. BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1460 – AUTHORIZING UNDERTAKING OF 2023 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – Mayor Damiano explained the process by which roads are identified and repaved every year.
5. BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1461 – AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF A MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT – Mayor Damiano indicated the Ordinance authorizes funding for construction of the PNC parking lot which would include demolition of three homes and improvement of the municipal parking lot where PNC bank currently exists.
6. BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1462 – AUTHORIZING UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO WILMORE PARK – Mayor Damiano commented on how this Ordinance would authorize funding for improvements to Wilmore Road Park which has been outdated for some time. Councilmember HABLITZ added that in regard to the improvements, there will be more inclusive swings, equipment and ramps for special needs residents.
7. BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1463 – AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW PUMPER FIRE ENGINE – Mayor Damiano noted that as discussed in this year’s presentation within the budget was acquisition of a new fire truck at Company No. 4, exemplified by Ordinance No. 1463.
8. ORDINANCE NO. 1464 – AMENDING CHAPTER 7 (ON-STREET REGULATIONS) – PARKING ON MULLER PLACE – Mayor Damiano stated Ordinance No. 1464 would permit, for limited periods of time, parking on the north side of Muller Place.
9. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE ON LICENSING ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES – Per the request of Council President SGOBBA, Chief Prall explained the rationale and purpose of the proposed Ordinance. Councilmembers HABLITZ and PATEL posed questions regarding the application of the Ordinance using specific events/locations as examples. Mr. Wenzel provided further comment as to the concept and issue the Ordinance seeks to address and offered to provide further information as to what other towns do. Council President SGOBBA indicated the Ordinance should not make the process cumbersome for organizations such as churches and VFWs that rely on rental income. Council President SGOBBA further emphasized the proposed Ordinance will undergo future discussions.

ACTION ITEMS:

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, to approve the following:

Capital Budget Amendment Resolution

RESOLUTION [A] 23-06-12 - #1

Cancellation of Taxes Due to 100% Disabled Exemption

RESOLUTION [B] 23-06-12 - #2

WHEREAS, the following property in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey was granted a 100% Disabled Veteran Exemption by our Tax Assessor as of August 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, this property should have been marked “exempt” in our 2023 Tax Duplicate with a class code of 15F but remains with a class code 2 in Tax Assessor’s MOD IV records in 2023I and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is now requesting that the Township Council direct the Tax Collector and Tax Assessor to cancel the Estimated 3rd Qtr. 2023 taxes in the amount of \$6,270.34; and

WHEREAS, Resolution (D) 23-03-27 #4 was adopted covering action on the 2023 Preliminary tax qrs.;

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 cancellation be made by both the Tax Collector and the Tax Assessor:

<u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u>	<u>Block Lot</u>	<u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2023/3	237/44.15	Shea, Michael & Cassie 29 Mountaintop Ter	Michael & Cassie Shea 29 Mountaintop Ter Little Falls, NJ 07424	EX	\$6,270.34
			Total Cancellation		\$6,270.34

Award of Firearms to Retired Police Lieutenant Daniel James Briggs

RESOLUTION [C] 23-06-12 - #3

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the award of a Township issued firearm (Sig Sauer P320X SER# 58C409534) to James Briggs in recognition of his retirement as Police Lieutenant and for his service with the Little Falls Township Police Department.

Bill List

RESOLUTION [D]23-06-12 - #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.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

It was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, to approve the following:

REQUEST FROM LITTLE FALLS PBA 346 FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY STREET FAIR ON TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 A.M. AND 5:00 P.M., WITH ROAD CLOSURES BEGINNING AT 7:00 A.M. ON MAIN STREET AND STEVENS AVENUE

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1460 - It was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that there be introduced and the meeting of June 26, 2023 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

BOND ORDINANCE NO 1460

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE 2023 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$500,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey (the "Township"), is hereby authorized to undertake the 2023 Road Improvement Program at various locations, as set forth on a list prepared by the Township Engineer on file or to be placed on file with the Township Clerk, and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto. Depending upon the contract price and other exigent circumstances, and upon approval by the Township Council, there may be additions to or deletions from the aforesaid list. It is hereby determined and stated that said roads being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Section 2. The sum of \$500,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of said Township, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said Township pursuant to the Local Bond Law, and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$500,000, and (4) \$25,000 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$475,000, and (6) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$30,000, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$25,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for the Township, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$25,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$475,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$475,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 7. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance, shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of the Township and attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance, and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of ten years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 9. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk of the Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$475,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 10. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Passaic, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of said purpose, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for said purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. The Township intends to issue bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes, the Township hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 12. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Township, and the Township shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 13. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1461 - It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that there be introduced and the meeting of June 26, 2023 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1461
BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$500,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey (the "Township"), is hereby authorized to construct a municipal parking lot on Township- owned property located at the corner of Stanley Street and Stevens Avenue in, by and for the Township. Said improvement shall include demolition of existing structures and all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of \$500,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvement described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvement shall be made as a general improvement and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of said Township, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said Township pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$500,000, and (4) \$25,000 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$475,000, and (6) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$50,000, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law. Section 4. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$25,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for the Township, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$25,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$475,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$475,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 7. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance, shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of the Township and attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance, and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of ten years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 9. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk of the Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$475,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 10. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Passaic, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of said purpose, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for said purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. The Township intends to issue bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvement described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes, the Township hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 12. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Township, and the Township shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 13. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1462 - It was moved by Councilmember Patel, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that there be introduced and the meeting of June 26, 2023 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1462
BOND ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$1,250,000 FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO WILMORE PARK IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO APPROPRIATE A COUNTY GRANT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls has heretofore authorized the undertaking of various improvements to Wilmore Park in, by and for said Township, and appropriated the sum of \$250,000 therefor pursuant to ordinance no. 1437 adopted by the Township Council of said Township on April 25, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, the Township Council now finds and determines that the additional sum of \$1,250,000 is required for such improvement, **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey (the "Township"), as follows:

Section 1. The additional sum of \$1,250,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the improvement authorized by ordinance no. 1437 adopted by the Township Council of the Township on April 25, 2022 (the "Prior Ordinance"). Said additional appropriation shall be met from the down payment and the County grant appropriated, and from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized, by this ordinance. Said improvements have been and shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof has been nor shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 2. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) the making of such improvements (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") is not a current expense of said Township, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said Township pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose authorized by the Prior Ordinance is \$1,500,000, including the sum of \$250,000 appropriated by the Prior Ordinance and the \$1,250,000 appropriated by this ordinance, and (4) \$400,000 of said sum is to be provided by Open Space grants from the County of Passaic, including the \$150,000 County Open Space grant appropriated by the Prior Ordinance and the \$250,000 County Open Space grants hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) \$55,000 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment, including the \$5,000 appropriated by the Prior Ordinance and the \$50,000 hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (6) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$1,045,000, including the \$95,000 authorized by the Prior Ordinance and the \$950,000 hereinafter authorized, and (7) the cost of such purpose includes the aggregate amount of \$125,000, including the \$15,000 provided in the Prior Ordinance and the sum of \$110,000 hereby stated, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the aggregate sum of \$250,000 received or to be received as Open Space grants from the County of Passaic is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of such purpose.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$50,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Township, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$50,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$950,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$950,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 7. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Township and attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of fifteen years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 9. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk of said Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$950,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 10. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Passaic, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purpose (other than the County grants appropriated by the Prior Ordinance and this Ordinance, which shall be applied to the cost of such purpose, but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. The Township intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements authorized by the Prior Ordinance and described herein. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Township hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 12. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Township, and the Township shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 13. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1463 - It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Patel, that there be introduced and the meeting of June 26, 2023 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1463

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW PUMPER FIRE ENGINE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$885,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey (the "Township") is hereby authorized to acquire a new pumper fire engine, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for the Township. Said improvement shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of \$885,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvement described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvement shall be made as a general improvement and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

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Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) the making of such improvement is not a current expense of said Township, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said Township pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$885,000, and (4) \$45,000 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$840,000, and (6) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$20,000 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$45,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Township, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$45,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$840,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$840,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 7. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Township and attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes and to issue said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer, who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of ten years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 9. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk of said Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$840,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 10. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Passaic, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purpose, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 12. The Township intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvement described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Township hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 13. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Township, and the Township shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Patel, Vancheri and Council President Sgobba
Abstain: Murphy
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1464 - It was moved by Councilmember Patel, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that there be introduced and the meeting of June 26, 2023 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
ORDINANCE NO. 1464
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, a municipal may enact ordinances to designate parking restrictions of roadways under municipal control,
WHEREAS, it is necessary to update and amend the Municipal Code to include additional areas to prohibit or restrict parking in order to ensure the consistent flow of traffic, reduction of 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:

§7-11 Parking time limited on certain streets.

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<u>Muller Place</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>2 hour</u>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> <u>to 4:00 p.m.</u>	<u>beginning 25 feet from Arlington Street and extending 360 feet west thereof</u>
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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. Township Police Department shall have the authority to place such signs as deemed necessary to advise the public of the aforementioned parking restrictions.
5. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty days after final passage and publication in accordance with law.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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COUNCIL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Councilmember HABLITZ highlighted upcoming Library events including Storytime every Monday starting June 26th – August 14th, a summer reading program kickoff on June 16th, and a virtual Trivia Night every Friday night. Councilmember HABLITZ remarked the Farmers Market has been breaking attendance records and announced upcoming Farmers Market events.

Councilmember MURPHY announced the Little Falls Crafting Club will meet every Thursday starting June 13th at the Civic Center. He reported that going forward, Planning Board Meetings will be streaming on Zoom however, comments would need to be made in person. In response to Council President SGOBBA’s inquiry regarding the status of the Township calendar, Councilmember HABLITZ reported sponsors continue to be sought to help offset the costs. Council President SGOBBA emphasized the importance of a timeline for launching the calendar to which Councilmember MURPHY stated a deadline has been established for late July/early August.

Councilmember VANCHERI thanked everyone who helped with the Memorial Day weekend events and announced the Flag Day Ceremony will be held this Wednesday at the American Legion Post. Additionally, Councilmember VANCHERI congratulated all the graduates graduating from grammar and high school.

Councilmember PATEL reported the Clifton Health Department is holding a free vascular ultrasound screening on June 21st at the Clifton Health Department, and every Wednesday in the summer thru November there will be a veggie mobile truck at Clifton City Hall where fresh vegetables can be purchased.

Council President SGOBBA announced the Senior Advisory Ice Cream Social will be held on June 28th and recalled his experience at the recent school TREPS event. Council President SGOBBA then discussed Bill S3906 which would grab monies left over from Covid relief federal monies. The Council President suggested Councilmembers Murphy and Patel visit Senator Corrado to understand the whole workings of the Bill and why one side is not supporting it. He also offered his assistance to visit both Senators Corrado and Pou in an effort to obtain support of the Township receiving those monies.

Mayor Damiano updated that the ABC sponsored Summer Concert Series will commence every Thursday starting June 29th through August 31st and will be live streamed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

Members of the public who have joined the meeting virtually and desire to provide comment shall raise their virtual hand in the Zoom application. The Meeting moderator will queue the members of the public that wish to provide comment and the Council President will recognize them in order. Members of the public who have joined the meeting by calling in must press *6 to mute and unmute themselves and *9 to raise their hand. Members of the public who have joined the Meeting via the Zoom application must click the Reactions icon and then the Raise Hand icon. 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 Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the meeting be and it was opened to the public.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Patel, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [EX]

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into executive session during a Public Meeting; and **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Township of Little Falls has deemed it necessary to go into executive session to discuss certain matters which are exempted for the Public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Governing Body with reconvene;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls will go into executive session for the following reason(s) – public safety matters– no action taken.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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The Council entered Executive Session at 7:59 p.m.

At 8:12 p.m. it was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that the Council returned to Open Session.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk