

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

Monday, January 25, 2021

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

Absent: None.

Township Employees present: Police Chief Steve Post.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE: Take notice that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-10 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 6, 2021. A copy of the notice was faxed to the North Jersey Herald and News and The Record on the same date. Additionally, a copy of the notice was filed in the office of the Township Clerk on said date. **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 link and a telephone number to join the meeting can be accessed on the Township website at www.lfnj.com. Electronic provisions have been established for the public to participate during the public comment portion of the meeting.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Kahwaty, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, the Regular Meeting of December 21, 2020, the Workshop Meeting of January 11, 2021, and the Reorganization Meeting of January 4, 2021, be and they were approved.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember KAHWATY commented on the new Pixellot system at the Recreation and commended Tyler Passero, John Pace, Nelson Serrano on a job well done. The Domestic Violence Prevention Committee will continue efforts to raise awareness particularly during the COVID-19 crisis.

Councilmember VANCHERI expressed his condolences to the family of Tony from Tony's Pizza in Town. Councilmember VANCHERI reported the Transportation Committee's first meeting of the year focused on discussion of opportunities for 2021. Follow-up with Chief Post will occur to examine the potential for additional stop signs in the Township.

Councilmember HABLITZ announced the Library continues to be closed to the public but will offer curbside pickup as well as virtual programs. Councilmember HABLITZ discussed the function of the Friends of the Library and encouraged residents to attend their virtual meeting tomorrow night. Preparations have begun for the 2021 Farmers Market and are being coordinated with Councilmember SEBER.

Councilmember SEBER reported she will be hosting the first Open Space Committee meeting next week and is looking forward to continuing the improvements in Little Falls. Applications for the second season of the Farmers Market will soon be accepted.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

MAYOR'S REPORT

STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP – Mayor Damiano then presented the annual State of the Township as follows:

As 2020 came to a close, there is so much that so many of us wish we could erase. However, as we look forward to what 2021 has in store, we must first look back upon the dreadful year of 2020.

However, before I begin I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Little Falls for placing their support in me again this year's election.

Despite the unprecedented COVID-19 Pandemic, over this past year, there have been so many incredible things that have happened here in Little Falls, and we have so many great things that we have to look forward to over the next year.

Before I begin, I would be remiss if I did not mention that everything that happens in this town would not be possible if it were not for the incredible support that I receive day in and day out from all of the Council Members. This year, I would like to congratulate Council President Anthony Sgobba on his reelection not only to the Council, but as Council President, who has served this town well over the past four years as Council President. I would also like to congratulate Little Falls' newest councilmember, Councilwoman Hablitz, on her election to the Council.

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While Councilwoman Hablitz is a Freshman here on the Council, her involvement in the Township and the events that have been run by the Township over the past several years have all been spearheaded by her, and under her guidance, and I know she will be a great addition to this Council.

Despite COVID-19 leading every headline in every news article all year long, there was a lot that happened here in Little Falls in 2020. Little Falls continued to host its Concerts in the Park with the assistance of ABC, it continued to host its outdoor movie nights, and this year, Little Falls hosted the newly infamous Farmers Market, which was a huge hit, thanks to Councilwoman Seber and Councilwoman Hablitz. I know that as we progress into the future, these events will continue to grow as we make Little Falls better each day. I need to thank our Little Falls CERT Team more than ever for their services this year as they assisted at all of our major events in town to ensure that masks were worn appropriately, and that all remained safe.

In 2020, we had a Township staple here in town undergo a substantial facelift, particularly the Sports and Recreation Complex. Anyone who made their way down Paterson Ave recently will have recognized the complete renovation and addition of a Turf Field, improved viewing areas, new storage facility, air-conditioned recreation center, and highly utilized Pickleball Courts. I am thrilled that the costs of these improvements were offset by over \$1 Million in grant funding. These facilities will be utilized over the years by children and adults of all ages in our constantly expanding Adult and Youth Sports Programs.

In 2020, under the leadership of James DiMaria, the building department and the Township have continued to work with developers towards revitalizing, upgrading, and enhancing our Township in a positive direction which is simultaneously helping to ensure the financial future of the Town. The Singac Redevelopment along Main Street is now underway and will soon provide a substantial financial benefit to the Township.

Developments such as Autumn Point, and the former Paul O Abbe site have both been completed and have proven to have little to no impact on our schools, which was a concern of many residents here in town prior to them being developed. These two projects totaling 74 units, each unit with an average value in excess of \$450,000, have added only two children in total to our school district.

Over this past year, the Council has authorized funding for road reconstruction and for sanitary sewer improvements, for improvements to municipal facilities, and for various pieces of equipment for all of our departments. This year, improvements to Ridge Ave and Micklejohn Ave were made, with substantial grant funding to offset the costs.

Thanks to the support of the CARES Act, the Township was able to spend roughly \$750,000 which was all reimbursed by the Federal Government purchasing sanitizing machines, UV Lighting systems to kill viruses and bacteria in our public buildings, adding glass in our public buildings to keep both the public, and the Township employees safer, and to add a new Computerized Dispatch System to our Police and Fire Departments, to make their responses to homes and businesses as safe as possible, just to name a few.

All of the improvements seen in Little Falls over the past year were made with no local tax increase in Little Falls. Unfortunately, 2020 registered historically low revenues to the Township due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This is not unique to just Little Falls, and will be something that every town in New Jersey, and likely the Country will need to address as we prepare the 2021 budget. There are substantial shortfalls in anticipated revenues, to the tune of nearly \$2 Million that will need to be addressed over the next several years, but this Council and I will do everything we can to ensure that there is as little impact to the residents as possible as we navigate these unprecedented times.

In 2020, we have reached historic progress with respect to funding for the Peckman River project. I have continued to work closely with the Army Corps and our Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill to finalize and fund the plan that will address, and hopefully eliminate flooding caused by the Peckman River. This is relief that many Little Falls residents need to help them sleep better at night, knowing that their homes are not one torrential downpour away from flooding.

On another note, I have continued to meet with the DOT and surrounding Towns to address the issues such as traffic, caused by the Route 46/3 construction project, and have diligently been following up with these meetings to ensure this project continues with as little delay as possible, which I have been happy to see making substantial progress, even through the Pandemic.

Our Little Falls Library has continued to adapt to the times of COVID-19, moving many events virtually, and I am excited to see what events they have in store for when we can finally all be reunited together in person.

This Council and I, as we have from the onset, remain dedicated to our promise of Transparency. I hosted numerous virtual Town Hall style meetings on Facebook Live, and I hope to continue these into the future as we work to keep the residents abreast of all of the incredible things happening here in town.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the Clifton Health Department who continue to provide services to the Township as we now fight to get everyone vaccinated, and for their guidance through this pandemic.

With respect to our Police Department, in 2020, the Little Falls Police Department, led by Chief Steve Post, continues to maintain its accreditation as a department due to the policies and procedures that have been instituted to ensure the safety of our department and our residents.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Little Falls Police Department was a model for surrounding towns on officer safety and "COVID-Shifts" which kept our officers safe, preventing the spread of COVID throughout the department, while keeping the residents of the Township safe. The Department's safety policies resulted in no spread of COVID-19 within the Department, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of the members of the Little Falls Police Department for their service, especially this year.

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As we progress into 2021, the Council and I continue to keep the safety of the residents in the forefront of our minds, and this year, we hope to undertake the installation of the first speed humps as part of a pilot initiative. In the meantime, the Township has continued to update its ordinances to ensure that stop signs are appropriately placed throughout the Township wherever necessary. I would like to thank Councilman Vancheri for continued dedication to the transportation related issues in this municipality.

In 2020, the Little Falls Fire Department, led by Department Chief Jack Sweezy, Jr., has continued its Full Time Paid EMS Service, which has substantially reduced response times for our Emergency Medical Responders, which was particularly important in these unprecedented times. The Little Falls Fire Department and EMS squads now have one full year of shared services being provided to Elmwood Park, in what could be the most challenging year ever for EMS squads, which continues to generate revenue while employing individuals for the Township. The men and women of our Little Falls Fire Department and EMS Squad deserve the recognition of the residents of Little Falls more than ever this year. There has been no worse time in recent history to work in this capacity, and the Little Falls EMT's continued to provide this incredible service for all of the residents here in town. There have been no cases of COVID-19 having been spread to any EMT employed here in the Township while on duty and working in their professional role. Kudos to Chief Sweezy for all he has done in implementing his safety policies for the Department, keeping the men and Women of the Little Falls Fire Department safe.

As we continue into 2021, I am thrilled to announce the purchase of a used ladder truck for the Township that will be housed at Company 1 on Wilmore Road. Company 1 is in the process of remodeling their garage bay to house this truck, which will provide a tremendous benefit and a second ladder truck to the Township's fleet of Fire Vehicles.

This past year, our Little Falls DPW suffered a tragic loss, with the passing of long time DPW Superintendent Phil Simone. Phil led this department, which has been known for the best roads East of the Mississippi after a snowstorm. We wish Phil eternal peace, and our condolences are shared with the entire Simone family.

As we continue to adapt in 2021, Ron Campbell is the Township's new DPW Superintendent, and Ron Stell was recently promoted to the Townships Foreman. Under this new leadership, this year, the Township will continue its road resurfacing program, as we continue to keep the Township infrastructure in working order.

In 2020, and during the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Township's new Senior Bus served to bring residents of Little Falls to ShopRite and doctors' appointments during these ever-trying times.

As I indicated earlier, our Parks and Recreation facilities have also undergone some major improvements, and I need to thank our Recreation Director John Pace and our assistant Recreation Director Tyler Passero for their oversight of our Recreation Department as these programs continue to expand every season. This year, to quickly adapt to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Township Recreation Department established a virtual recreation program to allow residents of all ages to remain active from the safety of their homes.

More recently, the Township Recreation Department installed its brand new Pixellot Camera System which allows parents, family, and friends to safely watch their children play indoor sports, while limiting the number of people in the building, a system that can be used for years to come, allowing loved ones who can't make the game in person to watch from anywhere on the new app based system. I would like to thank Councilman Al Kahway for his assistance in spearheading this project and getting the Township up and running for the start of our indoor season.

While a lot was accomplished here in Little Falls in 2020, there's a lot to look forward to in 2021.

In exciting news, this year, the Township will be breaking ground on the start of its Streetscape improvement project, which we hope to have span the entire length of the Township over the coming years, and I am thrilled to get this project underway. This project will begin to bring the curb appeal back to the Township that has been slowly vanishing over the years with its outdated curbs and sidewalks along Main Street and surrounding streets. I am excited to see the progress on these projects over this next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all of the employees of this Township who work so hard each and every day to keep this Town up and running, especially our Business Administrator Chuck Cuccia, and our Township Clerk, Cynthia Kraus. This year presented unique issues, and the Township's employees quickly adapted to ensure that the Township remained up and running throughout the entirety of the Pandemic.

I want to thank all of you for placing your trust in me as your Mayor for these next four years, and for your overwhelming support over my first term. While I never imagined having to govern this Town through a Pandemic, what I have learned about the residents of this town since March 2020 is truly incredible.

During the worst of this pandemic, when the facts about this virus remained widely unknown, I put out a call for help for the residents of this town who were unable to shop for themselves. I received an overwhelming number of responses from residents of this town willing to help another who they had never met. This was truly inspiring. So many residents willing to spring into action to make sure that a stranger, whom they had never met before, could remain safe at home. This simple request alone helped restore my diminishing faith in humanity.

While there was so much bad that came from this virus, I hope we can all remember the good that came with it too. Whether it be the extra time with family at home, or the reduction in the hustle and bustle that we were all so accustomed to.

As we begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel, I ask that everyone continue to push through, to do the right thing, and not invite yourself around others if you don't feel well. I am not okay with this so called new normal. This is not normal. So lets all do our part and get back to normal. The regular normal. The old normal.

I have truly enjoyed each day that I have been fortunate enough to serve as your Mayor. I look forward to getting back to the "normal" normal, and what the future of this Township has in store.

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I know I'm a broken record, but if you ever have any issues, no matter how big or small, no matter day or night, I invite you to contact me by any means.

I look forward to continuing to serve as your Mayor over the next four years, and I wish everyone health and happiness in 2021.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Wenzel had nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public who desire to provide comment shall raise their virtual hand in the Webex 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. Please give your name and address for the record. Once the process is complete, we will return to the regular order of business.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, 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 December 2020

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT
Month of December 2020

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| ABC LICENSES | | \$2200.00 |
| OTHER LICENSES | | |
| Business Licenses | \$5710.00 | |
| Pre-paid Business Licenses | | |
| Raffle Licenses | \$20.00 | |
| | | \$5730.00 |
| REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS | | |
| Fees & Permits | \$552.00 | |
| Marriage Licenses-LF | \$9.00 | |
| Marriage Licenses-NJ | \$75.00 | |
| | | \$636.00 |
| MRNA | | |
| Street Maps | | |
| Zoning Maps | | |
| Zoning Ordinances | | |
| Document Copies | | |
| Garage Sales | | |
| Misc. Fees & Refunds: | \$4785.00 | |
| | | <u>\$4785.00</u> |
| TOTAL MRNA | | <u>\$8566.00</u> |
| TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT | | <u>\$13351.00</u> |
| TOTAL TO TREASURER | | <u>\$13351.00</u> |

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

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

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Dog Licenses issued 12/01/2020 thru 12/31/2020 | |
| Nos. 86 to 88 = 3 Licenses | |
| Amount due Little Falls | \$20.40 |
| Amount due State | \$3.60 |
| Total Cash Received | \$24.00 |
| Cat Licenses issued 12/01/2019 thru 12/31/2019 | |
| Nos.0 to 0 | |
| Licenses Issued 0 | |
| Total Cash Received | 0.00 |
| Total to Treas. | <u>\$24.00</u> |

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Tax Collector's Report - Month of December 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 December 2020

| Categories 01- | December 1- 30, 2020 | 2020 Year to Date |
|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 2020 Taxes | \$462,543.45 | \$47,681,796.24 |
| 2019, 2016 Taxes | 2,511.40 | 366,878.78 |
| Interest | 14,536.27 | 101,327.85 |
| Prepaid 2021 | 164,677.74 | 339,538.29 |
| Township Tax Title Lien | 0.00 | 111,394.18 |
| Township Tax Title Lien Int. | 0.00 | 37,255.02 |
| Cost of Tax Sale | 0.00 | 1,177.57 |
| Duplicate Tax Bills | 5.00 | 340.00 |
| Insufficient Check Fee | 20.00 | 200.00 |
| Misc Line Item Fee | 0.00 | 50.00 |
| 6% Penalty Fee | 0.00 | 5,447.96 |
| GRAND TOTALS | \$644,293.86 | \$48,645,405.89 |

Delinquent 2016 Taxes \$310,655.31 (Inc. 6% ye-pe +int)

Delinquent 2020 Taxes 464,739.58 (Inc. 6% ye-pe.)

Total Delinquent Taxes \$775,394.89

2020 Refunds this month = -\$30,945.49

2020 Year to date refunds = -\$75,109.15

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 /W of Vet | 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 | 3,745.75 | 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 |
| May | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| June | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 25,732.69 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 25,732.69 |
| July | 0.00 | 1,805.29 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,805.29 |
| August | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| September | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 14,685.22 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 14,685.22 |
| October | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| November | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| December | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 30,445.49 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 30,945.49 |
| Totals | \$0.00 | \$1,805.29 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,005.54 | \$74,609.15 | \$500.00 | \$0.00 | \$77,919.98 |

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 December 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 |
| May 2020 | 103,238.51 | 160,915.21 |
| June 2020 | 0.00 | 160,915.21 |
| July 2020 | 0.00 | 160,915.21 |
| August 2020 | 0.00 | 160,915.21 |
| September 2020 | 108,407.91 | 269,323.12 |
| October 2020 | 0.00 | 269,323.12 |
| December 2020 | 28,962.24 | 298,285.36 |
| November 2020 | 18,192.50 | 316,477.86 |
| Total Collected as of December 30, 2020 | | \$316,477.86 |

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 December 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 |
| May 2020 | -37,000.00 | 112,800.00 |
| June 2020 | 0.00 | 112,800.00 |
| July 2020 | 0.00 | 112,800.00 |
| August 2020 | 0.00 | 112,800.00 |
| September 2020 | +211,400.00 | 324,200.00 |
| September 2020 | -72,000.00 | 252,200.00 |
| October 2020 | 0.00 | 252,200.00 |
| November 2020 | -17,100.00 | 235,100.00 |
| December 2020 | -44,000.00 | 191,100.00 |
| Ending Balance as of December 30, 2020 | | \$191,100.00 |

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**Tax Collector's 2020 Current Year
Annual Report N.J.S.A. 54:4-91**

Current Year Taxes:

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 2020 Current Year Levy | \$48,014,016.30 | |
| 2020 Added Assessment Taxes | <u>434,725.25</u> | |
| 2020 Total Current Year Tax Levy | | \$48,448,741.55 |

Less:

| | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Tax Collected in 2019 | \$ 295,132.85 | |
| Tax Collected in 2020 (-refunds) | 47,606,687.09 | |
| Deductions Allowed/Disallowed | <u>69,828.08</u> | |
| Sub-Total Current Year Levy | | \$47,971,648.02 |

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Tax Title Liens as of 12/31/20 | | \$ 9,660.41 |
| Canceled | | 16,436.79 |
| Overpaid Not Refunded | | (6,612.15) |

Total Credits/Debits \$ 47,991,113.07

Amount Outstanding as of 12/31/20 \$ 457,608.48

2019 Delinquent Taxes:

Balance as of 12/31/19 \$ 337,896.04

Increased By:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 2019 Added Assessments | \$ 29,591.04 | |
| Refunds | 23,113.50 | |
| 6% Year-End Penalty/Interest | 11,750.06 | |
| Senior/Disabled Disallowances | <u>2,500.00</u> | |
| Total Increases: | | <u>66,954.60</u> |
| Sub-Total | | \$ 404,850.64 |

Decreased By:

| | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Veteran Allowed | \$ 0.00 | |
| Court Board Judgements | 0.00 | |
| Other Adjustments | 37,971.86 | |
| Tax Title Liens/PA | 0.00 | |
| Overpaid Not Refunded | 0.00 | |
| Total Cash Paid | <u>366,878.78</u> | |
| | | <u>404,850.64</u> |

Amount Outstanding as of 12/31/20 \$ 0.00

2016 Delinquent Taxes:

Balance as of 12/31/19 \$ 817,595.89

Increased By:

| | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Refunds | \$ 1,805.29 | |
| 6% Year-End Penalty/Interest | <u>74,896.30</u> | |
| Total Increases: | | <u>76,701.59</u> |
| Sub-Total | | \$ 894,297.48 |

Decreased By:

| | | |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Other Adjustments | \$ 583,642.17 | |
| Total decreases | | <u>583,642.17</u> |

Amount Outstanding as of 12/31/20 \$ 310,655.31

Recreation Report – Month of December, 2020

| Recreation Center –Dec. 2020 | | | | |
|---|----------|-----------|-------|--------------|
| Program | Facility | # Classes | Hours | Participants |
| Rec Building was closed for Month of December due to Gov. Murphy Executive Order shutting down youth and adult activities until Jan 2 nd . | | | | |
| Weekly Totals | | | | |

Civic Center Report – Month of December, 2020

| Month of December | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------|--------------|
| Meeting Group | # of Meetings | Hours | Participants |
| Building Closed Month of December | | | |
| Totals | | | |

Police Department Report - Month of December, 2020

PATROL DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT – December, 2020

This agency handled **30,197** details between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.
 This agency completed **5,318** reports between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.
 This agency had **XXXXX** inbound telephone calls and **XXXXX** outbound calls during the month of December, 2020.
 This agency received **XXX** 911 calls during the month of December, 2020.
 The Little Falls Police Department handled **1,832** details and wrote **292** Operation/Investigation reports between December 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.
 The patrol division patrolled **12,257** miles during the month of December, 2020.

Calls for Service

| Call Type | Total |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Medical emergency | 49 |
| Fire Department incident | 9 |
| Narcotics deployment | 1 |
| Burglar alarms/false | 29 |
| Burglar alarms/valid | 5 |
| Domestic violence incidents | 3 |
| Burglary | 1 |
| Criminal mischief | 0 |
| Theft | 17 |
| Suspicious person/vehicle/incident | 12 |
| General investigation | 22 |
| Noise complaint | 6 |
| All others not listed | 251 |

Traffic Summary

| Crashes | Total |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Motor vehicle crashes | 62 |
| Motor vehicle crash injuries | 8 |
| Motor vehicle crash fatalities | 0 |
| Enforcement | Total |
| Motor vehicle stops | 435 |
| Speeding summonses | * |
| DWI summonses | 3 |
| Driving while suspended summonses | 3 |
| Uninsured vehicle summonses | * |
| Moving violations | * |
| Parking violations | * |
| Total summonses issued | 119 |

Arrest Summary

Total Arrests - 8

| Type of Arrest | Total |
|-------------------|-------|
| CDS | 2 |
| DWI | 3 |
| Warrant | 1 |
| Domestic Violence | 2 |
| Theft | 0 |
| All others | 0 |

Directed Patrol Summary

| Detail Type | Total |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| School arrival | 0 |
| School dismissal | 0 |
| School walk through | 0 |
| Radar post | 88 |
| Park check | 97 |
| Vacant house check | 4 |
| Extra attention check | 101 |
| DWI/Aggressive driving patrol | 8 |
| Foot patrol | 7 |

Patrol Division Time & Attendance

| Type of Hours | Total |
|---|-------------|
| Vacation | 246 |
| Holiday | 382.5 |
| Compensatory | 107 |
| Sick | 64 |
| Personal time | 76.5 |
| Credit time | 82 |
| Administrative | 108 (covid) |
| PBA day | 12 |
| Schedule transition | 52 |
| Bereavement | 0 |
| Overtime due to Training | 0 |
| Overtime hours to maintain minimum staffing level | 68.5 |
| Overtime due to incident/weather/other event | 15 |

8 out of a total of 32 shifts during the month of December were below minimum staffing.

Patrol staffing level during month: 3.48

Major incident/Notable achievement

- New CAD system implemented December 15, 2020. Specific summons data was unable to be retrieved from prior vendor.

COMMUNITY POLICING

| Detail Type | Total |
|--|------------|
| Cell block inspection | 18 |
| School arrivals | 0 |
| School dismissals | 0 |
| School walk thru | 0 |
| Vacant house checks | 4 |
| Child car seat installations | 0 |
| Headquarters safety inspections | 0 |
| Project medicine box emptied | 1 (36 lbs) |
| Trips to Covanta for prescription drug destruction | 0 |
| Community function appearances | 2 |
| School function appearances | 0 |

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Special projects/details

| |
|---|
| 12/8 New CAD training |
| 12/11 Transported toys to Picatinny Arsenal for Toys for Tots |
| 12/16 Zoom meeting in Street Smart Program |
| 12/29 Funeral escort in Totowa |
| 12/31 Completed and turned in 4 th qtr. Medicine drop box report to state. (359 lbs. of prescription drugs collected in 2020) |

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

| |
|---|
| *** Cpl. Moncato reassigned to patrol division due to personnel shortage. |
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Investigations Division Report
December, 2020 Monthly Report

Criminal Case Management

- 22 Cases were assigned for follow-up investigation.
- 41 Investigations currently remain open and active.
- 11 Cases closed from current and previous months.
- 12 Cases deemed Open/Inactive from current/previous months.

Criminal Complaints/Warrants Served:

- 2 Cases where 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.
- 1 Station-House Adjustment was filed by the Department's Juvenile Detective.

Narcotics

- 0 Active Narcotics investigation(s)
- 0 Arrests were made by the investigative division for a drug related offense.
- 36 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.
(20-05583, Commercial Burglary)

Internal Affairs (IA)

- 0 IA Complaint was screened and indexed.
- 1 IA Investigation was conducted and closed.
- 0 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

- 6 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 1 (pending) Police Applicant investigations, 1 Dispatcher Applicant Investigation and 0 Crossing Guard Applicant Investigations.

Megan's Law (Sex-Offender) Registrations

- 0 New Registrations
- 3 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 161.5 hours

Compensatory – 65.5 hours Vacation/Holiday – 96 Hours Personal – 0 hours Sick- 0 hours Other – 0 Hours

Division Monthly Staffing Level (M-F) – 2.12 Detectives

Detective Overtime

Hours worked for Cash – 2.0 hours Hours worked for Compensatory Time – 10.25 hours

Property and Evidence

- 6 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.)
- 1 Firearms/Weapons were entered into the BEAST Evidence System, processed, logged and secured.
- 0 Firearms were transported for ballistics analysis.
- 21 Items classified as evidence were entered into the BEAST Evidence System, processed, logged and secured.
- 2 Items classified as Drug Evidence were transported to the NJ State Police Laboratory for analysis.

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- 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.)
 - 1 Random drug screen analysis specimens were transported to the NJ State Medical Examiner’s Office for analysis.
- \$799.00 Currency was seized and submitted to the Passaic County Prosecutor’s Office pending asset forfeiture proceedings.

Notable Cases

20-03125 – Detective Cespedes identified the actor who was responsible a motor vehicle burglary and several other attempts. As a result of his investigation, Det. Cespedes was able to charge the suspect in this case with Burglary, Theft, and (3) attempts to commit burglary.

20-04995 – Det. Strothers identified the actor who committed a shoplifting and theft of gasoline from the Valero gas station on Route 46 East. As a result of her investigation, Det. Strothers was able to lodge two criminal complaints against the suspect.

Comments:

The Passaic County Courts are accepting investigative and financial subpoenas, however, there is still a significant delay in obtaining the requested information from the various financial/media institutions. Mostly, they are citing a backlog of requests due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This is causing an unusually high number of Open/Active investigations.

For the month of December, there were six (6) cases assigned involving the burglary to motor vehicles that were filed and assigned individually, but these cases are related as to the time of occurrence, vicinity and committed presumably by the same suspects.

vSUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION – Administrative Monthly Report – December 2020

RECORDS BUREAU

Discovery and OPRA

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

28 OPRA requests were processed.

564 pages of reports were facilitated and forwarded to the Township Clerk’s Office for OPRA requests.

\$679.40 was deposited by the Records Bureau during the month.

Discovery \$1.40/Firearms \$178.00/Accident & Incident Reports \$500.00/Fingerprints \$0/Solicitor \$0

Firearms

30 Applications for Firearms Permits

22 Firearms Purchaser ID cards were Issued

37 Handgun Purchase Permits were Issued

4 Applications were Denied

Background Investigations

Firearms – 31 Firearms Investigations Completed

Permit to Carry – 0 Permit to Carry Applications.

Solicitor(s)- 0 solicitor permits were processed and issued

Departmental Training

Online Training

- Sgt. Gilchrist, Det. Cespedes/Methods of Instruction 7 Day Course
- Ptl. Tuling, Ptl. Kania, Ptl. DeLuccia, Ptl. Sayad/LIDAR Certification
- PST. DiGangi, Minnella, Moncavage, Vita/CSI CAD Training

Departmental Training

Online Training:

Power DMS: TASER Re Certification Course/Test

In House Training

- All TASER X2 certified officers completed mandatory practical recertification training.
- All officers given refresher training on use of Aerosol Pepper Spray (OC)
- All officers given refresher on use of the expandable baton

Firearms

As of December 30, 2020, all officers have successfully completed all mandatory training as per the AG LE Directive 2020-4.

DISPATCHER TIME OFF AND COVERAGE

Dispatcher Time Off

COMP – 4 Hours HOL – 87 Hours

VAC – 120 Hours

PER – 10 Hours

C/T – 37 Hours SICK – 26 Hours

FML – 6 Hours

COVID – 60 Hours

Dispatcher Coverage – Overtime

Part-time Dispatcher Hours Worked – 185.5 hours

Full time Dispatcher OT CASH – 171.5 Hours (14 Mandatory CAD Training) Full-time Dispatcher OT Comp – 0 hours

Dispatch Vacancy Covered by Patrol OT – 0 hours

Part-Time Dispatcher Proficiency Hours Worked – 0 hours

Dispatch Vacancy Covered by Patrol Shift – 4 hours

DECEMBER 2020 VEHICLE EXPENSE REPORT

| DATE | VEH | MIL | Complaint | Repair | Location | Invoice | Amount | BDG | OOS | BIS | Days |
|----------|-------|-------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------|---------|----------|-----|-------|-------|------|
| 12/1/20 | 818 | 3915 | MVR not working | Repaired | Tronosys | N/A | \$0.00 | 758 | 12/7 | 12/9 | 2 |
| 12/5/20 | 816 | 3398 | Emergency Light | L/R lite bar repaired | Atlantic | N/A | WARRANTY | 762 | 12/9 | 12/9 | 1 |
| 12/10/20 | 813 | 27856 | MVR not working | Repaired | Tronosys | N/A | \$0.00 | 762 | 12/10 | 12/10 | 1 |
| 12/10/20 | INV | | Oil Filters | Oil filters | Wayne Ford | 310618 | \$72.24 | S/C | | | 0 |
| 12/10/20 | 816 | | Wipers | Replaced | Wayne Ford | 310618 | \$26.40 | S/C | | | 0 |
| 12/10/20 | ADM-2 | | Tire | Replaced 1 tire | Barnwell | 1421469 | \$148.99 | 734 | 12/10 | 12/10 | 1 |
| 12/13/20 | 816 | 4000 | R/R flat tire | Repaired | DPW | N/A | \$0.00 | 747 | 12/13 | 12/13 | 1 |
| 12/13/20 | 813 | 27986 | No internet | Rrebooted | Tronosys | N/A | \$0.00 | 759 | 12/13 | 12/13 | 1 |
| 12/15/20 | 814 | | No internet | Repaired | Tronosys | N/A | \$0.00 | 752 | 12/15 | 12/15 | 1 |
| 12/16/20 | 815 | 47273 | Ck engine running rough | Replace Cat/CONV | Wayne Ford | | \$0.00 | | 12/16 | | |
| 12/21/20 | 811 | | Spot light out | Waiting for part | Atlantic | | \$0.00 | | 12/21 | | 0 |
| 12/22/20 | 800 | | Siren not working | Replaced speaker | Atlantic | | \$0.00 | | 12/30 | 12/30 | |
| 12/24/20 | 811 | 28685 | Missing rear wiper | Replaced | DPW | N/A | \$0.00 | 756 | 12/29 | 12/29 | 0 |
| 12/27/20 | 811 | 62409 | No internet | Replaced | Tronosys | N/A | \$0.00 | 747 | 12/28 | 12/28 | 1 |
| 12/27/20 | 816 | 4394 | Power steering | | Wayne Ford | | \$0.00 | 734 | 12/28 | | |
| 12/29/20 | 817 | 62267 | Rear LED out hatch | | Atlantic | | | 720 | | | |
| 12/30/20 | 813 | 28997 | MVR Issue | | Tronosys | | | 756 | | | |
| 12/30/20 | 817 | 62313 | MVR Issue | | Tronosys | | | 756 | | | |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | 247.63 | | TOTAL | | 9 |

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FLEET MANAGEMENT

PATROL DIVISION MONTHLY MILEAGE REPORT – December 2020

| UNIT | STARTING MILEAGE | ENDING MILEAGE | TOTAL |
|------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 800 | 13632 | 14398 | 766 |
| 810 | 18184 | 18194 | 10 |
| 811 | 60971 | 62749 | 1778 |
| 812 | 20320 | 20330 | 10 |
| 813 | 27218 | 29088 | 1870 |
| 814 | 74383 | 76252 | 1869 |
| 815 | 46126 | 47273 | 1147 |
| 816 | 3048 | 4394 | 1346 |
| 817 | 61043 | 62416 | 1373 |
| 818 | 3915 | 6003 | 2088 |
| | | TOTAL MILEAGE | 12257 |

Construction Report – Month- December, 2020

Uniform Construction Code

Permits Issued – 24
 Inspections - 111
 Total Value of Construction - \$3,411,130.00
 Certificate of Occupancy - \$100.00
 Permit Fees Collected - \$15,980.00
 Permit Fees Waived - \$1,764.00
 Penalties Collected - \$0.00
 Total Fees Collected - \$16,080.00

Zoning

Fence Permits –\$250.00
 Zoning fees – \$400.00
 Total Fees Collected- \$650.00

Property Maintenance

Certificates of Compliance Fees –\$1,365.00
 Inspections –45
 Complaints Inspections - 12
 Violations Issued – 11
 Roll-off permits – \$20.00
 Snow Fines - \$150.00
 Total Fees Collected - \$1,535.00

Monthly Revenue \$ 18,265.00 YTD Revenue \$381,786.50

Township Council Construction Report – 2020 Year End Report

Uniform Construction Code

Permits Issued – 467
 Inspections – 1,700
 Permits Closed – 370
 New Construction –7 Single Family Houses 2 Multi Family
 Total Value of Construction - \$12,511,283.00
 Certificate of Occupancy - \$12,296
 Permit Fees Collected - \$320,770.00
 Elevator Admin Fees - \$2,483.00
 Penalties - \$6,750.00
 Permit Fees Waived - \$21,299.00
 Total Fees Collected - \$342,299.00

Zoning

54 Fence Permits – \$2,700.00
 Zoning Fees – \$15,837.50
 Total Fees Collected - \$18,537.50

Property Maintenance

343 Certificates of Compliance Fees – \$22,130.00
 Inspections – 462
 62 Roll-off permits – \$983.00
 Prochamps Property Registration Program - \$23,300.00
 Penalty - \$150.00
 Total Fees Collected - \$46,563.00

Total Revenue 2020 \$407,399.50 Increase of \$25,425.00 from 2019

Bureau of Fire Prevention – 2020 Year end Summary

Compliance

Inspections – 367
 Violations Issued – 171
 Permits Issued – 36
 Certificate of Fire Code – 18
 Smoke Detector & CO Compliance Inspections – 222
 Total – 643 Inspections

Revenue

Life Hazard Use Fees - \$23,120.84
 Local Registration Fees - \$34, 850.00
 Smoke Detector & CO - \$13,141.00
 Certificate of Fire Code Status - \$630.00
 Permit Fees - \$3,010.00
 Penalty - \$950.00
 Total Revenue 2020 \$75,701.84
 2019 \$ 77,524.86
 2018 \$65,581.15

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APPLICATIONS

BLUE LIGHT PERMIT, FRANK ANTONIELLO, AUTUMN COURT, LITTLE FALLS, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

NJ STATE FIREMENS’ ASSOCIATION, FRANK ANTONIELLO, AUTUMN COURT, LITTLE FALLS, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

NJ SATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION, ED REILLY, RIVERVIEW DRIVE, TOTOWA, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

RAFFLE, PASSAIC VALLEY FENCING PARENTS ASSOCIATION, OFF-PREMISE 50/50, 5/1/2021, 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M., 170 LONG HILL ROAD, LITTLE FALLS

RAFFLE, LITTLE FALLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION, ON-PREMISE 50/50, 3/17/21, 9:00 P.M., 100 LONG HILL ROAD, LITTLE FALLS

RAFFLE, PASSAIC VALLEY UNICO, OFF-PREMISE 50/50, 5/21/21, 7:00 P.M., 70 STEVENS AVENUE, LITTLE FALLS

RESOLUTIONS

Refund of Tax Overpayments in Year 2020 on Several Properties

RESOLUTION [A] – 21-01-25- #1

WHEREAS, the following properties in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey have overpaid real estate taxes in 2020; and **WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector is requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amounts overpaid listed below;

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

| <u>Tax Year Block & Qtr.</u> | <u>Lot/Q</u> | <u>Taxpayer Location</u> | <u>Payee</u> | <u>Reason</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--|---|---------------|-------------------|
| 2020/4 | 96/8 C303 | Vancuren, Timothy & Cassar, Liza 303 Abbe Rd | Corelogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760 | OP | \$ 120.82 |
| 2020/4 | 123/15.10 | Kribs, Kenneth & Diana 59 Turnberry Rd | Amrock, LLC 662 Woodward Av Detroit, MI 48226 | OP | 3,345.12 |
| 2020/4 | 157/12 | Colaguirri, Vincent Blair 5 Morningside Cir | Corelogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760 | OP | <u>3,267.03</u> |
| Total Refunds | | | | | \$6,732.97 |

Release of Performance Bond – Highview Homes, LLC

**RESOLUTION [B] 21-01-25 - #2
RESOLUTION FOR RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND**

The Township Council hereby authorizes the release of the Performance bond for Highview Homes, LF, LLC – The Abbe at Little Falls Station in accordance with the recommendations of the Township Special Project Engineer as provided in a 2020 correspondence. The Township Council also authorizes, and requires, the submission of a maintenance bond for a period of two (2) years as recommended by the Township Special Project Engineer and in accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law (§40:44D-53.3 & 5).

Licensure of Companies Providing Light Towing Services

**RESOLUTION [C] 21-01-25 - #3
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LICENSURE OF COMPANIES PROVIDING ROTATIONAL LIGHT TOWING SERVICES
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 249 of the Code of the Township of Little Falls for Light Duty Towing and Storage Services, the Township was required to obtain applications for light towing services for the year 2021-2022 cycle, in accordance with the adopted Code; and **WHEREAS**, the Township received five (5) applications and the Township Attorney reviewed the applications for legal sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, based on that review, the Township Attorney determined that four (4) of the applications (JML, Inc., J&M Heavy Tow, LLC, Raven Towing & Recovery, Inc. and Camp Auto & Truck Parts, Inc.) contained material defects that could not be corrected; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that one (1) of the applications (Criger Service, Inc.) was compliant with the Township ordinance and determined to be satisfactory; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following light towers shall be issued a license for light towing services:

LIGHT TOWING SERVICES

Criger Service, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following light duty towing and storage service applications are hereby rejected: JML, Inc., J&M Heavy Tow, LLC, Raven Towing & Recovery, Inc. and Camp Auto & Truck Parts, Inc.

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Rejection of Applications for Heavy Duty Towing Services

**RESOLUTION [D] 21-01-25 - #4
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, COUNTY OF
PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF SUBMISSIONS IN RESPONSE
TO REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR HEAVY DUTY TOWING AND STORAGE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls issued a request for applications for Towing and Storage Services, and received four submissions in response to the solicitation from JML, Inc., J&M Heavy Tow, LLC, Raven Towing & Recovery, Inc. and Camp Auto & Truck Parts, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the submissions were reviewed by the Township Attorney for legal sufficiency, and it was determined that there were material defects that could not be corrected; and

WHEREAS, in light of this determination, the Township desires to reject these submissions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY hereby authorizes the rejection of the towing applications submitted by JML, Inc., J&M Heavy Tow, LLC, Raven Towing & Recovery, Inc. and Camp Auto & Truck Parts, Inc. for Heavy Duty Towing and Storage Services.

Participation in the Defense Logistics Agency Law Enforcement Support Office 1033 Program

**RESOLUTION [E] 21-01-25 - #5
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE LITTLE
FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property available to municipal, county and State law enforcement agencies (LEAs); and

WHEREAS, DLA rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under the control of the requesting LEA; and

WHEREAS, participation in the 1033 program allows municipal and county LEAs to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response, and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, although property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to municipal and county LEAs, these entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:5-30.2 requires that the Governing Body of the municipality or county approve by a majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through the 1033 program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls, that the Little Falls Police department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for no more than a 1 year period, with authorization to participate, terminating in December of the current calendar year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Little Falls Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire items or non-controlled property designated "DEMIL A," which may include office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, non-military vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, farming and moving equipment, storage devices and containers, tools, medical and first aid equipment and supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars and other supplies or equipment of non-military nature identified by the LEA, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes, based on the needs of the Little Falls Police Department without restriction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Little Falls Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire the following "DEMIL B through Q" property, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the "DEMIL B through Q" controlled 3-page property list in its entirety is hereby approved and attached to this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Little Falls Police Department shall development and implement a full training plan and policy for the maintenance and use of the acquired property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Little Falls Police Department shall provide a quarterly accounting of all property obtained through the 1033 Program which shall be available to the public upon request.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be valid to authorize requests to acquire "DEMIL A" property and "DEMIL B through Q" property that may be made available through the 1033 Program during the period of time which this resolution authorizes; with Program participation and all property request authorization terminating on December 31st of the current calendar year.

Bill List

RESOLUTION [F] 21-01-25 - #6

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

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk