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

Monday, January 6, 2020

Acting Council President Maria Cordonnier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Albert Kahwaty, Tanya Seber, and Chris Vancheri. Also present were Mayor James Damiano, Township Attorney Joe Wenzel, Township Engineer Tom Lemanowitz, Township Administrator Charles Cuccia, Deputy Municipal Clerk Melissa DePiro, and Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus.

Absent: Council President Anthony Sgobba and DPW Superintendent Phillip Simone

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 2, 2019. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL MATTERS

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

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Kahwaty, Seber, and Vancheri Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Luis Fernandez, 54 Harrison Street, requested follow-up on the position of the podium. Acting Council President Cordonnier relayed Council President Sgobba's response that the Council was polled on the issue. Mayor Damiano provided his perspective on the matter. Mr. Wenzel added he recalled safety and security concerns as part of the consideration.

<u>Andrew Baggot</u>, 78 Franklin Road, Denville, expressed he did not understand the safety issue and referenced his experience at Planning Board meetings. Mayor Damiano responded emphasizing the difference in what is being requested.

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

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Kahwaty, Seber, and Vancheri Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS:

RESOLUTIONS

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

Overpayment of 2019 Real Estate Taxes due to Veteran Exemption

TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS PASSAIC COUNTY NEW JERSEY RESOLUTION [A] 20-01-06 - #1

WHEREAS, the following property in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey has overpaid real estate taxes in 2019 due to our Tax Assessor granting a 100% disabled veteran exemption for November 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amount 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 refund be made by the Township Treasurer:

Tax Year <u>& Qtr.</u>	Block <u>Lot/Q</u>	Taxpayer/ <u>Location</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2019/4	88.05/1 C602	Arthur & Donna Menzo*	Donna Menzo 300 Main St Unit 602	Exempt 100% Dis.	\$1,005.54
	300 Main St #602	Little Falls NJ 07424	L.	Vet.	

*Arthur Menzo passed 12/15/19

Total Refund

\$1,005.54

Poll:	Ayes:	Cordonnier, Kahwaty, Seber, and Vancheri
	Nays:	None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1377 - - It was moved by Councilmember Kahwaty, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that there be introduced and the meeting of February 10, 2020 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 1377 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 280 ENTITLED ZONINGARTICLE XIV INDUSTRIAL (I) DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls ("Township") is a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey; and WHEREAS, the Township's Code of General Ordinances ("Code") currently provide for the regulation of development throughout the Township; and

WHEREAS, the municipal council ("Municipal Council") of the Township has determined to amend Chapter 280 -98 Principal permitted uses as follows;

- A. Principal permitted uses in the Industrial IDistrict are as set forth in the new Schedule of Use, Area and Bulk Regulations included at the end of this chapter is revised to exclude self- storage facilities. New Schedule Attached.
 - 1. This ordinance shall be sent to the Planning Board for their review and comments prior to the final adoption by the Governing Body.
 - 2. A copy of this Ordinance shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Township Clerk.
 - 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage by the Municipal Council, and approval by the Mayor and publication as required by law.

COUNCIL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Councilmember KAHWATY acknowledged the commitment of those individuals appointed to the various Committees and Boards at the Reorganization Meeting.

Councilmember VANCHERI highlighted progress towards the introduction of speed humps. A letter is being drafted to alert residents to a Town Hall meeting to address any questions or concerns. Councilmember VANCHERI thanked his committee members for their volunteerism. He and discussed the efforts to reduce speed in town with four way stop signs and to install a traffic light at the intersection of Wilmore, Cedar Grove, and Francisco Roads.

Councilmember SEBER thanked Steven Maye and Pamela Cannataro for volunteering their time with the Municipal Alliance. Residents can sign up on Eventbrite to attend an educational event for parents on vaping held at the high school on February 12, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Councilmember CORDONNIER thanked Janet Cohen and Helen Lewis as well as members of the Senior Advisory Board and members of the Open Space Committee. She thanked Mr. Pace, the Recreation Department and Nadine Heinis for their commitment as well as her fellow Councilmembers, Council President, Mayor Damiano, Mr. Cuccia and Mrs. Kraus.

Mayor Damiano announced he will deliver the State of the Township at the January 27, 2020 Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

Poll:	Ayes:	Cordonnier, Kahwaty, Seber, and Vancheri
	Nays:	None
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The Council President declared the motion passed.

Andrew Baggot, 78 Franklin Road, Denville, owner of 105/107 Main Street Little Falls, requested elaboration on Ordinance No. 1377. Mayor Damiano explained Ordinance No. 1377 amends zoning in industrial areas, in particular the area of the old laundry building. The Council was proactive to introduce the ordinance to prohibit certain uses in the zone that were not desired in that location.

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

Poll: Cordonnier, Kahwaty, Seber, and Vancheri Aves: Nays: None The Council President declared the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Kahwaty, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

> Cynthia Kraus Municipal Clerk