

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024
7:00 P.M.

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 4, 2024. A COPY OF THE NOTICE WAS SENT TO THE NORTH JERSEY HERALD & 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.**

ROLL CALL

MINUTES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 29, 2024
AND THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF MAY 6, 2024

MAYOR'S REPORT

SMALL BUSINESS APPRECIATION PROCLAMATIONS
BELLA NOTTE
CHUBZZY WUBZZY TOYS & COLLECTIBLES

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL BIKE MONTH

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL EMS WEEK

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

ALL ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND WILL BE ENACTED WITH A SINGLE MOTION. FOR ANY ITEMS UNDER REQUISITIONS THE TREASURER HAS SUPPLIED A CERTIFICATION OF THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

REPORTS

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024

RECREATION CENTER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024

CIVIC CENTER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024

CONSTRUCTION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024

APPLICATIONS

BLUE LIGHT PERMIT, ADAM KERZNER, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO ISSUE A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,895.40 REPRESENTING TAX REFUND ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 115, LOT 1 DUE TO OVERPAYMENT [A]

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE ESTIMATED TAX BILLS FOR THIRD QUARTER 2024 [B]

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE RENTER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT 405 MAIN STREET, UNIT 233, LITTLE FALLS, NJ [C]

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE RENTER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT 405 MAIN STREET, UNIT 340, LITTLE FALLS, NJ [D]

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX APPEAL SETTLEMENTS [E]

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BY LAWS OF THE LITTLE FALLS FIRE ASSOCIATION [F]

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT (OPRA) AND THE SWIFT PASSAGE OF S-2930/A-4045 [G]

BILL LIST [H]

NEW BUSINESS

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1493, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 136, NOISE.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1494, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "2024 LITTLE FALLS SALARY ORDINANCE".

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1495, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO ADD CHAPTER 152 (PEDESTRIAN PLAZAS) TO THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS".

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1496, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, SECTION 33, CANNABIS".

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL MATTERS

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ADJOURN

RESOLUTION [A] 24-05-20# _____

WHEREAS the following property in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey has overpaid real estate taxes in 2024; and

WHEREAS the Tax Collector is requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amount overpaid listed below due to taxes being overpaid; and

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

<u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u>	<u>Block Lot/Q</u>	<u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024/2	115/1	Goldberg to Duart 49 Lincoln Av	Evident Title Agency, Inc 874 Pompton Av, Suite B2 Cedar Grove NJ 07009	OP	\$2,895.40
Total Refund					\$2,895.40

APPROVED: _____

cc: Finance Dept.
Tax Collector
Dept.

RESOLUTION [] 24-05-20-#_____

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, pursuant to Section 3 of P.L. 1994 c.72 and 54:4:4-66.2 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, 2024, due to the absence of a certified tax rate; and

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 72, P.L. 1994, the Tax Collector requests the Council to approve the estimated tax levy of \$51,536,369.89 at a tax rate of \$3.347, 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, 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 2024.
2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2024 is hereby set at \$51,536,369.89. The estimated tax rate for 2024 is hereby set at \$3.347.
3. In accordance with law, the third quarter installment of 2024 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 12th. 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.

ADOPTED at a Regular meeting of the Township Council on May 20, 2024.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS

Cynthia Kraus, Clerk

James Belford Damiano, Mayor

APPROVED: _____

cc: Finance Dept.
Tax Collector
Dept.

PROPOSED CALCULATION OF 2024 ESTIMATED TAX RATE
TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS

ACTUAL 2023 TAX LEVY AND RATE 2024 ESTIMATED RANGE FOR TAX LEVY
(PERCENTAGE OF 2023 LEVY)

	<u>LEVY</u>	<u>TAX RATE</u>		<u>95.00%</u>	<u>105.00%</u>
MUNICIPAL			MUNICIPAL		
MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	\$14,404,333.27	\$0.931	MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	\$13,684,116.61	\$15,124,549.93
MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE	651,432.00	0.042	MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE	618,860.40	684,003.60
DISTRICT SCHOOL	77,044.00	0.005	DISTRICT SCHOOL	73,191.80	80,896.20
REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	16,423,952.00	1.061	REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	15,602,754.40	17,245,149.60
COUNTY	8,269,642.00	0.534	COUNTY	7,856,159.90	8,683,124.10
COUNTY OPEN SPACE	10,753,422.46	0.695	COUNTY OPEN SPACE	10,215,751.34	11,291,093.58
	<u>208,513.45</u>	<u>0.014</u>		<u>198,087.78</u>	<u>218,939.12</u>
TOTALS	\$50,788,339.18	\$3.282	TOTALS	\$48,248,922.23	\$53,327,756.13

2024 NET VALUE TAXABLE = 1,539,406,000

2024 ESTIMATED TAX RATE

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION:

MUNICIPAL	\$14,288,399.89
MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	724,409.00
MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE	76,919.00
DISTRICT SCHOOL	17,092,092.00
REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	8,012,550.00
COUNTY & COUNTY OPEN SPACE	<u>11,342,000.00</u>
TOTALS	\$51,536,369.89

TAX RATE:

\$0.928	(ADOPTED BUDGET WITHIN 105% RANGE)
0.047	(ADOPTED BUDGET WITHIN 105% RANGE)
0.005	(ADOPTED BUDGET WITHIN 105% RANGE)
1.11	(ADOPTED BUDGET WITHIN 105% RANGE)
0.520	(ADOPTED BUDGET WITHIN 105% RANGE)
<u>0.737</u>	(ESTIMATED, WITHIN 105% RANGE)

ESTIMATED/ACTUAL DIFFERENCE:

+\$0.065

PREPARED & CERTIFIED BY: 
Denise Whiteside
Tax Collector

CERTIFIED BY: 
Charles S. Cuccia
Chief Financial Officer

RESOLUTION [C] 24-05-20 - # _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE RENTER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED 405 MAIN ST, UNIT 233 , LITTLE FALLS, NJ 07424

WHEREAS, Phylcia Cameron [will rent/rents] property located at 405 Main St, Unit 233, Little Falls, NJ 07424, which property is governed by the statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations restricting ownership and use of the property as an Affordable Housing unit; and

WHEREAS, the tenant has requested an Affordability Assistance Program grant from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Township is willing to extend a grant to the tenant in the amount of \$1,098.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 20th day of May, 2024, by the Township Council of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The Mayor, Administrator, Clerk and attorney are hereby authorized to execute an Affordability Assistance Program grant with the renter of an Affordable Housing unit at 405 Main St, Unit 233, Little Falls, NJ 07424.

CERTIFICATION

I, Cynthia Kraus, Clerk of the Township of Little Falls, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls at its meeting held on the 20th day of May, 2024.

Cynthia Kraus, Clerk

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MUNICIPAL CLERK'S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT

Month of April 2024

Dog Licenses issued 04/01/2024 thru 04/30/2024
Nos. 229 to 232 = Licenses
Amount due Little Falls
Amount due State
Total Cash Received

\$27.20
\$7.80
\$35.00

Cat Licenses issued 04/01/2024 thru 04/30/2024
Nos. to
Licenses Issued
Total Cash Received

\$35.00

Total to Treas.

\$35.00

Municipal Clerk

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT
Month of April 2024

ABC LICENSES

OTHER LICENSES

Business Licenses	\$2,290.00	
Pre-paid Business Licenses		
Raffle Licenses	\$40.00	
		\$2,330.00

REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

Fees & Permits	\$728.00	
Marriage Licenses-LF	\$36.00	
Marriage Licenses-NJ	\$300.00	
		\$1064.00

MRNA

Street Maps		
Zoning Maps		
Zoning Ordinances		
Document Copies		
Garage Sales	\$15.00	
Misc. Fees & Refunds:		

TOTAL MRNA		<u>\$15.00</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT		<u>\$3409.00</u>
TOTAL TO TREASURER		<u>\$3409.00</u>

Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR THE MODERNAZATION OF THE OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT (OPRA) AND THE SWIFT PASSAGE OF S-2930/A-4045

WHEREAS, in the 2002 “lame duck” session the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) was approved to make government records, “readily accessible for inspection, copying, or examination by the citizens of this State, with certain exceptions, for the protection of the public interest” while protecting “a citizen’s right to a reasonable expectation of privacy”; and

WHEREAS, as local leaders we reaffirm our support and commitment to open and transparent government and public access to records, at the same time, we strongly support necessary reforms; and

WHEREAS, in the twenty years since the enactment of OPRA and with the advent of new technologies, we have witnessed unintended consequences and, in some cases, abuses of OPRA that place an unfair burden on local governments and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, municipal staff and budgets are increasingly utilized to accommodate the requestors and commercial entities who inundate municipalities with public records requests to the extent that in some instances, additional personnel are hired primarily to handle such requests; and

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WHEREAS, due to court decisions over the years, reasonable expectations of privacy have been diminished when it comes to the balance of transparency and OPRA perpetuates for-profit data-mining, unsolicited marketing, and uncontrolled publications of records on internet search engines specifically designed to circumvent and bypass what few protective measures currently exist under OPRA, all while allowing the requestor to remain cloaked in anonymity, should they choose to exercise that option; and

WHEREAS, when commercial entities are constantly emailing OPRA requests looking for the latest lists of dogs licensed that month, inground pool permits issued, solar roof permits issued, etc., it causes our residents to not want to license their dogs, comply with permits, or interact with the municipality because they don’t want to lose their privacy and/or have their information tracked and monetized for commercial purposes; and

WHEREAS, reforms to modernize OPRA are long overdue, among them: the need to address requests by commercial entities that utilize public records and the services of local government employees to generate profits, mandatory prevailing attorney fees, which created a cottage industry, and to add language so that such fees are based on facts and circumstances and not an automatic granting; and

WHEREAS, Senators Sarlo and Bucco and Assemblyman Danielsen and Assemblywoman Flynn have introduced S-2930/A-4045, which makes commonsense reforms that do not hinder residents or journalists from using OPRA to access public records, but will protect citizens' personal information from disclosure, addresses the burdensome commercial requests and provide discretion when awarding prevailing attorney fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the governing body of the (*insert name of municipality*) in the County of (*insert name of County*) respectfully request the adoption of much-needed reforms to modernize and strengthen the legislative intent of the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) and urges the swift passage of S-2930/A-4045; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as local leaders, we reaffirm our support and commitment to open and transparent government and public access to records but at the same time, we strongly support necessary reforms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, (*insert name of State Senator*), (*insert name of Assembly representatives*), Governor Murphy, and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

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APPROVED: _____

cc: Finance Dept.
Tax Collector
Dept.

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WHEREAS, the tenant has requested an Affordability Assistance Program grant from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Township is willing to extend a grant to the tenant in the amount of \$1,098.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 20th day of May, 2024, by the Township Council of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that:

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CERTIFICATION

I, Cynthia Kraus, Clerk of the Township of Little Falls, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls at its meeting held on the 20th day of May, 2024.

Cynthia Kraus, Clerk

RESOLUTION [D] 24-05-20 - # _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE RENTER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED 405 MAIN ST, UNIT 340 , LITTLE FALLS, NJ 07424

WHEREAS, Musa Abdallah [will rent/rents] property located at 405 Main St, Unit 340, Little Falls, NJ 07424, which property is governed by the statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations restricting ownership and use of the property as an Affordable Housing unit; and

WHEREAS, the tenant has requested an Affordability Assistance Program grant from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Township is willing to extend a grant to the tenant in the amount of \$1,358.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 20th day of May, 2024, by the Township Council of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that:

2. The Mayor, Administrator, Clerk and attorney are hereby authorized to execute an Affordability Assistance Program grant with the renter of an Affordable Housing unit at 405 Main St, Unit 340, Little Falls, NJ 07424.

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**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION [E] 24-05-20 - #_____**

WHEREAS, appeals of the real property tax assessments of the following properties have been filed in the Tax Court of New Jersey ('Tax Appeals'):

PROPERTY OWNER	BLOCK	LOT	ADDRESS
SL 101 East Main Street LLC	122	19	101 E Main Street
Quick Quality Restaurants	186	21.01 8.04	655 Route 46 East

; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls have been advised as to proposed settlements for the above Tax Appeals, and as to the merits thereof, by legal counsel, the Township Appraiser, and the Township Tax Assessor, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed Tax Appeal settlement components are set forth in the Schedule 'A' attached hereto and made part hereof, and;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township to settle the subject Tax Appeals in accordance with the settlement proposals set forth in Schedule 'A.'

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls, that the proposed settlements of the aforesaid Tax Appeals be approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, with respect to the same, the Mayor, Township Administrator, Township Tax Attorney, Township Tax Assessor, Tax Collector Treasurer and/or any other appropriate Township official is hereby authorized to perform any act necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth in this Resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I, the undersigned, am the Township Clerk of the Township of Little Falls and am duly authorized to certify resolutions adopted by the Township Council at a regular meeting held on the 20th day of May 2024.

Cynthia Kraus
Township clerk, Little Falls

cc: Finance Dept
Tax Collector

EXHIBIT 'A'

PROPERTY OWNER	YEAR	ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT ASSESSMENT
SL 101 East Main Street LLC	2019	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000 – withdraw
	2020	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000 – withdraw
	2021	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000 – withdraw
	2022	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000 – withdraw
	2023	\$8,500,000	\$7,800,000
	2024	\$8,500,000	\$7,800,000
Quick Quality Restaurants	2024	\$1,906,000	\$1,373,200

RESOLUTION [F] 24-05-20 - # _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BYLAWS OF THE LITTLE FALLS FIRE ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the Little Falls Fire Association recently met to review and amend its Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, Township Code Section 3-7.8 B. requires that the bylaws of the Little Falls Fire Association be approved by the Mayor and the Governing Body and kept on file in the office of the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Little Falls Fire Association has presented their Bylaws for approval by the Mayor and Governing Body;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Little Falls hereby approve said Bylaws of the Little Falls Fire Association.

RESOLUTION [G] 24-05-20 - # _____

CALLING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT (OPRA)
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ORDINANCE NO. 1493

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE
TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 136 NOISE**

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls (“Township”) is a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Code of General Ordinances (“Code”) currently provides for noise issues in the Township;

WHEREAS, the municipal council (“Municipal Council”) of the Township has determined to amend Chapter 136 of the Code entitled Noise; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council has determined to amend said Chapter of the Code as follows:

Noise Regulations:

136.

Residential and commercial zones.

(1)

In all Residential Zones (R-1A, R-1B, R-1C, R-2, R-3, and R-3A) in the Township of Little Falls: All construction and demolition activity, excluding emergency work, shall not be performed between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on weekdays, or between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. on weekends and federal holidays. All motorized equipment used in construction and demolition activity shall be operated with a muffler and/or sound reduction device if possible.

(2)

In all Commercial Zones (MDR, B-1, B-2, B-3, B-4, I, LICU, MP, MFS and Transit Village Districts) in the Township of Little Falls: All construction, excavation, erection, alteration, repairing, demolition activity, or landscaping, excluding emergency work as decided by the Township Administrator or Construction Official, shall not be performed between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on weekdays or between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays and federal holidays, unless such activities can meet the limits set forth in Tables I and II. All motorized equipment used in construction and demolition activity shall be operated with a muffler at all other times, the limits set forth in Tables I and II do not apply to construction and demolition activities. Sunday work is prohibited, except for the general repair or maintenance of the property by the owner. No contractor work is permitted.

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

1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Municipal Council hereby amends Chapter 136 Noise Regulations of the Code of the Township of Little Falls.
3. It is the intent of the Municipal Council to incorporate the additions and/or supplements contained in this Ordinance into the Code. All of the remaining provisions in Chapter 136 Noise Regulations of the Code shall remain unchanged and have full force and legal effect. All other ordinances enacted and inconsistent herewith are hereby modified pursuant to the terms of this Ordinance.
4. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence, phrase or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

5. A copy of this Ordinance shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Township Clerk.

6. This Ordinance shall take effect after twenty (20) days of its final passage by the Municipal Council, upon approval by the Mayor and publication as required by law.

PASSED: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Cynthia Kraus, Municipal Clerk

James Damiano, Mayor

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1493

**2024 LITTLE FALLS SALARY ORDINANCE
SCHEDULE "A"**

Section 1.-OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Title

Full Time Employees:

Salary Range/ Amount

Administrator	\$150,000 - \$170,000
Assistant Business Administrator	\$90,000 - \$125,000
Township Clerk/Assessment Search Officer/Reg. of Vital Statistics	\$65,000 - \$130,000
Township Clerk's Office/ Deputy Registrar/Bd. Of Health Secretary	\$35,000 - \$80,000
Deputy Clerk/Payroll Supervisor/ Alt. Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$60,000- \$90,000
Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer	\$35,000 - \$75,000
Executive Assistant to the Mayor	\$35,000 - \$65,000
Administrative Assistant	\$35,000 - \$65,000
Tax Collector /Tax Search Officer	\$75,000 - \$115,000
Administrative Assistant/ Tax Assessor Office	\$25,000 - \$50,000
Construction Code Official/Fire Sub-Code Official/Fire Official	\$95,000 – 130,000
Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 50,000 - \$80,000
Technical Assistant Construction Office	\$ 30,000 - \$48,400
Administrative Assistant/ Construction Office	\$39,000- \$46,000
Fire Prevention Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer	\$60,000-\$75,000
Administrative Assistant/ Fire Prevention Bureau	\$40,000 - \$60,000
Court Administrator/Violations Clerk	\$ 65,000 - \$95,000
Dep. Court Administrator/Dep. Violations Clerk	\$ 45,000 - \$65,000
Public Works Manager/Superintendent, DPW	\$100,000 - \$140,000
DPW Secretary/Assistant to Recycling Coordinator	\$35,000 - \$50,000
Police Chief	\$200,000 - \$250,000
Police Captain	\$ 195,000 - \$215,000
Supervising Communications Officer	\$70,000 - \$85,000
Police Records Clerk/Administrative Clerk	\$40,000 - \$70,000
Police Administrative Assistant	\$40,000--\$70,000
Recreation Director	\$95,000 - \$110,000
Assistant Recreation Director	\$50,000 - \$65,000
Assistant to Recreation Director	\$30,000- \$45,000

Permanent Part Time Salary Employees:

Mayor	\$7,500 – 10,000
Council Members	\$3,000 – 5,000
Certified Municipal Finance Officer /Treasurer/QPA	\$50,000 - \$75,000
Fire Official, Bureau of Fire Prevention	\$9,100 - \$15,100
Emergency Management Coordinator	\$10,000.00 - \$12,000
Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator	\$5,000.00- \$7,500
EMS Coordinator	\$45,000- \$65,000
Tax Assessor	\$25,000 - \$40,000
Judge, Municipal Court	\$34,025 - \$56,700
Prosecutor	\$20,000 – 30,000
Building Sub-Code Official	\$18,000 - \$30,000
Electrical Sub-Code Official	\$18,000 - \$30,000
Plumbing Sub-Code Official	\$18,000 - \$30,000
Secretary, Planning Board	\$4,000 - \$7,000
Municipal Alliance Coordinator	\$7,500
Clean Communities Coordinator	\$7,500
Recycling Coordinator	\$5,000
Safety Officer DPW	\$2,500
CRS Coordinator	\$7,500
Planning Administrator	\$7,500

Permanent Part Time Hourly Employees:

Administrative Assistant	\$16.50 – \$25.00
Police Department Administrative Clerk	\$15.13 - \$20.00
Administrative Clerk	\$15.13-\$18.75

HOURLY EMPLOYEES

P/T Courtroom Security Attendant	\$15.13 - \$22.00
P/T Fire Prevention Inspector, Bureau of Fire Prevention	\$21.00 - \$35.00
P/T Laborer	\$15.13 - \$18.00
P/T Temporary Skilled Worker, depending on Qualifications	\$15.13 - \$50.00
P/T Temporary Unskilled Worker	\$15.13 - \$17.00
P/T Recreation Building Supervisors	\$15.13 - \$17.00
P/T Communications Officers	\$18.00 - \$24.00
P/T Clerical and Secretarial	\$15.13 - \$20.00
P/T EMT's	\$15.13- \$18.00
P/T School Crossing Guard	\$17.99 - \$22.00
Seasonal DPW Worker	\$15.13 – \$17.00
Parking Enforcement Officer	\$15.13 - \$18.00
Temporary Sub Code Inspector	\$35.00- \$48.00

Section 2. –COLLECTIVE BARGANNING AGREEMENTS

Salaries and compensation provisions negotiated through the current Collective Bargaining Agreements for the Teamsters Local 97 DPW , the Little Falls PBA Local 346 and Public Safety Telecommunicators FMBA Local 459 are made apart of this ordinance. Employees covered by their respective Collective Bargaining Agreement shall be paid salary and compensation in accordance with those duly executed and approved agreements. All other provisions related to employees are incorporated herein from the Township’s Personnel Policy Manual.

Section 3. –LONGEVITY

Longevity has been eliminated for all employees hired after January 1, 1997.

Section 4. OVERTIME and KEY EMPLOYEE VACATION

The following provisions of the within ordinance are subject to the provisions of any applicable Federal or State statute; and to the provisions of any applicable collective bargaining agreements.

- a. Key employees: The following employees, when employed full-time, are considered exempt key employees and designated management of their departments: Township Administrator, Township Clerk, Chief Municipal Finance Officer, Construction Code Official, Superintendent of Public Works, Deputy Superintendent of Public Works, Tax Collector, Tax Assessor, Court Administrator and Police Chief. Key employees shall not receive overtime, nor any regimented compensatory time off in lieu of overtime but shall be paid on an annual salary as authorized by the Mayor.
- b. In lieu of overtime or compensatory time off they shall receive an additional vacation week annually. Overtime may be paid to key employees if an emergency is declared, and the Key Employee obtains authorization from the Mayor to work during the emergency.
- c. Non-key employees: Overtime pay may be paid to or compensatory time off may be given to non-key employees; however, compensatory time must be used within the same year and may not be carried over. Compensatory time shall commence only after the employee has worked the prescribed work week. Authorized compensatory time shall be computed at one and one-half (1½) times the hourly rate.

The hourly rate for overtime shall be computed by dividing the annual rate of pay by the number of hours in the employee’s prescribed work year. In the case of a forty-hour work week, the employee shall be paid time and one-half after the full forty hours have been worked. For employees working a thirty-five-hour week, compensation shall be at straight time for the first five hours of overtime worked; the time and one-half provisions shall take effect only after the full forty hours have been worked.

- d. Part-time employees: Part-time employees shall be paid overtime only when in a particular week they work a number of hours which under provisions of Federal or State Law requires the payment of overtime.

Section 5.

Such deductions as may be required by law shall be made from the salaries and compensation as hereinabove set forth.

Section 6.

The Township Treasurer is hereby authorized to sign payroll checks. All Permanent employees shall be paid through the direct deposit payroll system established in the Township.

Section 7. HOLIDAYS

Permanent full-time officers and employees and permanent part-time Township officers and employees who are regularly scheduled to work twenty (20) hours or more weekly for twelve (12) months a year, whether paid on an annual salary basis or hourly basis, are entitled to the following paid Holidays:

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| New Year’s Day | General Election Day |
| President's Day | Columbus Day |
| Good Friday | Veterans’ Day |
| Memorial Day | Thanksgiving Day |
| Emancipation Day | Day After Thanksgiving |
| Independence Day | Christmas Day |
| Labor Day | |
| One-half of the last workday preceding New Year’s Day and | |
| One-half of the last workday preceding Christmas Day | |

Permanent part-time Township officers and employees who are regularly scheduled to work less than twenty (20) hours or more weekly for twelve (12) months a year, whether paid on an annual salary basis or hourly basis, shall receive holiday leave on a prorated basis of ½ the full time accrual.

Section 8.

In addition to the holidays set forth in Section 7, all full-time employees and part-time full-year employees paid by annual salary shall be entitled to two (2) personal days off each year, except as may be provided by collective bargaining contract.

Section 9.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 10.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage by the Township Council, upon approval by the Mayor, and publication as required by law.

INTRODUCED: _____

PASSED AND ADOPTED: _____

Mayor James B. Damiano

ATTEST: _____
Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
ORDINANCE NO. 1495**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
TO ADD CHAPTER 152 (PEDESTRIAN PLAZAS)
TO THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:56-65 to -89, as amended, the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls is authorized to designate any local improvement designed for the movement, safety, convenience and enjoyment of pedestrians, whether or not a part of a street, as a Pedestrian Plaza; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds that traffic congestion constitutes a hazard to the safety of pedestrians; and streets in the Township Center that now accommodate both sidewalks and vehicular rights-of-way cannot be further widened without taking valuable buildings and improvements, thereby substantially impairing the primary function of such streets, that of being primarily pedestrian facilities, and impairing municipal ratables, the primary source of tax revenue; and limitations on the use of such streets by private vehicles is in the public interest of the Township of Little Falls, to be of benefit to adjoining properties and to be essential to the effective use of such streets for street purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to designate certain streets as a Pedestrian Plaza pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:56-69.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, that Chapter 152, Pedestrian Plaza, of the Code of the Township of Little Falls, is hereby added with the following:

Chapter 152. Pedestrian Plaza

§152-1 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

PEDESTRIAN PLAZA, PEDESTRIAN PLAZA IMPROVEMENT or MALL

In the context of this chapter means any local improvement designed to be used primarily for the movement, safety, convenience and enjoyment of pedestrians, whether or not a part of a street is set apart for roadway or emergency vehicles, transit vehicles and private vehicles, or any of them, and a Pedestrian Plaza improvement shall include but not be limited to pedestrian thoroughfares, perimeter parking, public seating, park areas, outdoor cafes, shelters, trees, flower plantings, sculpture, newsstands, telephone booths, traffic signs, kiosks, fire hydrants, street lighting, ornamental signs, ornamental lights, trash receptacles, display cases, marquees, awnings, canopies, overhead radiant heating fixtures, underground radiant heating pipes and devices, walls, bollards and chains and all such other fixtures, equipment, facilities and appurtenances which in the judgment of the governing body of a municipality will enhance the movement, safety, convenience and enjoyment of pedestrians and benefit the municipality and adjoining properties.

UTILITY TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES or TRANSIT UTILITY VEHICLES

Public transportation.

§152-2 Findings.

A. That pursuant to the closing of a portion of the streets identified herein for a Pedestrian Plaza will benefit the Township of Little Falls.

B. That the streets identified herein are not a part of any state highway, are located primarily in a business district and are improved to its maximum feasible width with regard to adjoining buildings and improvements.

C. That there are reasonably convenient alternate routes to other parts of the Township, neighboring municipalities, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey which exist for private vehicles.

D. That continued unlimited use of the street or part thereof by private vehicles may constitute a hazard to the health and safety of pedestrians.

E. That abutting properties can reasonably and adequately be provided with emergency vehicular services and receive and deliver merchandise and materials from other streets and alleys or by provisions for limited use of the streets by emergency vehicles and carriers of such merchandise and materials.

F. That it is in the best interests of the Township and the public and of benefit to adjacent properties to use such street primarily for pedestrian purposes, and that pedestrian use is determined to be the highest and best use of such street or part thereof.

G. The proposed Pedestrian Plaza is not served by a transit utility engaged in mass transportation of persons.

§152-3 Limitations.

A. A Pedestrian Plaza shall be created on the following street(s) or portion thereof:

(1) Warren Street, beginning at the intersection with Stevens Avenue and continuing 180 feet in an easterly direction towards Center Avenue (“Warren Street Plaza”), as designated and described in Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

B. The use of the surface of the above described street(s) or parts thereof shall be limited at all times or during such hours or days as the city shall determine to pedestrians and to such classes of emergency, public works, maintenance and service vehicles.

C. There shall be no limit of vehicular use on any of the roadways that intersect with the above described street(s).

D. The Township acknowledges that there is access to other streets for delivery of or receiving merchandise or materials.

§152-4 Notice to Owners.

At least 10 days prior to the date fixed for a public hearing, a copy of the proposed ordinance and notice of the date, time and place of the hearing shall be mailed to the owners of the lots and parcels of land abutting or directly affected by any proposed Pedestrian Plaza.

§152-5 Financing and Assessment.

Where maintenance of the mall involves annual costs in addition to the initial cost of construction, and distinguished from maintenance services normally provided by the municipality outside of the mall facility, and will provide benefits primarily to adjacent, surrounding or neighboring property, the mall facility shall be operated and maintained pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:56-65 et seq.

§152-6 Specifications for construction.

The Mayor and Township Administrator shall approve the materials or combinations thereof of which the Pedestrian Plaza shall be constructed. The Mayor and Township Administrator may in their discretion narrow any roadway to be kept and maintained in connection with any Pedestrian Plaza, may cause any street vaults to be reconstructed or removed, may construct crosswalks at any point within a block and may cause the roadway to curve and meander within the limits of the street to enhance the usefulness and appearance of the Pedestrian Plaza.

§152-7 Municipal Power Retained.

A. Notwithstanding the improvement of any street as a Pedestrian Plaza, the Township of Little Falls shall retain all its powers relating to the street or part thereof constituting the mall.

B. No such action shall be construed as a vacation in whole or in part; the establishment of a Pedestrian Plaza is a matter of regulation only.

§152-8 Abandonment of Operation.

Nothing shall prevent the Township Council subsequent to this chapter, from abandoning the operation of the Pedestrian Plaza, changing special assessments or taxes for annual costs or changing or repealing any limitation on the use of the mall for a particular purpose by ordinance.

§152-9 Uses of mall, control and regulation.

A. Under the direction of the Mayor and Township Administrator, a Pedestrian Plaza may be used for any purpose or activity which will enhance the movement, safety, convenience or enjoyment of pedestrians.

B. The Mayor and Township Administrator may provide for the control and regulation of:

(1) The distribution and location of movable furniture, sculpture or pedestrian traffic control devices, landscaping and other facilities belonging to the Pedestrian Plaza and not otherwise located or fixed by plans and specifications.

(2) The uses to be permitted on the mall by occupants of abutting property, and transit or telephone utilities, concessionaires, vendors and the like.

(3) The issuance of permits to conduct any special activity consistent with the broad purposes of the mall.

(4) The operation of any heating or other facilities and replacing landscaping and maintaining furniture and facilities in the mall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that:

1. Ordinances, resolutions and regulations or parts of ordinances, resolutions and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency; and

2. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such a decision shall not affect the remaining portion of the Ordinance; and

3. Except as hereby amended, the Code of the Township of Little Falls shall remain in full force and effect.

4. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty days after final passage and publication in accordance with law.

PASSED: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk

James Belford Damiano
Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 1496

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS,
ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT SECTION 33 CANNABIS**

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls ("Township") is a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Code of General Ordinances ("Code") currently provides for the establishment of regulating Cannabis; and

WHEREAS, the municipal council ("Municipal Council") of the Township has determined to amend **§ 33 CANNABIS**, and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council has determined to amend said Chapter of the Code to read as follows:

Chapter 33. Cannabis

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls 8-9-2021 by Ord. No. 1420. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 33-8. Purpose.

This chapter is authorized pursuant to the "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act," P.L. 2021, c. 016, and the implementing regulations promulgated by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission (collectively, the "Act"), which are hereby incorporated herein by reference, and shall be controlling unless more restrictive standards are prescribed herein. If any provision of this chapter is inconsistent with the statutes and/or regulations of the State of New Jersey, the state statutes and/or regulations shall govern.

§ 33-8. Hours of operation.

All cannabis establishments shall limit their hours of operation from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday through ~~Saturday~~ Sunday.

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

1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Municipal Council hereby amends Chapter 33-Cannabis of the Code of the Township of Little Falls.
3. It is the intent of the Municipal Council to incorporate the additions and/or supplements contained in this Ordinance into the Code. All other ordinances enacted and inconsistent herewith are hereby modified pursuant to the terms of this Ordinance.
4. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence, phrase or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.
5. A copy of this Ordinance shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Township Clerk.
6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage by the Municipal Council,

PASSED: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Cynthia Kraus, Municipal Clerk

James Belford Damiano, Mayor