

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

**Monday, May 18, 2020**

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

Absent: Township Engineer.

Township Employees present: Police Chief Steve Post.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG** – Following the salute to the flag, everyone was asked to stand in a moment of silence to recognize those who had passed due to the coronavirus.

**STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE:** Take notice that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-10 as follows: A notice of the meeting was prominently posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building, located at 225 Main Street, Little Falls, N.J. on January 9, 2020. A copy of the notice was mailed to the North Jersey Herald and News and The Record on the same date. Additionally, a copy of the notice was filed in the office of the Township Clerk on said date. **This meeting is being conducted under the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 health situation. No public will be allowed to attend the meeting in person. A Youtube link to view this meeting can be accessed on the Township website at [www.lfnj.com](http://www.lfnj.com). Electronic provisions have been established for the public to participate during the public comment portion of the meeting.**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, that the Minutes of the April 27, 2020 Regular Meeting and the Minutes of the May 4, 2020 Workshop Meeting be and they were approved.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

**COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Councilmember KAHWATY announced the Domestic Violence Committee has convened and will continue to send informational email blasts. He also provided an update on the Clean Communities program.

Councilmember VANCHERI discussed details of the upcoming Memorial Day events and methods for residents to watch the ceremony due to the COVID-19 situation. The Little Falls Night with the Jackals has been postponed, however, the Jackals would like to have a virtual opening day and include a message from the Mayor and a special message to the recent graduates.

Councilmember SEBER announced the first Farmers Market will be launched on May 31, 2020 in the Municipal Town Hall parking lot. She detailed some of the vendors, noted social distancing will be in place, and encouraged residents to come out to enjoy the event.

Councilmember CORDONNIER reported on a panel discussion held with State and County representatives about the Census 2020 and reiterated the importance of completing the Census. Councilmember CORDONNIER commented on several virtual events conducted by the Recreation Department, noting that more events will be added in the future.

**REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR**

Council President SGOBBA questioned whether someone could be hired for yoga instruction considering a memorandum regarding curtailing purchases for capital improvements. Mr. Cuccia provided clarification.

Council President SGOBBA reported he has received calls from local business regarding when they could re-open, and stated guidance is taken from the State.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Damiano explained that based upon the Governor's Executive Orders, municipalities are not allowed to do more or less than what the Governor has authorized. He then discussed a coordinated effort to schedule the opening of parks and tennis courts. As the Governor authorizes the opening of various business, the Township will continue to follow the State's directives.

The Mayor then provided a brief COVID-19 update, discussed resources for testing, and reviewed recent Executive Orders. Mayor Damiano then provided an update on the Duva field turf project., the air conditioning at the Recreation Center, and reviewed the schedule for the re-pavement of Main Street and sidewalk upgrades.

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**ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

Mr. Wenzel had nothing to report. In response to Council President SGOBBA, Mr. Wenzel stated he has been in contact with the Building Department regarding a proposed ordinance pertaining to seasonal rentals.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

At this time, Council President SGOBBA announced there will be a ten-minute recess such that questions from the public can be emailed to the Clerk. The Council recessed at 7:30 PM and returned to session at 7:40 PM.

Luis Fernandez, 54 Harrison Street, commented on the amount of money bonded tonight and questioned whether it was too much money expended by the Township during these times. Mayor Damiano explained the funds are being authorized now but are not borrowed now and are paid over a period of time. Mayor Damiano added that most of the money will be refunded through grants. In response to Council President SGOBBA, Mr. Cuccia indicated most of the funds are for Duva field and about \$1.2 million are in grants. Mr. Fernandez requested an explanation of Resolution A. Council President SGOBBA stated this will be discussed further under Resolutions and instructed Mr. Fernandez to follow-up with any further comments on budgetary items.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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

All items on the Consent Agenda were considered to be routine and were enacted with a single motion. Any items under REQUISITIONS carried a Treasurer’s certification as to sufficiency of funds.

**REPORTS**

Municipal Clerk’s Report – Month of April 2020

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT  
Month of April 2020

ABC LICENSES		
OTHER LICENSES		
Business Licenses		
Pre-paid Business Licenses	\$40.00	
Raffle Licenses		\$40.00
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS		
Fees & Permits	\$1584.00	
Marriage Licenses-LF		
Marriage Licenses-NJ		\$1584.00
MRNA		
Street Maps		
Zoning Maps		
Zoning Ordinances		
Document Copies		
Garage Sales		
Misc. Fees & Refunds:		
TOTAL MRNA		
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT		\$1624.00
TOTAL TO TREASURER		<u>\$1624.00</u>

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

MUNICIPAL CLERK’S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT  
Month of April 2020

<b>Dog</b> Licenses issued 04/01/2020 thru 04/30/2020	
Nos. 0 to 0 = 0 Licenses	
Amount due Little Falls	0.00
Amount due State	0.00
Total Cash Received	0.00
<b>Cat</b> Licenses issued 04/01/2020 thru 04/30/2020	
Nos. 0 to 0	
Licenses Issued 0	
Total Cash Received	0.00
Total to Treas.	<u>\$0.00</u>

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Tax Collector's Report – Month of April, 2020

**MONTHLY REPORT**

Municipality of Township of Little Falls

Office of the Tax Collector

Township of Little Falls Current Account, Lakeland Bank Revenues

Revenues Collector for the Month of April 2020

Categories 01-	April 1- 30, 2020	2020 Year to Date
2020 Taxes	\$1,832,618.80	\$13,517,686.56
2019, 2016 Taxes	17,246.42	147,615.71
Interest	2,159.81	13,139.37
Township Tax Title Lien	0.00	45,589.36
Township Tax Title Lien Int.	0.00	13,738.71
Duplicate Tax Bills	30.00	65.00
Insufficient Check Fee	0.00	80.00
6% Penalty Fee	0.00	1,228.09
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,852,055.03</b>	<b>\$13,739,142.80</b>

Delinquent 2016 Taxes \$892,492.19 (inc. 6% ye-pe+int)  
 Delinquent 2019 Taxes 201,888.68 (Subject to tax sale this year/+int.)  
 Delinquent 2020 Taxes 207,178.51 (+int).  
**Total Delinquent Taxes \$1,301,559.38**

2020 Refunds this month = -\$0.00  
 2020 Year to date refunds = -\$3,745.75

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

**REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2020**

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

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

Municipality of Township of Little Falls

Office of the Tax Collector

Township of Little Falls Tax Collector Trust 1 (Lien Monies), Lakeland Bank

Revenues for the Month of April 2020

	2020 Deposit	2020 Year-to-Date
January 2020	\$ 57,676.70	\$ 57,676.70
February 2020	0.00	57,676.70
March 2020	0.00	57,676.70
April 2020	0.00	57,676.70
<b>Total Collected as of April 30, 2020</b>		<b>\$57,676.70</b>

Municipality of Township of Little Falls

Office of the Tax Collector

Township of Little Falls Tax Collector Trust 2 (Lien Premium Monies), Lakeland Bank

Revenues for the Month of April 2020

	Liens with Premiums Redeemed/ (-)	Bal. /Dep. (+)
Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2020)		\$196,300.00
January 2020	-\$46,500.00	149,800.00
February 2020	0.00	149,800.00
March 2020	0.00	149,800.00
April 2020	0.00	149,800.00
<b>Ending Balance as of April 30, 2020</b>		<b>\$149,800.00</b>

Recreation Report – Month of April, 2020

Recreation Center	Facility	April -2020																	
		# Classes	Hrs	Particip	# Classes	Hrs	Particip	# Classes	Hrs	Particip	# Classes	Hrs	Particip	# Classes	Hrs	Particip			
<b>There were No Senior Classes or Youth Activities This Month Due to The Closure of the Rec. Center for Covid-19</b>																			
Pickleball Open Court	Gym																		
LFFPA Cheer	Gym																		
Zumba Tone	Multi																		
Zumba Gold	Gym																		
Tai Chi	Gym																		
QiGong	Gym																		
Yoga	Multi																		
Chair Yoga	Gym																		
Fencing	Gym																		
Tiger Basketball	Gym																		
LFAC Basketball	Gym																		
Indoor Soccer	Gym																		
Fit 4 U	Gym																		
Karate	Multi																		
Body Dynamics	Multi																		
Mens Open Gym	Gym																		
LFAC Baseball	Fields																		
LFAC Softball	Fields																		
<b>Weekly Totals</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

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Civic Center Report – Month of April, 2020

Month of April 2020			
Building Closed due to Covid-19			
Meeting Group	# of Meetings	Hours	Participants
Golden Agers	0	0	0
Jolly Seniors	0	0	0
Senior Advisory	0	0	0
OEM	0	0	0
LFAC	0	0	0
Stamp Club	0	0	0
ABC	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0

Police Department Report - Month of April, 2020

**PATROL DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT – April, 2020**

This agency handled **7,931** details between January 1, 2020 and April 30, 2020.

This agency completed **1,708** reports between January 1, 2020 and April 30, 2020.

This agency received **351** 911 calls during the month of March, 2020.

The Little Falls Police Department handled **1,292** details and wrote **344** Operation/Investigation reports between April 1, 2020 and April 30, 2020.

The patrol division patrolled **12,121** miles during the month of April, 2020.

**Calls for Service**

Call Type	Total
Medical emergency	45
Fire Department incident	3
Narcans deployment	0
Burglar alarms/false	22
Burglar alarms/valid	7
Domestic violence incidents	5
Burglary	0
Criminal mischief	4
Theft	6
Suspicious person/vehicle/incident	18
General investigation	23
Noise complaint	4
All others not listed	207

**Traffic Summary**

Crashes	Total
Motor vehicle crashes	14
Motor vehicle crash injuries	1
Motor vehicle crash fatalities	0
Enforcement	Total
Motor vehicle stops	29
Speeding summonses	4
DWI summonses	2
Driving while suspended summonses	0
Uninsured vehicle summonses	1
Moving violations	23
Parking violations	12
Total summonses issued	49

**Arrest Summary**

Total Arrests - **9**

Type of Arrest	Total
CDS	1
DWI	2
Warrant	1
Domestic Violence	5
Theft	0
All others	0

**Directed Patrol Summary**

Detail Type	Total
School arrival	0
School dismissal	0
School walk through	0
Radar post	1
Park check	179
Vacant house check	4
Extra attention check	3
DWI/Aggressive driving patrol	0
Foot patrol	27

**Patrol Division Time & Attendance**

Type of Hours	Total
Vacation	36
Holiday	46.5
Compensatory	12
Sick	0
Personal time	0
Credit time	67
Administrative	0
PBA day	0
Schedule transition	0
Bereavement	0
Overtime due to Training	0
Overtime hours to maintain minimum staffing level	12
Overtime due to incident/weather/other event	12

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1 out of a total of 60 shifts during the month of April were below minimum staffing.  
**Patrol staffing level during month: 4.77**

**Major incident/Notable achievement**

20-01576 – April 19 – Patrol Officers were in a pursuit with an intoxicated driver who subsequently crashed her vehicle into the guard rail on Route 46 in Clifton. The driver then assaulted officers and resisted arrest. Driver was subsequently lodged at the Passaic County Jail.

**COMMUNITY POLICING**

Detail Type	Total
Cell block inspection	9
School arrivals	0
School dismissals	0
School walk thru	0
Vacant house checks	4
Child car seat installations	1
Headquarters safety inspections	0
Project medicine box emptied	0
Trips to Covanta for prescription drug destruction	0
Community function appearances	0
School function appearances	0

**Special projects/details**

Assisted with traffic for two funerals  
 Delivered fliers to senior residents on April 6  
 Conducted (4) Community Policing Details (Birthday Parade)

**TRAFFIC DIVISION**

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

**Special projects/details**

\*\*\*Corporal Moncato was moved to the patrol division due to a long term injury causing a patrol shift shortage.

**Investigations Division Report**  
 April, 2020 Monthly Report

**Criminal Case Management**

- 13 Cases were assigned for follow-up investigation.
- 11 Investigations currently remain open and active.
- 6 Cases closed from current and previous months.

**Criminal Complaints/Warrants Served:**

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

**Juvenile**

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

**Narcotics**

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

**After Hours Call-Outs**

- 1 Incident required a detective response for investigative support after hours.

**Internal Affairs (IA)**

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

**Grand Jury/Superior Court Appearances**

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

**Search Warrants/Subpoenas**

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

**Background Investigations**

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

## Meeting of May 18, 2020

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

0 New Registrations

0 Address Verification and Re-Registrations

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

### Detective Time Off and Overtime:

#### Detective Time Off: TOTAL 8 hours

Compensatory – 0 hours

Personal – 0 hours

Vacation/Holiday – 8 Hours

Sick- 0 hours

Other – 16 Hours Bereavement for 731

### Detective Overtime

Hours worked for Cash – 4.0 hours

Hours worked for Compensatory Time – 0 hours

### Division Monthly Staffing Level (M-F)– 2.86 Detectives

### Property and Evidence

1 Item classified as property was entered into the department's BEAST Evidence System, processed, logged and secured. (This includes missing, lost and found property, recovered stolen property and items left for safekeeping.)

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

0 Firearm was transported for ballistics analysis.

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

0 Items classified as Drug Evidence were transported to the NJ State Police Laboratory for analysis.

0 Items classified as Forensic Evidence were transported to the NJ State Police Laboratory at Hamilton or Holmdel, NJ for analysis. (This includes physical, chemical, and biological evidence.)

0 Random drug screen analysis specimens were transported to the NJ State Medical Examiner's Office for analysis.

\$0.00 Currency was seized and submitted to the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office pending asset forfeiture proceedings.

### Notable Cases

During the early morning hours on 04/22/20, an unknown actor entered several unlocked vehicles of residents on Ridge Ave and First Ave. In some of those cases, residents reported that property was stolen. There were five reports taken by patrol and subsequent follow-up investigations by the Investigative Division. These cases remain active and under investigation.

### Comments:

Throughout April, we were faced with continued health-crisis surrounding the COVID-10 Pandemic. This influenced some of the reportable numbers in the monthly report which show a decline. Most notably is the decline in the reported numbers for the Property and Evidence function. Sections of Superior Court remain closed and are unable to process subpoena requests at this time.

## SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION – Administrative Monthly Report – April, 2020

### RECORDS BUREAU

#### Discovery and OPRA

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

19 OPRA requests were processed.

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

\$336.00 was deposited by the Records Bureau during the month.

\$32.00 of the total deposited was as Unclaimed Property from incidents 19-04690 and 19-05023.

Discover \$0.00/Firearms \$89.00/Accident & Incident Reports \$215.00/Fingerprints \$0/Solicitor \$0

### Firearms

16 Applications for Firearms Permits

11 Firearms Purchaser ID cards were *Issued*

26 Handgun Purchase Permits were *Issued*

0 Applications Denied

### Background Investigations

*Firearms* – 15 Firearms Investigations Completed

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

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

### TRAINING

#### Outside Training

- Training locations all closed due to COVID-19

#### Departmental Training

- Training suspended due to social distancing/COVID-19

#### Online Training:

**Power DMS:** Policy Updates for MVR, Traffic Enforcement and Control, Vehicle Operation and Response and Police Involved MVC

**NJ Learn Training:** None

**PowerPhone:** All PST employed by this department were enrolled in the PowerPhone training program and will begin continuing education training May 1, 2020.

#### Firearms:

Next training scheduled is for the month of June pending the COVID-19 restrictions.

### DISPATCHER TIME OFF AND COVERAGE

#### Dispatcher Time Off

COMP – 0 Hours

C/T – 4 Hours

HOL – 12 Hours

SICK – 12 Hours

VAC – 12 Hours

FML - 0 Hours

PER – 12 Hours

#### Dispatcher Coverage – Overtime

Part-time Dispatcher Hours Worked – 225 hours (204 hrs were COVID-19 Relief Coverage)

Full time Dispatcher OT CASH – 16 Hours

Dispatch Vacancy Covered by Patrol OT – 0 hours

Dispatch Vacancy Covered by Patrol Shift – 12 hours

Full-time Dispatcher OT Comp – 0 hours

Part-Time Dispatcher Proficiency Hours Worked – 0 hours (Suspended due to COVID-19 restrictions)

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**FLEET MANAGEMENT**

**PATROL DIVISION MONTHLY MILEAGE REPORT – April, 2020**

UNIT	STARTING MILEAGE	ENDING MILEAGE	TOTAL
800	9232	9674	442
810	9330	10172	842
811	47871	49360	1879
812	11535	13136	1601
813	23160	23261	101
814	61590	63105	1515
815	34584	36180	1596
816	60402	61214	812
817	40625	48231	2206
818	63427	64554	1127
		<b>TOTAL MILEAGE</b>	<b>12121</b>

**Construction Report – Month- April, 2020**

**Uniform Construction Code**

Permits Issued –18  
 Inspections – 58  
 Total Value of Construction - \$470,540.00  
 Certificate of Occupancy - \$420.00  
 Permit Fees Collected - \$9,221  
 Permit Fees Waived - \$0.00  
 Penalties Collected - \$0.00  
 Total Fees Collected - \$9,641.00

**Zoning**

Fence Permits –\$100.00  
 Sign Permits - \$0.00  
 Zoning fees – \$1360.00  
 Total Fees Collected- \$1460.00

**Property Maintenance**

Certificates of Compliance Fees –\$705.00  
 Inspections – 14  
 Complaints Inspections - 22  
 Violations Issued – 8  
 Roll-off permits – \$40.00  
 Total Fees Collected - \$745.00  
**Monthly Revenue \$11,846.00**

**YTD Revenue \$55,196.50**

**APPLICATIONS**

LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY APPLICATION, FRANK ANTONIELLO, AUTUMN COURT, LITTLE FALLS, SINGAC FIRE CO. #3

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Grant Agreement with County of Passaic Under the CARES Act**

**RESOLUTION [A] 20-05-18 - #1**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC UNDER THE CARES ACT**

**WHEREAS**, Governor Philip Murphy signed Executive Order No. 103 on March 27, 2020 declaring a public health emergency and state of emergency in the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), was enacted; and

**WHEREAS**, the CARES Act established the Coronavirus Relief Fund, and appropriated \$150 billion, and is to be used to make payments for specified uses to States and certain local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Passaic was appropriated eighty-seven million five hundred sixty-four thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven dollars and twenty cents (\$87,564,767.20) from the Fund, to be used for expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders is going to appropriate a portion of the Fund received by the County to its sixteen (16) municipalities, based on population, as part of a grant to offset eligible expenses in responding to the public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Little Falls is being appropriated eight hundred forty two thousand one hundred and ten dollars (\$842,110) by the Board from the Fund, to be distributed by way of reimbursement, and subject to the conditions as set forth in the Grant Agreement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement with the County of Passaic.

**Extension of Shared Services Agreement with Elmwood Park for EMS**

**RESOLUTION [B] 20-05-18 - #2**

**AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF ELMWOOD PARK FOR EMS SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Little Falls has successfully operated its paid EMS services for the past three years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Little Falls and the Township of Elmwood Park entered into a shared service agreement for EMS services operated and administered by the Township of Little Falls for EMS coverage in the Township of Elmwood Park on December 1, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, said agreement is set to expire on May 30, 2020 and both parties wish to extend the contract until December 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the terms of the contract shall remain the same, wherein the Township will bill and collect for services rendered to operate the EMS program in the Township of Elmwood Park;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to extend the current shared services agreement with the Township of Elmwood Park for EMS services.

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Bill List

**RESOLUTION [C] 20-05-18 - #3**

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

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In response to Council President SGOBBA's request, Mayor Damiano provided a further explanation of Resolutions A and B.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council President SGOBBA requested Mr. Wenzel's guidance regarding procedure for public comment. Mr. Wenzel then provided advisement.

Ordinance No. 1383- It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1383, "**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF A SYNTHETIC TURF MULTIPURPOSE ATHLETIC FIELD AT DUVA FIELD IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$3,000,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO APPROPRIATE STATE AND COUNTY GRANTS, 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 and it was opened.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

A two-minute recess was provided such that questions from the public could be emailed to the Clerk. The Council recessed at 7:46 PM and returned to session at 7:48 PM.

As no emails from the public were received for comment, it was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1383 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, that the Ordinance No. 1383 be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1384- It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1384, "**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC PARKING IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, SATTE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$500,000 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 and it was opened.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

A two-minute recess was provided such that questions from the public could be emailed to the Clerk. The Council recessed at 7:50 PM and returned to session at 7:52 PM.

As no emails from the public were received for comment, it was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Kahwaty, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1384 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.



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It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Cordonnier, that the Ordinance No. 1384 be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1385 - It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that there be introduced and the meeting of June 8, 2020 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1385**

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A PORTION OF MICKLEJOHN AVENUE (FROM MAIN STREET TO WOODCLIFF AVENUE) IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$150,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A FEDERAL GRANT, 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.**

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**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 reconstruct a portion of Micklejohn Avenue (from Main Street to Woodcliff Avenue) in, by and for the Township. Said improvement shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor. It is hereby determined and stated that said road being improved is of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Section 2. The sum of \$150,000 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 and the Federal grant 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 benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of the Township, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of the Township pursuant to the Local Bond Law, and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$150,000, and (4) \$85,000 of said sum is to be provided by the Federal grant hereinafter appropriated, and (5) \$3,250 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (6) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$61,750, and (7) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$15,000, 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 the sum of \$85,000 received or to be received as a grant from the Passaic County Community Development Program, pursuant to the Federal Housing and Community Development Act, is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of such purpose.

Section 5. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$3,250, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for the Township, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$3,250 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 6. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$61,750 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 7. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$61,750 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 8. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance, 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 the 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 the 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 9. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of ten years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 10. 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 the Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$61,750 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 11. 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 (other than the Federal grant hereinbefore appropriated which shall be applied to the cost of such purpose, but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), 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 12. 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 13. The Township intends to issue bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvement described in Section 1 of this ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes, the Township hereby states its reasonable expectation 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 ordinance.

Section 14. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and 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 15. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1386 - It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that there be introduced and the meeting of June 8, 2020 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1386**

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$250,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, 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 undertake various public improvements and to acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and a new automotive vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for said Township, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized, and the down payment and the State grant appropriated, by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements is not a current expense of said Township.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the State grant hereinafter appropriated, and (3) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (4) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (5) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Acquisition of various equipment and machinery for the use of the Police Department.	
Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 50,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,500
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 47,500
Period of Usefulness	5 years
B. Acquisition of a new automotive vehicle, including original apparatus and equipment, consisting of a pickup truck for the use of the Department of Public Works ("DPW").	
Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 40,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 38,000
Period of Usefulness	5 years
C. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of a vehicle lift for the use of the DPW.	
Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 35,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,750
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 33,250
Period of Usefulness	15 years
D. Undertaking of various improvements to municipal facilities. It is hereby determined and stated that the public facilities being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").	
Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$100,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 5,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 95,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years
E. Installation of a charging station for electric vehicles at Morris Canal parking lot.	
Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 25,000
State Grant Appropriated	\$ 6,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 18,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years
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Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$250,000
State Grant Appropriated	\$ 6,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 12,250
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$231,750

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$17,000 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, 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 6. The sum of \$6,000 received or to be received as a grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the installation of a charging station for electric vehicles authorized in Section 4.E above.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$12,250, 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 purposes. The sum of \$12,250 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 8. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$231,750 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 9. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$231,750 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 10. 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

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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 11. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 11.31 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 12. 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 \$231,750 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 13. 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 purposes (other than the State grant hereinbefore appropriated which shall be applied to the cost of such purposes, but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 14. 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 15. The Township intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 of this bond ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Township hereby states its reasonable expectation 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 16. 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 17. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1387 - It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that there be introduced and the meeting of June 8, 2020 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

### **BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1387**

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE 2020 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$675,000 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, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey (the "Township"), is hereby authorized to undertake the 2020 Road Improvement Program at various locations, as set forth on a list prepared by the Township Engineer on file or to be placed on file with the Township Clerk, and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto. Depending upon the contract price and other exigent circumstances, and upon approval by the Township Council, there may be additions to or deletions from the aforesaid list. It is hereby determined and stated that said roads being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Section 2. The sum of \$675,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements 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 improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

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, and (3) the estimated cost of said purpose is \$675,000, and (4) \$33,750 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 \$641,250, and (6) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$50,000, 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 \$33,750, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for the Township, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$33,750 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$641,250 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 the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$641,250 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, 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 the 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 ten 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 the Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$641,250 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

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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 said purpose, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for said purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. The Township intends to issue bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes, the Township hereby states its reasonable expectation 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 12. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and 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 13. 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 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1388 - It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that there be introduced and the meeting of June 8, 2020 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

### BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1388

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS AT MAIN STREET (PHASES I AND II) IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,700,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE GRANTS, 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 undertake streetscape improvements at Main Street (Phases I and II) in, by and for the Township. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of \$1,700,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements 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 and the State grants appropriated, by this ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of the Township, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of the 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 estimated cost of said purpose is \$1,700,000, and (4) \$1,283,000 of said sum is to be provided by the State grants hereinafter appropriated, and (5) \$21,000 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (6) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$396,000, and (7) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$180,000, 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 the aggregate sum of \$1,283,000 received or to be received as grants from the New Jersey Department of Transportation is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of such purpose.

Section 5. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$21,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for the Township, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$21,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 6. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$396,000 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 7. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$396,000 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 8. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance, 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 the 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 the 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 9. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of ten years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 10. 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 the Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$396,000 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 11. 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 (other than the State grants hereinbefore appropriated which shall be applied to the cost of such purpose, but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), 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 12. 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 13. The Township intends to issue bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 1 of this ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes, the Township hereby states its reasonable expectation 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 ordinance.

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Section 14. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and 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 15. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

At this time, the Mayor read a follow-up email from Mr. Fernandez regarding previous discussion of the Ordinances. Mayor Damiano responded by delineating the cost and potential grant funding for each project.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Kahwaty, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Cynthia Kraus  
Municipal Clerk