

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

Monday, May 22, 2017

Council President Anthony Sgobba called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following members present: Marc Benitez, Maria Cordonnier, William Liess, and Chris Vancheri. Also present were Mayor James Damiano, Township Attorney Joseph Wenzel, Township Administrator Charles Cuccia and Township Clerk Cynthia Kraus.

Absent: Township Engineer Dennis Lindsay

Township Employees present: Police Chief Steven Post, DPW Superintendent Philip Simone, and Deputy Registrar Marlene Simone.

Following the Salute to the Flag, the Statement of Public Notice was read.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE: Take notice that adequate notice of this meeting was 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 3, 2017; a copy of the notice was faxed 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Benitez, that the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of May 8, 2017 and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 17, 2017 be and they were approved.

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Council President SGOBBA wished everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend.

Council Ad-Hoc Committees:

Technology Committee

Community Representative (1) David Kiera

Wildlife Committee

Community Representative (1) Tom Kazmark

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember BENITEZ reported the Prevention of Domestic Violence Committee will forward recommendations for resource links to be incorporated into the Township's website to Councilmember Vancheri.

Councilmember CORDONNIER provided an update on the Little Falls Business Association (LFBA) meeting held at Town Hall last week. The Mayor, Councilmember Cordonnier, and Council President SGOBBA addressed issues and projects to support the businesses in the Township. The LFBA will organize a block party on June 8, 2017 at the intersection of Main Street and Paterson Avenue. The Transportation Committee has forwarded recommendations for crosswalks for professional review. The Committee is planning on designating the month of September to safe streets; updates will be provided as information becomes available. The Open Space Committee convened with members of Passaic County Open Space to review the Township's application for Duva field. Lastly, the Art Department from School #1 will host an event that will take place at Town Hall. In response to Mr. Korotkin's comments at a previous meeting, Councilmember CORDONNIER stated she and Council President SGOBBA reviewed the Township contributions to the school budget with the school Business Administrator. The school does not set the amount to be contributed by each Township as it is determined by a state's equalization formula. However, a circumspection of this issue has shown that there may be a disparity comparing PV to other regional high schools when reviewing this formula. Councilmember CORDONNIER stated she and Council President Sgobba have committed to collaborate with the Superintendent and the Business Administrator at Passaic Valley to determine whom to speak to at the State level, and to ensure Passaic Valley is being charged the correct amount.

Councilmember LIESS announced the Senior Advisory Board held an outstanding ice cream social on May 17, 2017 which included singing by students of School #1. He announced preparations for this weekend's Memorial Day parade are underway and commended everyone's efforts.

Councilmember VANCHERI commented that many local businesses are participating in the Memorial Day parade. He noted the Technology Committee convened twice this past week and details for the website are being finalized. Councilmember VANCHERI requested Councilmembers forward any information or links they would like included on the website as well as brief description of their Committees. Roll out continues to be projected to take three to four months. The Passaic Valley Flood Advisory Board will convene next week. The Wildlife Committee continues to address concerns of the deer population. Councilmember VANCHERI attended the last Great Notch Association meeting to discuss the topic. The Committee is also collaborating with the DPW to develop new

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signage, and to include pertinent health information related to wildlife and health concerns on the Township website. The geese at Duva field continue to be addressed with the possibility of using a resident's dog to ward off geese. Lastly, Councilmember VANCHERI announced a resident on Walnut Street complained about the presence of a fox.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Damiano announced the first of four gauges have been installed on the Peckman River and thanked the Flood Board for their efforts. The Mayor highlighted that the gauge can monitor water flow and be used as a predictive tool. Mayor Damiano stated the complete streets project on Morningside has been finalized and the roads look outstanding. Future street improvement will depend upon what grants are received. The Mayor wished everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend and encouraged everyone to attend the parade on Saturday at 10:00 am.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Wenzel had nothing to report.

At this time, Councilmember CORDONNIER stated a number of residents had reached out to Councilmember VANCHERI with issues regarding the railroad stations. Residents have complained about the use of the train whistle and horn, announcements from the loud speakers when no trains are present, and parking. Councilmember CORDONNIER explained that it is State law for the whistle to blow unless the Township becomes certified to observe a different safety notification in lieu of the whistle. Councilmember CORDONNIER stated the Transportation Committee will investigate these issues to determine what actions can be taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Louis Fernandez, Harrison Street, apologized for a comment he made at the previous Council meeting regarding a local reporter. He then questioned why tax refunds due to tax appeals reoccur and how to prevent their reoccurrence.

Mr. Cuccia explained a tax appeal is a right of every property owner. The basis of an appeal is based upon assessed value and the market. As the market changes, appeals are granted or denied based upon comparables. Council President SGOBBA added that due to an ever-changing market, this process will continue to occur until the law is changed in Trenton. In response to Mr. Fernandez's statement that appeals would not occur if assessments are done properly, Council President SGOBBA added that since assessed values change and the right to appeal is always available, appeals will always occur.

Mr. Fernandez requested clarification of Resolutions G and H. Mr. Cuccia explained that the State provides various State funded programs so that libraries can access, through loans and grants, the ability to fund library expansions. Resolutions G and H support the action of the legislature and Governor. Mayor Damiano elaborated upon Resolution G indicating approximately \$125 million has been set aside by the Senate with the intention to be contributed to libraries, many of which are not currently ADA compliant. The purpose is to assist libraries, as they typically have a lack of funding for infrastructure upgrades. Resolution G has \$125 million allocated as well, and has a similar intent of enabling all individuals to be able to visit their libraries.

Mr. Fernandez expressed disagreement regarding the formula used, and the Township resident's portion of school taxes. Council President SGOBBA stated the Township of Little Falls has not always paid the highest rate. He further stated that the Council does not know if the formula is being applied incorrectly, however, the Council intends to find out. Councilmember CORDONNIER added the Township has paid the lowest amount in two years. However in September, Little Falls will have a 23% increase in enrollment, which contributed to the tax increase. Councilmember CORDONNIER encouraged Mr. Fernandez attend the school board meeting and voice his opinion.

Mr. Fernandez asserted that residents are discouraged from going to meetings because as long as the budget is within 2% the people do not have a say. Council President SGOBBA encouraged Mr. Fernandez to voice his concern on the budget at the school Board Meeting even though it may be within cap. Mayor Damiano clarified Mr. Fernandez's statement, stating the rule is that the Council does not vote on the school budget if it is within the two percent cap. However, a vote is taken on the budget at the High School level by their Board. He confirmed that the Township has paid the lowest in taxes to the school in the past two years, noting it is based on the equalized assessed value of Township properties. The Mayor provided a detailed explanation of the variables that go into the formula, including equalized assessed value, the amount of pupils sent per district, and utilization of a different calendar resulting is application of last year's equalized assessed values. Mayor DAMIANO also discussed the effect of the school budget being run on a fiscal year as opposed to a calendar year.

Al Attianese, 27 Dewey Avenue, questioned the purpose of purchasing the property referred to in Ordinance No. 1295.

Mayor Damiano discussed the parking difficulties in the downtown area and how purchase of the property is intended to maximize township parking in the future.

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Mr. Attianese commented the explanation regarding school taxes was explained well. Council President SGOBBA reiterated the Council will continue to seek an understanding of why some schools receive more state funds than others.

Mr. Attianese questioned how taxes could decrease next year if student enrollment is up this year. Councilmember CORDONNIER elucidated that the amount could be reduced depending on how many seniors graduate. Councilmember CORDONNIER added that what occurs at the County and State level are contributing factors.

Arnold Korotkin, 181 Long Hill Road, reiterated his request for hyperlinks on the website agenda prior to Council meetings. Mr. Korotkin recollected discussion of the train whistles which had transpired during previous a administration.

Mr. Korotkin requested the Council convene with the Superintendent of the High School to discuss an initiative to mobilize the community to campaign for fair funding. Councilmember CORDONNIER stated the meeting with Council President Sgobba, herself, and the Superintendent was to fact find, and that the High School has started to reach out to assemblymen and senators.

Regarding tax overpayments referred to in Resolutions A,B, & C, Mr. Korotkin questioned what impact they have on the municipal budget. Mr. Cuccia explained that purpose of the fund balance for tax overpayments; this is not a budgetary item.

Mr. Korotkin queried whether the Council could advise the Tax Assessor of the difference in how Inwood units are sold. Council President SGOBBA stated this issue will be taken under guidance of Counsel.

Mr. Korotkin applauded the efforts of the Council for taking the step to support the bills for the libraries.

In reference to Ordinance No. 1295, Mr. Korotkin questioned how much of the municipal tax would not be forwarded to the Township if the Township acquired the building. Mr. Cuccia approximated the amount of taxes at \$9,000.

Mr. Korotkin queried whether a parking deck would be constructed on the property referenced in Ordinance No. 1295. Council President SGOBBA stated the Council has not made a determination.

Ted Klum, 39 Crestmont Road, thanked the Mayor and Council for convening a fact-finding meeting on Crestmont Road to discuss the pedestrian gate. He questioned whether the Council would consider resident permit parking.

Mayor DAMIANO cited his intention to schedule a meeting with the property manager of the Great Notch Condominiums in an attempt to come to a resolution prior to determining a particular course. Proposed actions would then require discussion and comment at a public meeting.

Raymond Kostroski, 170 Donato Drive, queried whether it is a State law for the school budget to run on a July to June calendar rather than January to December calendar. Council President SGOBBA confirmed that State law does dictate the calendar.

Dorothy O’Haire, Turnberry Road, requested the Council to review and change the enabling ordinance with regard to the Flood Board.

Mayor DAMIANO stated the parameters are provided within the enabling ordinance that regulates the Flood Board’s authority is statutorily provided. It cannot be changed by the Township. The enabling ordinance is drawn from the State statute, therefore a modification would have to come from above the three local municipalities that constitute the Flood Board.

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

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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. Council President SGOBBA requested Resolution J be moved separately.

REPORTS

Municipal Clerk’s Report – Month of April 2017

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT
Month of April 2017

ABC LICENSES		
OTHER LICENSES		
Business Licenses	\$2,200.00	
Pre-paid Business Licenses		
Raffle Licenses	\$160.00	
		\$2360.00

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REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

Fees & Permits	\$464.00	
Marriage Licenses-LF	\$9.00	
Marriage Licenses-NJ	\$75.00	
		\$548.00

MRNA

Street Maps		
Zoning Maps		
Zoning Ordinances		
Document Copies	\$4.00	
Garage Sales	\$10.00	
Misc. Fees & Refunds:		
		\$14.00
TOTAL MRNA		\$14.00
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT		\$2,922.00
TOTAL TO TREASURER		\$2,922.00

Municipal Clerks Dog/Cat License Report - Month of April 2017

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT
Month of April 2017

Dog Licenses issued 4/01/2017 to 4/30/2017

Nos. 394 to 397 = 4 Licenses	
Amount due Little Falls	\$27.20
Amount due State	\$7.80
Total Cash Received	\$35.00

Total to Treas. \$35.00

Tax Collector's Report – Month of March, 2017

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 March 2017

Categories 01-	March 1-31, 2017	2017 Year to Date
2017 Taxes	\$395,432.52	\$11,233,972.26
2015&2016 Taxes	60,908.69	414,729.90
Interest	9,862.55	30,972.16
Duplicate Tax Bills	0.00	25.00
Insufficient Check Charge	20.00	20.00
6% Penalty Fee	942.58	8,870.60
GRAND TOTALS	\$467,166.34	\$11,688,589.92

Delinquent 2016 Taxes	\$282,886.45 (1 st -4 th Qtrs.)
Delinquent 2017 Taxes	\$292,322.36 (1 st Qtr.)
Total Delinquent Taxes	\$575,208.81

2017 Refunds this month =	-\$0.00
2017 Year to date refunds =	-\$0.00

Breakdown of refunds for years 2012-2017 completed in 2017(see attached).

REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2017

Months	2012 STCJ	2013 STCJ	2014 STCJ	2015 STCJ or 2015 Reg.	2016 STCJ or 2016 Reg.	2017 CBJ	Regul ar 2017	2017 Veteran/ Widow	2017 Senior/ Disabled	Exempt 2017	Total by Months
January	\$3,956.00	\$7,254.75	\$7,634.70	\$7,843.80	\$7,958.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,647.80
February	\$1,186.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,186.80
March	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,233.53	\$5,495.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,728.86
Totals	\$5,142.80	\$7,254.75	\$7,634.70	\$10,077.33	\$13,453.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43,563.46

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 March 2017

	Deposit	2017 Year-to-Date
January 2017 *corrected March 1, 2017	\$22,489.28*	\$22,489.28*
February 2017	\$46,003.72	\$68,493.00
March 2017	\$ 0.00	\$68,493.00
Total Collected as of March 31, 2017		\$68,493.00

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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 March 2017

	Liens with Premiums <u>Redeemed/ (-)</u>	<u>Bal. /Dep. (+)</u>
Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2017)		\$285,500.00
January 2017	\$ -21,900.00	\$263,600.00
February 2017	\$ -31,000.00	\$232,600.00
March 2017	\$ 0.00	\$232,600.00
Ending Balance as of March 31, 2017		\$232,600.00

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Municipality of Township of Little Falls
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 Revenues Collector for the Month of April 2017

Categories 01-	April 1-28, 2017	2017 Year to Date
2017 Taxes	\$2,209,223.35	\$13,443,195.61
2015&2016 Taxes	21,763.56	436,493.46
Interest	4,160.26	35,132.42
Duplicate Tax Bills	15.00	40.00
Insufficient Check Charge	0.00	20.00
6% Penalty Fee	0.00	8,870.60
GRAND TOTALS	\$2,235,162.17	\$13,923,752.09

Delinquent 2016 Taxes \$259,601.12 (1st-4th Qtrs.)
 Delinquent 2017 Taxes \$237,452.71 (1st Qtr.)
Total Delinquent Taxes \$497,053.83

2017 Refunds this month = -\$0.00
 2017 Year to date refunds = -\$0.00

Breakdown of refunds for years 2011-2017 completed in 2017(see attached).

REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2017 (YEAR 2011)

Months	2011 STCJ	Total by Months
January	\$0.00	\$34,647.80
February	\$0.00	\$1,186.80
March	\$0.00	\$7,728.86
April	\$13,522.09	\$132,072.60
Totals	\$13,522.09	\$175,636.06

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REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2017 (YEARS 2012-2017)

Months	2012 STCJ	2013 STCJ	2014 STCJ	2015 STCJ Or 2015 Reg.	2016 STCJ or 2016 Reg.	2017 CBJ	Regul ar 2017	2017 Veter an/ Wido w	2017 Senio r/ Disab led	Exempt 2017	Total by Months
January	\$3,956.00	\$7,254.75	\$7,634.70	\$7,843.80	\$7,958.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,647.80
February	\$1,186.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,186.80
March	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,233.53	\$5,495.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,728.86
April	\$21,843.10	\$18,310.43	\$19,922.07	\$29,025.14	\$29,449.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$132,072.60
Totals	\$26,985.90	\$25,565.18	\$27,556.77	\$39,102.47	\$42,903.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175,636.06

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 Revenues for the Month of April 2017

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January 2017 *corrected March 1, 2017	\$22,489.28*	\$22,489.28*
February 2017	\$46,003.72	\$68,493.00
March 2017	\$ 0.00	\$68,493.00
April 2017	\$ 0.00	\$68,493.00
Total Collected as of April 28, 2017		\$68,493.00

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Municipality of Township of Little Falls
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 Township of Little Falls Tax Collector Trust 2 (Lien Premium Monies), Lakeland Bank
 Revenues for the Month of April 2017

	Liens with Premiums Redeemed/ (-)	Bal. /Dep. (+)
Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2017)		\$285,500.00
January 2017	\$ -21,900.00	\$263,600.00
February 2017	\$ -31,000.00	\$232,600.00
March 2017	\$ 0.00	\$232,600.00
April 2017	\$ 0.00	\$232,600.00
Ending Balance as of April 28, 2017		\$232,600.00

Construction Report – Month of March, 2017

Permit Fee Log Summary – All permits issued between 03/01/2017 and 03/31/2017

Permits Processed		Type of Work		
Permits:	48	New buildings:	3	
Permit Updates:	8	Additions:	0	
		Rehabilitation:		
Ownership		Alterations:	7	
Private	56	Renovations:	5	
Public	0	Reconstruction:	1	
		Repairs:	34	
		Multiple Rehab.:	0	
		Minor Work:	1	
Totals		Demolitions:	5	
Total Area:	2,637 sq. ft.	Addition/Rehab:	0	
Total Volume:	44,835 cu.ft	Lead Hazard Abatement:	0	
Total Value of Construction:	\$561,138	Asbestos Abatement:	0	
		Radon Remediation:	0	
		Annual Permit:	0	
Technical Subcodes				
Building	24			
Electrical	21			
Plumbing	25			
Fire Protection	11			
Elevator	0			
Housing Unit Changes				
	Sale		Rent	
	Sale	Income Restricted	Rent	Income Restricted
Units Gained:	1	0	0	0
Units Lost:	0	0	-3	0
Change:	1	0	-3	0
Fee Summary				
Type	Inspection	Admin.	Total	
Building	\$3,467.55	\$0.00	\$3,467.55	
Electrical	\$2,150.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.00	
Plumbing	\$3,155.00	\$0.00	\$3,155.00	
Fire Protection	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	
Elevator	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Mechanical	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Annual Permit	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00	
DCA	\$667.22	N/A	\$667.22	
Certificate	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00	
Totals	\$10,189.77	\$0.00	\$10,188.00*	

*Note- Subcode fees include Administrative 3rd Party Agency Fees where applicable. "Adjustments" can include plan review credits, min/max fees and rounding where applicable.

Construction Report – Month of April, 2017

Permit Fee Log Summary – All permits issued between 04/01/2017 and 04/30/2017

Permits Processed		Type of Work	
Permits:	41	New buildings:	6
Permit Updates:	5	Additions:	2
		Rehabilitation:	
Ownership		Alterations:	7
Private	46	Renovations:	9
Public	0	Reconstruction:	0
		Repairs:	19
		Multiple Rehab.:	0
		Minor Work:	0
Totals		Demolitions:	2
Total Area:	14,434 sq. ft.	Addition/Rehab:	0
Total Volume:	248,298 cu.ft	Lead Hazard Abatement:	0
Total Value of Construction:	\$1,502,374	Asbestos Abatement:	0
		Radon Remediation:	0
		Annual Permit:	0
Technical Subcodes			
Building	25		
Electrical	26		
Plumbing	23		
Fire Protection	12		
Elevator	0		

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Housing Unit Changes				
	Sale		Rent	
	Sale	Income Restricted	Rent	Income Restricted
Units Gained:	5	0	0	0
Units Lost:	0	0	0	0
Change:	5	0	0	0
Fee Summary				
Type	Inspection	Admin.	Total	
Building	\$12,593.44	\$0.00	\$12,593.44	
Electrical	\$5,498.00	\$0.00	\$5,498.00	
Plumbing	\$5,940.00	\$0.00	\$5,940.00	
Fire Protection	\$780.00	\$0.00	\$780.00	
Elevator	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Mechanical	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Annual Permit	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00	
DCA	\$1,934.87	N/A	\$1,934.87	
Certificate	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00	
Totals	\$26,746.31	\$0.00	\$26,744.00*	

*Note- Subcode fees include Administrative 3rd Party Agency Fees where applicable. "Adjustments" can include plan review credits, min/max. fees and rounding where applicable.

Recreation Report – Month of April, 2017

The following is a condensed version of our Excel work spread sheet providing the data on an ongoing basis for the Recreations Center.

Participants: indicates only those who participated in the various programs held here during the each month, it is not reflective of any spectators who might have attended these events.

Session: indicates the number of events held during each month.

Hours: indicates the total number of hours which were used to hold the session during each month and is not reflective of the total number hours the facility was open. It should be noted that the utilized number of hours may exceed the total number of hours of operation due to multiple events occurring at the same time.

Recreation Center Usage Report

Month	Participants	Sessions	Hours Utilized
January 2017	4,599	113	362
February 2017	3,563	147	302
March 2017	2,742	142	211.5
April 2017	3,666	160	220

Civic Center Report - Month of April, 2017

The following is a condensed version of our Excel work spread sheet providing the data on an ongoing basis for the Civic Center.

Month	Participants
January 2017	482
February 2017	397
March 2017	704
April 2017	485

APPLICATIONS

Raffle –Friends of the Phoenix Center Foundation, Inc., Off-Premise 50/50, 6/23/17, 6PM-10PM, Yogi Berra Museum & Learning Center, Little Falls, NJ

Raffle- Sons of the American Legion Post #108, Off-Premise 50/50, 9/3/17, 3PM, 591 Main Street, Little Falls. NJ

Raffle – Sons of the American Legion Post #108, On-Premise 50/50, 9/30/17, 12 PM-6 PM, Main Street, Little Falls, NJ

Little Falls Fire Department Auxiliary Application, Bryan S. Smith, Overlook Avenue, Great Notch Company #4

CORRESPONDENCE

REQUEST FROM LITTLE FALLS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION FOR PERMISSION TO USE THE MORRIS CANAL AREA TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017 FROM 12:00 P.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M.

RESOLUTIONS

Overpayments in the Years 2011-2016 Due to Tax Court Judgements

RESOLUTION [A] 17-05-22 #1

WHEREAS, the following properties in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey have overpaid real estate taxes in the Years 2011-2016 for State Tax Court Judgments; and

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

WHEREAS, these refunds shall be **granted on or before June 12, 2017** (60 days from the date of entry of the Tax Court Judgment April 12, 2017) waiving interest;

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 Treasurer:

<u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u>	<u>Block Lot</u>	<u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2015/4	89/9	1500 Cardinal Dr LLC 1500 Cardinal Dr	The Irwin Law Firm, PA Trust Account FBO 1500 Cardinal Dr	SBJ	\$9,228.00

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			Attn: R. Danzis 80 Main Street, Ste 410 West Orange, NJ 07052		
2016/4	89/9	1500 Cardinal Dr LLC 1500 Cardinal Dr	The Irwin Law Firm, PA Trust Account FBO 1500 Cardinal Dr Attn: R. Danzis 80 Main Street, Ste 410 West Orange, NJ 07052	SBJ	\$9,363.00
2013/4	112/1	Central Building LLC 64-72 Main Street	Brach Eichler LLC & Central Building LLC Brach Eichler LLC c/o Daniel J Pollak, Esq. 101 Eisenhower Pkwy Roseland, NJ 07068	SBJ	\$2,845.00
2014/4	112/1	Central Building LLC 64-72 Main Street	Brach Eichler LLC & Central Building LLC Brach Eichler LLC c/o Daniel J Pollak, Esq. 101 Eisenhower Pkwy Roseland, NJ 07068		\$2,994.00
2015/4	112/1	Central Building, LLC 64-72 Main Street	Brach Eichler LLC & Central Building LLC Brach Eichler LLC c/o Daniel J Pollak, Esq. 101 Eisenhower Pkwy Roseland, NJ 07068		\$3,076.00
2016/4	112/1	Central Building LLC 64-72 Main Street	Brach Eichler LLC & Central Building LLC Brach Eichler LLC c/o Daniel J Pollak, Esq. 101 Eisenhower Pkwy Roseland, NJ 07068	SBJ	\$3,121.00
2013/4	58/31	KLT ONE, LLC 2 Nwk Pompton Tpk	McKirby & Riskin, PA Trust Acct KLT One, LLC 136 South Street Morristown, NJ 07962	SBJ	\$4,139.48
2014/4	58/31	KLT ONE, LLC 2 Nwk Pompton Tpk	McKirby & Riskin, PA Trust Acct KLT One, LLC 136 South Street Morristown, NJ 07962	SBJ	\$4,356.27
2015/4	58/31	KLT ONE, LLC 2 Nwk Pompton Tpk	McKirby & Riskin, PA Trust Acct KLT One, LLC 136 South Street Morristown, NJ 07962	SBJ	\$4,475.58
2016/4	58/31	KLT ONE, LLC 2 Nwk Pompton Tpk	McKirby & Riskin, PA Trust Acct KLT One, LLC 136 South Street Morristown, NJ 07962	SBJ	\$4,541.06
2011/4AA	58/1	KLT TWO, LLC 24 Nwk Pompton Tpk	McKirby & Riskin, PA Trust Acct KLT Two, LLC 136 South Street Morristown, NJ 07962	SBJ	\$9,167.73
2012/4	58/1	KLT TWO, LLC 24 Nwk Pompton Tpk	McKirby & Riskin, PA Trust Acct KLT Two, LLC 136 South Street Morristown, NJ 07962	SBJ	\$12,880.00
2013/4	58/1	KLT TWO, LLC 24 Nwk Pompton Tpk	McKirby & Riskin, PA Trust Acct KLT Two, LLC 136 South Street Morristown, NJ 07962	SBJ	\$6,617.47
2014/4	58/1	KLT TWO, LLC 24 Nwk Pompton Tpk	McKirby & Riskin, PA Trust Acct KLT Two, LLC 136 South Street Morristown, NJ 07962	SBJ	\$6,964.04
2015/4	58/1	KLT TWO, LLC 24 Nwk Pompton Tpk	McKirby & Riskin, PA Trust Acct KLT Two, LLC 136 South Street Morristown, NJ 07962	SBJ	\$7,154.78
2016/4	58/1	KLT TWO, LLC 24 Nwk Pompton Tpk	McKirby & Riskin, PA Trust Acct KLT Two, LLC 136 South Street Morristown, NJ 07962	SBJ	\$7,259.45
GRAND TOTAL =					\$98,182.86

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Overpayments in the Years 2011-216 Due to Tax Court Judgements
RESOLUTION [B] 17-05-22 #2

WHEREAS, the following properties in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey have overpaid real estate taxes in 2011-2016 for State Tax Court Judgments; and

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

WHEREAS, these refunds shall be granted on or before June 5, 2017 (60 days from the date of entry of the Tax Court Judgment April 5, 2017) waiving interest;

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 Treasurer:

<u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u>	<u>Block Lot</u>	<u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2012/4	53/6	Nail Associates 75 Nwk Pompton Tpk	Florio Perrucci Steinhardt & Fader, LLC, Trust Account c/o Nail Associates Craig P Bossong, Esq. 218 Route 17 North, Suite 410 Rochelle Park, NJ 07662	SBJ	\$7,024.20
2014/4	189/2	Hingorani to KMB Inv. 127 Browertown Rd	Law Office of Nathan P Wolf, LLC & Hingorani, Balu & Manisha; mail to: Law Office of Nathan P Wolf, LLC, 673 Morris Av., Suite 102 Springfield, NJ 07081	SBJ	\$ 652.69
2011/4	113/21	Somerset Tire Service, Inc. 2 Main St	McCarter & English, LLP Trust Account c/o Somerset Tire Service, Inc. Frank E. Ferruggia, Esq. Four Gateway Center 100 Mulberry Street Newark, NJ 07102	SBJ	\$1,808.24
2012/4	113/21	Somerset Tire Service, Inc. 2 Main St	McCarter & English, LLC Trust Account c/o Somerset Tire Service, Inc. Frank E. Ferruggia, Esq. Four Gateway Center 100 Mulberry Street Newark, NJ 07102	SBJ	\$1,938.90
2013/4	113/21	Somerset Tire Service, Inc. 2 Main St	McCarter & English, LLC Trust Account c/o Somerset Tire Service, Inc. Frank E. Ferruggia, Esq. 100 Mulberry Street Newark, NJ 07102	SBJ	\$4,708.48
2014/4	113/21	Somerset Tire Service, Inc. 2 Main St	McCarter & English, LLC Trust Account c/o Somerset Tire Service, Inc. Frank E. Ferruggia, Esq. 100 Mulberry Street Newark, NJ 07102	SBJ	\$4,955.07
2015/4	113/21	Somerset Tire Service, Inc. 2 Main St	McCarter & English, LLC Trust Account c/o Somerset Tire Service, Inc. Frank E. Ferruggia, Esq. 100 Mulberry Street Newark, NJ 07102	SBJ	\$5,090.78
2016/4	113/21	Somerset Tire Service, Inc. 2 Main St	McCarter & English, LLC Trust Account c/o Somerset Tire Service, Inc. Frank E. Ferruggia, Esq. 100 Mulberry Street Newark, NJ 07102	SBJ	\$5,165.26
GRAND TOTAL =					\$31,343.62

Overpayment 4th Quarter, 2011

RESOLUTION [C] 17-05-22 #3

WHEREAS, the following property in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey has overpaid real estate taxes in 2011 for State Tax Court Judgment; and

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

WHEREAS, this refund shall be granted on or before June 7, 2017 (60 days from the date of entry of the Tax Court Judgment April 7, 2017) waiving interest;

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 Treasurer:

<u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u>	<u>Block Lot</u>	<u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2011/4	122/15	Susan Sandelman	Bruce J. Stavitsky,	SBJ	\$2,546.12

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Trustee Jasan Trust
69 E Main Street

Esq. for the benefit
of "Kin Properties"
c/o Stavitsky & Assoc.LLC,
350 Passaic Avenue
Fairfield, NJ 07004

GRAND TOTAL = \$2,546.12

Receipt of Electronic Funds

RESOLUTION [D] 17-05-22 - #4

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls has determined that the Township will accept all forms of electronic receipts in accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services code section 5:30 et. Seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Township is directing the Chief Financial Officer to control and monitor electronic receipts, including but limited to, wires transfers, EFT's, ACH's and E-Checks made to the Township electronically for real estate taxes, licenses, fees, permits, Federal and State grants, inter-funds, Special Items of revenue, and various Trust and Capital Fund receipts; and

WHEREAS, these electronic receipts will be processed through the approved Lock Box system or directly into a designated Township bank account; and

WHEREAS, each Township department shall utilize this system when directed and authorized to do so by the Township's Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body through the adoption of this resolution authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to make the provisions of this resolution for the acceptance and receipt of electronic funds a part of the Township of Little Falls Accounting Policies- Cash Receipts Procedures;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Little Falls that electronic receipts are approved as a valid form of transaction in accordance with the provisions contained in this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Township Clerk send a certified copy of this resolution to the Division of Local Government Services and the Township Auditor.

Estimated Tax Bills 3rd Quarter, 2017

RESOLUTION [E] 17-05-22-#5

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, pursuant to Section 3 of P.L. 1994 c.72 and 54:4-66.2 the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls has determined that the Tax Collector will be unable to complete the mailing and delivery of the tax bills by June 13, 2016 due to the absence of a certified tax rate; and

WHEREAS, the Little Falls Tax Collector in consultation with the Little Falls Chief Financial Officer has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, and they have both signed a certification showing the tax levies for the previous year, and the range of permitted estimated tax levies;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 72, P.L. 1994, the Tax Collector requests the Council to approve the estimated tax levy of \$49,653,443.00 at a tax rate of \$3.335; which is between the mandated estimated range proposed by the Local Government Services. Approval will enable the Township to meet its financial obligations, maintain the tax collection rate, and provide uniformity for tax payments and save the unnecessary cost of interest expenses on borrowing;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes that:

1. The Tax Collector of the Township of Little Falls is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Township of Little Falls for the third quarter installment of 2017 taxes.
2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2017 is hereby set at \$49,653,443.00. The estimated tax rate for 2017 is hereby set at \$3.335.
3. In accordance with law, the third quarter installment of 2017 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10 or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimated bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector and CFO of the Township of Little Falls for their records.

ADOPTED at a Regular meeting of the Township Council on May 22, 2017.

Morningside Circle Improvements

RESOLUTION [F] 17-05-22 - #6

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MORNINGSIDE CIRCLE IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Morningside Circle Improvements project was authorized in August of 2016 by voice vote of the Township Council; and

WHEREAS, a formal written resolution is required to complete the project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, that Reivax Contracting was authorized to perform the work in accordance with the bid specifications that were approved and authorized by the Council in August of 2016

Support of Senate Bill S2171

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
COUNTY OF PASSAIC STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION [G] 17-05-22 - #7**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL S2171 "NEW JERSEY LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION BOND ACT" AND URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE(S) TO APPROVE SAME FOR A FULL SENATE VOTE

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S2171, the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act, authorizes the issuance of \$125,000,000.00 in general obligations bonds to finance capital projects and;

WHEREAS, it has been over fifteen years since a library construction bond program has been developed by the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, numerous public library facilities need capital funding to provide physical and technological improvements to meet the growing needs of their communities, and

WHEREAS, many public library facilities in New Jersey are not ADA compliant and therefore limit access to library services to thousands of New Jersey residents; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls supports this financing for capital projects at public libraries around the State of New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls that it does express and hereby affirm its support of Senate Bill S2171 and urges its passage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is directed to convey a certified copy of this Resolution to NJ Senate President and all members of the NJ Senate.

Support of Assembly Bill A222

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
COUNTY OF PASSAIC STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION [H] 17-05-22 - #8
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL A222 “NEW JERSEY LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION BOND ACT” AND
URGING THE ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE TO APPROVE SAME FOR A FULL ASSEMBLY VOTE**

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill A222, the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act, authorizes the issuance of \$125,000,000.00 in general obligations bonds to finance capital projects and;

WHEREAS, it has been over fifteen years since a library construction bond program has been developed by the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, numerous public library facilities need capital funding to provide physical and technological improvements to meet the growing needs of their communities, and

WHEREAS, many public library facilities in New Jersey are not ADA compliant and therefore limit access to library services to thousands of New Jersey residents; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls supports this financing for capital projects at public libraries around the State of New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls that it does express and hereby affirm its support of Assembly Bill A222 and urges its passage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is directed to convey a certified copy of this Resolution to NJ Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto and all members of the NJ General Assembly.

LOSAP Eligible Volunteer Members

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
PASSAIC COUNTY NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION [I] 17-05-22 - #9
APPROVING CERTIFIED LIST OF LOSAP ELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE LITTLE FALLS
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, that the attached certified list of volunteer members of the Little Falls Volunteer Fire Department eligible to participate in the Little Falls Length of Service Award Program is hereby approved.

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

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Payment of Bills

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Benitez, that the following be approved:

RESOLUTION [J] 17-05-22- #10

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

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1294 – It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Benitez, that there be introduced and at the meeting of June 12, 2017 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1294
ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS IN THE COUNTY OF
PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE SECTION 143 ENTITLED PARKS AND
RECREATION FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls (“Township”) is a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey; and
WHEREAS, the Township’s Code of General Ordinances (“Code”) currently provide for the designation of Park and Recreation Facilities in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the municipal council (“Municipal Council”) of the Township has determined to amend Chapter 143 Parks and Recreation Facilities as follows;

143-1 Park Hours in Designated Park and Recreation Facilities

The Following Park and Recreation Facilities are hereby designated as the official Park and Recreation Facilities in the Township of Little Falls;

1. Memorial Park-Wilmore Road- Park and Recreation Facility
2. Duva Field- Paterson Avenue- Park and Recreation Facility
3. Louis Street Park- Louis Street-Park and Recreation Facility
4. Inwood Park- Long Hill Road- Park and Recreation Facility
5. Jesse Love Park-Amity Street- Park and Recreation Facility
6. Savittieri Park- (Railroad Park)-Union Boulevard-Rail Road Park and Recreation Facility
7. Suchorsky Park- Island Avenue- Park and Recreation Facility

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No person shall be permitted in or park any vehicle in any park between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. during the period between May 1 and October 31 inclusive, nor shall any person be permitted in or park between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. during the period between November 1 and April 30, inclusive. The provisions of this section shall not apply to members of the Police Department, park officials or other Township officials or employees while on duty or performing their respective duties, nor shall these provisions apply to any events authorized by the governing body.

1. A copy of this Ordinance shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Township Clerk.
2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage by the Municipal Council, and approval by the Mayor and publication as required by law.

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1295 – It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Benitez, that there be introduced and at the meeting of June 12, 2017 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1295

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$225,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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

Section 1. The Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey (the "Township") is hereby authorized to acquire real property, including an existing structure, for municipal purposes in, by and for the Township. Said improvement shall include real estate transaction expenses and all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor. The property to be acquired has a street address of 60 Stanley Street and is designated as Block 110, Lot 22 on the Tax Assessment Map of the Township.

Section 2. The sum of \$225,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvement described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvement shall be made as a general improvement and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefitted.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of said Township, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said Township pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the total estimated cost of said purpose is \$225,000, and (4) \$11,000 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$214,000, and (6) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$25,000 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$11,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Township, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$11,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$214,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$214,000 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 7. 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. Each of said bond anticipation 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 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 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of forty years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 9. 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 \$214,000 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 10. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Passaic, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purpose, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 12. The Township intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvement described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Township expects to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 13. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Township, and the Township shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL MATTERS

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

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Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Barbara Moschetta-29 Wilmore Road, questioned whether any progress has been made with regard to the concerns raised at a previous meeting due to the offload of trucks by Schumacher Chevrolet.

Mayor DAMIANO stated he discussed resident concerns with a Schumacher representative to assist and alleviate the issue of loading and unloading of vehicles on municipal streets, which included long term and short term plan. Ms. Moschetta responded there continues to be an ongoing concern. Council President SGOBBA stated the government attempts to solve issue with dialogue prior to passing an ordinance. The Council works for the people and listens.

Arnold Korotkin, 181 Long Hill Road, stated a UPS truck double parked in a cross walk near Falls Kitchen and raised issues as well. . Mr. Korotkin also queried what impact the Little Falls school budget will have on taxes.

Mr. Cuccia to furnish the information to Mr. Korotkin.

Mr. Korotkin also referred to the national flood insurance program and an article in the Bergen Record on May 15, 2017. He requested the Council contact the Senators Booker and Menendez and Congressman Frelinghuysen to urge them to support the federal legislation and continue the program prior to the September 30th deadline.

Mr. Cuccia reported that since the Township has become involved with the Suburban Esses JIF, there has been a statewide effort to support the re-enactment of the national flood program as it exists.

Renea Shapiro, Box 104 163 East Main Street, thanked Mr. Simone, the Shade Tree Commission, Lakeland Bank, and Shave 86 in collaborating to remove and replace a downed tree. She also commented on immaculate and expedient work of the builder working on Wilmore Road and on Walnut Street. She thanked the Mayor and Council for understanding development and redevelopment as an important part of the Township's tax structure. Lastly, Ms. Shapiro requested an update on the Transit Village.

Council President SGOBBA thanked Ms. Shapiro for her comments. Mr. Cuccia reported the Township was told, upon submission of the application that it may can take up to one year to obtain a decision. Mr. Cucci regularly checks with the Township Planner for updates. Mr. Cuccia added he would be happy to contact those Towns furnished by Ms. Shapiro that have received notice.

Mr. Fernandez, Harrison Street, questioned how many parking spaces the Township would gain through Ordinance No. 1295. Mr. Cuccia elaborated that the plan for creating public parking in the downtown area is based upon accumulating parcels collectively. Mr. Cuccia explained the facets of the Council's authority as it relates to Ordinance No. 1295 and a Township wide parking plan.

Mr. Fernandez cited his frustration in acting on a solution to the Peckman River.

Dorothy O'Haire, Turnberry Road, commented that a solution does take time but that is why the flood gauges were obtained. She thanked the Council, Mr. Cuccia and the Mayor who provided support to the Flood Board.

Barbara Moschetta-29 Wilmore Road, questioned the status of the Old Police Station. Council President SGOBBA announced the Mayor will appoint a Councilmember to explore all the possibilities for the site. Findings will then be presented to the public for discussions. Mayor DAMIANO reported an engineering firm has been tasked with re-stripping and an improving the parking configuration between the old Municipal Building and the Civic Center.

Don Handel, 9 Second Avenue, thanked the Mayor and Council for listening to the issues raised by residents regarding offload by trucks for Schumacher. He recounted an incident that occurred this evening involving a car carrier illegally parked in the area of concern, and commended the Police Department's response, though noting this is a reoccurring concern. He suggested a permanent sign to designate the fifty foot mark from the stop sign.

Arnold Korotkin, 181 Long Hill Road, in reference to Mr. Gamble's comments, urged the Council to encourage citizen involvement.

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

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Benitez, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [EX]

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into executive session during a Public Meeting; and
WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Little Falls has deemed it necessary to go into executive session to discuss certain matters which are exempted for the Public; and
WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Governing Body with reconvene;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls will go into executive session for the following reason(s) – anticipated litigation.

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

The Council entered Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

At 8:57 p. m. the Council returned and it was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri that the meeting return to Open Session.

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Cordonnier, that the Council approve the following:

**RESOLUTION [K] 17-05-22- #11
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL**

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls has a need to acquire the services of a Special Counsel to review matters which are conflicts for the Township Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls is undertaking these professional services under the bid threshold amount and entering into same not as a fair and open contract pursuant to law and regulation; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council believes that Francesco Taddeo, Esq. is the best candidate to serve the needs of the Township as Special Counsel based upon his knowledge and experience; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council is satisfied that there are no legal impediments or other conflicts which prevent the retention of Francesco Taddeo, Esq.; and

WHEREAS, Francesco Taddeo, Esq. will agree to provide professional services pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in an agreement for legal services as Special Counsel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls that Francesco Taddeo, Esq. be retained as Special Counsel for a term until December 31, 2017, and that all necessary papers be drafted to effectuate this retention;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that payment for services shall be in accordance with the applicable municipal ordinance, resolution, and/or contract for services.

Poll: Ayes: Benitez, Cordonnier, Liess, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Cordonnier, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk