

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

Monday, March 23, 2020

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

Absent: Township Engineer.

Township Employees present: Police Chief Steve Post.

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 9, 2020. 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. No public will be allowed to attend the meeting in person. A Youtube link to view this meeting 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.**

ROLL CALL – Council President Sgobba, Mayor Damiano and Township Administrator Charles Cuccia were present in person. Councilmember Maria Cordonnier, Councilmember Albert Kahwaty, Councilmember Tanya Seber, Councilmember Christopher Vancheri, Attorney Joseph Wenzel, Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus, and Police Chief Steve Post attended the meeting remotely.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, that the Minutes of the February 24, 2020 Regular Meeting be and they were approved.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the Minutes of the March 9, 2020 Workshop Meeting be and they were approved.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember KAHWATY discussed the importance of the ability to convene the Meeting electronically while following the Governor's instructions and keeping the government running. He thanked the Township employees, first responders, the DPW employees, and employees of the school system who have stepped up in this crisis. The Green Fair has been postponed at this time.

Councilmember VANCHERI sent well wishes to those impacted by the coronavirus, encouraged residents to be safe, and expressed his appreciation for all the work that is being done by the Township and school system. Councilmember VANCHERI stated efforts to recognize April as Autism Awareness month will continue such as the Proclamation, displaying an Autism Awareness flag, and shining a blue light outside the Municipal Building. However, the in-person meet and greet will be postponed.

Councilmember SEBER sent well wishes to our residents and encouraged staying at home and social distancing. She announced the first ever town-wide garage sale will be postponed until the Fall. The second annual 5K is planned for the first Sunday in October.

Councilmember CORDONNIER reiterated the directives for social distancing and to stay at home and remembered the first responders, police, EMS, fire and DPW in her prayers. Councilmember CORDONNIER discussed the 2020 Census noting the importance of participation. She announced all senior programs have been cancelled. Councilmember CORDONNIER thanked the Mayor for the daily updates and encouraged any resident who needs help or has questions, to contact the Mayor or Council members.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Council President SGOBBA explained that the meeting was being conducted live, but only he, the Mayor and Mr. Cuccia were present at the dais. Councilmembers Cordonnier, Kahwaty, Seber, and Vancheri as well as Chief Post and Mrs. Kraus participated remotely.

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MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Damiano responded to questions raised regarding the public involvement of this Meeting and whether business could be conducted without a quorum being present. Mayor Damiano responded this is a permissible form of holding a meeting pursuant to NJA No. 3850, which allows public bodies to conduct business remotely or through an electronic means. The State submitted some directive from the DCA today that advised that public comments can be emailed to a specific email address. The Mayor explained, in detail, the format of tonight’s Meeting and methods for the public to participate.

Mayor Damiano provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic including recent information obtained from the County. He expressed the importance of providing an accurate address should an individual have to go to a mobile test site. The Mayor thanked the Clifton Health Department and confirmed that the Health Department attempts to reach out to collateral contacts. He recommended everyone self-quarantine and visit the LFNJ website to view the updates that are posted. Mayor Damiano reviewed domestic violence support resources available on the Township website, as well as changes to the court and how to pay tickets online. He reviewed operations and procedures of the municipal offices, police, senior programs and the senior bus, library, recreation center, and schools. Mayor Damiano thanked the DPW and reviewed curbside pickup schedules and operations of the recycling center. Virtual learning continues in the schools and updates should be referenced from the Little Falls school district or Passaic Valley school district. Council Meetings will be hosted in this fashion until cleared for change. Public comment and questions will move forward as previously indicated. Should residents have any further questions they may reach out to the Mayor, Council or Clerk. The Mayor encouraged everyone to work together to control the pandemic including social distancing, handwashing, and staying home when possible. He announced Passaic County is opening mobile testing at Passaic County Community College tomorrow. Additionally, the Mayor provided the call-in number for a COVID-19 virus telephonic Town Hall hosted by Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill tonight at 8:15pm.

Mayor Damiano then provided an overview of the 2020 Municipal Budget which included highlights of the revenues, appropriations, debts and the tax rates. He instructed how residents can review and follow along with the Mayor’s presentation as well as ask questions. Mayor Damiano explained the budget hearing and adoption is slated for April 27, 2020 at which time comments and questions will be heard. He further advised that once the budget is advertised, residents can send any questions, along with their name and address, via email to the Township Clerk.

In response to Council President Sgobba, the Council had no questions or comments at this time.

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION – At this time, the Mayor read the Proclamation recognizing April, 2020 as Autism Awareness Month in the Township of Little Falls.

It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, to approve Resolutions A through C:

Increase in Deferred Taxes

**RESOLUTION [A] 20-03-23 - #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, 2019 as follows:

	Deferred Regional High School Taxes
Amount Deferred 12/31/2019	\$3,721,342.62
Amount Deferred 12/31/2018	\$3,606,047.48

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 2020 Budget

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION [B] 20-03-23 - #2**

Re: Introduction of 2020 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 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said budget be published in the Herald News in the issue of March 27, 2020, and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Municipal Building on April 27, 2020 at 7:00 o’clock (P.M.) or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

Budget Self Exam

**RESOLUTION [C] 20-03-23 - #3
TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 thru 7.5 the Township of Little Falls has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Borough meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2020 budget year, so now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Township of Little Falls that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer’s certification. The governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

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1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A:4-45.3 et seq. are fully met (Complies with the "CAP" law.)
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate, and correctly stated,
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement, and content the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced, publicly advertised, and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1382-It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that there be introduced and the meeting of April 27, 2020 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1382
CALENDAR YEAR 2020 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 it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2020 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 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$134,490 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 2020 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 \$470,714 and that the CY 2020 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: Cordonnier, Kahwaty, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Wenzel had nothing to report. He expressed his appreciation for efforts put in response to the current situation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to address the Township Council may do so by sending an email to CKRAUS@LFNJ.COM. The email must provide your name and address for the record. At this time there will be a ten-minute recess, which will allow the public to send comments and questions via email. At the end of the recess, the Meeting will reconvene and all proper emails will be read into the record. The Council President will determine if a response is needed and if so, shall direct said response. Once the process is complete, we will return to the regular order of business.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

At this time, Council President SGOBBA announced there will be a ten-minute recess such that questions from the public can be emailed to the Clerk. The Council recessed at 8:01 PM and returned to session at 8:11pm. Mrs. Kraus commented that all the questions and comments that were emailed will be made part of the official record of the Meeting.

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Mark Benitez- 280 Main Street, requested information on the local plans for students, families, and residents regarding Covid-19, including employment for residents that are employed in Little Falls as well as those who work elsewhere and reside in Little Falls. Mayor Damiano responded that the Governor’s directive will continue to be followed. Municipal offices have been running at half-staff on alternating days. For those individuals who live in Little Falls but work elsewhere, to the extent that assistance can be provided it will. Regarding the schools, each of the school boards and their administrations determine the circumstances for students and families.

Edvie Canavan, 300 Main Street, Unit 214, questioned the street address of Exhibit H. The Mayor responded that the question is probably referring to Resolution H on tonight’s Agenda, the public auction by the DPW. The Mayor explained Resolution H in detail, noting that the physical location of auction items is at the DPW yard, but that the actual auction occurs on-line.

Renea Shapiro - Little Falls ABC, submitted a question regarding inactive wires on Main Street. Mr. Wenzel responded that the issue was brought to his attention recently. He made contact with representatives from PSE&G who indicated that none of the wires were their responsibility. Mr. Wenzel elaborated that the wires of concern present some difficulty as it is not necessarily known as to who put up the wire. It would require some self-reporting from the company as to whether they or a third party put it up. In response to Mr. Wenzel, Council President SGOBBA stated the Council will ask Mr. Wenzel’s assistance with the removal of the inactive wires.

As no further emails were received for comment, it was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, that the meeting be and it was closed to the public.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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 were enacted with a single motion. Any items under REQUISITIONS carried a Treasurer’s certification as to sufficiency of funds.

REPORTS

Municipal Clerk’s Report – Month of February 2020

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT
 Month of February 2020

ABC LICENSES		
OTHER LICENSES		
Business Licenses	\$2,610.00	
Pre-paid Business Licenses		
Raffle Licenses		
		\$2,610.00
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS		
Fees & Permits	\$424.00	
Marriage Licenses-LF	\$15.00	
Marriage Licenses-NJ	\$125.00	
		\$564.00
MRNA		
Street Maps		
Zoning Maps		
Zoning Ordinances		
Document Copies		
Garage Sales		
Misc. Fees & Refunds:		
TOTAL MRNA		
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT		\$3,174.00
TOTAL TO TREASURER		<u>\$3,174.00</u>

Municipal Clerks Dog/Cat License Report - Month of February 2020

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT
 Month of February 2020

Dog Licenses issued 02/01/2020 thru 02/29/2020	
Nos. 321 to 325 = 5 Licenses	
Amount due Little Falls	\$34.00
Amount due State	\$9.00
Total Cash Received	\$43.00
Cat Licenses issued 02/01/2020 thru 02/29/2020	
Nos.0 to 0	
Licenses Issued 0	
Total Cash Received	0.00
Total to Treas.	<u>\$43.00</u>

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Tax Collector's Report – Month of February, 2020

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 2020

Categories 01-	February 1- 29, 2020	2020 Year to Date
2020 Taxes	\$7,931,904.28	\$11,455,770.38
2019, 2016 Taxes	37,840.87	115,514.53
Interest	4,398.03	7,909.49
Township Tax Title Lien	45,589.36	45,589.36
Township Tax Title Lien Int.	13,738.71	13,738.71
Duplicate Tax Bills	20.00	30.00
Insufficient Check Fee	60.00	80.00
6% Penalty Fee	0.00	1,228.09
GRAND TOTALS	\$8,033,551.25	\$11,639,860.56

Delinquent 2016 Taxes \$892,492.19 (inc. 6% ye-pe+int)
 Delinquent 2019 Taxes 231,989.86 (Subject to tax sale this year/+int.)
 Delinquent 2020 Taxes 372,280.59 (+int).
Total Delinquent Taxes \$1,496,762.64

2020 Refunds this month = -\$3,745.75

2020 Year to date refunds = -\$3,745.75

Breakdown of refunds for years 2015-2020 completed in 2020(see attached).

REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2020

Months	2015 STCJ	2016 STCJ	2017 STCJ	2018 STCJ	2019 STCJ	2020 CBJ	2019 Regular	2020 Regular	2020 Senior /Disabled	Exempt 2020	Total by Months
January	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,005.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,005.54
February	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,475.75	0.00	0.00	3,745.75
Totals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,005.54	\$3,745.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,751.29

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 2020

	2020 Deposit	2020 Year-to-Date
January 2020	\$ 57,676.70	\$ 57,676.70
February 2020	0.00	57,676.70
Total Collected as of February 29, 2020		\$57,676.70

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 2020

	Liens with Premiums Redeemed/ (-)	Bal. /Dep. (+)
Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2020)		\$196,300.00
January 2020	-\$46,500.00	149,800.00
February 2020	0.00	149,800.00
Ending Balance as of February 29, 2020		\$149,800.00

Recreation Report – Month of February, 2020

Recreation Center		2/1-2/9			2/10-2/16			2/17-2/23			2/24-2/29		
Program	Facility	# Classes	Hrs	Particip	# Classes	Hrs	Particip	# Classes	Hrs	Particip	# Classes	Hrs	Particip
Pickleball Open Court	Gym	2	4	24	1	2	23	2	2	10	2	2	26
LFPA Cheer	Gym	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Zumba Tone	Multi	3	3	44	3	3	54	3	3	48	3	3	62
Zumba Gold	Gym	2	2	55	2	2	51	2	2	51	2	2	60
Tai Chi	Gym	1	1	13	1	1	13	1	1	12	1	1	16
QiGong	Gym	2	2	30	2	2	34	2	2	29	2	2	31
Yoga	Multi	2	2	14	2	2	25	2	2	14	2	2	13
Chair Yoga	Gym	*	*	*	1	1	11	*	*	*	*	*	10
Fencing	Gym	2	4	24	2	4	17	2	4	18	2	3	20
Tiger Basketball	Gym	1	2	20	1	2	25	1	2	35	1	2	35
LFAC Basketball	Gym	*	*	436	*	*	378	*	*	428	*	*	288
Indoor Soccer	Gym	*	*	113	*	*	*	*	*	113	*	*	113
Fit 4 U	Gym	1	1	15	1	1	12	1	1	13	1	1	11
Karate	Multi	2	2	10	2	2	10	2	2	7	2	2	10
Body Dynamics	Multi	1	1	2	1	1	4	1	1	6	1	1	3
Mens Open Gym	Gym	1	3	60	1	3	60	1	3	60	1	3	60
Green Cheer	Multi	3	15	78	3	15	65	3	15	52	1	3	26
Green X Girls	Gym	1	15	54	3	15	64	3	15	54	1	3	18
Banyan School	Gym	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	2	30	*	*	*
Weekly Totals		24	57	992	26	56	846	27	57	980	22	30	802
MONTHLY TOTALS													
		# of Classes			Hours			Participants					
		99			200			3,620					

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Civic Center Report – Month of February, 2020

Month of February 2020			
Meeting Group	# of Meetings	Hours	Participants
Golden Agers	4	26	150
Jolly Seniors	4	26	138
Senior Advisory	1	1	6
OEM	1	2	20
LFAC	1	2	20
Stamp Club	2	5	22
ABC	1	2	15
Rutgers Safety Clinic	1	3	15
Totals	15	67	386

Police Department Report - Month of February 2020

PATROL DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT – February 2020

This agency handled **4,776** details between January 1, 2020 and February 29, 2020.

This agency completed **931** reports between January 1, 2020 and February 29, 2020.

This agency had **XXXXXX** inbound telephone calls and **XXXXXX** outbound calls during the month of February, 2020.

This agency received **XXX** 911 calls during the month of February, 2020.

The Little Falls Police Department handled **2,309** details and wrote **481** Operation/Investigation reports between February 1, 2020 and February 29, 2020.

The patrol division patrolled **11,992** miles during the month of February, 2020.

Calls for Service

Call Type	Total
Medical emergency	67
Fire Department incident	4
Narcan deployment	0
Burglar alarms/false	17
Burglar alarms/valid	4
Domestic violence incidents	4
Burglary	1
Criminal mischief	1
Theft	6
Suspicious person/vehicle/incident	27
General investigation	28
Noise complaint	6
All others not listed	316

Traffic Summary

Crashes	Total
Motor vehicle crashes	67
Motor vehicle crash injuries	9
Motor vehicle crash fatalities	0
Enforcement	Total
Motor vehicle stops	464
Speeding summonses	17
DWI summonses	5
Driving while suspended summonses	11
Uninsured vehicle summonses	9
Moving violations	201
Parking violations	38
Total summonses issued	239

Arrest Summary

Total Arrests - 24

Type of Arrest	Total
CDS	10
DWI	4
Warrant	3
Domestic Violence	2
Theft	1
All others	4

Directed Patrol Summary

Detail Type	Total
School arrival	61
School dismissal	48
School walk through	52
Radar post	140
Park check	122
Vacant house check	10
Extra attention check	0
DWI/Aggressive driving patrol	0
Foot patrol	11

Patrol Division Time & Attendance

Type of Hours	Total
Vacation	12
Holiday	74
Compensatory	139
Sick	128
Personal time	0
Credit time	293
Administrative	0
PBA day	12
Schedule transition	28
Bereavement	0
Overtime due to Training	0
Overtime hours to maintain minimum staffing level	5
Overtime due to incident/weather/other event	12

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1 out of a total of 58 shifts during the month of February were below minimum staffing.

Patrol staffing level during month: 3.86

Major incident/Notable achievement

Case 20-00889-Armed robbery of Valley National Bank on February 27, 2020 at 1421 hours.

COMMUNITY POLICING

Detail Type	Total
Cell block inspection	17
School arrivals	10
School dismissals	10
School walk thru	4
Vacant house checks	6
Child car seat installations	0
Headquarters safety inspections	0
Project medicine box emptied	1 (43 lbs)
Trips to Covanta for prescription drug destruction	0
Community function appearances	2
School function appearances	8

Special projects/details

<p>Taught L.E.A.D. 8 times throughout the month 2/3 Picked up 3rd grade L.E.A.D. kit at L.E.A.D. office in south jersey 2/12 Attended Vaping seminar organized by Municipal Alliance at Passaic Valley HS 2/13 Provided college student Allen Torhan with an interview about Community Policing for a college paper he was writing 2/19 Meeting with American Recycling regarding clothing bins 2/24 Attended L.E.A.D. convention in Atlantic City 2/28 Worked Girls Show event at P.V.</p>

TRAFFIC DIVISION

Detail Type	Total
Traffic details	*
Radar posts	*
Crashes investigated	*
Speedometer calibrations	*
Alcotest maintenance assignments	*
Traffic meetings attended	*
Traffic complaints received	*
Road job safety checks	*
Assisted patrol	*
Enforcement	Total
Motor vehicle stops	*
Moving summonses	*
Parking summonses	*
Total summonses issued	*

Special projects/details

<p>***Corporal Moncato moved to the patrol division due to a long term injury causing a patrol shift shortage.</p>
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Investigative Division Monthly Division Report

Month: February 2020

Criminal Case Management

- 12 Cases were assigned for follow-up investigation.
- 9 Investigations currently remain open and active.
- 7 Cases closed from current and previous months.

Criminal Complaints/Warrants Served:

- 1 Criminal Complaints were issued by the Investigative Division.
- 2 Attempts were made to service outstanding criminal arrest warrants issued by the Little Falls Municipal Court.

Juvenile

- 0 Juvenile Petitions were issued and submitted to the Passaic County Superior Court, Family Division.
- 1 Station-House Adjustment was filed by the Department’s Juvenile Detective.

Narcotics

- 0 Arrests were made by the investigative division for a drug related offense.
- 43 Pounds of prescription medication was deposited in the Prescription Drug Box.

After Hours Call-Outs

- 1 Incident required a detective response for investigative support.

The case involved an armed bank robbery. Little Falls Detectives responded to the scene and coordinated the investigative response of the Passaic County Prosecutor’s Office and Federal Bureau of Investigations.

Internal Affairs (IA)

- 1 IA Complaint was screened and indexed.
 - 1 IA Investigation was conducted and closed.
 - 1 IA Complaint remains open and is 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

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

Search Warrants/Subpoenas

- 2 Subpoenas were requested to be served for an investigation.
- There were 0 search warrants and 1 communication data warrants executed.

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Background Investigations

The Investigative Division conducted **0** Police Applicant investigations, **0** Dispatcher Applicant Investigation and **0** Crossing Guard Applicant Investigations.

Megan's Law (Sex-Offender) Registrations

0 New Registrations

2 Address Verification and Re-Registrations

There are currently **9** registered sex-offenders residing within the Township.

Detective Time Off and Overtime:

Detective Time Off: TOTAL 65 hours

Compensatory – **25** hours

Vacation/Holiday – **24** Hours

Personal – **0** hours

Sick- **16** hours

Detective Overtime

Hours worked for Cash – **0** hours

Hours worked for Compensatory Time – **14.5** hours

Division Monthly Staffing Level – 3.59 Detectives

Property and Evidence

5 Items classified as property were 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.)

3 Firearms/Weapons were entered into the BEAST Evidence System, processed, logged and secured.

1 Firearm was transported for ballistics analysis.

21 Items classified as evidence were entered into the BEAST Evidence System, processed, logged and secured.

6 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

19-06173 – A 2 month long theft investigation involving a former Township ambulance worker ended with the arrest of the suspect in the case. The accused was charged with 3rd degree theft.

20-00889 -On 2/27, two masked men committed an armed robbery of the Valley National Bank located at 115 Main Street. This investigation is active and on-going at this time.

Comments:

Throughout the month of February, Det. Cespedes was assigned to the Detective Bureau and completed his mentoring program with Det. Gilchrist. This added to the Division strength for the month as 4 total officers were assigned. Det. Gilchrist is scheduled to return to patrol on 3/4/20.

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RECORDS BUREAU

Discovery and OPRA

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

24 OPRA requests were processed.

517 Pages of reports were facilitated and forwarded to the Township Clerk's Office for OPRA requests.

\$600.10 was deposited by the Records Bureau during the month.

Discover **\$6.10**/Firearms **\$74.00**/Accident & Incident Reports **\$520.00**/Fingerprints **\$0**/Solicitor **\$0**

Firearms

8 Applications for Firearms Permits

7 Firearms Purchaser ID cards were *Issued*

24 Handgun Purchase Permits were *Issued*

Background Investigations

Firearms – **9** Firearms Investigations Completed

Permit to Carry – **0** Permit to Carry Applications.

Solicitor(s)- **0** solicitor permit was processed and issued

TRAINING

Outside Training

- 2/19 SANE/SART (Det. Strothers)
- 2/27 Technology Criminal Investigation (Det. Strothers/Det. Cespedes)
- 2/18 Interview & Interrogation (Det. Strothers/Det. Cespedes)
- 2/28 Title 39 Expert (Ptl. Kania)
- 2/28 1st Aid for Firearms Instructors (Det. Cespedes/Ptl. Racanelli)
- 2/21 Criminal MAPP Training (Ptl. Timmerman)
- 2/27 The Ivory Tower Leadership Course (Chief Post/Lt. Briggs/Lt. Prall/Sgt. Gianduso/Sgt. Romaine/Sgt. Prall/Sgt. Macaluso/Sgt. Shaplo/Sgt. Pinnola/Sgt. Hoyt/Sgt. Gilchrist)
- 2/6 Traffic Incident Management (Cpl. Moncato)

Departmental Training

- Ptl. Stevens completed her training and certification in becoming a certified PST Operator.
- Dsp. DiGangi was recertified as PST Operator.
- Ptlw. Stevens, Ptl. Conti, Ptl. Isshak and Ptl. Racanelli were recertified in CPR/AED.

Online Training:

Power DMS: 2020 Bloodborne Pathogenes/2020 Right to Know

NJ Learn Training: None

Firearms: 2020 Spring Qualifications in progress

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DISPATCHER TIME OFF AND COVERAGE

Dispatcher Time Off

COMP – 0 Hours HOL – 12 Hours VAC – 21 Hours PER – 24 Hours
 C/T – 0 Hours SICK – 0 Hours FML - 26 Hours

Dispatcher Coverage – Overtime

Part-time Dispatcher Hours Worked – 73.5 hours Full-time Dispatcher OT Comp – 0 hours
 Dispatch Vacancy Covered by Patrol OT – 3.5 hours Full-time Dispatcher OT CASH – 29 hours
 Dispatch Vacancy Covered by Patrol Shift – 0 hours Part-Time Dispatcher Proficiency Hours Worked – 26 hours

FLEET MANAGEMENT

FEBRUARY 2020 VEHICLE EXPENSE REPORT

Date	Unit	Mileage	Maintenance/ Complaint	Repair	Location	Invoice	Amount	BDG	OOS	BIS	Days
2/2/20	800	8097	MVR in Opp	WRK with Data 911	Tronosys		\$0.00				
2/2/20	810	6135	Oil Service	Oil Service	DPW	N/A	\$0.00	741	2/3	2/3	1
2/5/20	814	58345	Service/Tires/Tune-up	2 tires tune-up service	DPW	N/A	\$0.00	S/C	2/5	2/7	3
2/6/20	815	33064	Oil Service	Oil Service	DPW	N/A	\$0.00	S/C	2/12	2/12	1
2/6/20	C-1	100000	Dead Battery	Replace Alternator	DPW	N/A	\$0.00	S/C	2/4	2/6	2
2/6/20	C-1	100000	Alternator	Alternator	Guaranteed	20085	\$145.00	S/C	2/6	2/6	0
2/6/20	C-2	108000	Radiator cap	Replace	P&A Auto	132089	\$11.75	S/C	2/6	2/6	0
2/6/20	C-2	108000	Batteries	Replace 2	Robert's	5573563	\$250.00	S/C	2/6	2/6	0
2/7/20	814	58345	Plugs element asy	Replace plugs etc.	Wayne Ford	307222	\$45.67	S/C	2/5	2/7	0
2/7/20	814	58345	Ignition boots	Replace 6	Wayne Ford	307232	\$30.06	S/C	2/7	2/7	0
2/16/20	810	6900	Info-cop disconnects	WRK with Data 911	Tronosys				2/17	2/19	3
2/12/20	INV		Oil Filters	Oil Filters	P&A Auto	132591	\$39.60	S/C			
2/17/20	818	64419	Oil Service/Brakes	Oil Service/Brakes OK	DPW	N/A	\$0.00	761	2/17	2/19	3
2/17/20	818	64419	Tires	Replace 2 Tires	DPW	N/A	\$0.00	S/C	2/17	2/19	0
2/19/20	813	23312	Oil Service	Service/Wipers	DPW	N/A	\$0.00	732	2/24	2/25	1
2/19/20	INV		Wipers	Wipers	Wayne Ford	307361	\$132.00	S/C	2/19		0
2/26/20	815		MDT Turns off	Repaired	Tronosys		\$0.00	749	2/28	3/3	4
2/28/20	817	44171	Tires	Replaced Tire fix rim	DPW	N/A	\$0.00	762	2/28	3/2	3
2/29/20	810	7542	Oil Service	Oil Service	DPW	N/A	\$0.00	741	3/3	3/3	0
2/29/20	810	7542	Data 911 not DNLOAD	Repaired	Tronosys	N/A	\$0.00	741	3/3	3/5	3
							\$654.08				

PATROL DIVISION MONTHLY MILEAGE REPORT – February, 2020

UNIT	STARTING MILEAGE	ENDING MILEAGE	TOTAL
800	7980	8582	602
810	6042	7543	1501
811	45472	46594	1122
812	9258	10737	1479
813	22973	23136	163
814	58127	59712	1585
815	32877	33502	625
816	56665	58939	2274
817	42917	44171	1254
818	60575	61962	1387
		TOTAL MILEAGE	11992

Construction Report – Month- February, 2020

Uniform Construction Code

Permits Issued – 21
 Inspections - 126
 Total Value of Construction - \$400,652
 Certificate of Occupancy - \$100.00
 Permit Fees Collected - \$4,134.00
 Permit Fees Waived - \$5,882.00
 Variation Fee - \$120.00
 Total Fees Collected - \$4,354.00

Zoning

Fence Permits –\$150.00
 Sign Permits - \$0.00
 Zoning fees – \$250.00
 Total Fees Collected- \$400.00

Property Maintenance

Certificates of Compliance Fees –\$1,670.00
 Inspections – 28
 Complaints Inspections - 6
 Violations Issued – 11
 Roll-off permits – \$120.00
 Total Fees Collected - \$ 1,790.00

Monthly Revenue \$ 6,544.00

YTD Revenue \$29,061.50

APPLICATIONS

RAFFLE, SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 108, TRICKY TRAY, 05/23/2020, 591 MAIN STREET, LITTLE FALLS

CORRESPONDENCE

REQUEST FROM THE ENTERPRISE FIRE NO. 2 FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL BOOT DRIVE AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF MAIN STREET AND UNION AVENEUE AND MAIN STREET AND STEVENS AVENUE ON 05/01/2020 AND 05/02/2020, WITH RAIN DATES OF 05/08/2020 AND 05/09/2020.

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RESOLUTIONS

Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate 47 Main Street

**RESOLUTION (D) 20-03-23 #4
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE TAX SALE
CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of this municipality has previously issued a tax sale certificate to the Township of Little Falls which certificate is dated October 5, 2018 covering premises commonly known and referred to as Block 110 Lots 7.01, 8, 47 Main St Realty Corp., 47 Main Street, Little Falls, NJ 07424 as set out on the municipal tax map then in use which certificate bears number 05-2018.

WHEREAS, the purchaser the Township of Little Falls of the aforesaid tax sale known as the Tax Collector has indicated that the original certificate cannot be located, and the Tax Collector has duly filed the appropriate Affidavit of Loss, a copy of which is attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution and the Loss Affidavit be attached to the duplicate certificate to be issued to said purchaser known as Tax Collector on behalf of the Township and that said duplicate certificate shall be stamped or otherwise have imprinted upon it the word "Duplicate" as required by law.

Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate 634-636 Jackson Lane

**RESOLUTION (E) 20-03-23 #5
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE TAX SALE
CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of this municipality has previously issued a tax sale certificate to the Township of Little Falls which certificate is dated October 5, 2018 covering premises commonly known and referred to as Block 185 Lot 5, Notch Road/Jackson Ln LLC, 634-636 Jackson Ln, Little Falls, NJ 07424 as set out on the municipal tax map then in use which certificate bears number 07-2018.

WHEREAS, the purchaser the Township of Little Falls of the aforesaid tax sale known as the Tax Collector has indicated that the original certificate cannot be located, and the Tax Collector has duly filed the appropriate Affidavit of Loss, a copy of which is attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution and the Loss Affidavit be attached to the duplicate certificate to be issued to said purchaser known as Tax Collector on behalf of the Township and that said duplicate certificate shall be stamped or otherwise have imprinted upon it the word "Duplicate" as required by law.

Award of Contract for Improvements to Ridge Avenue

**RESOLUTION [F] 19-03-25 - #6
ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO RIDGE AVENUE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to advertising duly made, bids were received by the Township of Little Falls on March 18, 2020 for Improvements to Ridge Avenue, and the bids were opened and read as follows:

4 Clean-Up, Inc. Bid: \$135,361.00	Covino & Sons Bid: \$137,960.00	CCM Contracting Bid: \$142,375.00
D&L Paving Bid: \$170,232.00	DLS Contracting Bid: \$209,915.00	Cifelli & Sons Bid: \$252,015.00

and, **WHEREAS**, the Township Attorney has reviewed the bids for legal sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the award is subject to the Availability of Funds and certification of same in the 2020 budget; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls as follows:

1) That the bid of

4 Clean-Up, Inc.
4501 Dell Avenue
North Bergen, NJ 07047

in the amount of

\$135,361.00

be and the same is hereby accepted; and

2) That the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute a Contract in a form approved by the Township Attorney for the designated services at the bid price hereinabove cited, subject to the successful Contractor's filing the required form of Affirmative Action compliance and Payroll Certification for Public Works Projects; and

3) That the Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to return to the unsuccessful bidder(s) any Certified checks and/or Bid Bonds received from them as surety, with the exception of the surety received from the second-lowest bidder, which shall be retained for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days or until a contract in a form satisfactory to the Township Attorney shall have been executed with the low bidder, whichever shall come first.

Change Order for Library Door Replacement Project

**RESOLUTION [G] 20-03-23 - #7
RESOLUTION AWARDING CHANGE ORDER TO TEO TECHNOLOGIES
FOR THE LITTLE FALLS RECREATION CENTER HVAC UPGRADES**

WHEREAS, the Township Council has received a recommendation from the Township Special Project Engineer, Boswell Engineering regarding the Recreation Center HVAC upgrades contract to change contract items as listed in the original specification; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has considered this recommendation in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-1 et seq. and the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has a contract with Teo Technologies for the Recreation Center HVAC upgrade project, which was awarded by public bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council authorizes a change order to Teo Technologies in the amount of \$20,807.88, making the revised contract amount \$324,807.88.

Township Personal Property Sale at Public Auction

**RESOLUTION [H] 20-03-23 - #8
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION OF THE TOWNSHIP'S
PERSONAL PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE**

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

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

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

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

Approval of Adoption of Refunding Bond Ordinance No. 13814

**RESOLUTION [I] 20-03-23 - #9
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC
MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:2-51**

WHEREAS, the **TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY** (the “Township”) desires to make application to the Local Finance Board for its approval of (i) the adoption of a refunding bond ordinance for amounts owed to others for taxes levied in the Township and (ii) the approval of a maturity schedule for the refunding of said taxes owed to others, all pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-51*; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls believes:

- a. it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose;
- b. said purpose is for the health, welfare, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the Township;
- c. the amounts to be expended for said purpose are not unreasonable or exorbitant; and
- d. the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the Township and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the Township.

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

Section 1. The application to the Local Finance Board is hereby approved, and the Chief Financial Officer, Auditor and Bond Council and the Clerk of the Township, along with other representatives of the Township, are hereby authorized to prepare such application and to represent the Township of Little Falls in matters pertaining thereto.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Township of Little Falls is hereby directed to file a copy of this Resolution and a copy of the proposed Bond Ordinance as passed upon first reading with the Local Finance Board for its consent as part of such application.

Section 3. The Local Finance Board is hereby respectfully requested to consider such application and to record its findings, recommendations and/or approvals as provided by the applicable New Jersey Statute and to cause its consent to be endorsed upon the Bond Ordinance.

Recorded Vote

AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Cordonnier	None	None	None
Kahwaty			
Seber			
Sgobba			
Vancheri			

The foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Township of Little Falls on March 23, 2020.

Approving 2020 Temporary Budget

**RESOLUTION [J] 20-03-23 - #10
TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
COUNTY OF PASSAIC**

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls desires to establish the 2020 Temporary Capital Budget of said municipality by inserting therein the following project.

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

Section 1. The 2020 Temporary Capital Budget of the Township of Little Falls is hereby established by the adoption of the schedule to read as follows:

Temporary Capital Budget of the
Township of Little Falls
County of Passaic, New Jersey
Projects Scheduled for 2020
Method of Financing

<u>Project</u>	<u>Est. Costs</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Budget Appr. Fund</u>	<u>Capital Imp. Fund</u>	<u>Bonds</u>	<u>Self-Liquidating Bonds</u>
Tax Appeal Refunding Ordinance	790,000				790,000	

Section 2. The Clerk be and is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Division of Local Government Services Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, within three days after the adoption of this project for 2020 Temporary Capital Budget, to be included in the 2020 Permanent Capital Budget as adopted.

Application to CDBG Program for Improvements to Stinson Place

**RESOLUTION [K] 20-03-23 - #11
LITTLE FALLS CDBG APPROVAL**

At a meeting held on March 23, 2020, the Municipal Council of the Township of Little Falls adopted the following resolution:

The Municipal Council authorizes an application to the Passaic County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for Improvements to Stinson Place described in the proposal. If awarded CDBG funds, the Municipality shall implement the activities in a manner to ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

Fair Housing Resolution

**RESOLUTION [L] 20-03-23 - #12
LITTLE FALLS FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION**

The Township of Little Falls supports Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination. It is the policy of the Township of Little Falls to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, nationality, familial status, marital or domestic partnership status, affectional or sexual orientation, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, genetic information, liability for military service, mental or physical disability, perceived disability, AIDS/HIV status and Lawful Income or Source of Lawful Rent Payment (Section 8). The Township of Little Falls further objects to discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap or disability as

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prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination. Therefore, the Municipal Council of the Township of Little Falls do hereby approve the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that within available resources, the Township of Little Falls will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against under one of the aforementioned categories, to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Little Falls shall publicize this resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law, the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, and any local laws or ordinances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the municipality will at a minimum include, but not be limited to: (1) the printing and publicizing of this resolution, a fair housing public notice and other applicable fair housing information through local media, community contacts and placement on the Municipal website and in other social media; (2) distribution of posters, flyers, and any other means which will bring to the attention of those affected, the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing.

Approved this 23rd day of March, 2020

Bill List

RESOLUTION [M] 20-03-23 - #13

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 Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the Consent Agenda be approved as printed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1378- It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1378, **“ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 86, FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION, OF THE CODE,”** be and it was opened.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

As no emails from the public were received for comment, it was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1378 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, that the Ordinance No. 1378 be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1379- It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1379, **“ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 71, FEES (RECREATION FEES) OF THE CODE,”** be and it was opened.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

As no emails from the public were received for comment, it was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1379 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Seber, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the Ordinance No. 1379 be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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Ordinance No. 1380- It was moved by Councilmember Seber, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1380, “**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 182, RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS AND VENDING MACHINES,**” be and it was opened.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

As no emails from the public were received for comment, it was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1380 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the Ordinance No. 1380 be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1381 - It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that there be introduced and the meeting of April 13, 2020 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 1381

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE FUNDING OF A \$750,876 EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION FOR TAX APPEALS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$790,000 OF BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE SUCH EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION.

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey, pursuant to a resolution adopted on February 10, 2020 in accordance with N.J.S. 40A:4-20, made an emergency temporary appropriation in the amount of \$750,876 to pay tax refunds resulting from property tax appeals; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of said Township has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to fund the \$750,876 emergency temporary appropriation, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S. 40A:2-51, by the adoption of a refunding bond ordinance providing for payment thereof, including expenses, and authorizing the issuance of \$790,000 of bonds or notes of said Township to finance the funding of said emergency temporary appropriation; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey (the "Township") is hereby authorized to fund the \$750,876 emergency temporary appropriation for tax appeals previously made pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township on February 10, 2020.

Section 2. The Township Council of the Township hereby determines that the Township is authorized by Section 51(a) of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law") to issue its refunding bonds or notes as hereinafter provided to pay or fund the \$750,876 emergency temporary appropriation set forth in Section 1 hereof.

Section 3. The sum of \$39,124 is hereby appropriated to pay the cost of the issuance of refunding bonds or notes and expenses in connection with the tax appeals, including printing, advertising, accounting and financial and legal expenses therefor permitted by Section 51(b) of the Local Bond Law.

Section 4. To finance the funding of the \$750,876 emergency temporary appropriation and the \$39,124 appropriation for costs in connection therewith (collectively, hereinafter referred to as Apurpose@), bonds of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$790,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law (the "Refunding Bonds"). The Refunding Bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. The Refunding Bonds shall be direct and general obligations of said Township and said Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within said Township for the payment of the principal of the Refunding Bonds and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount. The full faith and credit of said Township shall be and are hereby pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds. Each Refunding Bond issued pursuant to this ordinance shall recite that it is issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law and shall also recite that all conditions, acts and things required by the Constitution or statutes of the State of New Jersey to exist, to have happened and to have been performed precedent to and in the issuance of said bond exist, have happened and have been performed, and that said bond, together with all other indebtedness of said Township, is within every debt and other limit prescribed by the Constitution or statutes of said State. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted, except that the Refunding Bonds shall mature at such time or times, not exceeding 40 years from their date, as may be approved by the Local Finance Board.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$790,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 6. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law and the Local Finance Board. Each of said notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Township and attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes and to issue said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk of said Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$790,000, but said \$790,000 shall be deducted from gross debt pursuant to Section 52 of the Local Bond Law, and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) a certified copy of this refunding bond ordinance as passed on first reading shall be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey prior to the final adoption thereof, together with a complete statement in the form prescribed by said Director and signed by the chief financial officer of the Township as to the outstanding tax refund amount to be financed by the issuance of the Refunding Bonds or the notes and (B) no sum need be appropriated hereby as a down payment.

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Section 9. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage, provided that the consent of the Local Finance Board has been endorsed upon a certified copy of this ordinance as finally adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

At this time, Council President SGOBBA thanked the Council members for taking part in the Meeting and staying home as directed.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk