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

Monday, November 26, 2018

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

Absent: None.

Township Employees present: Police Chief Steve Post, DPW Superintendent Phillip Simone, Deputy Registrar Marlene Simone, and Fire Chief Jack Sweezey

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 2, 2018. A copy of the notice was mailed to the North Jersey Herald and News and The Record on the same date. Additionally, a copy of the notice was filed in the office of the Township Clerk on said date.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING LFAC SOCCER CHAMPIONS LEAGUE –Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation and presented a medal to each LFAC Soccer Champions League member in attendance.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING LITTLE FALLS BOY SCOUTS –Mayor Damiano read a Proclamation recognizing Jacob Tomes for achieving the rank of Star Scout and Nathan Stone for achieving the rank of Life Scout

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Seber, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of November 19, 2018 and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 29, 2018 be and they were approved.

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember VANCHERI announced a response from the County regarding the traffic light proposal for Francisco Avenue, Cedar Grove Road, and Wilmore Road intersection is pending. The request has been approved, however, timing and cost must be determined in collaboration with the County. Councilmember VANCHERI reported he participated in a question and answer session with Boy Scout Troop 14 to discuss the Township and Council as part of the Citizenship in the Community merit badge requirement.

Councilmember LIESS reported he attended the monthly Passaic County meeting in Totowa, where services for seniors are coordinated. Part of his role also involves visiting other Townships.

Councilmember CORDONNIER announced the participation in Holiday on Main is growing. She reminded everyone Saturday, December 1, 2018 is Breakfast with Santa hosted by the Little Falls Business Association, followed by the Township tree lighting ceremony on Friday, December 7, 2018. Councilmember CORDONNIER extended her gratitude to the DPW, Mr. Simone, and the Mayor for their efforts towards the installation of the Wilmore Memorial Park lights. Councilmember CORDONNIER thanked the Boy Scouts for their service, especially the neighbor to neighbor outreach that occurred following the August 11, 2018 flood.

Councilmember SEBER had nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Damiano reiterated the lighting at Wilmore Memorial Park is complete. The tennis court lights were recently delivered to the Recreation Center and will be installed. The Mayor invited everyone to the annual tree lighting on December 7, 2018 at Wilmore Memorial Park.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Wenzel had nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Andrew Baggot, Marianne Baggot, 78 Franklin Road, Denville, own a business at 105 & 107 Main Street. Mr. Baggot referenced Ordinance No. 1341. He expressed that parking spaces should be conserved to preserve business and facilitate deliveries. He proposed a crosswalk be located at the Morris Canal steps if parking spaces are eliminated. He also stated that he should have been notified of the proposal. Mayor Damiano explained the rationale for eliminating the four parking spaces on Main Street due to the width of the road and the ability for vehicles to traverse the roadway safely. Mayor Damiano noted that parking in the Downtown area has always been of interest to the Mayor and Council, and that additional methods to avail parking are being explored. The Mayor stated consideration would be given to adding a crosswalk. Mr. Wenzel then added an explanation of the approval process for Ordinance No. 1341 slated for introduction tonight. A publication in the newspaper will be made and a public hearing is scheduled for December 17, 2018. Mr. Wenzel elaborated as to why direct notification was not a requirement as the Ordinance pertains to public parking on a County road.

<u>Luis Fernandez</u>, 54 Harrison Street, expressed his dissatisfaction with Ordinance No. 1341, his concern of spending tax payer money, and referred to two ordinances to purchase property as well as a location on the PNC bank property. Council President SGOBBA stated Ordinance No. 1341 addresses a safety issue. The purchase of the lands would have occurred with or without the loss of the parking spaces. Mayor Damiano explained the purchase of land for parking will have costs to the taxpayers, but is projected to be offset from revenues generated by metered parking. It will assist in vitalizing our downtown, drive property values up, and increase safety. Mayor Damiano responded he did not have the information on the cost of the PNC spaces at this time to fulfill Mr. Fernandez's query. Mayor Damiano disagreed with Mr. Fernandez's comments that there is focus on the Downtown area but nothing is done for flooding, which is also a safety issue. Mayor Damiano emphasized that there is action being taken. There will be a substantial cost to remove debris on a regular basis, which will benefit those in flood prone areas, including the Jackson Park area.

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

Poll: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba Aves:

> Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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.

Municipal Clerk's Report - Month of October 2018

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT Month of October 2018

\$384.00

\$552.00

\$68.00 \$21.00 \$89.00

ABC LICENSES OTHER LICENSES

Business Licenses \$2,570.00 Pre-paid Business Licenses 490.00

\$3060.00

REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS Fees & Permits

\$18.00

Marriage Licenses-LF Marriage Licenses-NJ \$150.00

MRNA

Street Maps 6.00 Zoning Maps Zoning Ordinances Document Copies Garage Sales \$55.00 Misc. Fees & Refunds: \$475.00

TOTAL MRNA TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT \$4,163.04 TOTAL TO TREASURER

Municipal Clerks Dog/Cat License Report - Month of October 2018

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT

Month of October 2018

Dog Licenses issued 10/01/2018 thru 10/31/2018

Nos. 312 to 321 = 10 LicensesAmount due Little Falls Amount due State Total Cash Received

Cat Licenses issued 10/01/2018 thru 10/31/2018 Licenses Issued

Total Cash Received \$8.00 Total to Treas. \$97.00

Tax Collector's Report – Month of October, 2018

MONTHLY REPORT

Municipality of <u>Township of Little Falls</u>
Office of the <u>Tax Collector</u>
Township of Little Falls <u>Current Account, Lakeland Bank</u>

Revenues Collector for the Month of October 2018

Meeting of November 26, 2018

Categories 01-	October 1-31, 2018	2018 Year to Date
2018 Taxes	\$3,619,464.84	\$36,774,295.21
2017&2016 Taxes	91,590.53	453,510.35
2019 Prepaid	133,836.99	134,875.95
Interest	28,225.56	90,960.57
Cost of Tax Sale	1,404.75	1,991.62
Duplicate Tax Bills	20.00	120.00
Insufficient Check Fee	20.00	420.00
Misc. Fee	100.00	100.00
6% Penalty Fee	0.00	4,975.24
GRAND TOTALS	\$3,874,662.67	\$37,460,248.94

Delinquent 2016 Taxes
Open AA/OM 2017 Taxes due 11/01/18
Delinquent 2018 Taxes \$817,845.89 13,313.97 381,006.66 \$1,211,916.52 **Total Delinquent Taxes**

 $\begin{array}{lll} \textbf{2018} \ \text{Refunds this month} = & -\$1,490.17 \\ \textbf{2018} \ \text{Year to date refunds} = & -\$33,575.07 \\ \textbf{Breakdown of refunds for years 2013-2018 completed in 2018(see attached).} \\ \end{array}$

REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2018

Months	2013 STCJ	2014 STCJ	2015 STCJ	2016 STCJ	2017 STCJ	2018 CBJ	Regular 2018	2018 Veteran/ Widow	2018 Senior/ Disabled	Exempt 2018	Total by Months
January	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
February	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
March	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,537.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,537.47
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	\$2,080.83	\$2,137.82	\$2,169.10	\$2,198.29	\$0.00	\$1,473.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,059.59
June	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
July	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$10,911.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,162.20	\$15,073.68
October	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,490.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,490.17
Totals	\$0.00	\$2,080.83	\$2,137.82	\$2,169.10	\$2,198.29	\$0.00	\$29,412.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4162.20	\$42,161.11

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 <u>Township of Little Falls</u>
Office of the <u>Tax Collector</u>
Township of <u>Little Falls <u>Tax Collector Trust 1</u> (Lien Monies), Lakeland Bank
Revenues for the Month of <u>October 2018</u></u>

		2018
	<u>Deposit</u>	Year-to-Date
January 2018	\$19,800.97	\$19,800.97
February 2018	\$ 0.00	\$19,800.97
March 2018	\$ 0.00	\$19,800.97
April 2018	\$ 0.00	\$19,800.97
May 2018	\$ 0.00	\$19,800.97
June 2018	\$ 0.00	\$19,800.97
July 2018	\$ 0.00	\$19,800.97
August 2018	\$84,471.06	\$104,272.03
September 2018	\$ 0.00	\$104,272.03
October 2018	\$ 0.00	\$104,272.03
Total Collected as of October 31, 2018		\$104,272.03

Municipality of <u>Township of Little Falls</u>
Office of the <u>Tax Collector</u>
Township of Little Falls <u>Tax Collector Trust 2 (Lien Premium Monies)</u>, <u>Lakeland Bank</u>
Revenues for the Month of <u>October 2018</u>

Liens with	
Premiums	
Redeemed/(-)	Bal. /Dep. (+)
	\$286,300.00
\$ -8,900.00	\$277,400.00
\$ 0.00	\$277,400.00
\$ 0.00	\$277,400.00
\$ 0.00	\$277,400.00
\$ 0.00	\$277,400.00
\$ 0.00	\$227,400.00
\$ 0.00	\$277,400.00
\$-66,600.00	\$210,800.00
\$ 0.00	\$210,800.00
\$+26,000.00	\$236,800.00
·	\$236,800.00
	Redeemed/ (-) \$ -8,900.00 \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00

Recreation Report - Month of October, 2018

The following is a condensed version of our Excel work spread sheet providing the data on an ongoing basis for the Recreations Center. **Participants:** indicates only those who participated in the various programs held here during the each month, it is not reflective of any spectators who might have attended these events.

Session: indicates the number of events held during each month.

Hours: indicates the total number of hours which were used to hold the session during each month and is not reflective of the total number hours the facility was open. It should be noted that the utilized number of hours may exceed the total number of hours of operation due to multiple events occurring at the same time.

Recreation Center Usage Report

Month	Participants	Sessions	Hours Utilized
January 2018	4,284	165	333
February 2018	3,493	157	306
March 2018	2,949	170	198
April 2018	3,796	175	243
May 2018	6,544	173	205
June 2018	6,790	188	341
July 2018	6,547	185	275
August 2018	3,115	105	195
September 2018	4,875	182	237
October 2018	4,839	175	265

Civic Center Report - Month of October, 2018

The following is a condensed version of our Excel work spread sheet providing the data on an ongoing basis for the Civic Center.

Month	Participants	
January 2018	365	
February 2018	427	
March 2018	649	
April 2018	548	
May 2018	605	
June 2018*	420	
July 2018	455	
August 2018	680	
September 2018	450	
October 2018	805	

^{*}Does not include Election Day usage

Police Department Report - Month of October, 2018

PATROL DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT – October, 2018

This agency handled 26,049 details between January 1, 2018 and October 31, 2018.

This agency completed 6,986 reports between January 1, 2018 and October 31, 2018.

This agency had **1,244** inbound telephone calls and had XXXXX outbound calls during the month of October, 2018. This agency received **581** 911 calls during the month of October, 2018.

The Little Falls Police Department handled **2,726** details and wrote **645** Operation/Investigation reports between October 1, 2018 and October 31, 2018.

The patrol division patrolled 11,396 miles during the month of October, 2018.

Calls for Service

Call Type	Total
Medical emergency	69
Fire Department incident	12
Narcan deployment	1
Burglar alarms/false	36
Burglar alarms/valid	14
Domestic violence incidents	4
Burglary	4
Criminal mischief	7
Theft	9
Suspicious person/vehicle/incident	29
General investigation	46
Noise complaint	12
All others not listed	402

Traffic Summary

Crashes	Total
Motor vehicle crashes	87
Motor vehicle crash injuries	16
Motor vehicle crash fatalities	0
Enforcement	Total
Motor vehicle stops	467
Speeding summonses	31
DWI summonses	3
Driving while suspended summonses	16
Uninsured vehicle summonses	8
Moving violations	224
Parking violations	13
Total summonses issued	237

Total Arrests - 21

Type of Arrest	Total
CDS	4
DWI	3
Warrant	7
Domestic Violence	1
Theft	1
All others	5

Directed Patrol Summary

Detail Type	Total
School arrival	68
School dismissal	54
School walk through	59
Radar post	152
Park check	145
Vacant house check	7
Extra attention check	60
DWI/Aggressive driving patrol	0
Foot patrol	29

Patrol Division Time & Attendance

Type of Hours	Total
Vacation	88
Holiday	127
Compensatory	394
Sick	100
Personal time	44
Credit time	65
Administrative	0
PBA day	21
Schedule transition	13
Bereavement	0
Overtime due to Training	0
Overtime hours to maintain minimum staffing level	129
Overtime due to incident/weather/other event	16

19 out of a total of 62 shifts during the month of October were below minimum staffing. Patrol staffing level during month: 3.85

Major incident/Notable achievement

On October 11, 2018-patrol officers responded to a suspected overdose. Narcan was administered to a 25 year old male who became conscious and alert after being administered one dose.

COMMUNITY POLICING

Detail Type	Total
Cell block inspection	21
School arrivals	19
School dismissals	15
School walk thru	19
Vacant house checks	5
Child car seat installations	0
Headquarters safety inspections	0
Project medicine box emptied	1
Trips to Covanta for prescription drug destruction	1
Community function appearances	5
School function appearances	3

Special projects/details

- * Assisted with (3) active shooter drills at schools
- * Toys for Tots program was implemented
- * Safety committee meeting School #2 October 19
- * Training classes attended October 10 and October 23
- * Assisted with court security (3) times during October

 $235\ pounds$ of prescription drugs were transported to Covanta for destruction on October 26.

TRAFFIC DIVISION

Detail Type	Total	
Traffic details	11	
Radar posts	9	

Crashes investigated	11
Speedometer calibrations	0
Alcotest maintenance assignments	1
Traffic meetings attended	4
Traffic complaints received	1
Road job safety checks	7
Assisted patrol	6
Enforcement	Total
Motor vehicle stops	35
Moving summonses	19
Parking summonses	1
Total summonses issued	20

Special projects/details

Conducted traffic study at Francisco Ave/Cedar Grove Rd/Wilmore Rd; Reports (All Traffic Solution/NJDHTS crash analysis) generated and forwarded to Passaic County Traffic Engineer.

Traffic study on Union Ave/Walnut St/Paterson Ave/Maple St. Reports generated, traffic box deployed, photographs taken and submitted to Little Falls Grant Coordinator.

Dive Sober/Get Pulled Over grant completed and submitted to NJDHTS.

Generated report about crossing guard posts for township.

Covered multiple crossing guard posts.

Investigative Division Monthly Division Report

October, 2018

Case Management

<u>6</u> Cases were assigned during the month of October, currently <u>2</u> of <u>6</u> remain open/active. <u>9</u> cases were closed from the previous months. <u>49</u> cases remain open/inactive, until further information is gained.

Off-Hour Call-outs

 $\underline{0}$ incidents required a detective to respond during off hours, for the month of October.

Monthly Staffing

Hours Off <u>84</u> Overtime Hours <u>10.5</u> Division Strength <u>2.45</u>

Vehicles

D-1 (GMC Envoy): Mileage <u>108,400</u>	Repairs Needed	Check engine light, Tires
D-2 (Chevy Tahoe) Mileage	Repairs Needed	Moved Admin(Schumacher)
D-3 (Ford Explorer)Mileage 86,007	Repairs Needed	<u>N/A</u>
Undercover vehicles, repairs needed		

Complaints Issued

2 Criminal complaints (Warrants/Summonses) were signed by the investigative division during the month of October.

Narcotics

 $\underline{0}$ arrests were made by the investigative division for drug related offenses. There are $\underline{2}$ open/active drug investigations, during the month of October.

0 Confidential Informants were registered.

1 Controlled buys were made.

 $\overline{\underline{32}}$ pounds of prescription medication were deposited in the Prescription Drug Box. $\underline{1}$ trip was made to Cavanta Essex Co. in Newark for disposal, during the month of October.

Grand Jury/Superior Court Appearances

Detectives were required to appear in Superior court or Grand Jury for 2 cases during the month of October.

Search Warrants

 $\underline{0}$ Search Warrants and $\underline{0}$ Communication Data Warrants (CDW's) were executed during the month of October.

Internal Affairs

 $\underline{0}$ Internal Affairs complaints were indexed during the month of October. $\underline{0}$ Internal Affairs complaints were investigated and closed. $\underline{5}$ cases remain open and under investigation. $\underline{0}$ cases resulted in disciplinary action, requiring a suspension of ten (10) or more days.

Background Investigations

The investigative division conducted $\underline{0}$ Police Applicant investigations, $\underline{0}$ Dispatcher Applicant investigations and $\underline{3}$ Crossing Guard Applicant investigations in the month of October.

Megan's Law Restrictions

There were $\underline{0}$ New Registrations, $\underline{0}$ re-registrations and address verifications. $\underline{0}$ moved out of our jurisdiction during the month of October. There are currently $\underline{12}$ registered Sex Offenders residing in the Township.

Property and Evidence

During the month of October, <u>4</u> pieces of Property were entered into the Beast Evidence System and secured. (includes found property, recovered stolen property and items left for safekeeping)

2 Firearms/weapons were entered into the Beast Evidence System and secured.

17 pieces of Evidence were entered into the Beast Evidence System and secured.

12 pieces of Drug Evidence were transported to the N.J. State Police Lab.

<u>0</u> pieces of Forensic Evidence were transported to the N.J. State Police Labs at Hamilton or Holmdel, N.J.

<u>0</u> Drug Screens were transported to the N.J. State Medical Examiner's Office.

<u>367.25</u> Dollars in seized currency were turned over to the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office for forfeiture proceedings.

Notable Cases

Case Number	Charges	Detective/s Assigned	Length of Investigation
18-06824	Sexual Contact (No Charges)	Gilchrist/Minnella	2 weeks
18-06824	Obtain CDS by Fraud	Gilchrist	2 months
18-6037	Theft	Macaluso	1 month

Notes

235 pounds of prescription drugs were delivered to Cavanta Newark for destruction.

18-06824 Case was thoroughly investigated with consultation of the P.C.P.O. At this time the Prosecutor was reviewing evidence to determine if charges were warranted. As of this reporting no charges have been filed.

Construction Report - Month of October, 2018

Uniform Construction Code

Permits Issued – 126
Total Value of Construction - \$2,820,678.00
Certificate of Occupancy - \$312.00
Permit Fees Collected - \$98,066.00
Permit Fees Waived - \$3,225.00
Total Fees Collected - \$98,378.00

Zoning

Fence Permits – 2 @ \$50.00 Zoning Applications – 5 @ \$200.00 Total Fees Collected - \$1100.00

Property Maintenance

Certificates of Compliance Fees – \$1700.00 Zoning Inspections - 10 Complaints – 10 Violations Issued - 6 Roll-off permits – 6 @ \$10.00 Total Fees Collected - \$1,760.00

TOTAL \$101,238.00

APPLICATIONS

RED LIGHT APPLICATION, PAUL E. HOLZACH, VIEWMONT TERRACE, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF VERONA, ON-PREMISE 50/50, 2/9/29, 8:00 P.M. – 12:00 A.M., 215 ROUTE 23, LITTLE FALLS

JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF VERONA, MERCHANDISE RAFFLE, 2/9/29, 8:00 P.M. – 12:00 A.M., 215 ROUTE 23, LITTLE FALLS

RESOLUTIONS

Cancellation of Taxes on Several Properties Due to 100% Disabled Veteran Exemption

RESOLUTION [A] 18-11-26 #1 CANCELATION OF TAXES DUE TO TAX ASSESSOR APPROVING 100% DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTIONS:

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has approved 100% disabled veteran exemptions on the following properties; and

WHEREAS, our Tax Collector has pro-rated the taxes from the exemption date and shall cancel the taxes in these amounts listed for the Year 2018 with the approval of the Township Council:

Block/Lot Qual.	Owner/ Location/	Cancel 2018 Tax Amount
	Exemption Date	
30/43	Joseph T & Marianne	\$4,330.24
	Nilan	
	89 Van Pelt Place	
	July 25, 2018	
115/17	Kenneth & Bernice N	3.275.60
	Green	-,
	6 Ridge Avenue	
	April 27, 2018	
144/11	Joseph Richard Parker	5,037.94
	202 First Avenue	,
	July 27, 2018	
115/17	Kenneth & Bernice N Green 6 Ridge Avenue April 27, 2018 Joseph Richard Parker 202 First Avenue	3,275.60 5,037.94

Total tax amount to be canceled

due to 100% Disabled Veteran Exemption \$12,643,78

Cancellation of Taxes due to FEMA Buyout Closings

RESOLUTION [B] 18-11-26 #2 CANCELATION OF TAXES DUE TO FEMA BUYOUT CLOSINGS (TOWNSHIP EXEMPT):

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls purchased the following properties through the FEMA program in the Year 2018; and WHEREAS, the 2018 taxes have been pro-rated from the closing dates; and WHEREAS, the Township is requesting that their portion of the taxes be made exempt from the closing date and be canceled by our

Tax Collector as follows:

BLOCK/LOT QUAL.	OWNER LOCATION/ <u>CLOSING DATE</u>	CANCEL 2018 TAX AMOUNT	
82/25	Charles J & Patricia Carroll 55 E Woodcliffe Ave October 25, 2018	\$879.54	
Total amount to be canceled/ Township exempt	October 25, 2010	\$879.54	

Township exempt Tax Overpayment Refunds on Several Properties

RESOLUTION [C] 18-11-26 #3
WHEREAS, the following properties in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey have overpaid real estate taxes in 2018; 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 of Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of what the following listed tax refunds be made by the Township Treasurer:

Tax Year	Block	Taxpayer/	<u>Payee</u>	Reason/	Amount
& Qtr.	Lot/Q	Location			
2018/3	115/17	Green, Kenneth & Bernice N 6 Ridge Ave	Kenneth & Bernice N Green 9 Ridge Ave Little Falls NJ 07424	Exempt (1/2) 100% Dis. Vet.	\$831.10
2018/4	123/9 CO206	Realmuto, Sam G & Antoinette J 2 Tulip Crescent, Unit 2C	Sam G & Antoinette J Realmuto 2 Tulip Crescent, Unit 2C Little Falls NJ 07424	O/P	359.55
2018/4	141/13	D'Astolfo, Lawrence & Giovannina 129 Lincoln Ave	Spencer Savings Bank, SLA 611 River Drive Elmwood Park NJ 07405		142.64
			Total Refunds		\$1,333.29

Budget Transfers

RESOLUTION [D] 18-11-26 - #4

WHEREAS, Title 40:4-58 of the New Jersey Statutes provides that should it become necessary, during the last two months of the fiscal year to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated therefore and there shall be an excess in any appropriation over and above the amount claimed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation, the Governing Body may by resolution setting forth the facts (adopted by not less than 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof), transfer the amount of such excess of those appropriations deemed to be insufficient.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Little Falls, not less than 2/3 of the members thereof affirmatively concurring, that the Treasurer be and is authorized to make the attached transfers in the 2018 Budget Appropriations.

Purchase of Rock Salt

RESOLUTION [E] 18-11-26 - #5

ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THE VENDORS LISTED BELOW FOR THE 2019 WINTER PRODUCTS

Under County Cooperative Purchasing Contract Period December 1, 2018 through November 30, 2019

WHEREAS, the County of Passaic's Purchasing Agent has advised that pursuant to advertising duly made, bids were received by the County of Passaic as lead agency for the Voluntary Cooperative Pricing System for the furnishing and delivery of Bulk Rock Salt,

for the Contract period December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the County of Passaic as lead agency, based on review of bids and the resulting recommendation, has awarded a master

contract for this commodity; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls wishes to participate in the master contract for the purchase of WINTER PRODUCTS

because the price under Contract No. 38PCCP is lower than the prices quoted to the Township by other suppliers; and

WHEREAS the Township Treasurer has provided a Certification of the Availability of Funds (a copy of which is appended to the original of the within Resolution) pursuant the Local Finance Board; and the appropriation to be charged for this expenditure is Department of Public Works Other Expense

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls as follows:

That the following bids be awarded for purchases to be made on an as-needed basis:

The Detroit Salt Company Morton Salt, Inc. Bid: Various per ton prices Bid: \$56.28 per ton

the award being based upon the unit price; and payment to be made based upon the unit price multiplied by the quantities), be and the same is hereby accepted; and

2) That the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute a Contract for the purchase of the within designated goods at the bid price hereinabove cited.

Bill List

RESOLUTION [F] 18-11-26 - #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.

Per Council President SGOBBA's request, Mayor Damiano explained the purpose of a red light application.

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

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba

> Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1338- It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1338, "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 7 ENTITLED, TRAFFIC," be and it was opened.

Poll: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba Ayes:

> Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

No one having come forward to be heard, it was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Liess, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1338 be and it was closed.

Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba Poll: Ayes:

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Councilmember VANCHERI requested to move an amendment of Ordinance No. 1338, which called for removal the Code Section of 7-19 and replacement with Code Section 7-20. Mr. Wenzel advised that due to the nature of the amendment of the ordinance being of a noticeable language change, the Ordinance must be re-noticed, with a second reading held at Regular Council meeting on December 17, 2018.

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Cordonnier, to amend Ordinance No. 1338.

Poll: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba Ayes:

> Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1339-It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that there be introduced and the meeting of December 17, 2018 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 1339 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 7 ENTITLED TRAFFIC

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 vehicular traffic excluded from certain streets in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the municipal council ("Municipal Council") of the Township has determined to amend Chapter 7 entitled Traffic Section 7-22 Turns Prohibited;

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7-22 Turns Prohibited

No person shall make a turn at any location listed and only in the manner described.

Intersection/Location:

Muller Place and Newark Pompton Turnpike.

Turn Prohibited:

Fees; and

Movement Prohibited:

At the intersection of Muller Place and Newark Pompton Turnpike, left turn Prohibited from Muller Place onto Newark Pompton turnpike.

- A copy of this Ordinance shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Township Clerk. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage by the Municipal Council, and approval by the Mayor and publication as required by law.

Poll-Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba Ayes:

Nays:

Ordinance No. 1340 - It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that there be introduced and the meeting of December 17, 2018 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

ORDINANCE N O. 1340 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 71 FEES

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 regulation of its Fees in the Township; WHEREAS, the municipal council ("Municipal Council") of the Township has determined to amend Chapter 71 of the Code entitled

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

71-2 Fees Schedule Chapter 143 PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Township Recreation Programs will be scheduled by the Recreation Department. Facilities, Fields and Parks use not scheduled for Township programs and events may be available for rental by outside organizations, approval by the Township is required.

All Rentals require a Certificate of Insurance in the amount of 1 Million Dollars naming the Township of Little Falls as the named Insured, filed in the office of the Township Clerk 7 days prior to the event.

Facility Rental: (1-hour Minimum) Civic Center	\$25.00/hr.
Recreation Center Gym	\$25.00/hr.
Recreation Multipurpose Room	\$10.00/hr.
Athletic Field Rental: (2-hour Minimum)	
Paterson Avenue Fields	\$50.00
Amity Fields	\$25.00
Louis Street Fields	\$25.00
Inwood Field	\$25.00
Saviteri Field	\$25.00
Tennis Courts	\$25.00
Tennis Courts with lighting	\$50.00
Inwood Field Saviteri Field Tennis Courts	\$25.00 \$25.00 \$25.00

Lighting charges begin at sunset (Lighting Charge \$75.00/hr.) and are added to the Field rental fee.

Park Permits for Special events

Wilmore Road Park	\$200.00
Wilmore Park Garbage Removal and Clean up	\$100.00
Morris Canal Park	\$200.00
Morris Canal Park Garbage Removal and Clean up	\$100.00

Senior programs authorized by the Township of Little Falls Shall be required to pay a proctoring fee in place of a rental.

Proctoring Fees for these programs are: \$8.00/hr./per program

Township Parade Permits \$500.00 Municipal Property Public Assembly permits in designated locations, \$500.00 plus, the cost of traffic and safety personnel.

136. XI. Consistency, Severability and Repealer

(A) If any provision or portion of a provision of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional, preempted by Federal or State law, or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of the ordinance shall not be invalidated.

(B) All ordinances or parts of ordinances, which are inconsistent with any provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistencies.

(C) No provision of this ordinance shall be construed to impair any common law or statutory cause of action, or legal remedy there from, of any person for injury or damage arising from any violation of this ordinance or from other law.

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

The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length. 1.

- 2.
- The Municipal Council hereby amends Chapter 71 of the Code entitled Fees of the Code of the Township of Little Falls. It is the intent of the Municipal Council to incorporate the additions and/or supplements contained in this Ordinance in to the Code. All of the remaining provisions in Chapter 71 of the Code entitled Fees of the Code shall remain unchanged and 3. 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. A copy of this Ordinance shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Township Clerk.
- 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.

Poll: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba Ayes:

> Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1341-It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that there be introduced and the meeting of December 17, 2018 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 1341 ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FURTHER AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS CODE CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE I, SECTION 7-13, "PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS"

WHEREAS, due to concerns regarding the health and safety of motorists and pedestrians in the Township, the municipal council of

the Township (the "Municipal Council") seeks to amend the provisions of the current code section; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the proposed amendment to the Township Code of General Ordinances (the "Code") concerning the parking vehicles on the Township Roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council has determined to amend Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7-13 of the Township Code to read as follows;

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

The aforesaid recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

The Municipal Council hereby amends Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7-13 of the Township Code to read as follows: Parking prohibited at all times on certain streets 2

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No person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any streets or parts thereof described.

Name of Street Sides

Location From Center Street to Stevens Avenue South Main Street

B. Any violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of \$50 per offense. No appearance in Municipal Court shall be required for the payment of this fine.

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

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

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. Ordinance implementation shall commence once the County of Passaic completes the realignment of the center line on Main Street from Stevens Avenue to Center Avenue.

Poll: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba Ayes:

> Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1342-It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that there be introduced and the meeting of December 17, 2018 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 1342

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FURTHER AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS CODE CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE I, SECTION 7-11, "PARKING TIME LIMITED ON CERTAIN STREETS"

WHEREAS, due to concerns regarding the health and safety of motorists and pedestrians in the Township, the municipal council of the Township (the "Municipal Council") seeks to amend the provisions of the current code section; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the proposed amendment to the Township Code of General Ordinances (the "Code") concerning the parking vehicles on the Township Roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council has determined to amend Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7-11 of the Township Code to read as follows;

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

The aforesaid recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

The Municipal Council hereby amends Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7-11 of the Township Code to read as follows: 1.

§ 7-11 Parking time limited on certain streets. [1]

A. No person shall park a vehicle for longer than the time limit between the hours listed on any day (except Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) upon any of the streets or parts of streets described.

Name of Street Sides Time Limit Hours 9:00am to 4:00pm Both Entire Length Woods Road 2 Hrs.

Except as restricted by the provisions of Code Section 7-13 A

B. Any violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of \$50 per offense. No appearance in Municipal Court shall be required for the payment of this fine.

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.

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

5. 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.

Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba Poll: Ayes:

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1343-It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Liess, that there be introduced and the meeting of December 17, 2018 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 1343

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT TITLE AND POSSESSION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN TAX BLOCK 110, LOT 23 LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY BE ACQUIRED BY EMINENT DOMAIN OR PURCHASE OR GIFT

WHEREAS, the "Local Lands and Buildings Law", N.J.S.A. 40A: 12-5 provides that a municipality may acquire "any real property ...[b]y purchase, gift, devise, lease, exchange, condemnation, or installment purchase agreement"; and

WHEREAS, Maria Santiago and Manuel Santiago, wife and husband, are the owner of record of certain land situated in the Township of Little Falls (hereinafter referred to as "the Township") and designated as Tax Block 110, Lot 23 or a portion thereof, and being more commonly known as 56-58 Stanley Street, in the Township of Little Falls (hereinafter referred to as the "the Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that the Property be acquired for public use for the general welfare and benefit of the community for the development of the residents' needs; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of such property will fulfill a primary goal of the Township with regard to the potential development of

parking facilities in and about the center of the Township.

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

New Jersey, as follows:

AUTHORIZATION TO ACQUIRE LAND

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Local Lands and Buildings Law," N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq., and N.J.S.A. 40:61-11, the Township of Little Falls is hereby authorized and directed to acquire by purchase or gift, the hereinafter described real property provided that the owner of record expresses the desire to convey the said real property to the Township or, in the alternative, the Township is hereby authorized to take, or condemn the real property hereinafter described pursuant to the provisions of the "Eminent Domain Act of 1971", N.J.S.A. 20:3-1 et., seq., as follows: Tax Block 110, Lots 23 or a portion thereof, owned by Maria Santiago and Manual Santiago for the public use and to be maintained as such.

SECTION TWO

AUTHORITY OF AGENTS

The Mayor, Township Administrator, Township Engineer, Township Attorneys and such other officials, employees and agents of the Township of Little Falls, specifically including, but not limited to professional appraisers, environmental experts, consulting engineers, surveyors and SECTION THREE

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COST OF ACQUISITION

The appropriate disbursing officers of the Township of Little Falls are hereby authorized and directed to pay the purchase price of \$327,500 as fair and just compensation to the owner of record of the property as well as to pay in addition the Township's share of costs connected with title reports, appraisal reports, attorney's fees, professional consultant's fees, and other costs necessary for the general acquisition or acquisition by way of condemnation of the real property.

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. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

Poll: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT -GENERAL MATTERS

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

Poll: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri and Council President Sgobba Ayes:

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Aidan Timms, 537 Main Street & Jay Gianduso, 69 Center Avenue, summoned suggestions on what services the Boy Scouts could offer to help residents during the winter months. Councilmember VANCHERI provided several examples of volunteer opportunities that occur throughout the year. Councilmember CORDONNIER announced the Garden Committee will be re-instituted and could use the Troop's help for seasonal planting and maintenance. Councilmember SEBER also thanked the Boy Scouts and noted the Municipal Alliance and Open Space Committees could use assistance. She added that the Township would also like to support the Boy Scouts within our community. Mayor Damiano inserted he is often contacted by senior residents for assistance with snow removal and suggested a list of those residences be developed.

Steven Garrity, 30 Zeliff Avenue, questioned whether it would be possible to allow anyone to play anytime on the fields at the Recreation Center. Councilmember VANCHERI explained the Recreation Center requests a permit to allow people to go onto the field to play. Council President SGOBBA commented the Council will work to make the process easier.

Jacob Tomes, 6 Villa Road, queried whether a dog park in the Township has been given consideration in the Louis Street area. Councilmember CORDONNIER responded that the issue of a dog park has been discussed at the Open Space Committee, however, the issues of finding an appropriate space, funding and maintenance must be considered. She suggested the Scouts brainstorm ideas on how a dog park could be maintained and forward their suggestions to the Council.

Dan Dransfield, 48 Hudson Street, Ian Dey, 4 Overmont Road, questioned whether the Township was prepared for the last snow storm. Mayor Damiano stated the Township was prepared, however, the biggest issue was the plows could not get from one area to the next due to road congestion of the main roadways. The roads were brined in advance of the storm in order to prepare and make the roads easier to plow.

<u>Luis Fernandez</u>, 54 Harrison Street, queried whether commercial vehicles with advertisement are permitted to park in the driveway of private residences. He also discussed the recently adopted Sump Pump Ordinance and issued a complaint with regard to discharge onto a neighbor's property. Mayor Damiano explained commercial vehicles are allow to park in driveways, however, there is a weight limit. With regard to the sump pump complaint, Mayor Damiano will refer the issue to the Building Department for follow-up.

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

Poll: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba Ayes:

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Liess, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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Cynthia Kraus Municipal Clerk