

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

**Monday, March 14, 2022**

Council President Sgobba called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Christine Hablitz, Albert Kahwaty, Tanya Seber Christopher Vancheri. Also present were Mayor James Damiano, Township Attorney Joseph Wenzel, Township Engineer Tom Lemanowicz, Township Administrator Charles Cuccia.

Absent: Deputy Clerk Melissa DePiro and Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus.

Township Employees present: Police Chief Steve Post and Deputy Chief 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 January 14, 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. **This meeting is being conducted under the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 health situation. Only 25 members of the public will be allowed to attend the meeting in person. A link and a telephone number to join the meeting virtually can be accessed on the Township website at [www.lfnj.com](http://www.lfnj.com). Electronic provisions have been established for the public to participate during the public comment portion of the meeting.**

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION - At this time, Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation recognizing March, 2022 as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in the Township of Little Falls.

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY PROCLAMATION – Mayor Damiano then read the Proclamation recognizing World Down Syndrome Awareness Day in the Township of Little Falls.

NATIONAL WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH PROCLAMATION – Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation and recognized March, 2022 as National Women’s History Month in the Township of Little Falls.

IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH PROCLAMATION – Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation recognizing the month of March, 2022 as Irish American Heritage Month in the Township of Little Falls.

NATIONAL GIRL SCOUT DAY PROCAMATION - At this time, Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation recognizing March 12, 2022 as National Girl Scouts Day in the Township of Little Falls.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE FROM LITTLE FALLS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION COMMITTEE TO POLICE CHIEF STEVEN POST - At this time, Councilmember KAHWATY presented Police Chief Post with a plaque recognizing his dedication to the Domestic Violence Prevention Committee.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL MATTERS**

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

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Luis Fernandez- 54 Harrison Street, commented on the need to state one’s name and address when making public comments. Council President SGOBBA and Mayor Damiano concurred that discussion will occur with Mr. Wenzel as to the rationale and necessity of such procedure.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

**MAYOR/ADMINISTRATOR:**

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCREASE IN DEFERRED SCHOOL TAXES – Mayor Damiano explained the nature of the resolution.
2. RESOLUTION INTRODUCE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET – Mayor Damiano presented a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the highlights of the 2022 Municipal Budget, which including an estimated \$22 increase in the municipal portion of taxes on the average assessed home of \$310,000. The Capital Budget Plan for 2022 was also presented with a breakdown of capital projects planned for 2022, which if approved, would increase debt service by \$678,500.00. The Budget hearing and adoption will be on April 11, 2022.
3. ORDINANCE NO. 1430 - PARKING MODIFICATIONS ON HARRISON STREET – Mayor Damiano explained the update to the Ordinance.
4. ORDINANCE NO. 1431 – FEE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR RECREATION DEPARTMENT – Mayor Damiano stated this item was previously discussed.
5. ORDINANCE NO. 1432 – EXCEED MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE – Mayor Damiano explained this Ordinance is done annually with the introduction of the budget.
6. ORDINANCE NO. 1433 – EXECUTION OF LEASE AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 35 STEVENS AVENUE – Mr. Wenzel discussed the relationship between Ordinance No. 1433 and the development of a lease between the Little Falls Historical Society and the Township. The Ordinance will be introduced at tonight’s Meeting and the lease will be available for public review and comment prior to the second reading.
7. ORDINANCE NO. 1434 -CONFIRMING TOWNSHIP’S OWNERSHIP OF SISCO LANE – Mayor Damiano summarized this Ordinance pertains to the updating of the Township’s tax maps. Mr. Wenzel explained the lots referenced in Ordinances No. 1434 and No. 1435 were researched and have revealed no ownership has been claimed for these properties. This Ordinance declares these properties Township properties. After the second reading a quick claim deed would be filed and notice would be provided to the owners neighboring property owners.
8. ORDINANCE NO. 1435- CONFIRMING TOWNSHIP OWNERSHIP OF CANFIELD LANE – Mr. Wenzel explained the nature of this Ordinance is similar to Ordinance No. 1434. In response to Council President SGOBBA’s query, Mr. Wenzel explained neighboring property owners interested in acquiring the land would have to show an ownership history and their land taxes would increase.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

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

Authorizing Increase in Deferred School Taxes

**RESOLUTION [A] 22-03-14 - #1**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS AUTHORIZING INCREASE IN DEFERRED SCHOOL TAXES FOR LOCAL SCHOOL AND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TAXES**

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Local Government Services requires that the Governing Body of any municipality which has Deferred School Taxes must authorize any increase in the deferral of any additional amounts, and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body has decided that an increase in Deferred School Taxes is in the best interest of the Township of Little Falls at this time,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body that the following Deferred School Taxes be hereby increased for the year ended December 31, 2021 as follows:

	Deferred Regional High <u>School Taxes</u>
Amount Deferred 12/31/2021	\$3,965,912.00
Amount Deferred 12/31/2020	\$3,829,294.50

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Governing Body that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Introduction of 2022 Budget

**RESOLUTION [B] 22-03-14 - #2**  
**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS**  
**PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

Re: Introduction of 2022 Budget

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations attached hereto constitute the local Budget of the Township of Little Falls, Passaic County, New Jersey for the year 2022

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the said budget be published in the Herald News in the issue of March 28, 2022, and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Municipal Building on April 11, 2022 at 7:00 o’clock (P.M.) or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

Bill List

**RESOLUTION [C] 22-03-14 - #3**

**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, Kahwaty, Seber, Vancheri and Council President Sgobba  
                  Nays:   None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance No.1430 - It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1430, “**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE, CHAPTER 7, ENTITLED “TRAFFIC,”**” be and it was opened.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Kahwaty, Seber, 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 Seber, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1430 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, that Ordinance No. 1430 be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1431 - It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Seber, “**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE, CHAPTER 71,” FEES,”**” be and it was opened.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Kahwaty, Seber, 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 Kahwaty, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1431 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that Ordinance No. 1431 be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1432 - It was moved by Councilmember Kahwaty, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that there be introduced and the meeting of April 11, 2022 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1432**

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS  
CALENDAR YEAR 2022**

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
(N.J.S.A. 40A-4-45.14)**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls in the County of Passaic finds its advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2022 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council hereby determines that a 1.00% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$146,357 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2022 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Little Falls shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$512,250 and that the CY 2022 municipal budget for the Township of Little Falls be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

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**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

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Council President SGOBBA requested the second reading occur at the March 28, 2022 Meeting. Mr. Wenzel advised the Ordinance must be properly advertised.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1433 - It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that there be introduced and the meeting of April 11, 2022 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1433**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND THE LITTLE FALLS TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 35 STEVENS AVENUE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Little Falls ("Township") has in its possession a certain property located at Block 98, Lot 1 on the Tax Map of the Township of Little Falls, more commonly known as 35 Stevens Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the Little Falls Township Historical Society, Inc. ("Society") has requested that the Township agree to enter into a Lease Agreement which would provide for the lease of the building and veteran's park area ("Premises") on the Property located at 35 Stevens Avenue by the Society from the Township ("Lease"); and

**WHEREAS**, Society intends to establish within the Premises certain offices, museum, exhibition space and for other related public interest purposes including space for associated non-profit enterprises complimentary to Society's purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Lands and Buildings Law authorizes a governing body to lease municipally-owned land to a non-profit corporation for a public purpose (N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14(c)), for a maximum Lease term of 50 years with 25 year extension (N.J.S.A. 40A:12-15) and to convey municipal property to a duly incorporated non-profit organization or association in compliance therewith (N.J.S.A. 40A:12-21); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls has found it in the public interest to enter in the Lease as permitted by law;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, as follows:

1. A Lease between the Township, as Landlord, and the Society, as Tenant, of the Premises located at 35 Stevens Avenue, according to the terms set forth herein and in a form approved by the Township Attorney, is hereby approved, and the Mayor and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Lease on behalf of the Township.
2. Rent and other conditions shall be fully set forth in the Lease.
3. The public purpose of the Lease is to promote and advance the goals of the Society which include the stimulation of interest in the history and architecture of the Township, the compilation, cataloging and dissemination of such information, the preservation of documents, landmarks and artifacts relating to the aforesaid purposes of the Society and making them available for research and study, and cooperation with other organizations which have similar purposes, goals, and interest.
4. The term of the Lease shall be for twenty-five (25) years with certain milestones that must be met by the Society within twelve (12) months of the start of the Lease term to secure certain grant funding and twenty-four (24) months of the start of the Lease term to complete renovations to the Premises.
5. The Society shall annual submit a report by June 30 of each year during the Lease term to the Township Business Administrator which report shall set forth the uses of the Premises that were undertaken by the Society and other non-profit entities utilizing the Premises during the prior year, the activities of the Society and other non-profit entities utilizing the Premises undertaken in furtherance of the public purpose for which the new leasehold was granted, the approximate financial value or cost, if any, of such activities, and an affirmation of the continued tax-exempt status of the Society and other non-profit entities utilizing the Premises as a non-profit corporation pursuant to both State and Federal law.
6. This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with law.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1434 - It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that there be introduced and the meeting of April 11, 2022 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1434**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CONFIRMING THE TOWNSHIP'S OWNERSHIP OF SISCO LANE**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Township of Little Falls may enact ordinances pertaining to public streets, throughfares and sidewalks located within the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. §40A:12-3 authorizes a municipality to acquire real property; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. §40A:12-5 requires that the acquisition of real property be accomplished by ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. §40A:12-4 authorizes municipalities to acquire any outstanding easement, right or interest in any real property, capital improvement or personal property previously acquired by the county or municipality which the governing body shall determine to be necessary or useful for the proper exercise of any power conferred or duty imposed upon the county or municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. §40A:12-4 authorizes municipalities to ascertain and establish the boundaries of all streets, highways, lanes, alleys and public places in the municipalities, and prevent and remove all encroachments, obstructions and encumbrances in, over or upon the same or any part thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the properties identified on the Township's tax map as Block 172 Lot 3.03 and Block 172 Lot 4.02 are necessary for the continued operation of Sisco Lane as a public right of way; and

**WHEREAS**, the properties identified on the Township's tax map as Block 172 Lot 3.03 and Block 172 Lot 4.02 were previously separated into new lots, belonging to the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, no ordinance was previously passed by the Township to acquire those properties as required by N.J.S.A. §40A:12-5; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined by the governing body that acquiring fee simple interest in the subject real property would be in the best interests of the Township.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Borough is hereby authorized to acquire the real property identified on the Township's tax map as Block 172 Lot 3.03 and Block 172 Lot 4.02.
2. After all requirements respecting the enactment of this ordinance have been fulfilled, a deed shall be recorded in the Office of the Passaic County Clerk.

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3. Having passed a first reading, this Ordinance shall be published in the manner required by New Jersey Law at least once not less than ten (10) days prior to the time fixed for further consideration for final passage.
4. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. §40:49-6, at least one week prior to the time fixed for final passage, a copy of the Ordinance, together with notice of the introduction, including time and place fixed for final passage shall be mailed to every person whose land may be affected by the Ordinance.
5. The Township Clerk, shall, within sixty (60) days after the Ordinance becomes effective, file a certified copy thereof, under the seal of the Township of Little Falls, together with a copy of the proof of publication thereof, in the office of the Clerk of Passaic County, pursuant to N.J.S.A. §40:67-21.
6. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all instruments and to do all things necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.
7. All Ordinances, resolutions and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistency.
8. If any section, paragraph, article, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section paragraph article subdivision clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.
9. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and approval in accordance with law.
10. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to that section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed to be valid and effective.
11. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication in accordance with the law.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1435 - It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that there be introduced and the meeting of April 11, 2022 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

### ORDINANCE NO. 1435

#### AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CONFIRMING THE TOWNSHIP'S OWNERSHIP OF CANFIELD LANE

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls may enact ordinances pertaining to public streets, throughfares and sidewalks located within the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. § 40A:12-3 authorizes a municipality to acquire real property; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. § 40A:12-5 requires that the acquisition of real property be accomplished by ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. § 40A:12-4 authorizes municipalities to acquire any outstanding easement, right or interest in any real property, capital improvement or personal property previously acquired by the county or municipality which the governing body shall determine to be necessary or useful for the proper exercise of any power conferred or duty imposed upon the county or municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. § 40A:12-4 authorizes municipalities to ascertain and establish the boundaries of all streets, highways, lanes, alleys and public places in the municipalities, and prevent and remove all encroachments, obstructions and encumbrances in, over or upon the same or any part thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the properties identified on the Township's tax map as Block 148 Lot 23 and Block 148 Lot 24 are necessary for the continued operation of Canfield Lane as a public right of way; and

**WHEREAS**, the properties identified on the Township's tax map as Block 148 Lot 23 and Block 148 Lot 24 were previously separated into new lots, belonging to the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, no ordinance was previously passed by the Township to acquire those properties as required by N.J.S.A. § 40A:12-5; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined by the governing body that acquiring fee simple interest in the subject real property would be in the best interests of the Township.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey as follows:

12. The Borough is hereby authorized to acquire the real property identified on the Township's tax map as Block 148 Lot 23 and Block 148 Lot 24.
13. After all requirements respecting the enactment of this ordinance have been fulfilled, a deed shall be recorded in the Office of the Passaic County Clerk.
14. Having passed a first reading, this Ordinance shall be published in the manner required by New Jersey Law at least once not less than ten (10) days prior to the time fixed for further consideration for final passage.
15. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. § 40:49-6, at least one week prior to the time fixed for final passage, a copy of the Ordinance, together with notice of the introduction, including time and place fixed for final passage shall be mailed to every person whose land may be affected by the Ordinance.
16. The Township Clerk, shall, within sixty (60) days after the Ordinance becomes effective, file a certified copy thereof, under the seal of the Township of Little Falls, together with a copy of the proof of publication thereof, in the office of the Clerk of Passaic County, pursuant to N.J.S.A. § 40:67-21.
17. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all instruments and to do all things necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.
18. All Ordinances, resolutions and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistency.
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21. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to that section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed to be valid and effective.
22. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication in accordance with law.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

### COUNCIL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Councilmember VANCHERI announced a flag raising for Autism Awareness Month will occur at 6:00 P.M. on April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Municipal Building. Councilmember VANCHERI discussed details of Memorial Day weekend events including the Friday night concert and parade on Saturday. He then commented on the adoption of Ordinance No. 1430.

Councilmember HABLITZ discussed Library events including a Facilitated Resiliency Group virtual workshop on March 22, 2022, the monthly Book Club Meeting on April 5-6, 2022, Who's Got Game? held twice a month, and the Friends of the Library Spring Book Drive fundraiser on April 1-2, 2022.

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Councilmember SEBER announced on April 16<sup>th</sup> the Recreation Department will have breakfast with the Easter Bunny. The Farmers Market will officially open on May 22, 2022 and vendors are being accepted.

Councilmember KAHWATY thanked Chief Post and the members of the Domestic Violence Prevention Committee. He thanked the Council and Police Department for their support of the recent Boy Scout and Cub Scout events.

Council President SGOBBA announced the Senior Advisory Committee will sponsor a St. Patrick's Day event on March 16, 2022 at the Civic Center.

Deputy Chief Prall reported the Police Department was recently re-accredited on March 10, 2022.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Luis Fernandez – Made comments regarding green space and development within the Township. Council President SGOBBA stated the building development referenced involves rejuvenation of existing areas that already had structures on them. Councilmember KAHWATY made comments pertaining to impervious ground. Mayor Damiano elaborated that the various projects will have less impervious coverage than what previously existed because of the redevelopment. The Mayor continued to explain even with the resultant additional green space, the developer at the Singac redevelopment site was required to install water storage such that there will be less water runoff than before. Council President SGOBBA clarified that the structure in discussion has 64 apartments, not 81 apartments.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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Cynthia Kraus  
Municipal Clerk