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

Monday, October 30, 2017

Council President Anthony Sgobba called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following members present Maria Cordonnier, William Liess, and Chris Vancheri. Also present were Mayor James Damiano, Township Attorney Joseph Wenzel, Township Engineer Dennis Lindsay, Township Administrator Charles Cuccia and Township Clerk Cynthia Kraus.

Absent: Councilmember Marc Benitez and Police Chief Steven Post

Township Employees present: Fire Chief Jack Sweezy, DPW Superintendent Philip 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 3, 2017; 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of October 16, 2017 and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 25, 2017 be and they were approved.

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

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

PRESENTATION BY LITTLE FALLS SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT TRACY MARINELLI - Council

President SGOBBA welcomed the School Board members in attendance prior to introducing Superintendent Marinelli. At this time, Ms. Marinelli illustrated and explained the test score analysis of the last three PARCC assessments using a Powerpoint presentation. Ms. Marinelli defined district factor groups as they pertain to socioeconomic status and test results. She described the role of two committees, the School Improvement Committee, and District Evaluation Committee, in analyzing results and implementing best practices. Ms. Marinelli announced that out of 678 operating school districts, Little Falls was 81. In addition, the Patch compiled a list of school districts based on scores which revealed Little Falls was No. 1 in Passaic County. In response to a resident question, Ms. Marinelli acknowledged a dip in fifth grade scores. She added that scores were well above the State average, nonetheless, initiatives have been put in place to focus on improvement areas. Ms. Marinelli concluded by stating comparative information is on the school website and encouraged residents to call her with any questions.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Council President SGOBBA acknowledged that tonight is the night before Halloween and encouraged residents to call the Police Department regarding any unjust activity.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

In Councilmember Benitez's absence, Council President SGOBBA reported on the success of the Domestic Violence vigil held on October 19, 2017.

Councilmember VANCHERI provided a status report on a meeting convened with the vendor for the Township website, QScend. The goal is to launch the website next month. Councilmember VANCHERI noted he will not be able to attend the November 13, 2017 meeting due to work-related travel.

Councilmember CORDONNIER reported a stigma free event hand to hand event was successfully held on October 27, 2017. On November 1, 2017, the Open Space Committee will convene and Councilmember CORDONNIER will report information as it becomes available.

Councilmember LIESS announced the Harvest Moon Dinner Dance was an extreme success. He thanked the Councilmembers for their assistance at the event. In addition, Councilmember LIESS attended the Halloween Bash at the Recreation Center which was well attended.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Damiano announced the new Township website will feature live streaming as well as the ability to archive all Council meetings in real time. The Mayor also called to attention that Resolution G, authorizing the Tax Collector to provide an additional grace period for the collection of 2016 added, omitted and added/omitted payments, had been added to the Agenda this evening. The Mayor elaborated on the special circumstance that led to the need for Resolution G, and emphasized that the extended grace period of November 27, 2017 applied only to added, omitted, and added/omitted payments for 2016.

Mayor Damiano provided clarification regarding Resolution A pertaining to Donato Drive improvements. The Mayor explained how streets are selected for improvement and the Complete Streets Policy, which mirrors the State policy. The Mayor acknowledged that not every street would benefit from sidewalks, and that while the Township Complete Streets policy has good intentions, it requires review to determine what is best suited for the Township moving forward. The Mayor emphasized that while the initial grant application may have components in it, the final determination of how those funds are utilized does not need to necessarily use those funds as they have been initially earmarked. Mr. Cuccia and Mr. Lindsay have been in contact with the DOT to discuss the grant application. The Mayor stated his belief that while funds should conform with the Complete Streets policy, the policy has been discussed with every Councilmember, who expressed the desire to modify it, so it is in line with the needs of the our residents in Town. Mayor Damiano asked the Council to consider that when the grant is hopefully received by the municipality, that the Council agrees the improvements would not include the sidewalks originally proposed, as well as line striping for bike lanes.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Wenzel had nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

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

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

<u>Donna Moline</u>, 45 Donato Drive, requested confirmation that a new ordinance on the Complete Streets Policy would be discussed at the November 13, 2017 Workshop and voted on at the November 27, 2017 Regular meeting. Council President SGOBBA confirmed and stated Mr. Cuccia will provide the Council with a draft Ordinance to review and prepare for the November 13, 2017 Workshop Meeting.

Ms. Moline stated that there has not been a resident tally on support for Belgian block or road surfacing. Council President SGOBBA stated he and Mayor Damiano visited residents on Donato Drive and found none of the residents visited were against Belgian blocks or road surfacing. Ms. Moline detailed the research and information she obtained through the Supervisor in Trenton and Commissioner's office, ultimately querying whether the grant, if awarded on the condition of inclusion of sidewalks, would move forward. Council President SGOBBA stated his discussion with each of the Councilmembers determined that if the grant could only be accepted by the Township with sidewalks that the Council would vote against the grant. The Council would address specific issues of bike lanes and striping if and when the grant is awarded.

<u>Raymond Kostrowski</u>, 170 Donato Drive, questioned why the road is being considered for resurfacing as he believed it was resurfaced not long ago. He also commented that Belgian block is not adequate curbing, especially for plowing, and suggested installation of a concrete curb. Additionally, Mr. Kostrowski questioned Ordinance No. 1302, as he believed the municipal lot on the Morris Canal was a free lot.

Council President SGOBBA stated he walked on Donato Drive and there was a large section of crumbling sidewalk. Mr. Simone stated Donato Drive was paved 10-15 years ago. In response to Council President SGOBBA, Mr. Simone described the road resurfacing program and that it has taken 22 years to resurface every street. Council President SGOBBA stated his understanding it is easier to repair the Belgian Block curbing. Mr. Simone confirmed that rock salt destroys the concrete curb. As Belgian block is a natural stone, the rock salt does not affect it. Moreover, it is easier to replace Belgian block than a 10 foot piece of concrete curb. In response to Ordinance No. 1302, Council President SGOBBA explained the municipal lot is free; the fee only pertains to those vehicles parked overnight.

Louis Fernandez, 54 Harrison Street, commented the residents of Donato Drive should attend every Council meeting and get involved. Mr. Fernandez requested the reinstatement of overnight parking, expressing an influx of Montclair State University students and out of state vehicles in the area has caused difficulty in parking and the feeling of being unsafe. He also would like action to eliminate illegal apartments. Council President SGOBBA stated that the Council passed resolution extending the overnight parking ordinance to allow the Council to determine what would be best for the community. Discussion will continue in the upcoming months to resolve issues surrounding overnight parking. Council President SGOBBA encouraged Mr. Fernandez to report any illegal apartments to Mr. Cuccia for follow-up.

<u>Jeff Durocher Sr.</u> 3 Stephen Place, disagreed with comments made by Mr. Fernandez regarding the issue safety related cars parked overnight on the street. Mr. Durocher further stated his home houses several family members that have vehicles and require parking on the street.

<u>Jeff Durocher Jr.</u>, 3 Stephen Place, referred to an ordinance opposing the overnight parking of commercial vehicles and requested an amendment as his vehicle has commercial plates and is also used for personal use. Mr. Cuccia reviewed the ordinance in question. The Mayor explained the rationale of the Ordinance and noted it only pertains to vehicles parked on the roadway. Council President SGOBBA stated the Council will review the Ordinance to determine if an amendment can be proposed.

Robert Ragan, 7 Stephen Place, made comments similar to Mr. Durocher, Jr.

Roland Dey, 48 Main Street, spoke on behalf of the American Legion and veterans within the Township. He announced a Veteran's Day Ceremony will be held on November 11, 2017 at 11:00 am. On November 13, 2017 he declared that School #3 is performing a concert for veterans. Additionally, a Support the Troop Rally is being held on November 18, 2017, where Staff Sgt. Michael Hollander will be honored. Mr. Dey has been collaborating with Mr. Simone and Councilmember Vancheri on this project. He requested anyone who has family members serving or who has served to please contact him so they may be honored. At this time, Council President SGOBBA requested Councilmember VANCHERI elaborate on the Veteran's Day events, to which Councilmember VANCHERI reiterated the upcoming events, dates, and times. He commended Mr. Dey and the efforts he has put forth with the schools to get the word out, citing contact has been made with the hope that PVTV, TAP, and NEWS 12 may cover the events. Councilmember VANCHERI thanked Council President SGOBBA for the donation of a monument for Sgt. Hollander. Finally, Councilmember VANCHERI encouraged everyone to invite anyone who is serving or served to attend the Veteran's Day events, adding the events will be posted on the Little Falls website and PVTV.

<u>Dorothy O'Haire</u>, 89 Turnberry Road, requested more information on Ordinance No. 1303 pertaining to Highview homes, specifically, the piece of land that was not developed. Council President SGOBBA clarified that the ordinance concerns the new home being built on Wilmore Road. Across the street from Wilmore Road is a strip of land and the Peckman River. Highview Homes built the single family home on Wilmore Road and owns the strip of land, however, since the developed no longer wanted the strip of land, the Township will take it over.

Ms. O'Haire recalled she had approached Council previously about appointing new members to the Flood Board and has not heard back. The Flood Board has been unable to convene since last April because there are not enough members for a quorum. Mayor Damiano responded that the current ordinance mirrors the ordinance of Cedar Grove and Woodland Park which states the Flood Board was created to assist with the Passaic and Peckman River. He stated several individuals from Cedar Grove have questioned their involvement in the Flood Board moving forward as Cedar Grove's position with respect to the Peckman River is to clean it from time to time but to leave it in its natural state. Additionally, the Mayor recounted that the Flood Board has been in discussion with the Army Corp. of Engineers regarding the evolution of a potential \$120 million dollar project. As the majority of the project resides in Little Falls, the Army Corp. of Engineers has indicated 10% of the project costs should be borne by Little Falls. The Mayor expressed his belief that as the Peckman River flooding issues do not affect Cedar Grove, Cedar Grove should not have an influence on whether or not Little Falls should move forward with such a project. He did support Totowa Borough's participation on the Flood Board due to shared issues with the Passaic River. Ms. O'Haire stated federal law states otherwise in relation to bearing the cost of the project and requested the ordinance be amended with regard to membership representation.

Mayor Damiano continued to elaborate that the reason the Flood Board was created was to obtain funding and secure grants which it has succeeded and accomplished. Little Falls and Woodland Park will be in receipt of an excavator to dredge the river on our own. He further discussed the Army Corp. of Engineer's project and his concerns related to the project.

Ms. O'Haire stated if the Ordinance is not suitable it should be amended, as the Flood Board members are Council appointed.

Mayor Damiano stated he has had discussions with the Mayor of Totowa who has expressed some interest in joining the Flood Board. He has also had discussions with representatives of Woodland Park who continue to remain a proponent of moving forward with the Flood Board. Mayor Damiano cited Cedar Grove tabled the vote to determine whether or not they should remain in or withdraw from the Flood Board.

<u>Daniel Isku</u>, 76 William Street, questioned who is buying the houses near his home, and why are they being demolished instead of elevated.

Mayor Damiano explained the history of FEMA offering SRL-10 up to SRL-16 programs and how FEMA determined whether a home should be demolished or elevated. FEMA has more recently determined that the only way to guarantee no future loss on a property is to acquire the property and have it demolished, leaving redevelopment and recouping lost taxes to the Township. Mayor Damiano elaborated upon the current process through Blue Acres, in which all applicants are considered for a potential buyout. Mayor Damiano then detailed his vision for rehabilitation in that area by implementing a municipal planner to study that area of the Township and to consider an overlay zone. The ultimate plan would assist property owners, surrounding property owners, the municipality by increase property values and ratables. Mayor Damiano concluded by stating that an additional SRL program year would not be of interest to the Council at this time.

Councilmember CORDONNIER requested the Mayor expand upon potential plans for open space and recap redeveloping of existing properties. Mayor Damiano provided further clarification noting that a focus will also be placed on making use of open space land.

Mr. Isku requested assistance with the FEMA flood rates indicated the rates are high. Mayor Damiano stated the only action the Township can do proactively to assist in reducing flood insurance premiums is to continue moving forward Community Rating System (CRS). The CRS, depending on the Township's rating, will provide a percent reduction on what flood insurance could be. Currently there is a 25% reduction what flood insurance premiums would otherwise be. Mayor Damiano added that the Township is also appealing the new or proposed flood map FEMA has suggested to be used for our Township. At this time, the Township has continues to await FEMA's response.

Arnold Korotkin, 181 Long Hill Road, stated he received a message from NJ American Water that issued a cautionary boiling water advisory for parts of Little Falls. Council President SGOBBA requested Mr. Korotkin provide Mr. Cuccia with the information such that accurate information is placed on the website. Councilmember CORDONNIER inserted that although she did not receive a notice though her home was affected, her neighbors had, and updates appeared to be ongoing.

Sharon Nestico, 18 Jacobus, stated she received a call from NJ American Water regarding the water advisory at 6:30 pm prior to coming to the Council Meeting tonight. Council President SGOBBA stated the Township did not have information prior to the Meeting tonight and will only put accurate information on the website.

Ms. Nestico lodged a complaint that information was not communicated to her regarding work on her street. She stated a third party was in the process of changing out of the fire hydrants on her property and did a poor job of sod replacement and Belgian block repair. Mr. Simone stated the water company sent a request to replace 41 fire hydrants and provided the addresses, however, no schedule was provided. Council President SGOBBA requested Mr. Simone examine Ms. Nestico's property and obtain the opinion of the Engineer and report back to the Mayor for Council review.

Ms. Nestico further stated she found a manhole cover on her front lawn as part of the road resurfacing being done on Jacobus Ave. She thanked the Mayor and Council for letters updating the work being done with resurfacing on Jacobus. Mr. Simone described the process for manhole raising, and described the program in process for manhole replacement. DPW drops off the new manhole cover on the lawn near the road and picks up the old manhole cover the next day. I

<u>Brian Thomas</u>, 169 Donato Drive, thanked the Council and Mayor for their concerns with Donato Drive. He questioned how much land he would have lost if sidewalks would have been installed. Council President SGOBBA indicated it is a moot point as the Council will not be moving on the sidewalks.

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: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, and Council President Sgobba

Navs: 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.

REPORTS

<u>Municipal Clerks Report</u> - Month of September 2017

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT Month of September 2017

ABC LICENSES OTHER LICENSES		\$0.00
Business Licenses	\$1415.00	
Pre-paid Business Licenses		
Raffle Licenses	180.00	
		\$1,595.00

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REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS
Fees & Permits \$677.00
Marriage Licenses-LF \$15.00
Marriage Licenses-NJ \$125.00

\$817.00

MRNA
Street Maps
Zoning Maps
Zoning Ordinances

| Document Copies | \$6.00 | Garage Sales | \$65.00 | Misc. Fees & Refunds: | \$250.00 |

TOTAL MRNA
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT
TOTAL TO TREASURER

\$2,723.00
\$2,723.00

Municipal Clerk's Dog/Cat License Report – Month of September 2017

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT

\$99.00

Month of September 2017

 Dog Licenses issued 09/01/2017 to 09/30/2017

 Nos. 318 to 329 = 12 Licenses

 Amount due Little Falls
 \$81.60

 Amount due State
 \$17.40

Cat Licenses issued 06/01/2017 to 06/30/2017 Nos. 0 to 0

Total Cash Received

<u>Tax Collector's Report</u> - Month of September 2017

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 <u>September 2017</u>

Categories 01-	September 1-30, 2017	2017 Year to Date
2017 Taxes	\$274,499.63	\$34,705,374.85
2015&2016 Taxes	46,658.62	612,988.86
Prepaid 2018 Taxes	5.06	39.86
Interest	16,882.46	89,008.02
Cost of Tax Sale	602.54	602.54
Duplicate Tax Bills	5.00	90.00
Tax Searches	0.00	12.00
Insufficient Check Charge	0.00	180.00
6% Penalty Fee	1,141.63	11,589.16
Municipal Copy Fee/Misc.	0.00	0.08
GRAND TOTALS	\$339,794.94	\$35,419,885.37

\$79,727.87 (1st-4th Qtrs.) – subject to tax sale 10/03/17. \$516,788.85 (1st – 3rd Qtrs.)

Delinquent 2016 Taxes Delinquent 2017 Taxes

Total Delinquent Taxes \$596,516.72

-\$0.00 2017 Refunds this month = 2017 Year to date refunds = -\$28,856.63 Breakdown of refunds for years 2011-2017 completed in 2017(see attached).

REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2017 (YEAR 2011)

Months	2011 STCJ	Total by Months
January	\$0.00	\$34,647.80
February	\$0.00	\$1,186.80
March	\$0.00	\$7,728.86
April	\$13,522.09	\$132,072.60
May	\$0.00	\$7,610.15
June	\$0.00	\$12,682.63
July	\$11,501.49	\$25,605.09
August	\$0.00	\$17,570.66
September	\$0.00	\$0.00
Totals	\$25,023.58	\$239,104.59

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.

REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2017 (YEARS 2012-2017)

REFUNDS IN THE TEAR 2017 (TEARS 2012-2017)											
Months	2012 STCJ	2013 STCJ	2014 STCJ	2015 STCJ or 2015 Reg.	2016 STCJ or 2016 Reg.	2017 CBJ	Regular 2017	2017 Veteran/ Widow	2017 Senior/ Disabled	Exempt 2017	Total by Months
January	\$3,956.00	\$7,254.75	\$7,634.70	\$7,843.80	\$7,958.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,647.80
February	\$1,186.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,186.80
March	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,233.53	\$5,495.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,728.86
April	\$21,843.10	\$18,310.43	\$19,922.07	\$29,025.14	\$29,449.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$132,072.60
May	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,479.03	\$2,546.93	\$2,584.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,610.15
June	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,396.76	\$0.00	\$11,285.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,682.63
July	\$14,103.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,605.09
August	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,743.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,826.97	\$17,570.66
September	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Totals	\$41,089.50	\$25,565.18	\$30,035.80	\$41,649.40	\$46,884.60	\$0.00	\$20,029.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,826.97	\$239,104.59

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Municipality of <u>Township of Little Falls</u>
Office of the <u>Tax Collector</u>
Township of Little Falls <u>Tax Collector Trust 1 (Lien Monies)</u>, <u>Lakeland Bank</u>
Revenues for the Month of <u>September 2017</u>

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	<u>Deposit</u>	Year-to-Date
January 2017 *corrected March 1, 2017	\$22,489.28*	\$22,489.28*
February 2017	\$46,003.72	\$68,493.00
March 2017	\$ 0.00	\$68,493.00
April 2017	\$ 0.00	\$68,493.00
May 2017	\$ 0.00	\$68,493.00
June 2017	\$ 0.00	\$68,493.00
July 2017	\$ 0.00	\$68,493.00
August 2017	\$ 0.00	\$68,493.00
September 2017	\$ 0.00	\$68,493.00

Total Collected as of September 30, 2017

\$68,493.00

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>September 2017</u>

Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2017)	Liens with Premiums <u>Redeemed</u> / (-)	Bal. /Dep. (+) \$285,500.00
January 2017	\$ -21,900.00	\$263,600.00
February 2017	\$ -31,000.00	\$232,600.00
March 2017	\$ 0.00	\$232,600.00
April 2017	\$ 0.00	\$232,600.00
May 2017	\$ 0.00	\$232,600.00
June 2017	\$ 0.00	\$232,600.00
July 2017	\$ 0.00	\$232,600.00
August 2017	\$ 0.00	\$232,600.00
September 2017	\$ 0.00	\$232,600.00
Ending Balance as of September 30, 2017		\$232,600.00

<u>Construction Report</u> – Month of September, 2017

Permit Fee Log Summary - All permits issued between 09/01/2017 and 09/30/2017

Permits Processed		Type of Work					
Permits: 37			New buildings:			9	
Permit Updates: 3			Additions:			1	
			Rehabilitation	1:			
Ownership			Alterations:			3	
Private	40		Renovation	s:		2	
Public	0		Reconstruct	tion:		0	
			Repairs:			20	
			Multiple Re	ehab.:		0	
			Minor Worl	k:		1	
Totals			Demolition	s:		3	
Total Area:	13,790 so		Addition/Reh	ab:		1	
Total Volume:	157,640 c	u. ft.	Lead Hazard	Abatement:		0	
Total Value of			Asbestos Aba			0	
Construction:	\$649,2	86	Radon Remed			0	
			Annual Perm	it:		0	
Technical Subcodes							
Building	23						
Electrical	23						
Plumbing	20						
Fire Protection	12						
Elevator	0						
Housing Unit Changes							
		ale			Rent		
	Sale	Income	Restricted	Rent		Restricted	
Units Gained:	8		0 0			0	
Units Lost:	0		0 0		0		
Change:	8	0		0	(0	
Fee Summary		T					
Type			pection	Admin.		otal	
Building		\$8,384.70		\$0.00	\$8,384.70		
Electrical		\$3,205.00		\$0.00	\$3,205.00		
Plumbing		\$5,800.00		\$0.00		00.00	
Fire Protection		\$2,565.00		\$0.00		2,565.00	
Elevator			0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Mechanical			0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Annual Permit			0.00	N/A		\$0.00	
DCA			105.45			\$1,105.45	
Certificate		\$0.00		N/A	\$0.00		

^{\$21,060.15} *Note- Subcode fees include Administrative 3rd Party Agency Fees where applicable. "Adjustments" can include plan review credits, min/max. fees and rounding where applicable.

\$0.00

\$21,059.00*

Recreation Report – Month of September, 2017

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.

Month	Participants	Sessions	Hours Utilized
January 2017	4,599	113	362
February 2017	3,563	147	302
March 2017	2,742	142	211.5
April 2017	3,666	160	220
May 2017	4,884	175	250
June 2017	6,741	185	332
July 2017	6,384	180	270
August 2017	3,438	115	205
September 2017	5,205	191	237

Civic Center Report - Month of September, 2017

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 2017	482
February 2017	397
March 2017	704
April 2017	485
May 2017	519
June 2017	920
July 2017	585
August 2017	705
September 2017	502

Police Training Report – Month of September, 2017

Departmental Training Conducted

- Domestic Violence All officers were assigned an online course for Domestic Violence Training via PowerDMS. This training will run through October.
- Fall Firearms Training and Qualifications Three range training dates were held during the month of September (11,18, 25). During those training sessions, all participants qualified with their department issued handgun, shotgun, and off-duty firearm(s). In addition, all rifle qualified officers demonstrated proficiency on a 10 round course of fire. Additionally, all attendees participated in a shooting drill to reinforce necessary skills for proficient marksmanship.
- Less Lethal Force Training In conjunction with firearms training, all officers participated in less than lethal force training, specifically OC spray and baton. The associated demonstrations, lecture and practical application provided refresher training in the implementation of various force options.
- De-escalation/Mental Health (CLEAR) Training All officers were assigned an online training video to view prior to attending the "live" portion of the mandated training. The training will run throughout the month of October and November.

Outside Training

- Outside training is being scheduled and officers are attending. Once completed, the training certificates are loaded into PowerDMS and a copy placed into the officer's training file. Summary of September 2017 outside training:
 - Incident Command System (ICS) 400, 1-Day (Sgt. Gianduso)
 - Tactical Narcotics Training, 5-Day (Det. Gilchrist) Motor Vehicle Search and Seizure, 2-Day (Ptl. Stevens)
 - 0
 - Alco-Test Recertification, 1-Day (Ptl. Hoyt) 0
 - De-Escalation/Mental Health (CLEAR)

Planning (Future training events)

- Fall 2017, Blood-Borne Pathogens
- Fall 2017, HazMat Refresher Training
- 2017, planning for a departmental non-lethal use of force training course for baton, OC spray, defensive tactics and handcuffing
- 2017, Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERT)
- 2017 Taser Instructor Certification Process (Completion)
- 2017, planning for a departmental training session on Emergency Vehicle Operations

Upcoming Training Events

Future training events are already scheduled for next month and beyond.

- October Departmental Firearm's Training/Qualifications
- October Taser Operator Class
- October Blood Borne Pathogens
- Fall 2017 HazMat Refresher
- Fall 2017 De-Escalation Training November - Alco-Test Recertification
- Winter 2017 Firearms Training/Rifle Qualifications
- 2018 ALERRT, Level II

Little Falls EMS Report - 2017

LITTLE FALLS EMS MONTHLY REPORT 2017								
	2017 YTD Thru April	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	2017 YTD		
Total Responses	377	118	101	106	119	821		
Total Transports	256	59	62	54	60	491		
Total Billable Patients	256	59	62	54	60	491		
Average Response Time	5	4.55	4.88	4.77	4.16	4.67		
1st Responder Responses	5	0	0	1	0	6		
Mutual Aid into Township	11	2	8	6	5	32		
Educational Demon-stration or other special details	06	0	0	0	0	0		
Refusals	136	49	28	42	29	284		
Cancellations	16	1	1	5	5	28		
No Disposition	13	7	3	8	5	36		

APPLICATIONS

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ANGELS CHURCH, CALENDAR RAFFLE, 12/22/17-3/23/17, 9:30 AM, 465 MAIN STREET, LITTLE FALLS

BLUE LIGHT PERMIT, SARAH RAMOS, MAIN STREET, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

BLUE LIGHT PERMIT, DANIEL FIGUEROA, WOODLAND PARK, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY APPLICATION, CRAIG WOODWARD, KINGWOOD DRIVE, GREAT NOTCH FIRE CO. #4

LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY APPLICATION, JONATHAN NIELSEN, RIVERVIEW CIRCLE, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

NJ STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, JONATHAN NIELSEN, RIVERVIEW CIRCLE, LITTLE FALLS FIRE **DEPARTMENT**

CORRESPONDENCE

REQUEST FROM SINGAC FIRE COMPANY #3 FOR PERMISSION TO CONDUCT A COIN TOSS AT THE CORNER OF MAIN STREET AND ROUTE 23 ON 11/17/17 AND 11/18/17 WITH ROAD POSTPONEMENT DATES OF 11/24/17 AND 11/25/17 AND A RAIN DATE OF 12/2/17.

RESOLUTIONS

Execution of Grant Agreement for Donato Drive Improvements

RESOLUTION [A] 17-10-30 - #1

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation

for the Improvements to Donato Drive project.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Engineer, and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2018-Improvements to Donato Drive-00600 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and 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.

Certified as a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Council on this 30th day of October, 2017.

My signature and the Clerk's seal serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the resolution above.

Execution of Grant Agreement for Crosswalk Signal Improvements

RESOLUTION [B] 17-10-30 - #2

Resolution:

Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Township of Little Falls - Crosswalk Signal Improvement project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Little Falls formally approves the grant application for the above

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Engineer, and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as SST-2018-Township of Little Falls-Crosswalk-00057 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and 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.

Purchase of Rock Salt

RESOLUTION [C] 17-10-30 - #3 ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THE VENDORS LISTED BELOW FOR THE 2018 WINTER PRODUCTS **Under County Cooperative Purchasing**

Contract Period December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018

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, Grits, Magnesium Chloride Flakes, Magnesium Chloride, Calcium Chloride, Liquid Calcium Chloride

for the Contract period December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018; 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 Expenses

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: 1)

The Detroit Salt Company Eastern Concrete Materials Bid: \$50.98 per ton Bid: \$17.45 and \$15.40 per bag

Levitt's LLC Peckham Materials Corp of Athens, NY

Bid: \$11.89 per bag Bid: \$0.994 per gallon

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.

Insertion of Special Item into 2017 Municipal Budget

TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS PASSAIC COUNTY NEW JERSEY RESOLUTION [D] 17-10-30 - #4 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 2017 in the sum of \$22,440.00, 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 Appropriations – Municipal Alliance Grant in the amount of \$22,440.00; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of \$22,440.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

General Appropriations

Operations - Excluded from "CAPS" Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues
Municipal Alliance Grant

\$22,440.00

Award of Contract for Asbestos and Lead Paint Assessment

RESOLUTION [E] 17-10-30 - #5 ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT FOR ASBESTOS AND LEAD PAINT ASSESSMENT SERVICES

WHEREAS, pursuant to advertising duly made, bids were received by the

Township of Little Falls on October 17, 2017 for FEMA 2015 FMA & NJDEP Asbestos & Lead Paint Assessment Services, and the bids were opened and read publicly as follows:

TRC Pennoni Associates Bid: \$898.00 per home Bid: \$900.00 per home

Mandell Lead Inspectors, Inc. Hillman Consulting Bid: \$975.00 per home Bid: \$1,000.00 per home

Lead Consultants of America, Inc. Bid: \$1,650.00 per home

and, WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has reviewed the bids for legal sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, his review yielded the following results:

TRC presented alternatives not in compliance with the bid specifications specifically in reference to providing a flat rate fee per home - the bidder presented a lump sum with additional fees attached; therefore, this bid is hereby rejected;

Pennoni Associates presented alternatives not in compliance with the bid specifications specifically in reference to the requirements of

the work outlined in the bid; therefore, this bid is hereby rejected;

WHEREAS, the award is subject to the Availability of Funds and certification of same in the 2016 budget; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls as follows:

That the bid of

Mandell Lead Inspectors, Inc. 409 Minnisink Road, Suite 102 Totowa, NJ 07512

in the amount of

\$975.00 per home

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.

Legislation Requiring PSE&G to Cover Cost of Milling/Paving Roadway

RESOLUTION [F] 17-10-30 - #6

RESOLUTION URGING THE ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION ANOR REGULATION DIRECTING PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY TO COVER THE COST OF MILLING AND PAVING ENTIRE ROADWAYS CURB-TO-CURB UPON COMPLETION OF UPGRADING AND/OR REPAIR WORK

WHEREAS, Public Service Electric & Gas Company is in the midst of a gas modernization program wherein gas mains and meters to homes and businesses throughout the State are being upgraded and replaced; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish this work, roads must be opened to provide underground access to the homes and businesses; and WHEREAS, after the work is completed, PSE&G simply paves the area where their work is performed and not the entire road, resulting in an aesthetically unpleasant appearance and in many instances leaving ruts and apertures in the patchwork; and

WHEREAS, this practice results in dissatisfied taxpayers and residents, who register their objections with the municipality; and WHEREAS, although PSE&G has been requested to cover the cost to mill and pave the entire road repeatedly, they refuse to do so on most of the roads, claiming that they are only obligated to repair the areas where their work was performed, leaving the cost of bringing the roads

back to a proper standard entirely upon the municipalities; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Body feels strongly that PSE&G should be responsible for and cover the cost of milling and paving entire roads which have been disrupted, curb-to-curb, upon the completion of their work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and members of the Municipal Council of the Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, URGE the passage of legislation and/or regulations requiring PSE&G to cover the cost of milling and paving of entire roads which have been opened by them, curb-to-curb, upon completion of their work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Nia H. Gill; to Assemblywoman Sheila Y. Oliver; to Assemblyman Thomas Giblin; to the Clerks of all Passaic County municipalities; to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities for consideration at their annual convention in November; to the New Jersey Conference of Mayors; to Public Service Electric & Gas Company; and to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

<u>Additional Grace Period for 2016 Added, Omitted and Omitted/Added Tax Payments Due to Extraordinary Situation</u>

RESOLUTION [G] 17-10-30 - #6

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL GRACE PERIOD FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR THE 2016 ADDED, OMITTED AND OMITTED/ADDED TAX PAYMENTS DUE TO EXTRAORDINARY SITUATION.

 $\label{eq:WHEREAS} \textbf{WHEREAS}, \ \text{due to a processing error in printing the 2016 Added, Omitted and Omitted/Added tax bills due November 1, 2017} \ \text{where in these bills were not printed and sent to the property owners, and}$

WHEREAS, these bills will be sent to the property owners on October 31, 2017. It is appropriate to provide an additional grace period to consider the payment for these taxes to be made timely.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Little Falls ("Township") that for the 2016 Added, Omitted and Omitted/Added taxes levied by the Township, wherein the tax bills were sent to the property owners on October 31, 2017, that an extension of the grace period is ordered to include November 27, 2017 for timely payments of the 2016 Added, Omitted and Omitted/Added taxes due November 1, 2017, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is directed to accept payments and charge interest in compliance with this extension of the grace period ordered by this resolution. The Tax Assessor is directed to advise the Passaic County Tax Board that any tax appeals filed for the property owners will have to be considered under the 45 day provision for filing from the day the tax bills are issued, which will not meet the normal December 1st filing date.

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. The Township Clerk is directed to file certified copies of this resolution with the Township's Tax Collector, Tax Assessor, Tax Appeal Attorney and the Passaic County Tax Board

Bill List

RESOLUTION [H] 17-08-28- #7

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

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

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

Navs: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1301 – It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Cordonnier, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1301, "ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO CREATE CHAPTER 164, TITLED 'REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTIES PENDING FORECLOSURE," be and it was opened.

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, 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 Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Cordonnier, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1301 be and it was closed.

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

Navs: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Liess, that the Ordinance No. 1301 be and it was adopted.

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

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

 $\underline{\text{Ordinance No. } 1302}$ – It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Liess, that there be introduced and at the meeting of November 27, 2017 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 1302

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO REGULATE RESTRICTIONS AS TO MORRIS CANAL MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT

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 specifies the parking restrictions at various locations in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the municipal council ("Municipal Council") of the Township has determined to amend Chapter 7, Subchapter 7-40.11 to regulate parking at and/or on Morris Canal Municipal Parking Lot; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council has determined to amend Subchapter 7-40.11 of the Code to read as follows (additions are underlined):
"7-40.11 Morris Canal Parking Lot.

- Property Description. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to the property of the Township locally known as a portion of the old Morris Canal. The parking areas regulated hereby consists of the municipal parking lots bordering the Passaic River behind the buildings at the intersection of Main Street and Paterson Avenue.
- b) Parking Regulations.
 - All vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas only and between the lines provided.
 - Between the hours of 6 a.m. and 11 p.m., the parking of vehicles in the municipal parking lot shall be time-restricted such that no 2. vehicle may be parked or remain standing for three or more consecutive hours
 - Between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m., all vehicles parked in the municipal lots must display a parking permit hangtag issued 3. by the Township. The fee for such permit shall be set by the Township at \$300.00 per year
 - Only vehicles displaying a handicapped parking permit issued by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission may be parked in handicapped stalls.
 - During emergencies, parking may be temporarily prohibited or otherwise further regulated upon a declaration of emergency by 5.
 - 6. Parking may be temporarily prohibited for snow plowing and removal in accordance with the Township's generally applicable ordinance regarding same
 - Unauthorized vehicles parked in the municipal lot overnight shall be subject to being towed.
 - The Township may reserve parking spaces for various types of municipal vehicles and/or officials. Such reserved spaces shall be prominently identified. Only authorized vehicles may be parked in such reserved spaces; all other vehicles will be subject to ticketing and towing at owner's expense.
 - Whenever snow has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers the roadway, an emergency shall exist and no vehicle shall be parked in the main lot overnight and that permitted cars will only be allowed to park in an alternate lot so designated and posted by the Township for the duration of the snow event. The above parking prohibition shall remain in effect after the snow has ceased and until the parking lot has been plowed sufficiently and to the extent that parking will not interfere with the snow plowing or the normal parking arrangements. No other vehicles than those possessing a permit will be allowed in the alternate lot and may be subject to penalty.
- Penalty. Any person who violates any provision of this subsection shall be liable for a fine in the Municipal Court in the amount of \$50 for the first offense, and not to exceed \$75 for any second offense within six months. A third offense within six months shall be subject to a fine of up to \$250."

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.
- The Municipal Council hereby amends Subchapter 7-40.11 of the Code to read as outlined above.
- 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 7 of the Code shall remain unchanged and have full force and legal effect. All other resolutions and ordinances governing parking on Township streets and lots enacted and inconsistent herewith are hereby modified pursuant to the terms of this Ordinance.
- The Township Public Works Department is hereby instructed to oversee the installation of all street signage required by the regulations adopted under this Ordinance.
- 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.
 - 6. 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.

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

> None Nays:

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1303 - It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Liess, that there be introduced and at the meeting of November 27, 2017 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 1303

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT TITLE AND POSSESSION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN TAX BLOCK 122, LOT 54.01 and 55 OWNED BY HIGHVIEW HOMES LF, LLC 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, Highview Homes LF, LLC, is 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 122, Lot 54.01 and 55 or a portion thereof, and being more commonly known as Wilmore Road, 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 as setting aside property near a waterway; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of such property will fulfill a primary goal of the Township with regard to preservation of the Township's character and environmental conditions of the neighborhood.

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

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 122, Lots 54.01 and 55 or a portion thereof, owned by Highview Homes LF, LLC and consisting of approximately 2,500 square feet more or less 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 similar professionals as are appropriate, are hereby authorized and directed to execute such documents and to perform all other acts necessary to negotiate or take, condemn (including the institution of any necessary legal action to acquire the real property including but not limited to action to gain necessary access to the real property for related purposes) or to acquire title to the real property for public use and the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary for the acquisition of said real property; however, no settlement figure, purchase price or stipulation to purchase shall be binding on the Township of Little Falls or its agents until the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls approves such figure or price by resolution.

SECTION THREE

COST OF ACQUISITION

The appropriate disbursing officers of the Township of Little Falls are hereby authorized and directed to pay the purchase price and/or fair and just compensation to the owner of record of the property as well as to pay 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: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, and Council President Sgobba

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL MATTERS

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

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, 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 Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the meeting be and it was closed to the public.

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

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Cordonnier, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [EX]

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into executive session during a Public Meeting; and WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Little Falls has deemed it necessary to go into executive session to discuss certain matters which are exempted for the Public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Governing Body with reconvene;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls will go into executive session for the following reason(s) – litigation.

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

Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

The Council entered Executive Session at 8:53 p.m.

At 9:06 p. m. the Council returned and it was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the meeting return to Open Session.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Cordonnier, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Cynthia Kraus Municipal Clerk