

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

**Monday, October 20, 2014**

Council President Louis Fontana called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. with the following members present: John Vantuno, Pamela Porter and William Organisciak. Also present were Mayor Darlene Post, Township Attorney William Northgrave, Township Engineer Dennis Lindsay, Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus and Township Administrator Charles Cuccia.

Absent: Councilmember Joseph Maceri

Township Employees present: DPW Superintendent Phillip Simone and Deputy Registrar Marlene Simone

Following the Salute to the Flag, the Statement of Public Notice was read.

**STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE:** Take notice that adequate notice of this meeting was 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 8, 2014; 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.

**REMARKS FROM CHAIR**

Council President FONTANA announced the Halloween Bash will be held at the Recreation Center on October 25, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. He also announced the High School's annual beefsteak will be held at the Brownstone in Paterson on Thursday, November 20, 2014, where they will be honoring the retiring Superintendent.

**COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Councilmember VANTUNO reported that there is a Transportation Committee meeting on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m..

Councilmember PORTER stated the Municipal Alliance held a dance for the fifth and sixth graders at the Recreation Center last week. Red Ribbon Week is this week and an assembly is planned for later in the week. She added that the Harvest Moon Dance for seniors will be Friday night at the Civic Center.

In Councilmember Maceri's absence, Councilmember ORGANISCIAK noted the Domestic Violence Prevention walk will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

Councilmember PORTER informed the Council that tomorrow is Candidates' Night at School #3 at 6pm for those running for the Board of Education. Councilmember PORTER noted a few of the sixth graders recently helped Mr. Veteri clean up around the old Police station and plant flowers.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

At this time, Mayor Post read a proclamation recognizing Cyber Security Awareness Month.

Mayor Post offered condolences to the family and friends of Karl Grimm, who served as the Little Falls Building Inspector and Assistant Fire Chief of Fire Company No. 4. She informed the Council the state is updating its Hazardous Mitigation Program and requiring that all counties submit their plan to the State by November. She attended the Flood Board meeting on Thursday, where they discussed the proposed decision of the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Peckman River. The Senator and Assemblyman have written a letter of support on the Board's preferred plan to the DEP; the Board also requested the presence of representatives from the DEP to a meeting and tour of the Peckman River with its members.

Mayor Post reported 2015 plans for property maintenance enforcement and funding were discussed with the Town's Maintenance Committee. She also attended a meeting held by the Brownfield Commission, hosted by the Passaic County Economic Development Department focusing on business and retention strategies which would be most beneficial with the Transit Village Designation. She also attended a meeting with Little Falls' ABC that emphasized making utility assistance forms for seniors available on the website. On Thursday the Town's professionals will convene with the Clifton Health Department and Emergency Responders regarding Ebola Awareness and Preparedness Training.

She informed the Councilmembers that Little Falls Township had been awarded \$74,530.46 from the NJ Department of Transportation Highway Safety from their Fund Grant Program for 2014, which has been awarded annually and has been earmarked for purchasing police vehicles for patrol. Mayor Post reported the election signs have been removed from public Township properties and are available at the DPW yard.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Northgrave had nothing to report.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Cuccia reported meeting with various BLS agencies to find additional ambulance services for the day. He explained that these agencies are unavailable from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., as they have a tremendous amount of work in transporting. He informed that he contacted the town's Mutual Aid Agencies, the Passaic County Sheriff Office, and Montclair State EMS, who have been assisting during the day to ensure coverage. He informed the Council of a meeting tonight to address the Fire Department issue. He said that bond ordinance #1204 was on for introduction tonight and the parking ordinance regarding public parking has been removed due to some of the details requiring more work.

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### PUBLIC PORTION

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

Poll:           Ayes:           Vantuno, Porter, Organisciak and Council President Fontana  
                  Nays:           None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Karen DaSilva, 92and 92A Island Avenue, explained that past administration had entered her into the wrong FEMA program for her house. She read correspondence between her and Mr. Ward, discussing this issue and consideration for the next round of elevations. She asked that this be considered a letter of intent to participate in the elevation program.

Rosemarie Bello-Truland, High Court, announced that a presentation will be held at Town Hall for the Domestic Violence Walk. She expressed her views on paid versus volunteer ambulance service, including recruitment ideas and concerns regarding funding a paid service. She inquired about the parking ordinance which was removed.

Mark Simolaris, 111 First Ave., requested the status of the Employee Handbook, the extension of Town Hall hours, and an update on the functionality of all the pump stations. He inquired if a significant amount of money is being donated by FEMA.

Gina Reda, Pleasant Ave., expressed her dissatisfaction with recycling pickup on her street. She reported PSE&G installed a new telephone pole on her property, leaving the old pole remaining and curb a mess. Contact with PSE&G and the Town has not resolved the situation to her satisfaction.

Bob Dombrowski, 49 Parkway, thanked the Council for proceeding with the ambulance situation and would like a plan for the interim. Regarding the demolition, he noted Napp Greco had been very cooperative. He expressed concern regarding early start times, requesting a 9:30 am start time be enforced. He also expressed concern regarding asbestos removal due to the proximity of the de-contamination booth.

Ron Mullen, 94 Jacobus Ave., explained in reference to the traffic calming methods that he would like some short term relief. He researched the DOT for NJ's website regarding traffic humps. He reviewed some methods and stated he has not seen any feedback yet from studies on Jacobus. He informed the Council one method was LED lights which show the speed; a study showed that it was an effective measure for short term. He also informed the Council that hard calming tools are street humps and circles. He also inquired about why the circle of Jacobus was closed.

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

Poll:           Ayes:           Vantuno, Porter, Organisciak and Council President Fontana  
                  Nays:           None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Mr. Cuccia explained that the status of the program that Mrs. DiSilva is in remains unchanged. It is not an elevation. He explained she could speak to the FEMA representative under new funding which may be proposed but is not currently an option. He will get Mrs. DiSilva her file to take a look at it.

Council President FONTANA would like to clarify the accuracy of Mrs. DiSilva's reports, and noted that it would facilitate the process if Mrs. DiSilva could bring a copy of her file to the Councilmembers.

Council President FONTANA addressed Mrs. Truland and said they are trying to get as much information as possible before moving forward.

Mr. Northgrave said regarding the parking ordinance, he assumed public property was being referred. He did not want to introduce an ordinance to where the Chief or Mr. Simone could not make any changes. He asked for a meeting to discuss it internally.

Council President FONTANA stated that the Employee Handbook is on the agenda for tonight. He explained there were later hours but prior administration reduced them. However, department heads are available to meet with any resident who wants to come in after 4 o'clock by appointment. He does not see the need to hold all the staff to 5 p.m. on any particular day.

Mr. Simone said there are four storm water pump stations, all operational. He informed the Louis Street Pump Station is a new station that is a few years old. He explained that Mr. Lindsay is preparing specifications to bid for some upgrades which have been funded in the past on William Street. He also informed the Council that Fairfield Avenue is on that agenda tonight allowing RFP's to be put out and the Island Ave Pump Station would be the one that is left. He explained because of Irene the generator had to be replaced. The stations are all 30 or 40 years old and will require maintenance. Island Ave. will probably have to be addressed in the future.

Council President FONTANA said Mr. Simone will take care of any recycling that falls in the street. He informed Mrs. Reda that they should remove the old pole and they put a new transformer on the block.

Mr. Simone will get in touch with Everton Scott, PSE&G, regarding the problems, but noted pole removal is not a quick process.

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Council President FONTANA said the contractor will be contacted about working at 6 a.m. on Sundays. He also pointed out that asbestos raises a possible EPA issue. Mr. Simone informed that regulations require the contractors to be in certain protective equipment but contractors are not required to notify the residents. The tent that is set up is for them to wash off. Mr. Simone will follow-up and contact the contractor.

In response to Mr. Mullen, Council President FONTANA noted the blinking trailer that has a speedometer on the back of it.

Chief Dmuchowski said Mr. Mullen is correct on all the traffic calming devices and there is value in them. Discussion ensued with regard to new technology available, cost effectiveness and data collection. Mr. Lindsay summarized that possible solutions can be properly assessed against required criteria once valid data has been completely collected. Mr. Lindsay informed Councilmembers he will distribute information regarding the benefits of traffic devices with consideration to community and operational impacts as well.

**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.

**APPLICATIONS**

Little Falls Fire Department Auxiliary, Jason Cohen, Main Street, Little Falls, Eagle Hose Co. #1

NJ State Firemen’s Association, Gabriel Buonassissi, High Street, Montclair, Eagle Hose Co. #1

Raffle, Our Lady of the Holy Angels Church, Calendar Raffle, 12/26/14-3/20/15, 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

**REPORTS**

Municipal Clerk’s Report – Month of September 2014

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT  
Month of September 2014

ABC LICENSES	
OTHER LICENSES	
Business Licenses	\$200.00
Pre-paid Business Licenses	
Raffle Licenses	80.00
	\$280.00
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS	
Fees & Permits	\$552.00
Marriage Licenses-LF	275.00
Marriage Licenses-NJ	33.00
	\$860.00
MRNA	
Street Maps	\$3.00
Zoning Maps	6.00
Zoning Ordinances	
Document Copies	14.00
Garage Sales	75.00
Misc. Fees & Refunds:	
TOTAL MRNA	\$98.00
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT	\$1,238.00
TOTAL TO TREASURER	<u>\$1,238.00</u>

Municipal Clerk’s Dog/Cat License Report- Month of September 2014

MUNICIPAL CLERK’S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT  
Month of September 2014

<b>Dog</b> Licenses issued 09/01/14 thru 09/30/14	
Nos. 375 to 392 = 18 Licenses	
Amount due Little Falls	\$122.40
Amount due State	36.60
Total Cash Received	\$151.00
<b>Cat</b> Licenses issued 09/01/14 thru 09/30/14	
Nos. 51 to 52	
Licenses Issued 2	
Total Cash Received	\$16.00
Total to Treas.	<u>\$167.00</u>

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Tax Collector’s Report – Month of September 2014

**MONTHLY REPORT**

Municipality of Township of Little Falls  
Office of the Tax Collector  
Township of Little Falls Current Account, Lakeland Bank  
Revenues Collector for the Month of September 2014

Categories	September 30, 2014	2014 Year to Date
2014 Taxes	\$319,576.12	\$31,762,737.55
2013 Taxes	49,764.05	303,954.43
2010 Taxes	0.00	250.00
Interest	15,808.85	71,462.48

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Township Tax Title Lien	0.00	14,707.48
Township Tax Title Lien Int.	0.00	2,689.13
Cost of Tax Sale	971.05	1,223.06
Outside Tax Liens	24,830.63	35,037.81
Duplicate Tax Bills	15.00	145.00
Tax Searches	0.00	10.00
Insufficient Check Charge	60.00	180.00
6% Penalty Fee	0.00	3,249.63
Premium Outside Lien	184,000.00	184,000.00
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$595,025.70</b>	<b>\$32,379,646.57</b>

Delinquent 2014 Taxes \$699,038.26 (Feb, May, Aug. qtrs.)  
 2014 Refunds this month -\$0.00  
 2014 Year to date refunds = -\$2,179.36  
**Breakdown of refunds for years 2009-2014 completed in 2014(see attached).**  
 2014 Insufficient check charge backs (year-to-date) = -\$25,342.94

**REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2014**

Months	2009 STCJ	2010 STCJ	2011 STCJ	2012 STCJ	2013 STCJ	2014 CBJ	Regular 2014	2014 Veteran/Widow	2014 Senior/Disabled	Exempt 2014	Total by Months
January	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,072.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,072.50
February	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,179.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,179.36
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	\$4,315.74	\$6,927.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,243.34
July	\$21,941.48	\$31,266.11	\$35,362.48	\$40,369.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$128,939.67
August	\$0.00	\$23,405.76	\$24,347.90	\$26,107.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$73,860.96
September	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$21,941.48</b>	<b>\$54,671.87</b>	<b>\$65,098.62</b>	<b>\$73,404.50</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,179.36</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$217,295.83</b>

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 2 (Lien Premium Monies), Lakeland Bank  
 Revenues for the Month of September 2014

	Liens with Premiums Redeemed/(-)	Bal./Dep.(+)
Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2014)		\$170,000.00
January 2014	\$ 0.00	\$170,000.00
February 2014	\$ 0.00	\$170,000.00
March 2014	-\$6,000.00	\$164,000.00
April 2014	\$ 0.00	\$164,000.00
May 2014	\$ 0.00	\$164,000.00
June 2014	\$ 0.00	\$164,000.00
July 2014	\$ 0.00	\$164,000.00
August 2014	\$ 0.00	\$164,000.00
September 2014 Tax Sale 09/18/14 Premiums	+\$184,000.00	\$348,000.00
September 2014	- 59,000.00	\$289,000.00
Ending Balance as of September 30, 2014		\$289,000.00

Municipality of Township of Little Falls  
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 Township of Little Falls Tax Collector Trust 1 (Lien Monies), Lakeland Bank  
 Revenues for the Month of September 2014

	2014 Deposit	2014 Year-to-Date
January 2014	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
February 2014	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
March 2014	\$10,207.18	\$10,207.18
April 2014	\$ 0.00	\$10,207.18
May 2014	\$ 0.00	\$10,207.18
June 2014	\$ 0.00	\$10,207.18
July 2014	\$ 0.00	\$10,207.18
August 2014	\$ 0.00	\$10,207.18
September 2014	\$24,830.63	\$35,037.81
Total Collected as of September 30, 2014		\$35,037.81

**CORRESPONDENCE**

REQUEST FROM EAGLE RESCUE SQUAD COMPANY NO. 1 FOR PERMISSION TO CONDUCT A BOOT DRIVE AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAIN STREET AND UNION AVENUE ON 11/1/14 AND 11/2/14.

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REQUEST FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR PERMISSION TO CONDUCT A CANSHAKE AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 23/MAIN STREET AND MAIN STREET/STEVENS AVENUE ON 4/3/15 AND 5/3/15 FROM 8 A.M. TO 6 P.M..

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

Poll: Ayes: Vantuno, Porter, Organisciak and Council President Fontana  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

The following items were individually considered.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Authorizing execution of an agreement with the NJPA contract Pricing- It was moved by Councilmember Vantuno, seconded by Councilmember Porter, that the Council approve the following:

**RESOLUTION [A] 14-10-20 - #1**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, the Treasurer having certified to the availability of funds that the Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue a check in the amount of: \$36.60

payable to:

NJ State Dept. of Health

representing payment of State dog license fee, license Nos. 375 to 392 for the month of September 2014.

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Poll: Ayes: Vantuno, Porter, Organisciak and Council President Fontana  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Authorizing Little Falls as the lead agency for the establishment of a cooperative purchase - It was moved by Councilmember Organisciak, seconded by Councilmember Vantuno, that the Council approve the following:

**RESOLUTION [B] 14-10-20 - #2**

**LEAD AGENCY RESOLUTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
A COOPERATIVE PURCHASE  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS  
TO ESTABLISH A COOPERATIVE PURCHASE PROGRAM AND TO ENTER INTO  
COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER CONTRACTING UNITS**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 4 A:11-11 (5) authorizes two or more contracting units to establish a Cooperative Purchase Program and to enter into a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for its administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey is desirous of establishing a Cooperative Purchase Program and entering into a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with other contracting units; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Little Falls has agreed to serve as the Lead Agency for Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the governing body of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey duly considered the establishment of a Cooperative Purchasing Program for the provision and performance of goods and services, related specifically to the Purchase of a Hot Box to be used by the DPWs for asphalt repairs,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

**COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM ESTABLISHED**

The Township of Little Falls Township Council hereby authorizes the creation of Cooperative Purchasing Program to be known as The Little Falls, Woodland Park, and Totowa Cooperative Purchasing Program with the Township of Little Falls serving as the Lead Agency.

**COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT**

The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into separate Cooperative Purchasing Agreements with the participating contracting units and said Agreement shall be deemed a single Agreement

**COPY OF RESOLUTION TO DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

A single certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Division of Local Government Services as part of the application for the registration of this Cooperative Pricing System.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Poll: Ayes: Vantuno, Porter, Organisciak and Council President Fontana  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Authorizing the sale at public auction of the Township’s personal property through USGovBid - It was moved by Councilmember Organisciak, seconded by Councilmember Vantuno, that the Council approve the following:

**RESOLUTION [C] 14-10-20 - #3**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION OF THE TOWNSHIP’S  
PERSONAL PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE THROUGH USGOVBID**

**WHEREAS**, the attached is a list of personal property, which is no longer needed for public use by the Township of Little Falls; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-36, “Sale or other disposition of personal property,” the governing body may authorize the public sale of municipal owned property no longer needed for public use; and

**WHEREAS**, the sale of surplus property shall be conducted through USGovBid pursuant to State Contract T2581/A-70967 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the state contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with USGovBid is available on-line at; www.USGovBid.com and placed on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c. 30) authorizes the sale of surplus personal property no longer needed for public use through the use of an online auction service; and

**WHEREAS**, the sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is; www.USGovBid.com; and

**WHEREAS**, the sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-09; and

**WHEREAS**, no express or implied warranty is made for the property subject to sale. All property is being sold in “as is”-“where is” condition; and

**WHEREAS**, all sales are final; and

**WHEREAS**, method of payment is Cash, Certified Check, Money Order or Company Check (with bank letter guaranteeing funds-mandatory); and

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**WHEREAS**, all merchandise shall be removed within 10 business days from the time and date of issuance of the Buyers Certification otherwise buyers will be charged \$ 10.00 per day per item storage fee; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution shall be published in accordance with provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A-11-36.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Resolution (or Notice of the date, time and place of the auction, with a description of the items to be sold) shall be published in an official newspaper as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36(3).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Little Falls Township Council does hereby declare that the personal property listed is surplus and no longer needed for Township use; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Council does hereby authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with USGovBids to conduct an internet auction of surplus property identified.

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Poll: Ayes: Vantuno, Porter, Organisciak and Council President Fontana  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ratifying change orders – It was moved by Councilmember Organisciak, seconded by Councilmember Vantuno, that the Council approve the following:

**RESOLUTION RATIFYING SEVERAL CHANGE ORDERS FOR PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED PROJECTS**

Poll: Ayes: Vantuno, Porter, Organisciak and Council President Fontana  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Authorizing the DPW Superintendent to receive RFP's for the replacement/upgrade of the Fairfield Avenue Pump Station - It was moved by Councilmember Organisciak, seconded by Councilmember Porter, that the Council approve the following:

**RESOLUTION [E] 14-10-20 - #5  
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS AUTHORIZING THE DPW  
SUPERINTENDENT TO RECEIVE RFPs FOR THE  
REPLACEMENT/UPGRADE OF THE FAIRFIELD AVENUE PUMP STATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Township has a need to replace/upgrade the Fairfield Avenue Pump Station; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to approve the notice of RFPs for this purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the Township of Little Falls that the DPW Superintendent and the Clerk are hereby authorized to place a notice of RFPs for the above referenced project in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:11.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Township be and is hereby authorized to certify the within resolution and that the provisions thereof are in conformity with the provisions of law.

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Poll: Ayes: Vantuno, Porter, Organisciak and Council President Fontana  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Councilmember ORGANISCIAK questioned whether legal counsel reviewed this to confirm there are no issues. Mr. Cuccia responded that it is the boilerplate from the Joint Insurance Fund and the remainder relates to the contractual arrangements with the bargaining units, and with the ordinances which were already adopted.

Adopting policies and procedures supporting the basic operations of the Township - It was moved by Councilmember Vantuno, seconded by Councilmember Porter, that the Council approve the following:

**RESOLUTION [F] 14-10-20 - #6  
RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN EMPLOYEE MANUAL, AN ACCOUNTING  
POLICY AND A FUND BALANCE POLICY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Township to adopt policies and procedures supporting the basic operations of the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, said policies and procedures have been provided to the Council in advance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls hereby adopts the following policies and procedures: Little Falls Employee Manual, Little Falls Accounting Policy, Little Falls Fund Balance Policy.

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Poll: Ayes: Vantuno, Porter, Organisciak and Council President Fontana  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Authorizing the submission of a grant application and the execution of a grant agreement with the NJDOT for improvements to Crane Street - It was moved by Councilmember Organisciak, seconded by Councilmember Porter, that the Council approve the following:

**RESOLUTION [G] 14-10-20 - #7  
SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT  
WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE  
IMPROVEMENTS TO CRANE STREET**

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Roadway Improvements Project on Crane Street.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Township of Little Falls formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor of the Township of Little Falls, the Clerk and Engineer are hereby authorized to sign and submit an electronic Transportation Enhancement Grant Application identified as MA-2015-Crane Street-00267 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Little Falls.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mayor Darlene Post, and the Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Little Falls and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement and Township Engineer is authorized to submit all documents.

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Poll: Ayes: Vantuno, Porter, Organisciak and Council President Fontana  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance No. 1202 - It was moved by Councilmember Porter, seconded by Councilmember Organisciak, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1202 “**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE AS TO THE LICENSURE OF TOWING COMPANIES**”, be and it was opened.

Poll: Ayes: Vantuno, Porter, Organisciak and Council President Fontana  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Louis Fernandez, Harrison Street, asked questions about the previous year’s towing ordinance and if it was coming back to Little Falls.

Mr. Northgrave stated that by law the Town is required to have a fair and open process. He explained that it just made it easier to reopen the process for January 2015 to December 2015. He explained that applications would be available 11/1/14 and then recommendations would be made.

No one further having come forward to be heard, it was moved by Councilmember Porter, seconded by Councilmember Vantuno, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1202 be and it was closed.

Poll: Ayes: Vantuno, Porter, Organisciak and Council President Fontana  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Organisciak, seconded by Councilmember Vantuno, that the Ordinance No. 1202 be and it was adopted.

Poll: Ayes: Vantuno, Porter, Organisciak and Council President Fontana  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1203 -It was moved by Councilmember Vantuno, seconded by Councilmember Porter, that there be introduced and the meeting of November 24, 2014 set as the date and time for the public hearing on the following:

**ORDINANCE # 1203**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE AS TO THE SCHEDULE OF SEWER CONNECTION 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 has in place ordinances codified at Chapters 195 and 71 of the Township Code of General Ordinances (“Code”) that require and prescribe the payment of sewer connection fees respecting real property, including fees for application review, pre-inspection and connection to the Township’s sewer system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Code currently provides at Subchapter 71-2 a certain schedule of sewer connection fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipal council (“Municipal Council”) of the Township has determined to amend Subchapter 71-2 to adjust certain fees for sewer connections; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Council has determined to amend Subchapter 71-2 (with respect to Chapter 195 *Sewer Connections*, Article II *Sewer Connection Fees*) of the Code to read as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are in [brackets]):

<b>“ARTICLE II Sewer Connection Fees</b>		
195-11	Filing of application for connection:	
	Residential use	\$[300] <u>500</u> /residential unit
	Commercial or industrial use	\$1,000
195-13	Residential sewer connections	\$[4,000] <u>6,000</u> /dwelling unit
195-14	Commercial or industrial sewer connections:	
195-14B	Connection fee	\$3/square foot of floor area; minimum \$[4,000] <u>6,000</u>
195-14C	Preconnection inspection	\$500
195-15	Mixed-use premises connections:	
	Residential unit filing fee	\$300/each, plus costs
	Commercial/industrial structure filing fee	\$1,000/each, plus costs
	Residential unit connection fee	\$[4,000] <u>6,000</u> /each, plus charges
	Commercial/industrial use connection fee charges”	\$3/square foot, plus connection fee charges”

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

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

2. The Municipal Council hereby amends Subchapter 71-2 (with respect to Chapter 195 *Sewer Connections*, Article II *Sewer Connection Fees*) of the Code to read as follows:

<b>“ARTICLE II Sewer Connection Fees</b>		
195-11	Filing of application for connection:	
	Residential use	\$500/residential unit
	Commercial or industrial use	\$1,000
195-13	Residential sewer connections	\$6,000/dwelling unit
195-14	Commercial or industrial sewer connections:	
195-14B	Connection fee	\$3/square foot of floor area; minimum \$6,000

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195-14C	Preconnection inspection	\$500
195-15	Mixed-use premises connections:	
	Residential unit filing fee	\$300/each, plus costs
	Commercial/industrial structure filing fee	\$1,000/each, plus costs
	Residential unit connection fee	\$6,000/each, plus charges
	Commercial/industrial use connection fee	\$3/square foot, plus connection fee charges

3. It is the intent of the Municipal Council to incorporate the additions, amendments and/or supplements contained in this Ordinance in to the Code. All of the remaining provisions in Chapter 71 of the Code shall remain unchanged and have full force and legal effect. All other resolutions and ordinances of the Township with respect to the schedule of sewer connection fees inconsistent herewith are hereby modified pursuant to the terms of this Ordinance.

4. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence, phrase or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

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

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

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Poll: Ayes: Vantuno, Porter, Organisciak and Council President Fontana  
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Authorizing the introduction of Ordinance No. 1204 - It was moved by Councilmember Organisciak, seconded by Councilmember Porter that there be introduced and the meeting of November 24, 2014 set as the date and time for the public hearing on the following:

**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1204**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR STORMWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$300,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$285,700 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey (the "Township") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$300,000, including the sum of \$14,300 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$285,700 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is Stormwater Collection System Improvements in an area near the intersection of Morningside Circle and Jacobus Avenue, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Township may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 40 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$285,700, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$20,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

Section 7. The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the ARule@) for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

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Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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Poll:           Ayes:           Vantuno, Porter, Organisciak and Council President Fontana  
                  Nays:           None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Resolution amending the Temporary Capital Budget - It was moved by Councilmember Vantuno, seconded by Councilmember Porter, that the Council approve the following:

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET**

Mr. Cuccia informed that it is required to have that ordinance in the capital budget. He explained that this is an amendment to discuss the ordinance being introduced.

Poll:           Ayes:           Vantuno, Porter, Organisciak and Council President Fontana  
                  Nays:           None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

It was moved by Councilmember Organisciak, seconded by Councilmember Porter, that the Council approve the following:

**RESOLUTION [BL]**

**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.

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Poll:           Ayes:           Vantuno, Porter, Organisciak and Council President Fontana  
                  Nays:           None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Vantuno, seconded by Councilmember Porter, that the meeting be and it was adjourned 8:30 p.m.

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Cynthia Kraus  
Municipal Clerk