

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

Monday, May 22, 2023

Council President Sgobba called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the following members present: Christine Hablitz, Michael Murphy, Jayna Patel and Christopher Vancheri. Also present were Mayor James Damiano, Township Attorney Joseph Wenzel, Township Administrator Charles Cuccia, Assistant Township Administrator Vincent Quatrone, Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus, and Deputy Clerk Melissa DePiro.

Absent: None.

Township Employees present: Police Chief Bryan Prall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE: Take notice that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-10 as follows: A notice of the meeting was prominently posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building, located at 225 Main Street, Little Falls, N.J. on January 5, 2023. A copy of the notice was mailed to the North Jersey Herald and News and The Record on the same date. Additionally, a copy of the notice was filed in the office of the Township Clerk on said date. **A link and a telephone number to join the meeting virtually can be accessed on the Township website at www.lfnj.com. Electronic provisions have been established for the public to participate during the public comment portion of the meeting.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2023 and the Minutes of the May 8, 2023 Workshop be and they were approved.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Damiano described the appointments and proceeded to provide a progress report on the Streetscape project. Per Council President SGOBBA, Mayor Damiano commented on the success of the traffic safety sticks. Chief Prall added that in a two-week period, 70 summonses were issued to discourage parking near the crosswalks. Mayor Damiano discussed concerns brought to his attention regarding pedestrian safety in crosswalks and how the safety sticks will hopefully have a positive impact. On May 31st, a Town Hall hosted by Mayor Damiano will focus on gleaning resident input on the benefits and detriments to changes around Paterson Avenue, Main Street and Maple Street. In response to Council President SGOBBA's query, Mayor Damiano indicated the Township is awaiting permits so that the backhoe can go back into the river to address the shoals. Councilmember VANCHERI commented on the traffic sticks and requested next steps of the Streetscape project be outlined. Mayor Damiano detailed next steps of the Streetscape and agreed that considerations will be made to adding additional crosswalks as the project progresses.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – MAYOR APPOINTS CHARLES SEBER TO A THREE-YEAR TERM

PLANNING BOARD – MAYOR APPOINTS CHARLES SEBER AS CLASS II ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEMBER TO A ONE-YEAR TERM

PLANNING BOARD – MAYOR APPOINTS KEVIN BARRY AS CLASS IV MEMBER TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember PATEL reported on the success of the recent Health Resource Fair and thanked all who were involved. Upcoming public health events include free glyucose and blood pressure screenings on May 30th and an eye screening, both held at the Clifton Health Department on June 8th.

Councilmember HABLITZ announced the Library will host a free e-library navigation course and reviewed upcoming Library events including Happy Hour Yoga and Rhyme Time Stories. Councilmember HABLITZ then reported on a successful kickoff of the first Farmers Market and reviewed upcoming Farmers' Market highlights.

Councilmember VANCHERI reviewed details of the concert in the park and Memorial Day weekend events. He encouraged Councilmembers to bring any informational flyers to be displayed at the concert and suggested a flyer be made about signing up for Township email blasts. Councilmember VANCHERI announced the Annual Pride Flag Raising will be held on June 1st and further discussed the Click it Or Ticket Campaign.

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Councilmember MURPHY announced distribution of flyers and an email blast will be sent regarding the 2024 Township calendar. Councilmember MUPRHY also discussed streaming of future Planning Board meetings.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Council President SGOBBA reported the Little Falls Senior Advisory will host an Ice Cream Social on June 28th.

Chief Prall reported the Click It or Ticket Campaign will commence May 22 – June 4 with 100 hours of enforcement due to receipt of a grant. Chief Prall commented on the decision to move to the RAVE notification system and described the purpose of the platform as well as how to use it. Chief Prall then described Operation Blue Angel offered through Community Policing targeted at individuals living at home by themselves.

At this time, Council President SGOBBA requested a status update on the new pump station. Mayor Damiano stated one of the engineering firms is working on the completion of the pump station and Mr. Wenzel is working on finalizing the property. Mr. Wenzel then discussed the Townships’ ownership of the property due to condemnation, noting that from the legal side, there is no impediment in any shape or form and the rest is engineering. Mr. Cuccia then reported on the pump stations regarding the engineering portion.

Mayor Damiano stated May 21^s to May 27th is EMS Week in the United States and commented on the Township’s full time EMS Program and response time which is under State standards.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Mr. Wenzel had nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Members of the public who have joined the Meeting virtually and desire to provide comment shall raise their virtual hand in the Zoom application. The Meeting moderator will queue the members of the public that wish to provide comment and the Council President will recognize them in order. Members of the public who have joined the Meeting by calling in must press *6 to mute and unmute themselves and *9 to raise their hand. Members of the public who have joined the Meeting via the Zoom application must click the Reactions icon and then the Raise Hand icon. Once the process is complete, we will return to the regular order of business.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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

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

REPORTS

Municipal Clerk’s Report – Month of April 2023

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT		
Month of April 2023		
ABC LICENSES		
OTHER LICENSES		
Business Licenses	\$1,485.00	
Pre-paid Business Licenses		
Raffle Licenses	\$40.00	
		\$1,525.00
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS		
Fees & Permits	\$240.00	
Marriage Licenses-LF	\$	
Marriage Licenses-NJ	\$	
		\$240.00
MRNA		
Street Maps		
Zoning Maps		
Zoning Ordinances		
Document Copies		
Garage Sales	\$20.00	
Misc. Fees & Refunds:	\$1,000.00	
TOTAL MRNA		<u>\$1,020.00</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT		<u>\$2,785.00</u>
TOTAL TO TREASURER		<u>\$2,785.00</u>

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

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT
Month of April 2023

Dog Licenses issued 04/01/2023 thru 04/30/2023		
Nos. 1 to 50 = Licenses		
Amount due Little Falls		\$340.00
Amount due State		\$69.00
Total Cash Received		\$409.00
Cat Licenses issued 04/01/2023 thru 04/30/2023		
Nos. 1 to 4		
Licenses Issued		
Total Cash Received		\$32.00
Total to Treas.		<u>\$441.00</u>

Tax Collector's Report - Month of April 2023

MONTHLY REPORT

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

Categories 01-	April 3-28, 2023	2023 Year to Date
2023 Taxes	\$2,666,107.90	\$15,206,414.74
2016-2022 Taxes	22,989.12	472,319.83
Interest	4,570.27	40,174.18
Duplicate Tax Bill	5.00	5.00
Insufficient Check Fee	0.00	40.00
6% YE-Penalty Fee	0.00	18,139.84
PILOT in-lieu of taxes	28,086.44	162,176.75
GRAND TOTALS	\$2,721,758.73	\$15,899,270.34

Delinquent 2016 Taxes	\$284,632.08 (princ).
Delinquent 2020 Taxes	2,240.64 (bankruptcy).
Delinquent 2021 Taxes	4,519.28 (bankruptcy).
Delinquent 2022 Taxes	180,510.14 (subject to tax sale 09/12/2023).
Delinquent 2023 Taxes	<u>141,933.81</u> (1 st qtr/princ)
Total Delinquent Taxes	\$613,835.95

2023 Refunds this month =	-\$0.00
2023 Year to date refunds =	-\$12,086.20

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

REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2023

Months	2018 STCJ	2019 STCJ	2020 STCJ	2021 STCJ	2022 STCJ	2023 CBJ	2023 Regular	2023 Senior/Veteran	Exempt 2023	Totals By Months
January	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
February	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,184.64	\$2,184.64
March	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$328.60	\$3,378.02	\$0.00	\$6,194.94	\$9,901.56
April	\$0.00	\$1,533.24	\$2,329.96	\$52,368.44	\$56,499.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$112,731.13
Totals	\$0.00	\$1,533.24	\$2,329.96	\$52,368.44	\$56,499.49	\$328.60	\$3,378.02	\$0.00	\$8,379.58	\$124,817.33

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 April 2023

	Deposit	2023 Year-to-Date
January 2023	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
February 2023	0.00	0.00
March 2023	19,684.33	19,684.33
April 2023	18,984.71	38,669.04
Total Collected as of April 28, 2023		\$ 38,669.04

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 April 2023

	Liens with Premiums Redeemed/ (-)	Bal. /Dep. (+)
Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2023)		\$449,500.00
January 2023	\$ 0.00	\$449,500.00
February 2023	0.00	\$449,500.00
March 2023	-30,000.00	\$419,500.00
April 2023	-43,000.00	\$376,500.00
Ending Balance as of April 28, 2023		\$376,500.00

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Recreation Report – Month of April 2023

Recreation Center –April 2023				
Program	Facility	# Classes	Hours	Participants
Pickelball	Gym	6	16	104
Zumba Tone	Multi	8	8	120
Zumba Gold	Gym	7	7	98
Tai Chi/Qi Gong	Gym	2	4	35
Yoga	Multi	3	3	27
Fit-4-U	Gym	7	7	104
Gentle Yoga/Fit Over Fifty	Gym	2	4	34
Travel Basketball	Gym	4	8	100
Jersey Nets Basketball	Gym	2	5	60
Fencing	Gym	4	8	42
Breakfast With The Bunny	Gym	1	4	350
Misc. Picture Day, Draft, Girl Scouts	Gym & Multi	5	20	350
Weekly Totals		51	94	1424

Civic Center Report – Month of April 2023

Month of April 2023			
Meeting Group	# of Meetings	Hours	Participants
Senior Citizen Social Clubs	8	40	210
Stamp Club	2	4	20
ABC Meeting	2	4	20
LFPPA Meeting	1	2	15
LFAC Meeting	1	2	15
Sr. Advisory Board Spring Fling Dinner	1	6	110
OEM Meeting	1	2	10
Historical Society Time Capsule Program	1	4	120
Totals	17	64	520

Police Department Report – Month of April 2023

OPERATION DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT –April 2023

Type of Arrest	Total
Total Calls for Service	3832
Total Operation Reports Generated	170
Total Investigation Reports Generated	33
Total Arrests	8

Arrest Summary

Type of Arrest	Total
Eluding Police	1
Simple Assault (DV)	1
Outstanding Warrant	1
Driving While Intoxicated	5

Patrol Bureau Time & Attendance

Type of Hours	Total
Vacation	64
Holiday	204
Compensatory	80.25
Sick	31
Personal time	1
Credit time	300
Administrative	0
PBA day	12
Schedule transition	43
Bereavement	0
Overtime due to Training	89
Overtime hours to maintain minimum staffing level	9
Overtime due to Incident/Weather/Other Event	122.5

TRAFFIC SAFETY SECTION

Type of Hours	Total
TRAFFIC STUDIES	3
SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT DETAILS	6
RADAR DETAILS	44
MOTOR VEHICLES COMPLAINTS	8
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	101
SUMMONS ISSUED	151
MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH REPORTS	26

COMMUNITY POLICING

Type of Hours	Total
Cell block inspections	20
School arrivals	11
School dismissals	8
School Walk-thru	21
Vacant house checks	17
Child car seat installations	1
Headquarters safety inspections	0
Project medicine box emptied	1
Trips to Covanta for prescription drug destruction	1
Community function appearances	6
School function appearances	9

Special projects/details

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COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

Time & Attendance

Type of Hours	Total
Vacation	10
Holiday	36
Compensatory	24
Sick	0
Personal time	12
Credit time	78
Schedule transition	0
Bereavement OT Covered by Full Time	247
OT Covered by Per Diem	93
OT Covered by Supervisor	0
OT Due to Training	0
Overtime due to incident/weather/other event	0

Communications Bureau Calls for Service

Type of Hours	Total
9-1-1	259
NON-EMERGENCY	682
WALK-IN	24
RADIO	1813
MDT	1098
TOTAL CFS	3832

**LITTLE FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT
Operations Division Monthly Report**

CODE	CALL FOR SERVICE	TOTALS	CODE	CALL FOR SERVICE	TOTALS
0338	ROBBERY OTHER	2	6336	DISABLED MV	28
0610	THEFT	4	6510	PARKING ENFORCEMENT	137
0710	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2	6608	ESCORTS	2
0800	SIMPLE ASSAULT	2	6610	MOTORIST ASSIST	3
1130	FRAUD ALL OTHERS	5	6612	SIGNALS SIGNS OUT	3
1440	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF ALL	3	6614	TRAFFIC POST	3
1445	PROPERTY DAMAGE REPORT	8	6615	TRAFFIC COUNTER DEPLOYMENT/RADAR SIGN	6
1810	CDS	1	6616	TRAFFIC STUDY	5
2111	DWI-ALCOHOL/UNDER INFL	5	7002	BUILDING/PROPERTY CHECK	1
2415	DISPUTE	18	7003	PROPERTY CHECK/AREA CHECK	724
2420	DISORDERLY CONDUCT/HARASSMENT	5	7004	VACANT HOME CHECK	33
2450	NOISE COMPLAINT	12	7008	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	36
2485	ALARM ALL OTHERS	3	7010	NOTIFICATIONS	5
2610	BLACKMAIL/EXTORTION/ALL OTHER OFFENSES	1	7014	OTH PUB SERV/WELFARE CHK	17
2640	MUNICIPAL ORD VIOLATIONS/OTHER OFFENSES	2	7015	ASSIST CITIZEN	1
2656	THREATS	1	7050	PROPERTY CHECK SCHOOL FACILITIES	122
2657	HARASSMENT	1	7055	BAR/TAVERN CHECK	51
2660	TRESPASSING	2	7504	ASSISTING-OTHER POLICE DP	17
2665	FIREWORKS	1	7505	ASSIST OTHER PD ALCO-TEST	2
4014	OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS GENERAL POLICE	5	7506	ASSISTING - OTHER AGENCIES	1
4018	STREETS LIGHTS-OUT/REPAIRS	1	7510	UTILITIES PROBLEM	2
4020	SUSPICIOUS AUTO GENERAL POLICE	4	7585	ASSIST SCHOOL	4
4021	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	7	8010	WARRANTS - LOCAL	10
4022	SUSPICIOUS PERSON GENERAL POLICE	12	8110	WARRANTS-OTHER AGENCIES	1
4026	DOWN-WIRES/POLES/TREES/LIMBS	1	9002	ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES	311
4028	OTHER NON-CRIMINAL INV GENERAL POLICE	17	9003	COMMUNITY POLICING	17
4040	PATROL INVESTIGATION	12	9005	MV PURSUIT/HIGH SPEED	1
4051	ALARM BURGLARY OR HOLD UP RESIDENCE	15	9006	SICK DAY	4
4052	ALARM BURGLARY OR HOLD UP NON RESIDENCE	5	9007	CHECK SCHOOL GUARD/COVER SCHOOL POST	79
4100	ALARMS (FIRE ALARMS)	4	9008	COURT	4
4141	FIRE - RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE FIRE	1	9010	IN SERVICE TRAINING	57
4145	FIRE - BOAT/WATERCRAFT	1	9011	MISC MAINTENANCE RADIOS ETC	3
4152	FIRE - WIRES/TRANSFORMER/ELECTRICAL	5	9025	FIELD CONTACT INFORMATION	1
4159	SMOKE CONDITION	1	9027	FIREARMS APPLICATION	19
4170	ASSIST-POLICE DEPARTMENT	4	9028	FINGERPRINT	2
4175	MEETING	2	9029	CIVIL MATTER	5
5004	FOUND ARTICLES	6	9030	SPECIAL DETAIL ASSIGNMENT	46
5008	LOST ARTICLES	9	9035	L.E.A.D. PROGRAM/DRUG AWARENESS	1
5016	MISSING PERSON	1	9050	BACKGROUND CHECK	2
5506	LOST/FOUND/STRAY ANIMALS	10	9052	TRO/FRO INFORMATION & SERVICE	2
5510	ANIMAL COMPLAINTS ALL	1	9071	DIRECTED PATROL	60
6006	MV ACCIDENT W/INJURY	3	911	911 HANG UP/CHK WELFARE	82
6008	MV ACCIDENT NO INJURIES	71	9110	PRO-ACTIVE PATROL	90
6010	MV CRASH-SR-1/OTHER	1	9112	FOOT PATROL	6
6305	SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT TRAFFIC	135	9115	FOLLOW-UP	26
6306	RADAR	227	9110	911 TRANSFER TO OTHER	68
6308	TRAFFIC MV COMPLAINT	15	9130	OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET	3
6310	TRAFFIC ENFORCE/STOP	1018	9137	EVIDENCE DUTIES	1
6335	TRAFFIC HAZARD	12	9192	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	42
			9982	SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	2

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Investigations & Services Division Report

April 2023 Monthly Report

DETECTIVE BUREAU

Criminal Case Management:

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

Criminal Complaints/Warrants Served:

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

Juvenile:

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

Narcotics:

0 Arrests were made by the investigative division for a drug related offense.
36 lbs. of prescription drugs collected in the dropbox.

After Hours Call-Outs:

1 Incident required a detective for investigative support or notification after hours.

Grand Jury/Superior Court Appearances:

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

Internal Affairs (IA):

1 IA Complaint(s) were screened and indexed.
0 IA Investigation(s) were conducted and closed.
1 IA Complaint(s) remains open (2022) and is being investigated.
Major Discipline: There were 0 investigations closed that resulted in disciplinary action requiring termination, demotion and/or suspension of five (5) or more days.

Search Warrants/Subpoenas:

15 Subpoenas were requested to be served for an investigation.
There were 0 search warrants and 7 communication data warrants executed.

Background Investigations:

The Detective Bureau completed:
0 Police Applicants
0 Crossing Guard Applicants
1 ABC Background/Applicant
2 Dispatcher Applicants
0 Solicitor Applicant Investigations

Megan's Law (Sex-Offender) Registrations:

0 New Registration
3 Address Verification and Re-Registrations
0 Transferred to Other Agency
There are currently 13 registered sex-offenders residing within the Township.

Detective Time Off and Overtime:

Compensatory – 0 hours Vacation/Holiday – 40 hours Time Off: TOTAL Hours
Personal – 0 hours Sick-0 hours Other – 0 hours (Bereavement)

Overtime: TOTAL 4.5 Hours

Detective (Investigations and Follow ups) Hours for Cash – 4.5 hours
Detective (Investigations and Follow ups) Hours for Compensatory Time – 0 hours
Patrol Shift Coverage by Detective – 4 hours (OT Cash)
Patrol Grant OT – 18 hours
Court OT – 7.5 Hours (OT Cash)
PVHS / Outside Events – 0 Hours

Notable Detective Cases:

Investigations

- No Significant Cases Resolved for the month.

RECORDS BUREAU:

Discovery and OPRA:

5 Discovery Cases involving Digital (Audio/Video) files were processed for defense attorneys, the public defender and prosecutors.
5 Total discovery cases. 35 OPRA requests were processed.
586 pages of reports were facilitated and forwarded to the Township Clerk's Office for OPRA requests.
\$0.00 was deposited by the Records Bureau during the month.
Discovery \$0.00/Firearms \$0.00/Accident & Incident Reports \$0.00/Fingerprints \$0.00

Firearms:

18 Applications for Firearms Permits
7 Firearms Purchaser ID cards were *issued*
20 Handgun Purchase Permits were *issued*

Background Investigations:

17 Firearm Investigations Completed
2 Permit to Carry Handguns Issued
1 Application Withdrawn by Applicant/Denied

TRAINING

Outside Training:

Radar Instructor (3 days) – Ptl. Pinnola
Opra & You (1 day) – Det./Lt. Gilchrist, Robert Scalera
Tomahawk Active Shooter Response (3 day) – Ptl. Trommelen
Excel II (1 day) - Ptl. Sayad

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Road Sergeant Tune Up (1 day) – Sgt. Shaplo, Det. Fleck
 Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Symposium (1/2 day) – Det. Kania
 Community Policing in the 21st Century (1 day) – Cpl. Vanak
 Career Survival For 1st Line Supervisors (1/2 day) – Sgt. Strothers
 Mental Health First Aid (1 day) – Sgt. Cespedes

Department Training:

Spring Pursuit Training (Power DMS)
 Spring Firearms Qualifications

*During the month of April Investigations & Services Division coordinated and conducted the PT assessment and oral interview phases of the new hire process.

*Investigations & Services Division also coordinated and entered the three Special Class II police officers in the Passaic County Police Academy which started April 27th.

Construction Report – April 2023

Uniform Construction Code

Permits Issued – 43
 Inspections -175
 Total Value of Construction - \$448,594.00
 Certificate of Occupancy - \$249.00
 Permit Fees Collected - \$13,417.00
 Permit Fees Waived - \$0.00
 Penalties - \$0.00
 Total Fees Collected - \$13,666.00

Zoning

Total Zoning Fees - \$1,180.00

Property Maintenance

Certificates of Compliance Fees –\$2,190.00
 Inspections –66
 Roll-off permits – \$30.00
 Complaints – 4
 Violations Issued – 14
 Total Fees Collected - \$2,220.00

Monthly Revenue \$17,066.00

YTD 2023 Revenue \$244,382.00

Finance Department Report – April 2023

BUDGET STATUS REPORT							
YEAR TO DATE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS							
TEMPORARY BUDGET JANUARY 1, 2023 – APRIL 30, 2023							
ACCOUNT 01-2010	BUDGET	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Paid or Committed	Balance	% Spent
00-0000	BUDGET	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1000	ADMINISTRATION S&W	165,000.00	41,060.76	0.00	41,060.76	123,939.24	24.8
20-1050	ADMINISTRATON O/E	68,800.00	27,383.87	31,450.00	58,833.87	9,966.13	85.5
20-1100	MAYOR & COUNCIL S&W	17,500.00	5,833.44	0.00	5,833.44	11,666.56	33.3
20-1102	MAYOR & COUNCIL O/E	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.0
20-1200	CLERK S&W	297,129.00	92,833.76	0.00	92,833.76	204,295.24	31.2
20-1202	CLERK O/E	88,500.00	22,947.13	11,922.61	34,869.74	53,630.26	39.4
20-1300	FINANCIAL ADM. S&W	158,450.00	54,292.41	0.00	54,292.41	104,157.59	34.2
20-1302	FINANCIAL ADM. O/E	75,000.00	34,643.91	171.72	34,815.63	40,184.37	46.4
20-1352	FINANCIAL ADMIN. AUDIT	58,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	48,000.00	17.2
20-1450	REVENUE ADMIN.S&W	107,723.00	34,946.64	0.00	34,946.64	72,776.36	32.4
20-1452	REVENUE ADMIN.-O/E	39,500.00	24,927.05	171.72	25,098.77	14,401.23	63.5
20-1500	ASSESSMENTS S&W	61,587.00	19,979.68	0.00	19,979.68	41,607.32	32.4
20-1502	ASSESSMENT OF TAXES	32,900.00	8,427.30	0.00	8,427.30	24,472.70	25.6
20-1550	LEGAL SERVICES S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1551	LEGAL SERVICES O/E	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1552	LEGAL SERVICES O/E	175,000.00	75,369.60	52,500.00	127,869.60	47,130.40	73.0
20-1651	ENGINEERING S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1652	ENGINEERING O/E	50,000.00	19,600.88	210.00	19,810.88	30,189.12	39.6
20-1801	PLANNING BOARD S&W	5,360.00	1,738.72	0.00	1,738.72	3,621.28	32.4
20-1802	PLANNING BOARD O/E	26,500.00	6,844.45	0.00	6,844.45	19,655.55	25.8
20-1951	CONST.CODE OFF. S&W	301,444.00	96,667.84	0.00	96,667.84	204,776.16	32.0
20-1952	CONST.CODE OFF. O/E	47,200.00	10,416.08	3,081.66	13,497.74	33,702.26	28.5
22-2001	PLUMBING INSP. S&W	24,793.00	9,280.66	0.00	9,280.66	15,512.34	37.4
22-2002	ELECTRIC INSP. S&W	29,063.00	10,214.04	0.00	10,214.04	18,848.96	35.1
23-2101	LIABILITY INSURANCE	35,000.00	34,704.00	0.00	34,704.00	296.00	99.1
23-2102		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
23-2150	LIABILITY INSUR-	220,800.00	126,967.50	68,228.00	195,195.50	25,604.50	88.4
23-2151	WORKERS COMP.-	325,200.00	136,456.00	68,228.00	204,684.00	120,516.00	62.9
23-2152		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
23-2202	NJSHBP-GROUP HEALTH	1,730,000.00	619,338.71	49,728.75	669,117.46	1,060,882.54	38.6
23-2252	UNEMPLOYMENT INSUR.	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.0
24-2401	STORM IDA EMERGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
24-2402	STORM IDA EMERGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2401	POLICE S&W	4,172,948.00	1,637,398.03	0.00	1,637,398.03	2,535,549.97	39.2
25-2402	POLICE O/E	230,350.00	93,636.96	59,432.40	153,069.36	77,280.64	66.4
25-2403	POLICE S&W	537,164.00	174,703.99	0.00	174,703.99	362,460.01	32.5
25-2404	POLICE S&W	226,038.00	71,971.84	0.00	71,971.84	154,066.16	31.8
25-2412	ACQ. OF POLICE CARS	110,000.00	0.00	58,410.00	58,410.00	51,590.00	53.1
25-2521	EMERG. MGMT. S&W	15,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	33.3
25-2522	EMERG. MGMT. SERV.-	20,000.00	8,660.14	1,874.87	10,535.01	9,464.99	52.6
25-2651	FIRE S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2652	AID VOLUNTEER FIRE	167,240.00	67,131.19	5,245.03	72,376.22	94,863.78	43.2
25-2653	FIRE O/E- FLOOD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0

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ACCOUNT 01-2010	BUDGET	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Paid or Committed	Balance	% Spent
25-2662	FIRE HYDRANT SERV.	182,000.00	96,890.50	65,731.40	162,621.90	19,378.10	89.3
25-2751	PROSECUTOR S&W	21,683.00	7,034.08	0.00	7,034.08	14,648.92	32.4
25-2801	EMS/AMBULANCE EMT	620,940.00	177,385.72	0.00	177,385.72	443,554.28	28.5
25-2802	EMS/AMBULANCE	113,950.00	44,698.65	1,406.92	46,105.57	67,844.43	40.4
25-2871	EMS/AMB ELMWOOD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2872	EMS/AMB ELMWOOD PK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
26-2901	DPW S&W	1,018,498.00	337,538.03	0.00	337,538.03	680,959.37	33.1
26-2902	DPW-O/E	200,000.00	83,334.62	63,362.94	146,697.56	53,302.44	73.3
26-3001	SHADE TREE COMM.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
26-3002	SHADE TREE COMM. O/E	23,370.00	4,500.00	9,649.99	14,149.99	9,220.01	60.5
26-3051	SOLID WASTE S&W	75,000.00	14,524.56	0.00	14,524.56	60,475.44	19.3
26-3052	SOLID WASTE O/E	686,000.00	245,663.03	121,098.66	366,761.69	319,238.31	53.4
26-3101	BLDGS & GROUNDS S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
26-3102	BLDGS & GROUNDS O/E	115,000.00	22,330.34	21,515.04	43,845.38	71,154.62	38.1
26-3151	VEHICLE MAINT. S&W	90,000.00	29,491.92	0.00	29,491.92	60,508.08	32.7
26-3152	VEHICLE MAINT. O/E	115,000.00	40,192.14	18,795.12	58,987.26	56,012.74	51.2
26-3252	COMMUNITY SERVICES	10,000.00	0.00	604.08	604.08	9,395.92	6.0
27-3302	BOARD OF HEALTH-	123,025.00	2,328.20	297.00	2,625.20	120,399.80	2.1
27-3332	PEOSHA - FIRE	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
27-3350	FLOOD BOARD O/E	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.0
27-3451	PUBLIC ASSIST. S&W	15,289.00	4,959.92	0.00	4,959.92	10,329.08	32.4
27-3452	PUBLIC ASSIST. O/E	550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	550.00	0.0
27-3501	FIRE PREVENTION S&W	87,727.00	29,212.86	0.00	29,212.86	58,517.14	33.2
27-3502	FIRE PREVENTION O/E	9,700.00	2,349.65	627.95	2,977.60	6,722.40	30.6
27-3701	SENIOR ACTIVITIES S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
27-3702	SENIOR ACTIVITIES O/E	6,000.00	4,531.87	508.34	5,040.21	959.79	84.0
27-3722	SR. CITIZEN TRANSPORT	2,900.00	550.00	0.00	550.00	2,350.00	18.9
28-3701	RECREATION S&W	240,617.00	62,492.31	0.00	62,492.31	178,124.69	25.9
28-3702	RECREATION O/E	198,780.00	93,729.85	10,325.20	104,055.05	94,724.95	52.3
29-3902	MAINT. PUBLIC LIBRARY	651,432.00	162,858.00	0.00	162,858.00	488,574.00	25.0
30-4102	PRIOR YEARS BILLS:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
30-4202	CELEB. OF PUBLIC EVE.	10,000.00	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	9,000.00	10.0
30-4251	S&W ADJUSTMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
31-4352	STREET LIGHTING	80,000.00	29,354.36	0.00	29,354.36	50,645.64	36.6
31-4402	TELEPHONE/IT	115,000.00	28,185.57	28,800.00	56,985.57	58,014.43	49.5
31-4452	WATER	35,000.00	8,831.40	17,714.67	26,546.07	8,453.93	75.8
31-4462	GAS & ELECTRIC	260,000.00	100,919.51	0.00	100,919.51	159,080.49	38.8
31-4472	DIESEL	70,000.00	16,934.49	22,454.56	39,389.05	30,610.95	56.2
31-4552	LANDFILL/SOLID WASTE	485,000.00	146,151.40	201,089.04	347,240.44	137,759.56	71.5
31-4560	RECYCLING TAX	15,500.00	5,252.76	7,673.49	12,926.25	2,573.75	83.3
31-4562	PASSAIC VALLEY SEWER	1,050,000.00	523,520.75	0.00	523,520.75	526,479.25	49.8
31-4572	SECOND RIVER JOINT	4,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00	0.0
31-4582	THIRD RIVER JOINT	2,500.00	2,469.00	0.00	2,469.00	31.00	98.7
31-4592	TWSP OF MONTCLAIR	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.0
31-4602	GASOLINE	100,000.00	52,762.81	6,275.91	59,038.72	40,961.28	59.0
31-4612	CITY OF CLIFTON	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00	0.0
32-0000	Passaic Cty CARES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
36-4712	PERS	460,605.00	460,605.00	0.00	460,605.00	0.00	100.0
36-4722	SOCIAL SECURITY	360,000.00	122,856.06	0.00	122,856.06	237,143.94	34.1
36-4752	PFRS	1,276,611.00	1,276,611.00	0.00	1,276,611.00	0.00	100.0
36-4762	LOSAP	105,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	105,000.00	0.0
36-4765		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
36-4770	Employer Contribution to	20,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	16,000.00	20.0
36-4772	PEN.VOL. FIRE WIDOWS	5,000.00	1,666.64	0.00	1,666.64	3,333.36	33.3
36-4775	DEFICIT IN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
36-4776	DEFERRED CHARGES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7012	MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7025	N J ALCOHOL ED.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7030	BODY ARMOR GRANT	3,628.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,628.29	0.0
40-7035	BULLET PROOF VEST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7040	RECYCLING TONNAGE	18,415.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,415.35	0.0
40-7076	NEW JERSEY HWY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7451	DWI - DDEF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7533	CLICK OR TICKET	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7535	DISTRACTED DRIVING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7601	FF GLOBAL PREVENTION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7602	NJ AMERICAN WATER FF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7702	CLEAN COMMUNITIES	21,765.61	360.00	0.00	360.00	21,405.61	1.6
43-4901	MUNICIPAL COURT S&W	171,027.00	55,483.28	0.00	55,483.28	115,543.72	32.4
43-4902	MUNICIPAL COURT O/E	36,350.00	5,114.13	1,680.33	6,794.46	29,555.54	18.6
43-4952	PUBLIC DEFENDER	7,500.00	3,300.00	0.00	3,300.00	4,200.00	44.0
43-4980	DEFERRED CHARGES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
44-9012	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	300,000.00	6,598.00	0.00	6,598.00	293,402.00	2.1
44-9052	ACQ. OF COMPUTERS	85,000.00	23,573.50	24,462.90	48,036.40	36,963.60	56.5
45-9202	BOND PRINCIPAL	1,525,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,525,000.00	0.0
45-9302	INTEREST ON BONDS	579,976.00	229,664.00	0.00	229,664.00	347,312.00	39.8
45-9402	INTEREST ON NOTES	202,587.00	4,048.64	0.00	4,048.64	198,538.36	1.9
45-9502	NOTE PRINCIPAL	260,000.00	259,113.00	0.00	259,113.00	887.00	99.6
46-8750	EMERGENCY	662,174.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	662,174.00	0.0
46-8883	DEFERRED CHARGES-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
46-8886	DEFERRED CHARGES-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
46-8889	DEFERRED CHARGES-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
50-8992	RES UNCOLLECTED TAX	600,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600,000.00	0.0
67-4800	JUDGEMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
70-1000	LIBRARY PAYROLL	0.00	100,134.10	0.00	100,134.10	-100,134.10	0.0
	GRAND TOTAL	23,195,289.25	8,518,032.23	1,035,228.30	9,553,260.53	13,642,028.72	41.1

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CORRESPONDENCE

REQUEST FROM AMERICAN LEGION POST #121 FOR PERMISSION TO CLOSE OFF VAN NESS AVENUE BETWEEN ALIDA STREET AND TULIP CRESCENT ON 8/12/2023 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 A.M. AND 8:00 P.M

APPLICATIONS

RAFFLE, PASSAIC VALLEY BAND ASSOCIATION, OFF-PREMISE, 50/50, 9/16/23, 7:00 P.M., 100 EAST MAIN STREET, LITTLE FALLS

LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY, SAMI WAZZOUR, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTIONS

Special Emergency Resolution

**RESOLUTION [A] 23-05-22- #1
SPECIAL EMERGENCY RESOLUTION – NJS 4A:4-53, 54, 55.1 and 55.13
(5-year Special Emergencies)**

WHEREAS, it has been found necessary to make an Emergency Appropriation to meet certain extraordinary expenses incurred, or to be incurred, for the Preparation of a Master Plan and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 provides that it shall be lawful to make such appropriation, which appropriation and/or the “special emergency notes” issued to finance the same shall be provided for in succeeding annual budgets by the inclusion of an appropriation of at least one-fifth of the amount authorized pursuant to this act.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, (by not less than two-thirds of all governing body members affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of NJS 40A:4-55:

1. An emergency appropriation is hereby made for Preparation of an Approved Tax Map in the total amount of \$175,000.00.
2. That the emergency appropriation shall be provided for in the budgets of the next succeeding years by the inclusion of not less than \$ 35,000.00 (must be at least one fifth of the total amount).
3. That an “emergency note”, not in excess of the amount authorized pursuant to law, may be provided.
4. That such note when issued shall be executed by Township of Little Falls Chief Financial Officer and Mayor and Township Clerk ”.
5. That said note shall be dated in 2023, may be renewed from time to time provided that such note and any renewals shall mature and be paid in the amount of not less than one-fifth of the total amount appropriated by this resolution in each year after the authorization.
6. That the statement required by the Local Finance Board has been filed with the Clerk and a copy will be transmitted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services
7. That two (2) certified copies of this resolution will be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; however, no approval is required from the Division.

Tax Refund Due to State Tax Court Judgement for Years 2020-2022-

RESOLUTION [B] – 23-05-22- #2

WHEREAS, the following property in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey has overpaid real estate taxes in the years 2020-2022 due to State Tax Court Judgements; and

WHEREAS, the Judgements were entered on April 21, 2023; and Stipulation of Settlement states no interest is to be paid on the refunds if attorney/taxpayer receive the refunds within **60 days from April 21, 2023 which would be on or before June 21, 2023**; and

WHEREAS, all Years 2020-2022 assessed values were 1,560,900; and with the STCJ assessed values for 2020 \$1,282,500; difference -\$278,400. 2020 tax rate \$3.183; assessed value STCJ 2021 \$1,245,000; difference -\$315,900. 2021 tax rate \$3.212; assessed value STCJ 2022 \$1,192,500; difference -\$368,400. 2022 tax rate \$3.286; and

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

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

<u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u>	<u>Block Lot</u>	<u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2020/4	251/9	Mandelbaum & Krupnick LLC 475 Route 46 East	Mandelbaum & Mandelbaum, PA. Attny Trust Acct 354 Eisenhower Pky, Ste 1900 Livingston, NJ 07039	OP/ STCJ	\$8,861.47
2021/4	251/9	Mandelbaum & Krupnick LLC 475 Route 46 East	Mandelbaum & Mandelbaum, PA. Attny Trust Acct 354 Eisenhower Pky, Ste 1900 Livingston, NJ 07039	OP/ STCJ	10,146.71
2022/4	251/9	Mandelbaum & Krupnick LLC 475 Route 46 East	Mandelbaum & Mandelbaum, PA. Attny Trust Acct 354 Eisenhower Pky, Ste 1900 Livingston, NJ 07039	OP/ STCJ	12,105.62
Total Refunds =					\$31,113.80

Estimated Tax Bills 3rd Quarter 2023

RESOLUTION [C] – 23-05-22- #3

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 14, 2023 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;

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WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 72, P.L. 1994, the Tax Collector requests the Council to approve the estimated tax levy of \$51,168,403.27 at a tax rate of \$3.306, 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 in 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 2023.
2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2023 is hereby set at \$51,168,403.27. The estimated tax rate for 2023 is hereby set at \$3.306.
3. In accordance with law, the third quarter installment of 2023 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10th. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a **certified copy** of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Little Falls.

**PROPOSED CALCULATION OF 2023 ESTIMATED TAX RATE
TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS**

<u>ACTUAL 2022 TAX LEVY AND RATE</u>			<u>2023 ESTIMATED RANGE FOR TAX LEVY (PERCENTAGE OF 2022 LEVY)</u>		
	<u>LEVY</u>	<u>TAX RATE</u>		<u>95.00%</u>	<u>105.00%</u>
MUNICIPAL	\$14,038,414.59	\$0.910	MUNICIPAL	\$13,336,493.86	\$14,740,335.32
MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	594,272.00	0.038	MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	564,558.40	623,985.60
MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE	77,145.00	0.004	MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE	73,287.75	81,002.25
DISTRICT SCHOOL	15,688,675.00	1.017	DISTRICT SCHOOL	14,904,241.25	16,473,108.75
REGIONAL HIGH S CHOO	8,980,751.00	0.583	REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	8,531,713.45	9,429,788.55
COUNTY	11,117,737.65	0.721	COUNTY	10,561,850.77	11,673,624.53
COUNTY OPEN SPACE	<u>191,215.62</u>	<u>0.013</u>	COUNTY OPEN SPACE	<u>181,654.84</u>	<u>200,776.40</u>
TOTALS	\$50,688,210.86	\$3.286	TOTALS	\$48,153,800.32	\$53,222,621.40

2023 ESTIMATED TAX RATE

2023 NET VALUE TAXABLE = 1,547,555,300

<u>AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION:</u>	<u>TAX RATE:</u>	<u>ESTIMATED/ACTUAL DIFFERENCE:</u>
MUNICIPAL \$14,404,333.27	\$0.931 (ADOPTED BUDGET/WITHIN 105% RANGE)	+\$0.021
MUNICIPAL LIBRARY 651,432.00	0.042 (ADOPTED BUDGET WITHIN 105% RANGE)	+\$0.004
MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE 77,044.00	0.005 (ADOPTED BUDGET WITHIN 105% RANGE)	+\$0.001
DISTRICT SCHOOL 16,423,952.00	1.061 (ADOPTED BUDGET WITHIN 105% RANGE)	+\$0.044
REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL 8,269,642.00	0.534 (ADOPTED BUDGET WITHIN 105% RANGE)	-\$0.049
COUNTY & COUNTY OPEN SPACE <u>11,342,000.00</u>	<u>0.733</u> (ESTIMATED; WITHIN 105% RANGE)	<u>-\$0.001</u>
TOTALS \$51,168,403.27	\$3.306	+\$0.020

Special Item of Revenue & Appropriation – Firefighters Grant

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
PASSAIC COUNTY NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION [D] 23-05-22 - #4
SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION**

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls in the County of Passaic, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2023 in the sum of \$26,000.00, which is now available from Miscellaneous Revenues – Section F – Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with prior written consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public & Private Revenues Offset with Assistance to Firefighters Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$26,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

General Appropriations	
(A) Operations – Excluded from “CAPS”	
Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues	
Assistance to Firefighters	
Grant	\$26,000.00

Special Item of Revenue & Appropriation – SFY23 Distracted Driving Statewide Crackdown Grant

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
PASSAIC COUNTY NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION [E] 23-05-22 - #5
SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION**

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls in the County of Passaic, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2023 in the sum of \$7,000.00, which is now available from Miscellaneous Revenues – Section F – Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with prior written consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public & Private Revenues Offset with Distracted Driving Statewide crack down

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$7,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

General Appropriations	
(A) Operations – Excluded from “CAPS”	
Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues	
Distracted Driving Statewide Crack down	
Grant	\$7,000.00

Meeting of May 22, 2023

Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
PASSAIC COUNTY NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION [F] 23-05-22 - #6**

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Person-to-Person, Place-to-Place Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 1605-33-001-011, heretofore issued to Orange Leaf, LLC in Little Falls, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Little Falls Township Council does hereby approve, effective May 23, 2023, the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License to AB&DK, LLC, and does hereby direct the Township Clerk/A.B.C. Board Secretary to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: "This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to AB&DK, LLC with a mailing address at 15 Paterson Avenue, Little Falls, NJ 07424, effective May 23, 2023.

Supporting Click It or Ticket Mobilization

**RESOLUTION [G] 23-05-22 - #7
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE *CLICK IT OR TICKET* MOBILIZATION
MAY 22 – JUNE 4, 2023**

WHEREAS, there were 694 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2022; and

WHEREAS, approximately 40% of the motor vehicle occupants killed in those traffic crashes were not wearing a seat belt; and

WHEREAS, use of a seat belt remains the most effective way to avoid death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 135,000 lives were saved by safety belt usage nationally between 1975-2000; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization from May 22 – June 4, 2023 in an effort to raise awareness and increase seat belt usage through a combination of high visibility enforcement and public education; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of further increasing the seat belt usage rate in the state from the current level of 93%; and

WHEREAS, a further increase in seat belt usage in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Little Falls declares its support for the *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 22 – June 4, 2023 and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of seat belt use.

Bill List

RESOLUTION [H] 23-05-22 - #8

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 Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, that the Consent Agenda be approved as printed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No.1459 - The public hearing on Ordinance No. 1459, “BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$350,000 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 SUCH BONDS,” be and it was opened.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

As no comments from the public were received, the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1459 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that Ordinance No. 1459 be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL MATTERS

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

Members of the public who have joined the Meeting virtually and desire to provide comment shall raise their virtual hand in the Zoom application. The Meeting moderator will queue the members of the public that wish to provide comment and the Council President will recognize them in order. Members of the public who have joined the Meeting by calling in must press *6 to mute and unmute themselves and *9 to raise their hand. Members of the public who have joined the Meeting via the Zoom application must click the Reactions icon and then the Raise Hand icon. Once the process is complete, we will return to the regular order of business.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

John Veteri – commented on the Senior Advisory Ice Cream Social.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Patel, 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;
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) – public safety matters– no action will be taken.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

The Council entered Executive Session at 7:42 p.m.

At 8:12 p.m. it was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz that the Council returned to Open Session.

Mr. Wenzel stated matters involving contractual matters were discussed in the Executive Session with no action being taken tonight. Direction was given to Administration.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk