

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

**Monday, March 28, 2022**

Council President Sgobba called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Albert Kahwaty, Tanya Seber, and Christopher Vancheri. Also present were Mayor James Damiano, Township Attorney Joseph Wenzel, Township Administrator Charles Cuccia, Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus.

Absent: Councilmember Christine Hablitz and Deputy Clerk Melissa DePiro.

Township Employees present: Deputy 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 March 11, 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](http://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 Kahwaty, the Regular Meeting of February 28, 2021, the Workshop Meeting of March 14, 2022 be and they were approved.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING TROOP 14 BOY SCOUT LEADERS** – At this time, Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation recognizing Boy Scout leaders Tony Moreno, Joe Gianduso, and Allen Stone for their leadership, dedication, and countless hours given to the Township of Little Falls.

**COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Councilmember KAHWATY reported the Friends of the Little Falls School Education Foundation Casino Night fundraiser was a success.

Councilmember VANCHERI recognized the Boy Scout Leaders for their services, and invited everyone to the Autism Awareness flag raising on April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Municipal Building and Coffee with a Cop on March 6<sup>th</sup> at The Falls Kitchen. Councilmember VANCHERI announced the Girl Scouts will travel to Houston to compete in the World Robotics Championship. Memorial Day activities continue to be planned as well as discussions to recognize veterans of wars that have not been previously acknowledged. Lastly, the LFAC Opening Day Parade for softball and baseball will occur on April 9, 2022.

Councilmember SEBER recognized the Scout leaders for their service and thanked all those who donated to the relief effort for the Ukraine. She also reported St. Agnes Food Pantry needs toiletries among other items.

**REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR**

Council President SGOBBA announced the Senior Advisory Board will hold a Spring Fling at the Civic Center on April 22, 2022.

Mayor Damiano reported overnight road closures will occur this week for water main improvement projects beginning from 7 P.M.– 4 A.M.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Wenzel had nothing to report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Priscilla L. Arango- 75 Veranda Avenue, discussed concerns related to 33 Stanley Street. Mayor Damiano stated the Police Department is aware of issues with the address and encouraged neighbors to continue to call the non-emergency police line.

Brian Cronise – Questioned what type of actions could be taken regarding the property and how updates to such actions could be obtained. Mayor Damiano provided his contact information for updates and stated he will meet with the Chiefs to determine what types of further action could be taken.

Alex Krasnomowitz – Stated this issue has been a longstanding problem in the neighborhood, and would like to see cooperation between the current residents and the neighbors.

No one further coming 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.

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 Nays: None

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**C O N S E N T A G E N D A**

All items on the Consent Agenda were considered to be routine and 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 2022

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT

Month of February 2022

ABC LICENSES		
OTHER LICENSES		
Business Licenses	\$3,900.00	
Pre-paid Business Licenses	\$20.00	
Raffle Licenses		\$3,920.00
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS		
Fees & Permits	\$328.00	
Marriage Licenses-LF	\$50.00	
Marriage Licenses-NJ	\$6.00	\$384.00
MRNA		
Street Maps		
Zoning Maps		
Zoning Ordinances		
Document Copies		
Garage Sales	\$	\$
Misc. Fees & Refunds:		
TOTAL MRNA	\$	\$
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT		<u>\$4,304.00</u>
TOTAL TO TREASURER		<u>\$4,304.00</u>

Municipal Clerks Dog/Cat License Report - Month of February 2022

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT

Month of February 2022

<b>Dog</b> Licenses issued 02/01/2022 thru 02/28/2022	
Nos. 211 to 213 = 2 Licenses	
Amount due Little Falls	\$20.40
Amount due State	\$9.60
Total Cash Received	\$30.00
<b>Cat</b> Licenses issued 02/01/2022 thru 02/28/2022	
Nos. to Licenses Issued	
Total Cash Received	\$
Total to Treas.	<u>\$30.00</u>

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Tax Collector's Report - Month of February 2022

**MONTHLY REPORT**

Municipality of Township of Little Falls

Office of the Tax Collector

Township of Little Falls Current Account, Lakeland Bank Revenues

Revenues Collector for the Month of February 2022

Categories 01-	January 1- 31, 2022	2022 Year to Date
2022 Taxes	\$9,233,566.11	\$11,843,413.53
2016-2021 Taxes	81,970.68	156,362.54
Interest	8,716.81	11,926.33
Insufficient Check Fee	40.00	40.00
6% Penalty	1,767.99	1,767.99
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$9,326,061.59</b>	<b>\$12,013,510.39</b>

Delinquent 2016 Taxes \$310,655.31 (Inc. 6% ye-pe/MSU-NJ Educ)  
 Delinquent 2020 Taxes 2,240.64 (bankruptcy).  
 Delinquent 2021 Taxes 314,190.80 (subject to tax sale 2022)  
 Delinquent 2022 Taxes 431,595.49 (1<sup>st</sup> qtr.).  
**Total Delinquent Taxes \$1,058,682.24**

2022 Refunds this month = -\$11,468.78  
 2022 Year to date refunds = -\$11,468.78

**Breakdown of refunds for years 2017-2022 completed in 2022 (see attached).**

**REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2022**

Months	2017 STCJ	2018 STCJ	2019 STCJ	2020 STCJ	2022 CBJ	2022 Regular	2021 Senior/Veteran	Exempt 2022	Total by Months
January	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
February	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,468.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,468.78
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$11,468.78</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$11,718.78</b>

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 2022

	Deposit	2021 Year-to-Date
January 2022	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
February 2022	9,040.44	9,040.44
<b>Total Collected as of February 28, 2022</b>		<b>\$9,040.00</b>

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 2022

	Liens with Premiums Redeemed/ (-)	Bal. /Dep. (+)
Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2022)		\$342,500.00
January 2022	\$	342,500.00
February 2022	-2,000.00	340,500.00
<b>Ending Balance as of February 28, 2022</b>		<b>\$340,500.00</b>

Tax Collector's Uncollectible Taxes for Year 2022

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54:4-91.1, and as amended by P.L. 1991, c.75, requires the Tax Collector to submit to the governing body on or before May 1<sup>st</sup> annually, a list of uncollectible taxes for the current year cancellation.

There are no findings for any parcels/line items uncollectible for the Year 2022.

Recreation Report – Month of February 2022

Recreation Center –February 2022				
Program	Facility	# Classes	Hours	Participants
Zumba Gold	Gym	8	8	96
Tai Chi/Qi Gong	Multi	4	8	64
Yoga	Multi	8	8	32
Fencing	Gym	4	8	37
Chair Yoga	Gym	4	4	40
Girls Show	Gym/Multi	14	50	271
Rec Basketball	Gym	15	*	638
Picture Day Bball	Gym	1	5	200
Champions League Bball	Gym	4	4	56
Travel Basketball	Gym	6	6	240
Pickle Ball	Gym	11	22	130
Men's Basketball	Gym	4	16	200
Indoor Soccer	Gym	4	25	540
<b>Weekly Totals</b>		<b>57</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>1674</b>

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Civic Center Report – Month of February 2022

Month of February			
Meeting Group	# of Meetings	Hours	Participants
Senior Clubs	4	40	121
LF Senior Advisory Board	1	3	5
Stamp Club	2	4	24
LF Fire Dept.	1	2	10
Sr. Advisory Board Valentine	1	6	40
LF CERT	1	2	10
LF Girl Scouts	2	4	45
Totals	12	61	255

Police Department Report - Month of February 2022

**PATROL DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT – February 2022**

Total Calls for Service 1,810    Total Operation Reports Generated 118  
Total Investigation Reports 37    Miles Patrolled 11,042

**Calls for Service**

Call Type	Total	Call Type	Total
BURGLARY	1	SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT TRAFFIC	7
THEFT	6	RADAR	99
THEFT SHOPLIFTING	1	TRAFFIC MV COMPLAINT	9
THEFT AUTO PARTS AND ACCESSORIES	1	TRAFFIC ENFORCE/STOP	346
SIMPLE ASSAULT	1	TRAFFIC HAZARD	16
CREDIT CARDS	1	DISABLED MV	17
FRAUD ALL OTHERS	9	PARKING ENFORCEMENT	71
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF ALL	1	ESCORTS	2
PROPERTY DAMAGE REPORT	4	MOTORIST ASSIST	1
SEX OFFENSE ALL OTHERS	1	SIGNAL SIGNS OUT	3
FAMILY OFF-DESERTION NON-SUPPORT	1	TRAFFIC POST	1
DWI-ALCOHOL/UNDER INFL	2	PROPERTY CHECK / AREA CHECK	294
DISPUTE	12	VACANT HOME CHECK	1
DISORDERLY CONDUCT / HARASSMENT	1	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	44
NOISE COMPLAINT	12	NOTIFICATIONS	8
DISORDERLY PERSONS / NOISE ALL OTHERS	1	OTH PUB SERV / WELFARE CHK	11
BLACKMAIL / EXTORTION / ALL OTHER OFFENSES	1	ASSIST CITIZEN	2
MUNICIPAL ORD VIOLATIONS / OTHER OFFENSES	2	PROPERTY CHECK SCHOOL FACILITIES	79
THREATS	5	BAR / TAVERN CHECK	20
HARASSMENT	2	ASSISTING OTHER POLICE DP	11
TRESPASSING	2	ASSIST OTHER PD ALCO-TEST	2
OPEN DOORS / WINDOWS GENERAL POLICE 1	10	WATER LEAK	1
SUSPICIOUS AUTO GENERAL POLICE	4	ASSIST SCHOOL	1
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	14	WARRANTS – LOCAL	1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON GENERAL POLICE	4	PRISONER WATCH/JAIL DUTY/TRANSPORT	1
WATER LEAKS-MAINS/HYDRANT GENERAL POLICE	1	ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES	47
DOWN-WIRES/POLES/TREES/LIMBS	5	COMMUNITY POLICING	2
OTHER NON-CRIMINAL INV GENERAL POLICE	21	CHECK SCHOOL GUARD/ COVER SCHOOL POST	137
PATROL INVESTIGATION	5	MISC MAINTENANCE RADIOS ETC	4
ALARM BURGLARY OR HOLD UP RESIDENCE	15	POLICE INFORMATION	6
ALARM BURGLARY OR HOLD UP NON-RESIDENCE	13	FIREARMS APPLICATION	13
ALARMS (FIRE ALARMS)	1	FINGERPRINT	1
FIRE – APPLIANCE FIRE	2	CIVIL MATTER	3
FUMES – ODOR OF GAS	2	REPOSSESSION	2
ASSIST – POLICE DEPARTMENT	4	L.E.A.D. PROGRAM / DRUG AWARENESS	9
UNATTENDED DEATHS	1	TRO / FRO INFORMATION & SERVICE	6
FOUND ARTICLES	5	COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITY	1
LOST ARTICLES	1	911 HANG UP / CHK WELFARE	109
MISSING PERSON	1	FOOT PATROL	45
BARKING DOG/ANIMAL NOISE	2	FOLLOW UP	3
LOST / FOUND / STRAY ANIMALS	3	911 TRANSFER TO OTHER	63
ANIMAL COMPLAITS ALL	6	HANDICAPPED PARKING PERMIT	1
MV ACCIDENT W/INJURY	5	OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET	1
MV ACCIDENT NO INJURIES	86	EVIDENCE DUTIES	1
MV CRASH – SR-1/OTHER	1	ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION	1
M CRASH PEDESTRIAN	1	SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	1

**Traffic Summary**  
**Arrest Summary**  
 Total Arrests – 8

Type of Arrest	Total
CDS	0
DWI	4
Warrant	1
Domestic Violence	0
Theft	1
All others	2

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**Directed Patrol Summary  
Patrol Division Time & Attendance**

Type of Hours	Total
Vacation	0
Holiday	108
Compensatory	109.25
Sick	14
Personal time	2
Credit time	191.5
Administrative	0
PBA day	0
Schedule transition	24
Bereavement	0
Overtime due to Training	0
Overtime hours to maintain minimum staffing level	20
Overtime due to incident/weather/other event	0

**Patrol staffing level during month: 4.8**

**Investigations Division Report  
February 2022 Monthly Report**

**Criminal Case Management**

16 Cases were assigned for follow-up investigation.  
21 Investigations currently remain open and active.  
11 Cases closed from current and previous months.  
4 Assist own Agency (Patrol Invest/Cases)

**Criminal Complaints/Warrants Served:**

0 Cases where criminal complaints were issued by the Investigative Division.  
0 Attempts were made to service outstanding criminal arrest warrants issued by the Little Falls Municipal Court.

**Juvenile**

0 Juvenile cases investigated.  
0 Station-House Adjustment were filed by the Department's Juvenile Detective.

**Narcotics**

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

**After Hours Call-Outs**

1 Incident required a detective response for investigative support after hours. Missing Persons Investigation (LFPD #22-02783)

**Internal Affairs (IA)**

1 IA Complaint was screened and indexed.  
0 IA Investigation(s) were conducted and closed.  
4 IA Complaint(s) remains open and are being investigated.  
There were 0 investigations that resulted in disciplinary action requiring a suspension of ten (10) or more days.

**Grand Jury/Superior Court Appearances**

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

**Search Warrants/Subpoenas**

3 Subpoenas were requested to be served for an investigation.  
There were 0 search warrants and 0 communication data warrants executed.

**Background Investigations**

The Investigative Division completed 0 Police Applicant, 0 Dispatcher Applicant (Full), 0 Crossing Guard Applicant and 0 Solicitor Applicant Investigations.

**Megan's Law (Sex-Offender) Registrations**

0 New Registrations  
1 Address Verification and Re-Registrations  
There are currently 10 registered sex-offenders residing within the Township.

**Detective Time Off and Overtime:**

**Detective Time Off: TOTAL 52 hours**

Compensatory – 8 hours      Vacation/Holiday – 44 Hours      Personal – 0 hours      Sick- 0 hours      Other – 0 Hours

**Detective Overtime**

Hours worked for Cash –1.5 hours      Detective hours worked for Compensatory Time – 6 hours  
Girls Show/PVHS OT Worked by Detectives – 20.5 hours      Patrol Shift Coverage by Detective – 0 hours (OT Cash)

**Property and Evidence**

4 Item classified as property was entered into the department's BEAST Evidence System, processed, logged and secured. (This includes missing, lost and found property, recovered stolen property and items left for safekeeping.)  
0 Firearms/Weapons were entered into the BEAST Evidence System, processed, logged and secured.  
1 Firearms were transported for ballistics analysis.  
2 Items classified as evidence were entered into the BEAST Evidence System, processed, logged and secured.  
0 Items classified as Drug Evidence were transported to the NJ State Police Laboratory for analysis.  
0 Items classified as Forensic Evidence were transported to the NJ State Police Laboratory at Hamilton or Holmdel, NJ for analysis. (This includes physical, chemical, and biological evidence.)  
0 Random drug screen analysis specimens were transported to the NJ State Medical Examiner's Office for analysis.  
\$0.00 Currency was seized and submitted to the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office pending asset forfeiture proceedings.

**Notable Cases** Det/Cpl. Moncato and Det. Fleck participated in the PCPO Operation Helping Hand (2/24/22).

"Operation Helping Hand" one day event provides an alternative to immediate incarceration and offers substance abuse treatment. Each individual arrested during this initiative was privately screened by a peer recovery specialist from the Morris County Center for Addiction Recovery, Education and Success (CARES) in an effort to connect them with treatment and recovery services. Det. Moncato and Fleck were assigned to the Narcotics Unit from 1000 hours to 1800 hours. The operation consisted of assisting in several arrests of individuals who purchased narcotics or were loitering in the area to purchase narcotics. All individuals were processed and charged by PCPO. Detective Bureau Cub Scout Demonstration – Det/Lt. Prall, Det/Cpl. Moncato, Det. Fleck (2/17/22)

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**Comments:**

*Detective Training*

Det. Fleck: Interview and Interrogation, 2 Day Training (2/7-2/8), John H Stamler Police Academy, Stanhope NJ  
Det/Cpl. Moncato and Det. Fleck – NJ CARES/Operation Helping Hands (2/22) ESTC, West Hampton, NJ

**SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION – Administrative Monthly Report – February 2022**

**RECORDS BUREAU**

**Discovery and OPRA**

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

35 OPRA requests were processed.

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

\$360.00 was deposited by the Records Bureau during the month.

Discovery \$0.00/Firearms \$65.00/Accident & Incident Reports \$295.00/Fingerprints \$0.00

**Firearms**

18 Applications for Firearms Permits

9 Firearms Purchaser ID cards were *Issued*

16 Handgun Purchase Permits were *Issued*

**Background Investigations**

17 Firearms Investigations Completed

0 Permit to Carry Applications.

2 Applications Withdrawn by Applicant/Denied

**Departmental Training**

**Outside Training**

- AlcoTest Recert – Sgt. Gilchrist, Det. Fleck, Ptl. Kania
- Financial Crimes against Seniors – Cpl. Vanak
- Resiliency Officer – Sgt. Gilchrist
- Heroin Access to Care – Sgt. Gilchrist
- ALERRT Train the Trainer – Sgt. Cespedes, Ptl. Racanelli

- **Departmental Training**

Agency Field Training – Ptl. Hablitz

(2) Full Time Dispatchers (PST Montanez, PST Conlon) began and completed training

*Firearms-* The next Firearms Training is currently scheduled for March 2022.

**DISPATCHER TIME OFF AND COVERAGE**

**Dispatcher Time Off**

COMP – 0 Hours	HOL – 72 Hours	VAC – 0 Hours	PER – 0 Hours
C/T –100 Hours	SICK – 0 Hours	FML - 36 Hours	

**Dispatcher Coverage – Overtime**

Part-time Dispatcher Hours Worked – 202 hours

Full time Dispatcher OT CASH – 218.50 Hours

Dispatch Vacancy Covered by Patrol OT –12 hours

Dispatch Vacancy Covered by Patrol Shift –55 hours

Full-time Dispatcher OT Comp –0 hours

Part-Time Dispatcher Training Hours Worked –0 hours

Note: Vacant hours increased due to being short 2 full time public safety telecommunicators. PST Montanez and PST Conlon were hired as full time employees on February 21, 2022 and began training.

**Construction Report – February 2022**

**Uniform Construction Code**

Permits Issued – 84

Inspections - 127

Total Value of Construction - \$7,491,346.00

Certificate of Occupancy - \$6,691.00

Permit Fees Collected - \$102,770.00

Permit Fees Waived - \$10,480.00

Penalties - \$0.00

Total Fees Collected - \$109,461.00

**Zoning**

Fence Permits –\$0.00

Sign Permits - \$50.00

Zoning fees – \$3,920.00

Total Fees Collected- \$3,970.00

**Property Maintenance**

Certificates of Compliance Fees –\$2,510.00

Inspections – 33

Complaints Inspections - 30

Violations Issued – 6

Roll-off permits – \$10.00

Fines - \$950.00

Total Fees Collected - \$3,470.00

**Monthly Revenue \$116,901.00**

**YTD Revenue \$133,737.00**

**APPLICATIONS**

NJ STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION, LUKE BASKINGER, DOUGLAS DRIVE, LITTLE FALLS, COMPANY #2

NJ STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION, JOSEPH OLDROYD, LONG HILL ROAD, LITTLE FALLS, COMPANY #2

BLUE LIGHT PERMIT, LUKE BASKINGER, DOUGLAS DRIVE, LITTLE FALLS, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

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RAFFLE, SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #108, TRICKY TRAY, 5/28/22, 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, 5/28/22, 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M., 591 MAIN STREET, LITTLE FALLS

RAFFLE, LITTLE FALLS ALLIANCE FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY, ON-PREMISE 50/50, 6/30/22 – 9/1/22, 7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Tax Overpayment in 2022

**RESOLUTION [A] 22-03-28 #1**

**WHEREAS**, the following property in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey has overpaid real estate taxes in 2022; 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 refunds be made by the Township Treasurer:

<u>Tax Year &amp; Qtr.</u>	<u>Block Lot/Q</u>	<u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>	<u>Pavee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022/1	220/21	Cannizzaro, Anthony & Jeanette 50 Ryle Av	Cannizzaro, Anthony & Jeanette 50 Ryle Av Little Falls, NJ 07424	O/P	\$ 1,834.86
<b>Total Refund</b>					<b>\$1,834.86</b>

**RESOLUTION [B] 22-03-28 #2**

Bill List

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL MATTERS**

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Andrew Baggot – 78 Franklin Road, Denville, owner of 105/107 Main Street, requested information on the closing date of the PNC lot and number of parking spaces allotted. Mr. Wenzel explained the Township is awaiting the response from the PNC corporate office and Mayor Damiano provided information on the number of parking spaces made available. Mr. Baggot further requested a status of Mr. Cestone’s lot. Discussion ensued with regard to the concept of shared parking. Mr. Baggot questioned Councilmember SEBER regarding Ordinance No. 1341. Councilmember SEBER responded she did not have information available to respond at this time. In response to Mr. Baggot’s query regarding plans for Main Street, Mayor Damiano explained both sides of Main Street will have the sidewalks widened to make them more pedestrian friendly.

Jim Doran commented on the Stanley Street property discussed previously. Mr. Wenzel stated this issue is not unusual when there is an institution of higher learning in close proximity. Mr. Wenzel elaborated that once

**Meeting of March 28, 2022**

individuals decide to live together, the powers of the Township become very limited, however, there are enforcements that can be done.

Anthony Baggot – Made comments regarding a transportation study performed on Main Street.

Luis Fernandez – Commented on rentals to college students as well as recent variances presented to the Planning Board. Council President SGOBBA discussed opportunities for residents to express their opinions at Planning Board meetings.

Danielle Peterson – Queried whether the owner of the home in question on Stanley Street could be notified of the concerns brought forth. Council President SGOBBA explained responsibilities for building and code violations fall on the owner and in cases of quality of life, those residing at the property would be held responsible. Mayor Damiano stated he intends to review the Ordinance to determine if the property owner is at the threshold for receiving a summons. Council President SGOBBA reiterated instructions to inform the Police when issues arise. In response to Ms. Peterson, Council President SGOBBA stated there is no requirement that the owner must notify neighbors the house will be rented to college students.

Luis Fernandez- Reiterated comments regarding garbage left by renters and an recalled an instance where a summons was issued. Mayor Damiano identified the difference between a bulk waste issue and a littering issue. Mayor Damiano stated further review will occur with the Police Department and Township Attorney to determine what action(s) can be taken.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Deputy Chief Prall discussed the mission of Coffee with a Cop initiative. He then announced the Junior Police Academy applications are due no later than March 31<sup>st</sup> and plans are in progress for the August National Night Out.

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 7:01 p.m.

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Cynthia Kraus  
Municipal Clerk