

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

Monday, March 27, 2023

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

Absent: None.

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.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2023 be and they were approved.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Patel, that the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of March 13, 2023 Workshop be and they were approved.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION – At this time, Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation recognizing April, 2023 as Autism Awareness Month in the Township of Little Falls.

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY PROCLAMATION – Mayor Damiano then read the Proclamation recognizing March 21, 2023 as World Down Syndrome Day in the Township of Little Falls.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING LFFD FIRERIGHTER VINCENT DRANSFIELD – Mayor Damiano read a Proclamation to recognize Vincent Dransfield for his over 82 years of service to the LFFD. The Mayor announced he will be visiting Mr. Dransfield to present the Proclamation in person and that Mr. Dransfield will celebrate his 109th birthday on March 28, 2023.

RECOGNITION OF WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP ROLES- In recognition of Women's History of Month, Mayor Damiano honored the following women in Little Falls and presented them with a Proclamation which designated March, 2023 as Women's History Month in the Township of Little Falls: Sarah Ramos (LFFD), Lt. Dawn Gilchrist (LFPD), Anne Kahwaty (LF Library Board President), Karen Winick (LF BIZ), Rhonda Mallek (LF BIZ), Renea Shapiro (LF ABC), Janice Alvarez (LF ABC), Helaine Zwibel (LF ABC), Angela Farina (LF ABC/Visions Credit Union), Tracy Marinelli (LF Schools Superintendent), and Bonnie Romaine (Passaic Valley Rotary Club).

MAYOR'S SUPPORT OF NJ LIQUOR LICENSE REFORM - Lastly, the Mayor reported he received a request from the State of NJ for support from Mayors statewide regarding a reform to NJ's liquor license laws. The Mayor further elaborated on the content of the request and noted his invitation to open it up for discussion with the Council. Councilmember MURPHY stated he recently received the Bill and intended to forward it to the Councilmembers for review in addition to discussing it with business owners in the Township. Council President SGOBBA commented he looked forward to Council input. Councilmember PATEL questioned how many new liquor licenses would be allowed under the new Bill. The Mayor responded an amount is not specified just that an overhaul is needed. The Mayor then responded to Councilmember HABLITZ's question as to whether distilleries and breweries would be able to sell liquor and food. Councilmember VANCHERI made comments as to how towns versus cities would be addressed.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember MURPHY commented on his review of the budget.

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Councilmember VANCHERI reported the Autism Awareness flag raising will be held on April 1st. He then recognized the lighting outside of Town Hall in recognition of Ramadan. Lastly, Councilmember VANCHERI read a comment from a resident thanking the Police Department for the increase in traffic stops.

Councilmember HABLITZ highlighted upcoming Library activities including a Peeps diorama contest, Cupcake Storytime on April 1st, and a Lego Rama night on April 3rd. Councilmember HABLITZ also reported on the success of the Friends of the Library Open House and that plans are underway for the First Annual Bike Rodeo on May 6th.

Councilmember PATEL reported on Public Health Committee events including the Clifton Board of Health's second event at the Library. She encouraged residents to attend the bone density screening on March 29th at the Clifton Health Department and a free hearing screening on March 31st.

At this time, Councilmember MURPHY reported the Township will be moving forward the townwide calendar and that business owners have the opportunity to advertise.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Council President SGOBBA reported the Little Falls ABC will host One Night Only on April 26th at the Ties. Additionally, the Senior Advisory Board will be sponsoring the Spring Fling Event on April 22nd.

At this time, Chief Prall announced the Police Department has received a Division of Highway Traffic Safety UDrive Utext Upay grant. Beginning April 1st 100 hours of enforcement, reimbursable by the State, will commence. Chief Prall then reported Junior Police Academy applications are due by March 31st and reminded residents to monitor their speeds and be mindful of pedestrians.

Councilmember SGOBBA commented on OPRA requests. Mrs. Kraus detailed the quantity and procedure for processing OPRA requests. Mrs. Kraus also noted the number of OPRA requests has significantly increased over the years especially since there is no charge when requests are delivered electronically. Mayor Damiano remarked on the OPRA process and amount of work done internally with zero dollars recouped. Mr. Wenzel discussed his collaboration with the Clerk's office on various OPRA requests. He further described the obligations of the Clerk's office and as well as willful violations, which are a personal liability. Mr. Wenzel also highlighted his appreciation for the amount of work that is required to complete an OPRA request. Chief Prall recognized that OPRA's also involve mobile video recorders and body cameras which require review and redaction time. Mrs. Kraus added the redaction process has become more tedious since Daniel's Law. Mrs. Kraus then elaborated on Daniel's Law which prohibits the municipality from releasing addresses of current and retired law enforcement judges and prosecutors. Council President SGOBBA requested a meeting with Chief Prall, Mrs. Kraus and Mr. Cuccia and to discuss the issue with legislators. Mayor Damiano agreed the OPRA process needs an overhaul and additional consideration from legislators.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Wenzel had nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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. 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, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Andrew Baggot commented on trees removed on Paterson Avenue. Mr. Baggot then commented on the posting of the Agenda and Minutes. Mrs. Kraus reviewed the Open Public Meetings Act, noting there is no requirement time for posting for annual noticed meetings. Mrs. Kraus then explained that due to Daniel's Law, the posting of Minutes has been delayed as the Township is reviewing the Minutes, since the Township is required to certify to the State. Mr. Baggot commented on notification of Ordinance No. 1352 to which Mr. Wenzel elaborated on the notification process. Mayor Damiano also responded to Mr. Baggot's query and discussed notification of a meeting scheduled about the Streetscape project was provided by hand delivered letter. Mayor Damiano explained the Ordinance per Mr. Baggot's request. Mr. Baggot discussed Ordinance No. 1341 to which Mayor Damiano explained the engineering review and recommendations, and noted NJ Transit was provided with the proposed ordinances and took no objection. Mr. Baggot proposed his recommendations. Mayor Damiano responded to Mr. Baggot's comments regarding parking, noting the PNC bank parking lot provides public parking for his building. Discussion on the provision of public parking ensued. Lastly, Mayor Damiano responded to Mr. Baggot's inquiry regarding the shelving of Ordinance No. 1341.

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Marianne Baggot commented on the same subject and building as previously discussed. Council President SGOBBA responded to Mrs. Baggot as to how the Council has decided on the Ordinance. Mayor Damiano further explained the Engineers were asked to maximize on-street parking spaces and why the north side of the street was selected for the public parking spaces. Councilmember HABLITZ inquired if documentation existed on the number incidents involving damaged vehicle side mirrors and related incidents in the area of concern. Chief Prall anecdotally commented on his experience. Councilmember MURPHY commented on his decision to support the Ordinance. Mayor Damiano further elaborated on the consideration of maximization of downtown parking and public safety.

Joseph LiJoi commented on the new building and parking. Council President SGOBBA responded that the parking has been satisfied by the number of units that are there.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

Per the request of Council President SGOBBA, Mayor Damiano reviewed each resolution on the Consent Agenda. Mayor Damiano then proceeded with a 2023 Budget PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Damiano presented a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the highlights of the 2023 Municipal Budget, which included a local tax rate of .931 of an estimated 3.327 total rate. Mayor Damiano noted the Township incurred \$365,000 in unanticipated costs and had to pass an emergency appropriation due to increased costs of gas prices and tipping fees. The Mayor explained how the additional increase in solid waste & recycling, as well as increased fuel costs, insurance costs, and pension contributions have increased the budget 2.1 points. As a result, there will be an estimated \$5 increase per month in the municipal portion of taxes on the average assessed home of \$316,800. The Mayor highlighted that but for the emergency appropriation there would have been no tax increase in Little Falls in 2023. The Capital Budget Plan was also presented with a breakdown of capital projects planned for 2023. The Budget hearing and adoption will be on April 24, 2023.

Per Council President SGOBBA’s request, the Mayor explained the importance of surplus and bond rating in obtaining favorable interest rates.

All items on the Consent Agenda were considered to be routine and will be enacted with a single motion. For any items under REQUISITIONS carried a Treasurer’s certification of the availability of funds.

REPORTS

Municipal Clerk’s Report – Month of February 2023

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT Month of February 2023		
ABC LICENSES		
OTHER LICENSES		
Business Licenses	\$5,450.00	
Pre-paid Business Licenses	\$60.00	
Raffle Licenses		\$5,510.00
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS		
Fees & Permits	\$240.00	
Marriage Licenses-LF		
Marriage Licenses-NJ		\$240.00
MRNA		
Street Maps		
Zoning Maps		
Zoning Ordinances		
Document Copies		
Garage Sales		
Misc. Fees & Refunds:	\$5,275.00	
TOTAL MRNA		<u>\$5,275.00</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT		<u>\$11,025.00</u>
TOTAL TO TREASURER		<u>\$11,025.00</u>

Municipal Clerks Dog/Cat License Report - Month of February 2023

MUNICIPAL CLERK’S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT Month of February 2023		
Dog Licenses issued 02/01/2023 thru 02/28/2023		
Nos. 215 to 217 = Licenses		
Amount due Little Falls		\$13.60
Amount due State		\$2.40
Total Cash Received		\$16.00
Cat Licenses issued 02/01/2023 thru 02/28/2023		
Nos. to		
Licenses Issued		
Total Cash Received		\$
Total to Treas.		<u>\$16.00</u>

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Tax Collector's Report - Month of February 2023

MONTHLY REPORT

Municipality of Township of Little Falls
 Office of the Tax Collector
 Township of Little Falls Current Account, Lakeland Bank
 Revenues Collector for the Month of February 2023

Categories 01-	February 1-28, 2023	2023 Year to Date
2023 Taxes	\$4,664,851.56	\$12,290,337.92
2016-2022 Taxes	343,378.90	416,900.98
Interest	27,347.61	30,973.65
Insufficient Check Fee	20.00	40.00
6% YE-Penalty Fee	18,139.84	18,139.84
PILOT In-lieu of taxes	86,886.19	114,653.85
GRAND TOTALS	\$5,140,624.10	\$12,871,046.24

Delinquent 2016 Taxes \$310,655.31 (Inc. 6% ye-pe)
 Delinquent 2020 Taxes 2,240.64 (bankruptcy)
 Delinquent 2021 Taxes 4,519.28 (bankruptcy)
 Delinquent 2022 Taxes 234,927.99 (subject to tax sale 2023)
 Delinquent 2023 taxes 323,967.63 (1st qtr.)
Total Delinquent Taxes \$876,311.85
 2023 Refunds this month -\$2,184.64
 2023 Year to date refunds = -\$2,184.64

Breakdown of refunds for years 2018-2023 completed in 2023 (see attached).

REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2023

Months	2018 STCJ	2019 STCJ	2020 STCJ	2021 STCJ	2022 STCJ	2023 CBJ	2023 Regular	2023 Senior/Veteran	Exempt 2023	Total by Months
January	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
February	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,184.64	\$2,184.64
Totals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,184.64	\$2,184.64

Note: The above figures represent the months that the Tax Collector did the adjustments in the computer; the Resolution(s) may have been adopted in the next month.
 STCJ = State Tax Court Judgments. CBJ= County Board Judgments.

Municipality of Township of Little Falls
 Office of the Tax Collector
 Township of Little Falls Tax Collector Trust 1 (Lien Monies), Lakeland Bank
 Revenues for the Month of February 2023

	2023 Deposit	2023 Year-to-Date
January 2023	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
February 2023	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Collected as of February 28, 2023		\$0.00

Municipality of Township of Little Falls
 Office of the Tax Collector
 Township of Little Falls Tax Collector Trust 2 (Lien Premium Monies), Lakeland Bank
 Revenues for the Month of February 2023

	Liens with Premiums Redeemed/ (-)	Bal. /Dep. (+)
Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2023)		\$449,500.00
January 2023	\$ 0.00	\$449,500.00
February 2023	\$ 0.00	\$449,500.00
Ending Balance as of February 28, 2023		\$449,500.00

Recreation Report – Month of February 2023

Recreation Center –February 2023				
Program	Facility	# Classes	Hours	Participants
Girls Show Green Ex/Cheer	Gym & Multi	34	102	502
Pickleball	Gym	15	42	300
Basketball Clinic	Gym	2	6	186
Bounce Out Stigma Basketball	Gym	4	4	56
Zumba Gold	Gym	8	8	120
Zumba Tone	Gym	8	8	126
Tai Chi/Qi Gong	Gym	8	8	66
Yoga	Multi	4	4	33
Gentle Yoga	Gym	4	4	40
Fit-4-You	Gym	4	4	67
Fencing	Gym	4	8	48
Indoor Soccer	Gym	4	20	660
Mens Hoops Basketball	Gym	4	12	240
Travel Basketball	Gym	13	40	327
Recreation Basketball	Gym	13	36	360
Misc-Shoot-Out, Awards, Clinic, Pic Day	Gym & Multi	10	12	325
Weekly Totals		139	318	3456

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Civic Center Report – Month of February 2023

Month of February 2023			
Meeting Group	# of Meetings	Hours	Participants
Senior Citizen Social Club Meetings	7	42	150
Sr. Advisory Bd. Valentine's Day Dance	1	5	75
Little Falls Fire Dept. Meeting	1	2	10
Little Falls CERT Meeting	1	2	9
Little Falls Athletic Club	1	2	20
LF Girls Scouts Cooking Class	1	3	20
Little Falls Abbe Condo Meeting	1	2	10
Stamp Club Meetings	2	4	20
LF Historical Society Public Hearing	1	1	6
Town Hall Meeting – New Parking Lot	1	2	*
Totals	17	65	320

Police Department Report - Month of February 2023

OPERATIONS DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT –February 2023
 Total Calls for Service **3,060** Total Operation Reports Generated **152**
 Total Investigation Reports **36**

ARREST TOTAL: 9

ARREST SUMMARY	
Type of Arrest	Total
Driving While Intoxicated	5
Warrants	4

Patrol Bureau Time & Attendance

Type of Hours	Total
Vacation	0
Holiday	32
Compensatory	88.5
Sick	206.5
Personal time	12
Credit time	275.5
Administrative	0
PBA day	0
Schedule transition	6.5
Bereavement	36
Overtime due to Training	7.5
Overtime hours to maintain minimum staffing level	28
Overtime due to Incident/Weather/Other Event	0

TRAFFIC SAFETY SECTION

TRAFFIC STUDIES	Total
SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT DETAILS	11
RADAR DETAILS	22
MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINTS	8
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	48
SUMMONSES ISSUED	29
MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH REPORTS	6

COMMUNITY POLICING

Detail Type	Total
Cell block inspections	18
School arrivals	14
School dismissals	10
School Walk-thru	31
Vacant house checks	5
Child car seat installations	0
Headquarters safety inspections	0
Project medicine box emptied	1
Trips to Covanta for prescription drug destruction	0
Community function appearances	2
School function appearances	4

SPECIAL PROJECTS/DETAILS

Planning for junior police academy and national night out. Completed an Incident Action plan for softball tournament.

COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

Time & Attendance

Type of Hours	Total
Vacation	0
Holiday	36
Compensatory	0
Sick	60
Personal time	0
Credit time	152
Scheduled Transition	0
Bereavement	0
OT Covered by Full Time	240
OT Covered by Per Diem	157.5
OT Covered by Supervisor	16
OT Due to Training	0
Overtime due to incident/weather/other event	0

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Communications Bureau Calls for Service

Type of Hours	Total
9-1-1	257
Non-Emergency	901
Walk-In	36
Radio	1,152
MDT	625
Total CFS	3,060

LITTLE FALLS TWP POLICE DEPARTMENT Calls for Service					
CODE	CALL FOR SERVICE	TOTALS	CODE	CALL FOR SERVICE	TOTALS
0610	THEFT	5	6306	RADAR	183
0613	THEFT SHOPLIFTING	5	6308	TRAFFIC MV COMPLAINT	16
0639		1	6310	TRAFFIC ENFORCE/STOP	733
0710	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1	6335	TRAFFIC HAZARD	16
0800	SIMPLE ASSAULT	2	6336	DISABLED MV	20
1120	CREDIT CARDS	1	6510	PARKING ENFORCEMENT	110
1130	FRAUD ALL OTHERS	7	6612	SIGNALS SIGNS OUT	1
1341	RECOVER STOLEN VEHICLE NOT FOR LOCAL THEFTS	1	6614	TRAFFIC POST	1
1440	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF ALL	2	6615	TRAFFIC COUNTER DEPLOYMENT/RADAR SIGN	9
1445	PROPERTY DAMAGE REPORT	3	7003	PROPERTY CHECK/AREA CHECK	462
2111	DWI-ALCOHOL/UNDER INFL	5	7004	VACANT HOME CHECK	8
2415	DISPUTE	15	7006	LOCK OUT	1
2420	DISORDERLY CONDUCT/HARASSMENT	3	7008	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	43
2450	NOISE COMPLAINT	9	7010	NOTIFICATIONS	1
2485	ALARM ALL OTHERS	1	7014	OTH PUB SERV/WELFARE CHK	9
2610	BLACKMAIL/EXTORTION/ALL OTHER OFFENSES	1	7015	ASSIST CITIZEN	2
2619	VIOLATION OF TRO/FRO	1	7025	EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSON(EDP)	1
2640	MUNICIPAL ORD VIOLATIONS/OTHER OFFENSES	14	7028	DOCTOR DUTY TO WARN – EDP	1
2656	THREATS	3	7050	PROPERTY CHECK SCHOOL FACILITIES	115
2657	HARASSMENT	5	7055	BAR/TAVERN CHECK	36
2660	TRESPASSING	1	7504	ASSISTING-OTHER POLICE DP	8
4014	OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS GENERAL POLICE	3	7585	ASSIST SCHOOL	4
4018	STREETS LIGHTS-OUT/REPAIRS	2	8010	WARRANTS-LOCAL	5
4020	SUSPICIOUS AUTO GENERAL POLICE	8	8110	WARRANTS- OTHER AGENCIES	1
4021	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	7	9002	ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES	252
4022	SUSPICIOUS PERSON GENERAL POLICE	10	9003	COMMUNITY POLICING	6
4026	DOWN-WIRES/POLES/TREES/LIMBS	6	9006	SICK DAY	12
4028	OTHER NON-CRIMINAL INV GENERAL POLICE	25	9007	CHECK SCHOOL GUARD/COVER SCHOOL POST	110
4040	PATROL INVESTIGATION	12	9008	COURT	2
4051	ALARM BURGLARY OR HOLD UP RESIDENCE	13	9010	IN SERVICE TRAINING	89
4052	ALARM BURGLARY OR HOLD UP NON RESIDENCE	11	9020	POLICE INFORMATION	1
4100	ALARMS (FIRE ALARMS)	2	9021	TRAINING	1
4144	FIRE-DUMPSTER/GARBAGE FIRE	1	9025	FIELD CONTACT INFORMATION	1
4146	FIRE-BRUSH/GRASS FIRE	1	9027	FIREARMS APPLICATION	23
4157	FUMES- ODOR OF GAS	2	9028	FINGERPRINT	3
4158	FUMES-ODOR NON-GAS	1	9029	CIVIL MATTER	3
4159	SMOKE CONDITION	1	9030	SPECIAL DETAIL ASSIGNMENT	48
4170	ASSIST-POLICE DEPARTMENT	2	9035	L.E.A.D. PROGRAM/DRUG AWARENESS	17
4188	SERVICE CALL- INVESTIGATION	1	9050	BACKGROUND CHECK	4
4242	RESCUE- ELEVATOR	1	9052	TRO/FRO INFORMATION & SERVICE	6
4506	SUICIDES	1	9071	DIRECTED PATROL	132
5004	FOUND ARTICLES	2	911	911 HANG UP/CHECK WELFARE	79
5008	LOST ARTICLES	8	9112	FOOT PATROL	5
5504	ANIMAL BITES	1	911	911 HANG UP/CHECK WELFARE	79
5506	LOST/FOUND/STRAY ANIMALS	6	9115	FOLLOW-UP	31
5510	ANIMAL COMPLAINTS ALL	2	9110	911 TRANSFER TO OTHER	51
6006	MV ACCIDENT W/INJURY	5	9192	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	30
6008	MV ACCIDENT NO INJURIES	73	9982	SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	5
6015	MV CRASH HIT & RUN	1			
6305	SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT TRAFFIC	69			

Investigations & Services Division Report

February 2023 Monthly Report

DETECTIVE BUREAU

Criminal Case Management:

- 9 Cases were referred for follow-up investigation.
- 23 Investigations currently remain open and active.
- 6 Cases closed from current and previous months.
- 18 Assist own Agency (Patrol Invest/Cases/Special Details)

Criminal Complaints/Warrants Served:

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

Juvenile:

- 1 Juvenile case investigated -
- 0 Juvenile Complaint Issued -
- 0 Station-House Adjustments were filed by the Department's Juvenile Detective.

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Construction Report – February 2023

Uniform Construction Code

Permits Issued – 51
 Inspections -254
 Total Value of Construction - \$842,695
 Certificate of Occupancy - \$0.00
 Permit Fees Collected - \$20,514.00
 Permit Fees Waived - \$200.00
 Penalties - \$0.00
 Total Fees Collected - \$20,514.00

Zoning

Zoning fees – \$1,230.00
 Total Fees Collected- \$1,230.00

Property Maintenance

Certificates of Compliance Fees –\$1,780.00
 Inspections –34
 Roll-off permits – \$50.00
 Complaints – 7
 Violations Issued – 16
 Total Fees Collected - \$1,830.00

Monthly Revenue \$23,574.00

YTD 2023 Revenue \$186,348.00

Finance Department Report Temporary Budget 2023

BUDGET STATUS REPORT YEAR TO DATE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS TEMPORARY BUDGET JANUARY 1, 2023-FEBRUARY 28, 2023							
ACCOUNT 01-2010	BUDGET	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Paid or Committed	Balance	% Spent
00-0000	BUDGET	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1000	ADMINISTRATION S&W	13,125.00	13,560.68	0.00	13,560.68	-435.68	103.3
20-1050	ADMINISTRATION O/E	16,091.25	14,182.00	1,252.80	15,434.80	656.45	95.9
20-1100	MAYOR & COUNCIL S&W	4,593.75	2,916.72	0.000	2,916.72	1,677.03	63.4
20-1102	MAYOR & COUNCIL O/E	525.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	525.00	0.0
20-1200	CLERK S&W	65,744.44	46,416.88	0.00	46,416.88	19,327.56	70.6
20-1202	CLERK O/E	22,312.51	9,120.70	1,261.36	10,382.06	11,930.45	46.5
20-1300	FINANCIAL ADM. S&W	39,070.76	27,086.65	0.00	27,086.65	11,984.11	69.3
20-1302	FINANCIAL ADM. O/E	18,375.01	17,583.17	132.00	17,715.17	659.84	96.4
20-1352	FINANCIAL ADMIN. AUDIT	15,225.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,225.00	0.0
20-1450	REVENUE ADMIN.S&W	27,520.50	17,473.22	0.00	17,473.32	10,047.18	63.4
20-1452	REVENUE ADMIN.-O/E	10,368.76	14,278.46	132.00	14,410.46	-4,041.70	138.9
20-1500	ASSESSMENTS S&W	15,733.99	9,989.84	0.00	9,989.84	5,744.15	63.4
20-1502	ASSESSMENT OF TAXES	8,636.26	8,427.30	0.00	8,427.30	208.96	97.5
20-1550	LEGAL SERVICES S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1551	LEGAL SERVICES O/E	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1552	LEGAL SERVICES O/E	45,937.50	50,598.40	0.00	50,598.40	-4,660.90	110.1
20-1651	ENGINEERING S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1652	ENGINEERING O/E	32,812.50	8,581.22	0.00	8,581.22	24,231.28	26.1
20-1801	PLANNING BOARD S&W	1,369.20	869.36	0.00	869.36	499.84	63.4
20-1802	PLANNING BOARD O/E	4,331.25	226.28	0.00	226.28	4,104.97	5.2
20-1951	CONST.CODE OFF. S&W	57,473.59	48,070.76	0.00	48,070.76	9,402.83	83.6
20-1952	CONST.CODE OFF. O/E	11,051.25	6,659.84	852.34	7,512.18	3,539.07	67.9
22-2001	PLUMBING INSP. S&W	6,334.13	4,330.94	0.00	4,330.94	2,003.19	68.3
22-2002	ELECTRIC INSP. S&W	7,424.81	4,955.92	0.00	4,955.92	2,468.89	66.7
23-2101	LIABILITY INSURANCE	9,187.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,187.50	0.0
23-2102	LIABILITY INSUR-	74,392.50	136,456.00	0.00	136,456.00	-62,063.50	183.4
23-2150	LIABILITY INSUR-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
23-2151	WORKERS COMP.-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
23-2152	WORKERS	74,392.50	126,967.50	0.00	126,967.50	-52,575.00	170.6
23-2202	NJSHBP-GROUP HEALTH	390,862.50	409,036.17	0.00	409,036.17	-18,173.67	104.6
23-2252	UNEMPLOYMENT INSUR.	3,937.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,937.50	0.0
24-2401	STORM IDA EMERGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
24-2402	STORM IDA EMERGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2401	POLICE S&W	1,062,738.86	876,324.32	0.00	876,324.32	186,414.54	82.4
25-2402	POLICE O/E	62,304.40	31,870.56	5,447.01	37,317.57	24,986.83	59.8
25-2403	POLICE S&W	135,738.75	90,804.66	0.00	90,804.66	44,934.09	66.8
25-2404	POLICE S&W	48,808.99	35,619.79	0.00	35,619.79	13,189.20	72.9
25-2412	ACQ. OF POLICE CARS	28,785.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,785.00	0.0
25-2521	EMERG. MGMT. S&W	3,937.50	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	1,437.50	63.4
25-2522	EMERG. MGMT. SERV.-	5,250.01	1,405.25	419.43	1,824.68	3,425.33	34.7
25-2651	FIRE S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2652	AID VOLUNTEER FIRE	48,527.09	38,298.07	973.08	39,271.15	9,255.94	80.9
25-2653	FIRE O/E- FLOOD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2662	FIRE HYDRANT SERV.	47,775.00	58,134.30	0.00	58,134.30	-10,359.30	121.6
25-2751	PROSECUTOR S&W	5,539.28	3,517.04	0.00	3,517.04	2,022.24	63.4
25-2801	EMS/AMBULANCE EMT	147,000.00	86,886.92	0.00	86,886.92	60,113.08	59.1
25-2802	EMS/AMBULANCE	18,860.63	28,548.85	6,879.31	35,428.16	-16,567.53	187.8
25-2871	EMS/AMB ELMWOOD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2872	EMS/AMB ELMWOOD PK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
26-2901	DPW S&W	289,977.19	169,437.36	0.00	169,437.36	120,539.83	58.4
26-2902	DPW-O/E	56,437.50	30,578.16	79,742.52	110,320.68	-53,883.18	195.4
26-3001	SHADE TREE COMM.	315.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	315.00	0.0
26-3002	SHADE TREE COMM. O/E	7,972.13	0.0	4,500.00	4,500.00	3,472.13	56.4
26-3051	SOLID WASTE S&W	19,687.50	7,262.28	0.00	7,262.28	12,425.22	36.8
26-3052	SOLID WASTE O/E	106,575.00	118,721.12	21,691.09	140,412.21	-33,837.21	131.7

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ACCOUNT 01-2010	BUDGET	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Paid or Committed	Balance	% Spent
26-3101	BLDGS & GROUNDS S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
26-3102	BLDGS & GROUNDS O/E	32,812.50	8,636.06	25,969.22	34,605.28	-1,792.78	105.4
26-3151	VEHICLE MAINT. S&W	23,625.00	14,745.96	0.00	14,745.96	8,879.04	62.4
26-3152	VEHICLE MAINT. O/E	30,187.50	33,294.42	11,412.83	44,707.25	-14,519.75	148.0
26-3252	COMMUNITY SERVICES	3,937.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,937.50	0.0
27-3302	BOARD OF HEALTH-	35,181.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,181.57	0.0
27-3332	PEOSHA - FIRE	1,312.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,312.50	0.0
27-3350	FLOOD BOARD O/E	131.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	131.25	0.0
27-3451	PUBLIC ASSIST. S&W	3,906.00	2,479.96	0.00	2,479.96	1,426.04	63.4
27-3452	PUBLIC ASSIST. O/E	144.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	144.38	0.0
27-3501	FIRE PREVENTION S&W	34,418.74	14,567.91	0.00	14,567.91	19,850.83	42.3
27-3502	FIRE PREVENTION O/E	3,543.76	1,051.62	200.00	1,251.62	2,292.14	35.3
27-3701	SENIOR ACTIVITIES S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
27-3702	SENIOR ACTIVITIES O/E	1,575.00	1,542.83	0.00	1,542.83	32.17	97.9
27-3722	SR. CITIZEN TRANSPORT	761.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	761.26	0.0
28-3701	RECREATION S&W	60,803.93	31,790.18	0.00	31,790.18	29,013.75	52.2
28-3702	RECREATION O/E	46,903.51	54,494.58	3,594.41	58,088.99	-11,185.48	123.8
29-3902	MAINT. PUBLIC LIBRARY	155,996.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	155,996.40	0.0
30-4102	PRIOR YEARS BILLS:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
30-4202	CELEB. OF PUBLIC EVE.	2,625.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,625.00	0.0
30-4251	S&W ADJUSTMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
31-4352	STREET LIGHTING	21,000.00	19,850.99	0.00	19,850.99	1,149.01	94.5
31-4402	TELEPHONE/IT	36,225.00	70,634.33	10,891.70	81,526.03	-45,301.03	225.0
31-4452	WATER	9,187.50	3,187.91	0.00	3,187.91	5,999.59	34.6
31-4462	GAS & ELECTRIC	65,625.00	69,183.61	0.00	69,183.61	-3,558.61	105.4
31-4472	DIESEL	7,875.00	0.00	2,830.13	2,830.13	5,044.87	35.9
31-4552	LANDFILL/SOLID WASTE	105,000.00	73,697.78	0.00	73,697.78	31,302.22	70.1
31-4560	RECYCLING TAX	4,068.75	2,701.86	0.00	2,701.86	1,366.89	66.4
31-4562	PASSAIC VALLEY SEWER	268,290.49	261,760.38	261,760.37	523,520.75	-255,230.26	195.1
31-4572	SECOND RIVER JOINT	4,068.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,068.75	0.0
31-4582	THIRD RIVER JOINT	656.25	0.00	2,469.00	2,469.00	-1,812.75	376.2
31-4592	TWSP OF MONTCLAIR	6,562.50	0.00	0.000	0.00	6,562.50	0.0
31-4602	GASOLINE	19,687.50	21,391.08	0.00	21,391.08	-1,703.58	108.6
31-4612	CITY OF CLIFTON	1,968.75	0.00	0.000	0.00	1,968.75	0.0
32-0000	Passaic Cty CARES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
36-4712	PERS	120,224.48	0.00	0.00	0.0	120,224.48	0.0
36-4722	SOCIAL SECURITY	91,875.00	62,053.07	0.00	62,053.07	29,821.93	67.5
36-4752	PFRS	302,967.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	302,967.41	0.0
36-4762	LOSAP	27,562.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,562.50	0.0
36-4770	Employer Contribution to	5,250.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	3,250.00	38.0
36-4772	PEN.VOL. FIRE WIDOWS	1,312.50	1,249.98	416.66	1,666.64	-354.14	126.9
36-4775	DEFICIT IN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
36-4776	DEFERRED CHARGES	17.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.83	0.0
40-7012	MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE	5,890.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,890.50	0.0
40-7025	N J ALCOHOL ED.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7030	BODY ARMOR GRANT	582.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	582.41	0.0
40-7035	BULLET PROOF VEST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7040	RECYCLING TONNAGE	5,463.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,463.50	0.0
40-7076	NEW JERSEY HWY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7451	DWI - DDEF	2,643.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,643.26	0.0
40-7533	CLICK OR TICKET	1,575.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,575.00	0.0
40-7535	DISTRACTED DRIVING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7601	FF GLOBAL PREVENTION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7602	NJ AMERICAN WATER FF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7702	CLEAN COMMUNITIES	5,726.22	360.00	0.00	360.00	5,366.22	0.0
43-4901	MUNICIPAL COURT S&W	44,090.03	27,741.64	0.00	27,641.64	16,348.39	62.9
43-4902	MUNICIPAL COURT O/E	8,820.02	3,352.20	3,029.92	6,382.12	2,437.90	72.3
43-4952	PUBLIC DEFENDER	1,968.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,968.75	0.0
43-4980	DEFERRED CHARGES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
44-9012	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	72,187.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	72,187.50	0.0
44-9052	ACQ. OF COMPUTERS	19,687.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,687.50	0.0
45-9202	BOND PRINCIPAL	386,137.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	386,137.50	0.0
45-9302	INTEREST ON BONDS	181,442.89	229,664.00	0.00	229,664.00	-48,221.11	126.5
45-9402	INTEREST ON NOTES	4,131.49	4,048.64	0.00	4,048.64	82.85	97.9
45-9502	NOTE PRINCIPAL	69,562.50	259,113.00	0.00	259,113.00	-189,550.50	372.4
46-8750	EMERGENCY	117,383.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	117,383.18	0.0
46-8883	DEFERRED CHARGES-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
46-8886	DEFERRED CHARGES-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
46-8889	DEFERRED CHARGES-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
50-8992	RES UNCOLLECTED TAX	131,250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	131,250.00	0.0
67-4800	JUDGEMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
70-1000	LIBRARY PAYROLL	0.00	49,309.38	0.00	49,309.38	-49,309.38	0.0
	GRAND TOTAL	5,668,712.05	3,881,600.16	445,857.18	4,327,457.34	1,341,254.71	76.3

APPLICATIONS

NJ STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION, ADAM KERZNER, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT, AUXILIARY APPLICATION, ROCCO TESTA, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

RAFFLE, LITTLE FALLS SCHOOL 1 PTA, MERCHANDISE RAFFLE, 5/15/23, 7:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M., 32 STEVENS AVENUE, LITTLE FALLS

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RAFFLE, ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH, WHEELS OF CHANCE, 6/1/23 – 6/2/23, 6:00 P.M. – 11: 00 P.M., 6/3/23, 3:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M., 237 LONG HILL ROAD, LITTLE FALLS

RAFFLE, ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 6/3/23, 9: 00 P.M., 237 LONG HILL ROAD, LITTLE FALLS

RAFFLE, ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 6/1/23-6/2/23, 6:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M., 6/3/23, 3:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M., 237 LONG HILL ROAD, LITTLE FALLS

RAFFLE, HOLY CROSS PNC CHURCH, OFF-PREMISE 50/50, 10/21/23, 4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M., 237 LONG HILL ROAD, LITTLE FALLS

RAFFLE, HOLY CROSS PNC CHURCH, TRICKY TRAY, 10/21/23, 4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M., 237 LONG HILL ROAD, LITTLE FALLS

RAFFLE, SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #108, TRICKY TRAY, 5/27/23, 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M., 591 MAIN STREET, LITTLE FALLS

RAFFLE, SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #108, ON -PREMISE 50/50, 5/27/23, 1:00 P.M.- 5:00 P.M., 591 MAIN STREET, LITTLE FALLS

CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLUTIONS

Increase in Deferred Taxes for Regional High School Taxes

RESOLUTION [A] – 23-03-27- #1

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, 2022 as follows:

	Deferred Regional High School Taxes
Amount Deferred 12/31/2021	\$3,965,912.00
Amount Deferred 12/31/2022	\$3,965,912.00

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.

Increase in Reserve for Uncollected Taxes Percentage

RESOLUTION [B] 23-03-27 - #2

TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INCREASE IN RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES PERCENTAGE

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls collected only 98.56% of the 2022 taxes due to an increase in taxpayers being delinquent as a result of unfavorable economic conditions in the local economy and real estate markets for 2022 and

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls’s average collection percentage for the prior 3 years is 98.86%, as calculated below, and

	<u>Collection Percentage</u>
2022	98.56
2021	99.03
2020	<u>99.01</u>
Total	<u>296.60</u>
3-Year Average	98.86%

WHEREAS, the lower percentage collected in 2022 has an effect on the "Reserve for Uncollected Taxes" in 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to anticipate 98.82% collection for 2023, to help reduce the "Reserve for Uncollected Taxes", with prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that the prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services be requested to anticipate 98.82% collection of taxes in 2023 in figuring the "Reserve for Uncollected Taxes".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Director of Local Government Services.

Introduction of 2023 Budget

RESOLUTION [C] 22-03-27 - #3

TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS

PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Re: Introduction of 2023 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 2023

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said budget be published in the Herald News in the issue of April 3, 2023, and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Municipal Building on April 24, 2023 at 7:00 o'clock (P.M.) or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

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Tax Refund Due to Disabled/Veteran Exemption

RESOLUTION [D] – 23-03-27- #4

WHEREAS, the following property in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey has overpaid real estate taxes in 2023 due to Tax Assessor approving a 100% Disabled Veteran; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor granted the 100% disabled veteran exemption as of August 19, 2022. The Tax Collector had Resolution (A) 22-11-21 #1 adopted, canceled and refunded the Shea’s property the total pro-rated 2022 amount of \$9,165.03 to Corelogic Refund Dept.; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is now requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amount overpaid listed below for the 1st qtr. 2023 taxes and to **cancel the 2nd qtr. 2023 taxes in the amount of \$6,194.93**;

WHEREAS, Corelogic had made the 1st qtr. 2023 on behalf of the Shea’s lender and has given written approval to the Tax Collector to refund the Shea’s directly;

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

<u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u>	<u>Block Lot</u>	<u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2023/1	237/44.15	Shea, Michael & Cassie 29 Mountaintop Ter	Michael & Cassie Shea 29 Mountaintop Ter Little Falls, NJ 07424	OP	\$6,194.94

Tax Refunds on Several Properties Due to Overpayments

RESOLUTION [E] – 23-03-27- #5

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

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

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

<u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u>	<u>Block Lot</u>	<u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2023/1	30/5	Postorino, Michael & Vogt, Kristin 35 Hughes Place	Corelogic RE Tax Serv Attn: Refund Dept. 3001 Hackberry Road Irving, TX 75063	OP	\$ 328.60
2023/1	40/9	Yarnall, Linford 68 Bradford Av	Corelogic RE Tax Serv Attn: Refund Dept. 3001 Hackberry Road Irving, TX 75063	OP	2,138.37
2023/1	80/21	Taylor to Torres 39 Zeliff Av	RealSafe Title, LLC 111 Littletown Rd Suite 301 Parsippany, NJ 07054	OP	<u>1,239.65</u>
				Total Refund:	\$3,706.62

Purchase of Rock Salt

RESOLUTION [F] 23-03-27 - # 6

ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THE VENDORS LISTED BELOW FOR THE 2023 WINTER PRODUCTS UNDER PASSAIC COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT PERIOD DECEMBER 1, 2021 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2023

WHEREAS, the Morris County Purchasing Agent has advised that pursuant to advertising duly made, bids were received by the County of Morris as lead agency for the Cooperative Pricing System for the furnishing and delivery of

Bulk Rock Salt,

for the Contract period December 1, 2021 to November 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Passaic County Cooperative as lead agency, based on review of bids and the resulting recommendation, has awarded a master contract for this commodity; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls wishes to participate in the master contract for the purchase of **WINTER PRODUCTS** because the price under the contract is lower than the prices quoted to the Township by other suppliers; and

WHEREAS, the Township Treasurer has provided a Certification of the Availability of Funds pursuant the Local Finance Board; and the appropriation to be charged for this expenditure is Department of Public Works Other Expenses;

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

- 1) That the following bids be awarded for purchases to be made on an as-needed basis:

Morton Salt

Bid: \$66.54 per ton

the award being based upon the unit price; and payment to be made based upon the unit price multiplied by the quantities, be and the same is hereby accepted; and

- 2) That the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute a Contract for the purchase of the within designated goods at the bid price hereinabove cited.

Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
PASSAIC COUNTY NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION [G] 23-03-27 - #7**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Little Falls Township Council as follows:

WHEREAS, applications for renewal of **PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE** has been filed as follows:

<u>License No.</u>	<u>License and/or t/a name</u>	<u>Fee</u>
1605-33-006-004	Yellow Leaf, LLC t/a Bromley’s 70 East Main Street, 3 rd Floor	\$2,200.00

and **WHEREAS**, it appears that said application is in satisfactory form; that the applicant has complied with all necessary requirements; that the application is for renewal by the same person(s) for the same stands; and that no objections, in writing or otherwise, have been made or filed to said application; and

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WHEREAS, the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control granted 12.39 relief for the 2022-2023 license term; and **WHEREAS**, the Township Council is familiar with the aforementioned applicant and the place for which they apply and sees no objection; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the above-listed application be and the same is hereby granted; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the license be issued accordingly, to become effective on July 1, 2022 and expire on June 30, 2023.

Suburban Metro JIF Fire/EMS Dept. Program

RESOLUTION [H] 23-03-27 - #8

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Governing Body of the Township of Little Falls desires to apply for the Suburban Metro Joint Insurance Fund Certified Fire/EMS Department Program; and, **WHEREAS**, Michael Bandurski Little Falls EMS Coordinator is hereby appointed to serve as the Liaison Officer for the purpose of coordinating and implementing this program; and, **WHEREAS** the Mayor and Governing Body of the Township of Little Falls agree to utilize the MEL Safety Institute (MSI) policy distribution and training program to document receipt of the operational policies and to confirm understanding of the policies; and, **WHEREAS** the Mayor and Governing Body agree to annually update the policies and annually certify as to their completion of the program through the adoption of a resolution and request initial grant of \$5,000 for Fire Department Fire Training & Equipment; and, **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Governing Body may request additional \$2,500 Fire Training and Equipment Grant upon recertification every 3 years; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Township of Little Falls that this resolution does hereby request participation in the Suburban Metro Joint Insurance Fund Certified Fire/EMS Department Program and agrees to perform the requirements of this program.

Bill List

RESOLUTION [I] 23-02-27 - #9

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

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1455 - It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, 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. 1455
TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
CALENDAR YEAR 2023-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 2.50% 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 it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2023 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 \$156,066.82 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 2023 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 \$546,233.87 and that the CY 2023 municipal budget for the Township of Little Falls be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any 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,

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.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1456 - 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. 1456
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,

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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.

A. Arlington Place East 30 mins. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m beginning 30 feet from Main Street extending 78 feet north thereof

§7-13 Parking prohibited at all times on certain streets.

A. Arlington Place West From a point 60 feet north of the northerly curbline of Main Street to a point 250 feet thereof Entire length of roadway
Muller Place North From a point 25 feet from Arlington Place and extending 183 feet

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, Vancheri, Patel, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL MATTERS

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. 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, Vancheri, Patel, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Andrew Baggot –Commented on the Minutes to which Council President SGOBBA responded. Mr. Baggot inquired about dedicated parking spots in the PNC parking lot. Mayor Damiano responded there are no specific number of spaces currently dedicated to that building which is currently vacant. The Mayor elaborated spaces were allocated to the bank when PNC was operational which have now been yielded back to the municipality.

Gary Parr – Requested an update on completion of the Fairfield pump station. Mr. Cuccia commented needed repairs have been made on an ongoing basis. Mr. Wenzel provided further detailed information on the property. Mayor Damiano elaborated on difficulties encountered, and that the Township currently has an operational pump station, but will be building a new pump station in a location that will be more readily accessible on East Woodcliff Ave. Regarding the timeframe for completion, Mr. Cuccia indicated the Township did not have a design at this point. Councilmember SGOBBA approximated a timeframe of a year and a half to two years.

No one further coming 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, Vancheri, Patel, 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 Patel, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk