

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

Monday, March 13, 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 Richard Hawkins, Township Administrator Charles Cuccia, Assistant Administrator Vincent Quatrone, Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus

Absent: Deputy Clerk Melissa DePiro.

Township Employees present: Police Chief Bryan Prall.

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 December 27, 2022. 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 WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH – Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation recognizing March 2023 as Women’s History Month in the Township of Little Falls.

NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH PROCLAMATION– At this time, Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation recognizing the month of March 2023 as National Nutrition Month in the Township of Little Falls.

RECOGNIZING LADY HORNETS TRAVEL SOFTBALL TEAM – Mayor Damiano recognized members of the Lady Hornets Travel 12U Softball Team on their successful season.

RECOGNIZING PASSAIC VALLEY YOUTH SOFTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS – Mayor Damiano then recognized the members of the Passaic Valley 3rd/4th grade and 7th/8th grade softball teams on their league championship.

PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP’S APPLICATION TO THE PASSAIC COUNTY OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO WILMORE ROAD PARK

Mayor Damiano provided history on the submission of successful grant applications to Passaic County for an Open Space and Farmland Trust Fund grant, highlighting the Township has obtained a \$200,000 grant for each year of 2021 and 2022 for Wilmore Road Park Improvements. The intention of the past two years grant has focused on improvements to the park itself including the park and playground. This year’s application for the 2023 application is to replace the unsightly port-a-john with the installation of a permanent bathroom at Wilmore Road Park.

It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Patel to open the public hearing on the Township’s application to the Passaic County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund for improvements to Wilmore Road Park 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.

Patricia Toomey- Commented on a certified letter pertaining to the project Mr. Cuccia explained when dealing with a park, notification is to be given to the surrounding area around the entire park.

Karen Coussoulis – questioned whether a rendering of the improvement was available for the public to view. Council President Sgobba stated that upon finalization the information would be on the website. Mayor Damiano added that while the project in Little Falls has not been designed at this time, an image of one that has been designed in another town could be shared. In response to Ms. Coussoulis, the Mayor stated the location of the improvement would be in the current area of the port-a-john.

Scott Horoho – Wilmore Road, requested information regarding traffic disruptions and the duration of the project. Mayor Damiano anticipated most of the work would be substantially off the roadway for this project and further reviewed improvements to the park itself. Discussion further ensued regarding 24-hour access, electronic locking mechanisms, annual cost to maintain, number of stalls, unisex vs gender specific and whether resident input would be sought upon grant award.

David Salvatore – Commented on bathroom maintenance and litter in the park. Mayor Damiano reviewed the cost of the improvements and the grants received in the past to offset cost. In response to Mr. Salvatore’s queries the Mayor explained the purpose of the public hearing was just to approve the grant application to the County. The Mayor then provided estimated project costs per Mr. Salvatore’s request.

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Resident #1 – Inquired about parking, maintenance, and the expansion of Eagle Rescue Squad. The resident was informed the bathroom will be maintained as necessary. The resident also discussed parking concerns and issues with transients at the NJ transit train station and recommended a time lock and parking ordinance for the park. The Mayor responded to the resident's parking concerns and stated the reference to the railroad station is property of NJ Transit. In response to Council President SGOBBA, the resident stated his opposition to the bathroom improvement. Regarding the Eagle Rescue Squad expansion, Mayor Damiano stated there is an intention for the Township to construct a building to house the ambulances for the operation of the 24/365 EMS. The building would be built on Company No. 1 property.

Arnold Korotkin – In reply to Mr. Korotkin, the permanent facility would be handicapped accessible. Council President SGOBBA then responded to Mr. Korotkin's query regarding a subsequent hearing and availability of project details for the public.

Robert Doeg -168 Wilmore Road, stated his support of the grant and commented on litter. In response to Mr. Doeg's question regarding the opportunity for the public to have input on the park, Councilmember Hablitz explained the role of the Open Space Committee and requested Mr. Doeg provide names of those residents who request involvement. Mayor Damiano then responded to Mr. Doeg's statements regarding a timetable on construction, and whether Hurricane Ida relief funds could be applied. Council President SGOBBA discussed the issue of litter and the removal of trees. Mayor Damiano further elaborated on the removal of trees.

David Salvatore- Discussed removal of trees. Mayor Damiano responded to Mr. Salvatore noting that the trees were hollowed out by beetles.

Greg Shark – Expressed concern about the size of the restroom improvement, encouraged the restroom to be closed after park hours, and questioned whether the grant could also be allocated towards the playground restoration. Mr. Shark expressed his support for the bathroom. Mayor Damiano clarified that the County in the past has allowed funds to be pivoted if possible. Council President SGOBBA stated the bathroom would be regulated to events and open for those events such as ABC concerts in the park. In response to restroom size, Mayor Damiano explained no more than 2 stalls would be necessary.

Gene Reda – Stated his support of the application for the grant and the bathroom improvement. Mr. Reda made comments regarding protection of the property, vandalism and littering, and a timeline for improvements. Mayor Damiano stated the intention of installing cameras in the park when improvements are made. Also, as part of the overall park improvements, he believes next spring is a reasonable timeframe to have that park up and running assuming there are not additional supply chain issues. In response to Mr. Reda's request for a status on the foot bridge, Mayor Damiano provided an update he received from the County Engineer, noting it has gone out to bid.

Karen Coussoulis – Commented on the foot bridge to which Mr. Cuccia explained since it is a county program, the Township is waiting as well. Council President SGOBBA added that as information comes to the Township it will be shared with residents.

Tricia Toomey- Expressed she is in favor of the bathroom and questioned placement of the bathroom improvement. Mr. Cuccia stated it will sit on the same site as the existing park.

Joe Vasta – Commented there is not enough information available to vote to which Council President SGOBBA reiterated the purpose of the hearing tonight. The Mayor then responded to the request for cost information. Mr. Vasta then stated if the bathroom is a reasonable size, he supports the bathroom improvement.

Joseph Koterba – Third Ave – Expressed concerns about vandalism and suggested the bathroom be shut down in winter months. He stated his support if the structure is smaller. Council President SGOBBA responded to concerns of safety, vandalism and water issues noting they will be examined.

Al Kahwaty – Stated his support of an upgrade to the bathrooms.

Ken Hart- Wilmore Road – Expressed concern regarding the bathroom taking room away from the playground area. Mr. Cuccia explained the improvement will be in the fence line so the other equipment would have to be configured against it. Council President SGOBBA addressed the concern of vandalism.

Councilmember HABLITZ and Mr. Cuccia elaborated on the placement of the bathroom. Mr. Cuccia stated there is no change to the bike path. Mayor Damiano added the new playground is to be installed where the current playground equipment is. The bathroom would be installed just outside the current playground footprint. Councilmember MURPHY discussed his support once the renderings are obtained and the size is reasonable.

Greg Shark – In response to Mr. Shark, Council President SGOBBA stated information regarding the design of the project, such as images, would be on the Township website when available.

No one having come forward to be heard, it was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, 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.

At this time, Council President SGOBBA requested a five-minute recess.

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MAYOR'S BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mayor Damiano provided an overview of the 2023 Municipal Budget which included highlights of the municipal appropriations, reserve for uncollected taxes, debt service, budget revenue, and the amount to be raised by taxes. The Mayor announced the budget will be introduced at the March 27th Meeting and a public hearing and adoption is slated for April 24th.

Per Council President SGOBBA's request, Mr. Cuccia explained that the Fund Balance is the amount of money the Township retains after the results of operations on a regular basis.

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.

No one 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. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX APPEAL SETTLEMENTS ON SEVERAL PROPERTIES – Mayor Damiano explained the routine nature of this Resolution as a result of tax appeals. In response to Council President SGOBBA, Mayor Damiano explained the landowners have the right to go back three years after filing. Landowners that did go for the appeal cannot appeal for another three years. The Mayor confirmed the amount of the appeals per the request of Council President SGOBBA and noted the amount of taxes are substantial and that is why the amounts are significant. Lastly, the Mayor reviewed the settlement with MSU noting it was a substantial and significant settlement.
2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE PASSAIC COUNTY OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO WILMORE ROAD PARK – Mayor Damiano reviewed this resolution highlighting that most residents heard by the Council tonight were in favor of the application being submitted to Passaic County with the understanding some additional input is necessary to determine the size and location.
3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION OF THE TOWNSHIP'S PERSONAL PROPERTY – Mayor Damiano stated the Township has a 2011 Ford F450 4x4 Pickup Truck that is no longer usable by the Township and will be put up to auction.
4. ORDINANCE NO. 1449 – AMENDING CODE CHAPTER 71 – BIKE RODEO FEES – The Mayor explained the Bike Rodeo requires that if there are donors, an ordinance must be passed such that the Township can accept gold, silver and bronze donations at \$500, \$250 and \$150.
5. ORDINANCE NO. 1450 – PARKING PROHIBITIONS ON MUNICIPAL AND BOARD OF EDUCATION PROPERTY – The Mayor explained the history of the ordinance to allow the Police to have enforcement authority to have vehicles removed from lots, including the PNC lot which the Township had recently acquired.
6. ORDINANCE NO. 1451 – PARKING TIME LIMITED ON CERTAIN STREETS – Mayor Damiano discussed items #6,7,8 & 9 in conjunction with one another, providing depictions to describe the areas encompassed by the Ordinances.
7. ORDINANCE NO. 1452 – PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS
8. ORDINANCE NO. 1453 – AMENDING CODE CHAPTER 7- HANDICAPPED PARKING – Mayor Damiano described this Ordinance involves placement of a handicap parking space on the most eastern spot of the north parking spaces on Main Street between Stevens Avenue and Center Avenue, which would provide the ability to park closer to the crosswalk and curb cut out.
9. ORDINANCE NO. 1454 – AMENDING CODE CHAPTER 7 – LOADING ZONE – Mayor Damiano Described how this Ordinance would include the addition of a loading zone most west on the northern side of Main Street. In response to Councilmember VANCHERI, the Mayor explained the double yellow line will be moved further south closer to Stevens Avenue and moving the stop bar further would make turns for buses easier. Additionally, the bus stop in front of Valley would remain. Councilmember MURPHY discussed his experience with the intersection and commented that the removal of parking spaces and modifications to the area is warranted in that area in this situation. In response to Councilmember HABLITZ, the Mayor stated space is fitted for a commercial vehicle and will be marked accordingly.

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ACTION ITEMS:

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

Tax Appeal Settlements on Several Properties-

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION [A] 23-03-13 - #1**

WHEREAS, appeals of the real property tax assessments of the following properties have been filed in the Tax Court of New Jersey ('Tax Appeals'):

PROPERTY OWNER	BLOCK	LOT	ADDRESS
Montclair State University	250	1	100 Yogi Berra Drive
Quick Quality Restaurants	186	21.01 8.04	655 Route 46 East
Martorana, Joseph & Eileen et al	56	12	451-463 Main St.
Levco % NY Urban	201	3 9 10	1200-1230, 1600 Route 46 West
Mandelbaum & Krupnick, LLC	251	9 9.01	455, 475 Route 46 East
3 Newark Corporation	52	31	3 Newark Pompton Turnpike
AJ Weite c/o Walgreens Eastern Company	202 203	1 4	228 Browertown Road

; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls have been advised of proposed settlements for the above Tax Appeals, and;

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

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

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township to settle the subject Tax Appeals in accordance with the settlement proposals set forth in Schedule 'A.'

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

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

EXHIBIT 'A'

PROPERTY OWNER	YEAR	ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT ASSESSMENT
Montclair State University*	2017	\$4,650,200	\$4,650,200 – withdraw
	2018	\$4,650,200	\$4,650,200 – withdraw
	2019	\$4,650,200	\$4,650,200 – withdraw
	2020	\$4,650,200	\$4,650,200 – withdraw
	2021	\$4,650,200	\$4,650,200 – withdraw
	2022	\$4,650,200	\$4,650,200 – withdraw
* Pursuant to an agreement with the taxpayer, the Township will be receiving a \$61,500 upfront payment plus an annual Community Service Contribution of \$24,000 for 20 years			
Quick Quality Restaurants	2019	\$1,997,200	\$1,997,200 – withdraw
	2020	\$1,997,200	\$1,997,200 – withdraw
	2021	\$1,997,200	\$1,772,800
	2022	\$1,997,200	\$1,719,000
Martorana, Joseph & Eileen et al	2018	\$2,959,600	\$2,959,600 – withdraw
	2019	\$2,959,600	\$2,959,600 – withdraw
	2020	\$2,959,600	\$2,959,600 – withdraw
	2021	\$2,959,600	\$2,750,000
	2022	\$2,959,600	\$2,750,000
Levco % NY Urban	2020	\$4,676,600	\$4,676,600 – withdraw
	2021	\$4,676,600	\$3,329,000
	2022	\$4,676,600	\$3,250,000
Mandelbaum & Krupnick, LLC	2018	\$2,090,900	\$2,090,900 – withdraw
	2020	\$2,090,900	\$1,812,400
	2021	\$2,090,900	\$1,775,600
	2022	\$2,090,900	\$1,721,800
3 Newark Corporation	2018	\$948,200	\$948,200 – withdraw
	2019	\$948,200	\$900,000
	2020	\$948,200	\$875,000
	2021	\$948,200	\$875,000
	2022	\$948,200	\$875,000
AJ Weite % Walgreens Eastern Company	2020	\$2,519,700	\$2,519,700 – withdraw
	2021	\$2,519,700	\$2,519,700 – withdraw
	2022	\$2,519,700	\$2,519,700 – withdraw

*In connection with this appeal, pursuant to an agreement with the taxpayer, the Township will be receiving a \$61,500 upfront payment + an annual Community Service Contribution of \$24,000 for 20 years

Application to Passaic County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund for Improvements to Wilmore Road Park

RESOLUTION [B] 23-03-13 - #2

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls are requesting funding through the Passaic County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund for improvements to Wilmore Road Park (also referred to as Wilmore Park); and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Shared Services Act, such funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the Township of Little Falls; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls do hereby confirm endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council certify the resolution for the application to be presented to the Passaic County Department of Planning.

Sale of Township’s Personal Property at Public Auction

**RESOLUTION [C] 23-03-13 - #3
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION OF THE TOWNSHIP’S
PERSONAL PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE**

WHEREAS, the attached is a list of personal property, which is no longer needed for public use by the Township of Little Falls; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-36, “Sale or other disposition of personal property,” the governing body may authorize the public sale of municipal owned property no longer needed for public use; and

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

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

2023 EQUIPMENT AUCTION

2011 Ford F250 4x4 Pick Up Truck

VIN # 1FTBF2B69BEB25573

Bill List

RESOLUTION [D]23-03-13 - #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.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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

APPLICATIONS

RAFFLE, BANYAN UPPER SCHOOL, ON-PREMISE 50/50, 3/31/23, 7:00 P.M.-9:30 P.M., 471 MAIN STREET, LITTLE FALLS

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No.1449 - It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1449, “**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL 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, Murphy, Patel, 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 Murphy, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1449 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, that Ordinance No. 1449 be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1450 - It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that there be introduced and the meeting of April 17, 2023 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 1450

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FURTHER AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS CODE CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE II, SECTION 7-40, “PARKING PROHIBITIONS ON MUNICIPAL AND BOARD OF EDUCATION PROPERTY”

WHEREAS, due to concerns regarding the health and safety of motorists and pedestrians in the Township, the municipal council of the Township (the “Municipal Council”) seeks to amend the provisions of the current code section; and

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WHEREAS, in furtherance of the proposed amendment to the Township Code of General Ordinances (the “Code”) concerning the parking vehicles on the Township Roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council has determined to amend Chapter 7, Article II, Section 7-40.11 of the Township Code to read as follows:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDINANED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Little Falls, Passaic County, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The aforesaid recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Municipal Council hereby amends Chapter 7, Article II, Section 7-40.11 of the Township Code to read as follows:

7-40.11 Morris Canal, Stanley Street Parking Lot(Entrance located on Stevens Avenue), Little Falls Sports and Recreation Center Parking Lots (Located on Paterson Avenue)

3. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence, phrase or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

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

5. This Ordinance shall take effect after twenty (20) days of its final passage by the Municipal Council, upon approval by the Mayor and publication as required by law.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1451 - It was moved by Councilmember Patel, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that there be introduced and the meeting of April 17, 2023 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 1451

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FURTHER AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS CODE CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE II, SECTION 7-11, “PARKING TIME LIMITED ON CERTAIN STREETS”

WHEREAS, due to concerns regarding the health and safety of motorists and pedestrians in the Township, the municipal council of the Township (the “Municipal Council”) seeks to amend the provisions of the current code section; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the proposed amendment to the Township Code of General Ordinances (the “Code”) concerning the parking vehicles on the Township Roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council has determined to amend Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7-13 of the Township Code to read as follows:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDINANED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Little Falls, Passaic County, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The aforesaid recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Municipal Council hereby amends Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7-11 of the Township Code to read as follows:

§ 7-11 **Parking time limited on certain streets. [1]**

B. No person shall park a vehicle for longer than the time limit between the hours listed on any day (except public holidays) upon any of the streets or parts of streets described:

Delete the following:

Name of Street	Sides	Time Limit	Hours
Main Street	South	3hrs.	8am to 8pm
Location- Beginning 86 feet from the easterly curb line of Center Avenue to a point 113 feet east therefrom Stevens Avenue	East	3hrs.	8am to 8pm

Location-Beginning at a point 165 feet south from the south curb line of Main Street and from said point extending northerly 40 feet north.

Amend the Following:

Main Street	North	3hrs.	8am to 8pm
Location- Beginning at a point 305 325 feet west from the west curb line of Paterson Avenue and from said point extending westerly 475 120 feet west			

3. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence, phrase or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

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

5. This Ordinance shall take effect after twenty (20) days of its final passage by the Municipal Council, upon approval by the Mayor and publication as required by law.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1452 - It was moved by Councilmember Patel, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that there be introduced and the meeting of April 17, 2023 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 1452

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FURTHER AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS CODE CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE I, SECTION 7-13, “PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS”

WHEREAS, due to concerns regarding the health and safety of motorists and pedestrians in the Township, the municipal council of the Township (the “Municipal Council”) seeks to amend the provisions of the current code section; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the proposed amendment to the Township Code of General Ordinances (the “Code”) concerning the parking vehicles on the Township Roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council has determined to amend Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7-13 of the Township Code to read as follows:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDINANED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Little Falls, Passaic County, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The aforesaid recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Municipal Council hereby amends Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7-13 of the Township Code to read as follows:

§ 7-13 **Parking time limited on certain streets. [1]**

A. No person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any street or parts thereof described.

Name of Street	Sides	Location
Main Street	South	From the westerly curb line of Stevens Avenue to the easterly curb line of Center Avenue
Stevens Avenue	East	From Stanley Street to Main Street

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- 3. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence, phrase or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.
- 4. A copy of this Ordinance shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Township Clerk.
- 5. This Ordinance shall take effect after twenty (20) days of its final passage by the Municipal Council, upon approval by the Mayor and publication as required by law.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1453 - It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that there be introduced and the meeting of April 17, 2023 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1453
ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FURTHER AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS CODE CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE I, SECTION 7-29, "HANDICAPPED PARKING"**

WHEREAS, due to concerns regarding the health and safety of motorists and pedestrians in the Township, the municipal council of the Township (the "Municipal Council") seeks to amend the provisions of the current code section; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the proposed amendment to the Township Code of General Ordinances (the "Code") concerning the parking vehicles on the Township Roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council has determined to amend Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7-29 of the Township Code to read as follows;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDINATED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Little Falls, Passaic County, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The aforesaid recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
- 2. The Municipal Council hereby amends Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7-29 of the Township Code to read as follows:

§ 7-29 Handicapped Parking

A.Handicapped parking on streets. In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-197, the following on-street locations are designated as handicapped parking places. Such spaces are for use by persons who have been issued special identification cards or plates or placards by the Division of Motor Vehicles, or a temporary placard issued by the Chief of Police. No other person shall be permitted to park in these places.

Delete the following:

Name of Street	No. of Spaces
Main Street	1

Location-Along the northern curb line of Main Street, beginning at a point 65 feet east of the eastern curb line of Center Avenue, if extended, and extending 29 feet eastward therefrom

Amend the Following:

Main Street	1
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Location- Along the northern curb line of Main Street beginning at a point 21 feet east of the western curb line of Stevens Avenue, if extended, and extending 23 feet westward therefrom

3. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence, phrase or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

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

5. This Ordinance shall take effect after twenty (20) days of its final passage by the Municipal Council, upon approval by the Mayor and publication as required by law.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1454 - It was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that there be introduced and the meeting of April 17, 2023 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1454
ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FURTHER AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS CODE CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE I, SECTION 7-24, "LOADING ZONE"**

WHEREAS, due to concerns regarding the health and safety of motorists and pedestrians in the Township, the municipal council of the Township (the "Municipal Council") seeks to amend the provisions of the current code section; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the proposed amendment to the Township Code of General Ordinances (the "Code") concerning the parking vehicles on the Township Roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council has determined to amend Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7-24 of the Township Code to read as follows;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDINATED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Little Falls, Passaic County, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The aforesaid recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
- 2. The Municipal Council hereby amends Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7-24 of the Township Code to read as follows:

7-24 Loading Zone

A.The locations described are hereby designated as loading zones. No person shall park a vehicle in said location during the times indicated other than for the loading or unloading of goods and materials.

Amend the Following:

Street	Time	Sides
Main Street	8am to 8pm	North

Location- Along the northern curb line of Main Street beginning at a point 65 feet east of the eastern curb line of Center Avenue, if extended, and extending 49 feet eastward therefrom

3. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence, phrase or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

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

5. This Ordinance shall take effect after twenty (20) days of its final passage by the Municipal Council, upon approval by the Mayor and publication as required by law.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Meeting of March 13, 2023

COUNCIL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Councilmember MURPHY provided a Domestic Violence Prevention Committee update including updates on the website, a dinner at the Recreation center, guest speakers, and a future fundraiser. Councilmember MURPHY announced there will be a meeting to discuss the Township calendar this Thursday.

Councilmember PATEL stated the Board of Health held an event at the Library and will hold another one on March 23rd. Councilmember PATEL then highlighted events Little Falls residents can attend at the Clifton Health Department which include a free hearing screening on March 31st and a bone density screening on March 29th. Additionally, the Board of Health has coordinated health programs on vaping prevention on March 16 and March 17th.

Councilmember HABLITZ announced the Library's upcoming events including a St. Patricks' Day Storytime and craft on March 15th, Ramadan Story Time on March 20th, and an Adult Trivia Night on March 22nd. The next Friends of the Library Meeting will host an open house for new members on March 21st. Lastly, applications are being accepted for the upcoming Farmers Market.

Councilmember VANCHERI provided a Transportation Committee update which was joined by Commissioner John Bartlett to discuss the Route 3/46 construction project. He reported the project should be completed by this November. Councilmember VANCHERI further announced preparations are being made for the Autism Awareness month flag raising on April 1st, Town Hall outdoor lighting next week will represent the start of Ramadan, and plans for Memorial Day weekend are in progress.

Council President SGOBBA highlighted the upcoming St. Patrick's Day event sponsored by the Senior Advisory Board. Council President SGOBBA announced a workshop discussing ankle and foot pathologies will occur on March 31st.

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 Patel, 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.

Arnold Korotkin – Commented on the tax appeal resolution on tonight's' Agenda and questioned whether any other tax assessments are pending with MSU that are currently under appeal. Mayor Damiano discussed the Township has not been successful in securing any additional payments from MSU. The Township did receive additional payments in the form of a PILOT from Floyd Hall that are no longer being received. Mr. Korotkin then expressed his appreciation for adding an additional parking spot on the south side of Main Street.

No one having come forward to be heard, it was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, 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.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk