

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

Monday, October 16, 2023

Council President Anthony Sgobba called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Christine Hablitz, Michael Murphy, Jayna Patel, and Christopher Vancheri. Also present were Mayor James Damiano, Township Attorney Joseph Wenzel, Township Administrator Charles Cuccia, Assistant Administrator Vincent Quatrone, Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus, and Deputy Clerk Melissa DePiro

Absent: None.

Township Employees present: None.

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 5, 2023. 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. **A link and a telephone number to join the meeting virtually can be accessed on the Township website at www.lfnj.com. Electronic provisions have been established for the public to participate during the public comment portion of the meeting.**

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION – Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation recognizing October 2023 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the Township of Little Falls. Following the Proclamation, an American Cancer Society volunteer discussed her involvement with fundraising in the Township. Mayor Damiano announced the Municipal Building is lit in pink tonight in honor of Breast Cancer awareness.

FIRE PREVENTIONWEEK PROCLAMATION – Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation recognizing October 8-14, 2023 as Fire Prevention Awareness Week in the Township of Little Falls, and thanked the Fire Department for their quick response to a recent fire on October 14th.

NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDER’S DAY PROCLAMATION – Lastly, Mayor Damiano read the National First Responder’s Day Proclamation which recognized October 28, 2023 as National Responder’s Day in the Township of Little Falls.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF 35 STEVENS AVENUE BUILDING BY LITTLE FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY – John Veteri, Little Falls Historical Society, introduced members of the Historical Society, and provided updates on: funding and grants, design planning and permitting, construction completed, as well as construction in progress and under contract. Mr. Veteri announced the Historical Society was a recipient of a grant from the NJ Historic Trust. Mr. Veteri then requested a one-year extension of the agreement signed with the Township. Council President SGOBBA stated the Council would consider the request. Councilmember MURPHY and Councilmember PATEL indicated they had no objection to the extension. Mayor Damiano further commented on the restoration of the building.

DISCUSSION OF BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY – Mr. Cuccia reported on the annual requirement to complete the Best Practices Inventory. Mr. Cuccia reviewed the major areas of the Best Practices and the Township’s score of 40.5 which resulted in no State funding withheld from the Township. Mayor Damiano thanked those who contributed to the scoring and noted the importance of Best Practices in enabling funding to accomplish capital projects throughout the Township.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 28, 2023 – It was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 28, 2023 be and they were approved.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, and Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None
 Abstain: Patel and Vancheri

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Council President SGOBBA announced the following Committee appointments:

Council Ad Hoc Committee Appointments

Transportation Committee

Community Representatives (2) Wendy Zulaga and Bonnie Nolan

Councilmember VANCHERI welcomed the two new members to the Transportation Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL MATTERS AND AGENDA ITEMS

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

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATOR:

1. RESOLUTIONS RESCINDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED RESOLUTIONS AND AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS WITH RENTERS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS (RESOLUTIONS A-C) – Mayor Damiano explained the rationale of Resolutions A-C to establish alignment with the renters' amended rents. The Mayor also provided a brief description of Affordable Housing and Affordable Assistance Grants.
2. RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT TO ZUCCARO, INC. FOR FRANCISCO AVENUE/LINDLSEY ROAD AND CEDAR GROVE ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS- The Mayor summarized the process involved in awarding this contract. Councilmember VANCHERI added comments to the same.
3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION - STIGMA FREE FUNDING GRANT – Mayor Damiano explained the nature of the Resolution whereby the Township received a grant for \$445.00, and reported grant funding will provide stigma free signs to be erected throughout the Township. Councilmember VANCHERI requested information be posted on the website.
4. ORDINANCE NO. 1469 – RETAIL CANNABIS – Mayor Damiano summarized items 4-8 pertaining to ordinances to be heard for adoption at Tonight's Meeting.
5. ORDINANCE NO. 1470 – DEPLOYMENT OF SAFETY STICKS IN THE TOWNSHIP – Mayor Damiano summarized items 4-8 pertaining to Ordinances to be heard for adoption at Tonight's Meeting.
6. ORDINANCE NO. 1471 – STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS AT MAIN STREET (FROM MAPLE STREET TO VAN NESS AVENUE)– Mayor Damiano summarized items 4-8 pertaining to Ordinances to be heard for adoption at Tonight's Meeting.
7. ORDINANCE NO. 1472 – STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS AT STEVENS AVENUE (FROM MAIN STREET TO WALNUT STREET)– Mayor Damiano summarized items 4-8 pertaining to Ordinances to be heard for adoption at Tonight's Meeting.
8. ORDINANCE NO. 1473 – STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS AT UNION AVENUE (FROM MAIN STREET TO WALNUT STREET) – Mayor Damiano summarized items 4-8 pertaining to Ordinances to be heard for adoption at Tonight's Meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri seconded by Councilmember Patel, to approve Resolutions A through F:

Rescinding Resolution [G] 23-09-18-#7& Authorizing Affordability Assistance Grant – 405 Main St Unit 247

RESOLUTION [A] 23-10-16 - #1

RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION [G] 23-09-18 - #7, AND AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE RENTER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED 405 MAIN ST, UNIT 247, LITTLE FALLS, NJ 07424

WHEREAS, the Township Council approved Resolution [G] 23-09-18 - #7, authorizing an Affordability Assistance Program grant for the renter of an Affordable Housing unit at 405 Main Street, Unit 247, Little Falls, NJ 07424 in the amount of 925.00; and

WHEREAS, the rent for said renter has since been adjusted to \$887.00; therefore requiring a new resolution to be passed; and

WHEREAS, Kate Carney [will rent/rents] property located at 405 Main St, Unit 247, Little Falls, NJ 07424, which property is governed by the statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations restricting ownership and use of the property as an Affordable Housing unit; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township is willing to extend a grant to the tenant in the amount of \$887.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 16th day of October, 2023, by the Township Council of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The Mayor, Administrator, Clerk and attorney are hereby authorized to execute an Affordability Assistance Program grant with the renter of an Affordable Housing unit at 405 Main St, Unit 247, Little Falls, NJ 07424.

Rescinding Resolution [A] 23-08-14-#1 & Authorizing Affordability Assistance Grant – 405 Main St Unit 248

RESOLUTION [B] 23-10-16 - #2

RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION [A] 23-08-14 - #1, AND AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE RENTER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED 405 MAIN ST, UNIT 248, LITTLE FALLS, NJ 07424

WHEREAS, the Township Council approved Resolution [A] 23-08-14 - #1, authorizing an Affordability Assistance Program grant for the renter of an Affordable Housing unit at 405 Main Street, Unit 248, Little Falls, NJ 07424 in the amount of 1,142.00; and

WHEREAS, the rent for said renter has since been adjusted to \$1,089.00; therefore requiring a new resolution to be passed; and

WHEREAS, Tianxin Ku [will rent/rents] property located at 405 Main St, Unit 248, Little Falls, NJ 07424, which property is governed by the statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations restricting ownership and use of the property as an Affordable Housing unit; and

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

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WHEREAS, the Township is willing to extend a grant to the tenant in the amount of \$1,089.00.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 16th day of October, 2023, by the Township Council of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that:

- 1. The Mayor, Administrator, Clerk and attorney are hereby authorized to execute an Affordability Assistance Program grant with the renter of an Affordable Housing unit at 405 Main St, Unit 248, Little Falls, NJ 07424.

Rescinding Resolution [B] 23-08-28-#2 & Authorizing Affordability Assistance Grant – 405 Main St Unit 144

**RESOLUTION [C] 23-10-16 - #3
RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION [B] 23-08-28 - #2, AND AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE RENTER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED 405 MAIN ST, UNIT 144, LITTLE FALLS, NJ 07424**

WHEREAS, the Township Council approved Resolution [B] 23-08-28 - #2, authorizing an Affordability Assistance Program grant for the renter of an Affordable Housing unit at 405 Main Street, Unit 144, Little Falls, NJ 07424 in the amount of 1,142.00; and
WHEREAS, the rent for said renter has since been adjusted to \$1,089.00; therefore requiring a new resolution to be passed; and
WHEREAS, Imani Smith [will rent/rents] property located at 405 Main St, Unit 144, Little Falls, NJ 07424, which property is governed by the statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations restricting ownership and use of the property as an Affordable Housing unit; and
WHEREAS, the tenant has requested an Affordability Assistance Program grant from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and
WHEREAS, the Township is willing to extend a grant to the tenant in the amount of \$1,089.00.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 16th day of October, 2023, by the Township Council of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that:

- 1. The Mayor, Administrator, Clerk and attorney are hereby authorized to execute an Affordability Assistance Program grant with the renter of an Affordable Housing unit at 405 Main St, Unit 144, Little Falls, NJ 07424.

Award of Contract for Francisco Ave/Lindsley Road & Cedar Grove Road Intersection-Zuccaro, Inc.

**RESOLUTION [D] 23-10-16 - #4
ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT FOR
FRANCISCO AVENUE/LINDSLEY ROAD AND CEDAR GROVE ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to advertising duly made, bids were received by the Township of Little Falls on October 12, 2023 for the Francisco Avenue/Lindsley Road and Cedar Grove Road Intersection Improvements project, and the bids were opened and read publicly as follows:

Zuccaro, Inc. Bid: \$303,455.00	Trench Technologies, LLC Bid: \$325,306.75
J.C. Contracting, Inc. Bid: \$363,448.50	FAI-GON Electric, Inc. Bid: \$413,280.30

and, **WHEREAS**, the Township Attorney has reviewed the bids for legal sufficiency; and
WHEREAS, the award is subject to the Availability of Funds and certification of same in the 2023 budget; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls as follows:

- 1) That the bid of

Zuccaro, Inc.
64 Commerce Street
Garfield, NJ 07026

in the amount of

\$303,455.00

be and the same is hereby accepted; and

- 2) That the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute a Contract in a form approved by the Township Attorney for the designated services at the bid price hereinabove cited, subject to the successful Contractor's filing the required form of Affirmative Action compliance and Payroll Certification for Public Works Projects; and

- 3) That the Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to return to the unsuccessful bidder(s) any Certified checks and/or Bid Bonds received from them as surety, with the exception of the surety received from the second-lowest bidder, which shall be retained for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days or until a contract in a form satisfactory to the Township Attorney shall have been executed with the low bidder, whichever shall come first.

Special Item of Revenue & Appropriation – Passaic County Stigma Free Funding Grant

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
PASSAIC COUNTY NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION [E] 23-10-16 - #5
SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION**

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls in the County of Passaic, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2023 in the sum of \$445.00, which is now available from Miscellaneous Revenues – Section F – Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with prior written consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public & Private Revenues Offset with Passaic County Stigma Free Funding Grant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$445.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

General Appropriations	
(A) Operations – Excluded from “CAPS”	
Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues	
County of Passaic Stigma Free Funding	
Grant	\$445.00

Bill List

RESOLUTION [F] 23-10-16 - #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.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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APPLICATIONS

It was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Patel, to approve the following:

BLUE LIGHT PERMIT, STEVEN MEDINA, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No.1469 - The public hearing on Ordinance No. 1469, **“AN 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, “ZONING”,”** be and it was opened.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

As no comments from the public were received, the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1469 be and it was closed.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that Ordinance No. 1469 be and it was adopted.

Councilmembers Patel and Murphy commented on their vote against Ordinance No. 1469. Councilmember Hablitz and Councilmember Vancheri commented on their vote in support of Ordinance No. 1469.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: Murphy and Patel

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1470 - The public hearing on Ordinance No. 1470, **“AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND CHAPTER 7 (ON-STREET REGULATIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS,”** be and it was opened.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Jim Dorn- requested an explanation of the two “no” votes on Ordinance No. 1469. Mr. Wenzel explained the vote had occurred for Ordinance No. 1469 and directed Mr. Dorn to come forth during the second Public Comment.

Resident #1 – queried how Ordinances can be reviewed prior to being voted upon. Mr. Wenzel explained everything that is voted on is required by law to be published in advance. Mrs. Kraus added that the Ordinances are also available on the Township website and hard copies are provided at the Meeting as well. Mayor Damiano added the information is included in email blasts.

As no further comments from the public were received, the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1470 be and it was closed.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that Ordinance No. 1470 be and it was adopted.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1471 - The public hearing on Ordinance No. 1471, **“BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS AT MAIN STREET (FROM MAPLE STREET TO VAN NESS AVENUE) IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,050,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS,”** be and it was opened.

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Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

As no comments from the public were received, the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1471 be and it was closed.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that Ordinance No. 1471 be and it was adopted.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1472 - The public hearing on Ordinance No. 1472, “**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS AT STEVENS AVENUE (FROM MAIN STREET TO WALNUT STREET) IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$750,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS,**” be and it was opened.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

As no comments from the public were received, the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1472 be and it was closed.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Patel, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that Ordinance No. 1472 be and it was adopted.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No.1473 - The public hearing on Ordinance No. 1473, “**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS AT UNION AVENUE (FROM MAIN STREET TO WALNUT STREET) IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$750,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS,**” be and it was opened.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

As no comments from the public were received, the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1470 be and it was closed.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that Ordinance No. 1473 be and it was adopted.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

COUNCIL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Councilmember HABLITZ highlighted upcoming Library events including a new delivery service and a presentation on October 24th by the NJ Paranormal Investigators. The Friends of the Library will hold their next meeting tomorrow evening and continue to seek new members. Councilmember HABLITZ reviewed Farmers Market events and provided details on the upcoming Spooky Sprint 5K.

Councilmember MURPHY recalled the Domestic Violence Awareness flag raising and noted Town Hall was illuminated in purple to raise awareness. Councilmember MURPHY noted the Committee’s presence at the PBA

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Oktoberfest and the Farmers Market. He also met with the County Prosecutors Office to plan an event regarding Safe Haven which would include two separate events, one for students and one for parents. Councilmember MURPHY added that a program for seniors is also being explored.

Councilmember VANCHERI reported on his meeting with Commissioner Bartlett and provided an update on the Route 46/Route 3 project which has a completion date of November 8, 2023. Additionally, the Transportation Committee will be meeting with Houston Road residents to discuss speed humps. Councilmember VANCHERI highlighted this weekend’s past events and upcoming town-wide events and encouraged residents to check out the Recreation Center’s program of activities.

Councilmember PATEL discussed methods to address concerns of Covid-19 and flu in the schools as well as the quality of air. Flu vaccination Clinics will be held at the Clifton Health Department on October 19th, October 24th, and November 14th and in Little Falls on October 30th. Lastly, Councilmember PATEL announced there will be an Operation Graduation 2024 fundraiser on November 5th.

Council President SGOBBA announced October 22nd is First Reformed Church’s 200th anniversary. He also reported the Harvest Moon dance was attended by 75 senior citizens and was a success. Council President SGOBBA then provided a progress report on the Hometown Heroes program honoring deceased veterans killed in action.

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

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Cindy Alexander – 10 Montclair Avenue, thanked those who voted for Ordinance No. 1469. She stated she does use marijuana for her medical condition and stated she feels safe buying in the Township rather than going outside the Township.

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

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
 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 Patel, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk