

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

**Monday, September 18, 2023**

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

Absent: None.

Township Employees present: Police Chief Bryan Prall.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE:** Take notice that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-10 as follows: A notice of the meeting was prominently posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building, located at 225 Main Street, Little Falls, N.J. on January 5, 2023. A copy of the notice was mailed to the North Jersey Herald and News and The Record on the same date. Additionally, a copy of the notice was filed in the office of the Township Clerk on said date. **A link and a telephone number to join the meeting virtually can be accessed on the Township website at [www.lfnj.com](http://www.lfnj.com). Electronic provisions have been established for the public to participate during the public comment portion of the meeting.**

**SWEARING IN OF POLICE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN DEACON JOSEPH SISCO** – Chief Prall discussed the Ordinance pertaining to a Police Department Chaplain, how it would promote resiliency within the Department, and the procedure to select and obtain Deacon Joe as a Department Chaplain. At this time, Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation to swear in Deacon Joseph Sisco as the Police Department Chaplain.

Mayor Damiano then recognized the Boy Scouts for refinishing and repainting the gazebo at Wilmore Park.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL MATTERS AND AGENDA ITEMS**

Anyone wishing to address the Township Council may do so through the Council President. It is preferred if you give your name and address for the record. Comments are to be limited to three minutes, however, if appropriate, you may be granted additional time in the sole discretion of the Council President.

Members of the public who have joined the meeting virtually and desire to provide comment shall raise their virtual hand in the Zoom application. The Meeting Moderator will queue the members of the public that wish to provide comment and the Council President will recognize them in order. Members of the public who have joined the meeting by calling in must press \*6 to mute and unmute themselves and \*9 to raise their hand. Members of the public who have joined the Meeting via the Zoom application must click the Reactions icon and then the Raise Hand icon. Once the process is complete, we will return to the regular order of business.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Albert Kahwaty- commented on Council President's efforts to help the scouts procure a meeting location and thanked him for his support of the scouts.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

The Mayor provided an update on the lighting and plantings as part of the Streetscape on Main Street. In response to Council President SGOBBA's query, Mayor Damiano discussed upgrades to Verizon cell towers that has affected cell service in the Township. Mayor Damiano also commented on a meeting with the water company and the contractor to discuss the repaving of Long Hill Road and elaborated upon the rationale behind the ninety-day waiting period prior to resurfacing. As per Council President SGOBBA, Mayor Damiano then discussed the bridge over the Peckman River that would connect the Wilmore Road and Cedar Grove Road side of the Morris Canal path. The Mayor stated the bids were rejected as they did not meet the specifications of the federal government and that the County will be going out to bid for an additional bidder.

**MAYOR/ADMINISTRATOR:**

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX REFUNDS DUE TO OVERPAYMENTS – Mayor Damiano explained the nature of the resolution simultaneously with Items 1-4.

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2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELATION OF TAXES AND REFUND DUE TO COUNTY BOARD JUDGEMENT – Mayor Damiano explained the nature of the resolution simultaneously with Items 1-4.
3. RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING CANCELATION OF TAXES AND REFUND DUE TO 100% DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION (RESOLUTIONS C & D) – Mayor Damiano explained the nature of the resolution simultaneously with Items 1-4.
4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELATION OF TAXES DUE TO 100% DISABLED VETERAN DEDUCTIONS – Mayor Damiano explained the nature of the resolution simultaneously with Items 1-4.
5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH RENTERS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS (RESOLUTIONS F & G) – Mayor Damiano explained that each of the applications that have qualified required a resolution such as those presented on tonight’s Agenda.
6. RESOLUTION CANCELLING GRANT BALANCES AND CAPITAL ORDINANCE BALANCES (RESOLUTIONS H & I) – Mayor Damiano elaborated that these balances are previously approved funding. The Ordinance balances that have been unused will be cancelled under review of the Business Administrator and Auditor.
7. ORDINANCE NO. 1470 – DEPLOYMENT OF SAFETY STICKS IN THE TOWNSHIP – Mayor Damiano explained this Ordinance will memorialize the deployment of safety sticks in the Township as well as those that may be added over time to enforce parking violations. Councilmember VANCHERI then commented on the effectiveness of the safety sticks.

Council President SGOBBA commented on the effect of the cancellation of grant and ordinance balances.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to approve Resolutions A through J:

Tax Refunds on Several Properties Due to Overpayments

**RESOLUTION [A] 23-09-18 - #1**

**WHEREAS**, the following properties in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey have overpaid real estate taxes in 2023; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector is requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amounts overpaid listed below due to both parcels being paid online for the 3<sup>rd</sup> qtrs. and the system accepted two payments for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the Tax Collector applied overpayment/credit to the 4<sup>th</sup> qtr. 2023 still overpaid. The vendor continues to work on blocking or not accepting duplicate payments online when no billing(s); and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLBED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the following listed tax refunds be made by the Township Treasurer:

| <u>Tax Year &amp; Qtr</u> | <u>Block Lot/Q</u> | <u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>           | <u>Pavee</u>                                                 | <u>Reason</u> | <u>Amount</u>  |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 2023/4                    | 71/127             | Kevin C Sheehan<br>71 Parkway       | Kevin C Sheehan<br>71 Parkway<br>Little Falls NJ 07424       | OP            | \$34.92        |
| 2023/4                    | 85/9               | William Brennan<br>28 Riverview Cir | William Brennan<br>28 Riverview Cir<br>Little Falls NJ 07424 | OP            | 24.15          |
| <b>Total Refunds</b>      |                    |                                     |                                                              |               | <b>\$59.07</b> |

Cancellation of 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr 2023 Taxes Due to County Board Judgement

**RESOLUTION [B] 23-09-18 - #2  
 CANCEL 2023 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER TAXES AND REFUND 2023 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> QTR TAXES  
 DUE 2023 COUNTY BOARD JUDGEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the following property in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey has overpaid real estate taxes in the Year 2023 due to County Board Judgement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council shall authorize the Tax Collector to cancel the 4<sup>th</sup> qtr. 2023 in the amount of \$11,352.24 with part of the CBJ applied which totals \$34,139.36 (building demolished); and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector is requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amount overpaid listed below;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the following listed tax refund be made by the Treasurer:

| <u>Tax Year &amp; Qtr</u> | <u>Block Lot</u> | <u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>                       | <u>Pavee</u>                                                          | <u>Reason</u> | <u>Amount</u>      |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 2023/2                    | 33/1             | S&S At Little Falls, LLC<br>215 Nwk Pompton Tpk | S&S At Little Falls, LLC<br>57 E Centre St BL 3 #1<br>Nutley NJ 07110 | OP/CBJ        | \$11,096.66        |
| 2023/3                    | 33/1             | &S At Little Falls, LLC<br>215 Nwk Pompton Tpk  | S&S At Little Falls, LLC<br>57 E Centre St BL 3 #1<br>Nutley NJ 07110 | OP/CBJ        | \$11,690.06        |
| <b>Total Refund =</b>     |                  |                                                 |                                                                       |               | <b>\$22,786.72</b> |

Cancellation of 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. 2023 & Refund of 2023 Pro-Rated 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr Taxes Due to 100% Disabled Veteran Deduction

**RESOLUTION [C] 23-09-18 - #3  
 CANCEL 2023 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER TAXES AND REFUND 2023 PRO-RATED 1<sup>ST</sup> QTR TAXES  
 DUE TO 100% DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION**

**WHEREAS**, the following property in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey was granted a 100% Disabled Veteran Exemption on Feb. 3, 2023 from our Tax Assessor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council shall authorize the Tax Collector to cancel the 2023 4<sup>th</sup> quarter taxes in the amount of \$3,389.56; and

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**WHEREAS**, Resolution [C] 23-02-27 #1 refund the 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 in the amount of \$2,184.64; however with minimal 2023 tax decrease additional \$17.23 is due back to these owners; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the following listed tax refund be made by the Treasurer:

| <u>Tax Year &amp; Qtr</u> | <u>Block Lot</u> | <u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>                     | <u>Payee</u>                                                            | <u>Reason</u> | <u>Amount Refund</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 2023/1                    | 149/1            | John P & Janet C<br>Dubowchik<br>100 Third Av | John P & Janet C<br>Dubowchik<br>100 Third Av<br>Little Falls, NJ 07424 | OP            | \$17.23              |
| <b>TOTAL REFUND=</b>      |                  |                                               |                                                                         |               | <b>\$17.23</b>       |

Cancellation of 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. 2023 Taxes & Refund of Pro-rated 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Taxes Due to 100% Disabled Veteran Exemption

**RESOLUTION [D] 23-09-18 - #4**

**CANCEL 2023 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER TAXES AND REFUND 2023 PRO-RATED 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> TAXES DUE TO 100% DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION**

**WHEREAS**, the following property in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey was granted a 100% Disabled Veteran Exemption April 28, 2023 from our Tax Assessor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council shall authorize the Tax Collector to cancel the 2023 4<sup>th</sup> quarter taxes in the amount of \$2,030.86; and

**WHEREAS**, Corelogic tax service paid the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023 taxes in the amount of \$2,091.22 on July 27, 2023 and has instructed the Tax Collector to refund the homeowner directly the pro-rated amount of \$1,485.20; and

**WHEREAS**, All-Pro Title Group, LLC paid the 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr 2023 on April 13, 2023 and has instructed the Tax Collector to refund the homeowner directly the pro-rated amount of \$1485.20; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLEVD**, by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the above listed taxes be canceled by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$2,030.86 for 4<sup>th</sup> qtr 2023 and refunded by our Treasurer as listed below:

| <u>Tax Year &amp; Qtr</u> | <u>Block Lot</u> | <u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>                        | <u>Payee</u>                                                               | <u>Reason</u> | <u>Amount Refund</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 2023/2                    | 73/3             | Chunk K Ko & Loveland,<br>Adaya<br>153 Island Av | Chunk K Ko & Loveland,<br>Adaya<br>153 Island Ave<br>Little Falls NJ 07424 | OP            | \$1,485.20           |
| 2023/2                    | 73/3             | Chunk K Ko & Loveland,<br>Adaya<br>153 Island Av | Chunk K Ko & Loveland,<br>Adaya<br>153 Island Ave<br>Little Falls NJ 07424 | OP            | <u>2,091.22</u>      |
| <b>TOTAL REFUND=</b>      |                  |                                                  |                                                                            |               | <b>\$3,576.42</b>    |

Cancellation of Taxes On Several Properties Due to 100% Disabled Veteran Deductions

**RESOLUTION [E] 23-09-18 - #4**

**CANCELATION OF TAXES DUE TO 100% DISABLED VETERAN DEDUCTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the following properties in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey were granted by our Tax Assessor approving 100% Disabled Veterans exemptions; and

**WHEREAS**, Tax Assessor granted the 100% disabled veteran exemptions on both parcels in the Year 2022; however, these parcels remained as taxable in the Year 2023 instead of exempt; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector is now requesting that the Township Council direct the Tax Collector to cancel said amounts for the 4<sup>th</sup> qtr. 2023 taxes as the other qtrs. were canceled and or refunded by separate adopted resolutions to date; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the following listed cancelation of taxes be made by the Tax Collector:

| <u>Tax Year &amp; Qtr</u> | <u>Block Lot</u> | <u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>                                               | <u>Exempt Date</u> | <u>Reason</u> | <u>Cancel Amount</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 2023/4                    | 223/2.01         | Geni Lynn Adams<br>294 Paterson Av<br>Little Falls NJ 07424             | 08/18/2022         | EX            | \$2,096.36           |
| 2023/4                    | 237/44.15        | Michael & Cassie<br>Shea<br>29 Mountaintop Ter<br>Little Falls NJ 07424 | 08/19/2022         | EX            | 6,089.35             |
| <b>TOTAL CANCELATIONS</b> |                  |                                                                         |                    |               | <b>\$8,185.71</b>    |

Affordability Assistance Grant with Renter of 405 Main St. Unit 139

**RESOLUTION [F] 23-09-18 - #6**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AFFORDABLILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE RENTER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED 405 MAIN ST, UNIT 139, LITTLE FALLS, NJ 07424**

**WHEREAS**, Coral Mejia [will rent/rents] property located at 405 Main St, Unit 139, Little Falls, NJ 07424, which property is governed by the statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations restricting ownership and use of the property as an Affordable Housing unit; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Township is willing to extend a grant to the tenant in the amount of \$1,358.00.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023, by the Township Council of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that:

- The Mayor, Administrator, Clerk and attorney are hereby authorized to execute an Affordability Assistance Program grant with the renter of an Affordable Housing unit at 405 Main St, Unit 139, Little Falls, NJ 07424.

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Affordability Assistance Grant with Renter of 405 Main St. Unit 247

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

**WHEREAS**, Kate Carney [will rent/rents] property located at 405 Main St, Unit 247, Little Falls, NJ 07424, which property is governed by the statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations restricting ownership and use of the property as an Affordable Housing unit; and  
**WHEREAS**, the tenant has requested an Affordability Assistance Program grant from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Township is willing to extend a grant to the tenant in the amount of \$925.00.  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023, by the Township Council of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that:

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

Cancellation of Various Reserve & Grant Balances

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS  
PASSAIC COUNTY  
NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION [H] 23-09-18 - #8  
RESOLUTION TO CANCEL VARIOUS RESERVE AND GRANT BALANCES**

**WHEREAS**, there exists unexpended balances from various reserves and grants in the Township of Little Falls; and  
**WHEREAS**, the purpose for said balances are complete or no longer needed for the stated purpose; and  
**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the Township of Little Falls desires to formally cancel said reserve and grant balances so they may be transferred to Fund Balance; and  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Township of Little Falls that the following reserve and grant balances be and are hereby cancelled and transferred to Fund Balance:

| DESCRIPTION              | RESERVE BALANCE |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Watershed Moratorium Aid | \$1,457.00      |
| Reserve for Tax Appeals  | \$1,000,000.00  |
| Miscellaneous Reserves   | \$5,358.00      |
| Tennis Grant             | \$175.00        |
| Peckman River Grant      | \$15,095.00     |
| Louis Street Park Grant  | \$1,267.00      |
| Legislative Grant        | \$7,689.00      |

Cancellation of Various Capital Ordinances

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS  
PASSAIC COUNTY  
NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION [I] 23-09-18 - #9  
RESOLUTION TO CANCEL VARIOUS CAPITAL ORDINANCE BALANCES**

**WHEREAS**, there exists unexpended balances from various Capital Ordinances for which the projects have been completed in the Township of Little Falls; and  
**WHEREAS**, the purpose for said balances are no longer needed for the stated purpose; and  
**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the Township of Little Falls desires to formally cancel balances so they may be transferred to Deferred Charges to future Taxation unfunded and Capital Fund Balance; and  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Township of Little Falls that the following Capital Ordinance balances be and are hereby cancelled and transferred as follows:

| <u>DESCRIPTION</u>                         | <u>CANCEL TO<br/>FUND BALANCE</u> | <u>CANCEL TO DEFERRED<br/>CHARGES UNFUNDED</u> |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| MORRIS CANAL PEDESTRIAN WAY & PRESERVE     | 5,609.83                          | 971.00                                         |
| CONST NEW MUNICIPAL BLDG                   | 4,852.00                          |                                                |
| CONSTRUCTION OF NEW JUSTICE COMPLEX        | 2,109.43                          |                                                |
| STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS                   | 496.00                            |                                                |
| ELEVATION OF HOMES RFC GRANT               | 10,408.17                         |                                                |
| INSTALLATION OF NEW ROOF AT PUBLIC LIBRARY | 8,600.00                          |                                                |
| FEMA FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT HMPG         | 285,871.00                        | 542,745.00                                     |
| IMPROVEMENTS TO RIDGE AVE.                 | 68,456.95                         |                                                |
| REFUNDING OF TAX APPEALS                   | 1,572.34                          |                                                |
| STORM WATER IMPVTS MORNINGSIDE CIRCLE      |                                   | 7,398.90                                       |
| ACQUISITION OF FIRE ENGINE                 | 6,512.86                          |                                                |
| ACQUISITION OF PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES       | 3,367.34                          |                                                |
| REPLACEMENT OF STORM DRAINS                | 17.30                             |                                                |
| 2015 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM              | 213.37                            |                                                |
| CRANE STREET                               | 122,507.00                        |                                                |
| ACQUISITION OF SCBA's                      | 595.00                            | 30,000.00                                      |
| 2016 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM              | 6,340.00                          |                                                |
| ACQUISITION OF POLICE BODY AND CAR CAMERAS |                                   | 1,291.77                                       |
| ACQ OF EMERGENCY GENERATOR REC CENTER      | 142.16                            |                                                |
| ACQ of Equipment                           | 303.79                            |                                                |
| ACQ Real Property                          | 3,647.11                          |                                                |
| RECONST of Woodcliff Ave                   | 81,730.91                         |                                                |
| RECONST RIDGE AVE DEAD END                 | 8.43                              |                                                |
| 2018 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PRGM                 | 565.65                            |                                                |
| STORMWATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS           | 26.19                             |                                                |
| VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS                | 925.85                            |                                                |
| IMPVTS TO DONATO DRIVE                     | 68,336.10                         |                                                |
| ACQ OF 56-58 STANLY STREET                 | 2.66                              |                                                |
| VARIOUS IMPVTS SANI SEWER I&I              | 845.90                            |                                                |
| RECONST CONEY AND VERANDA                  | 8,140.39                          |                                                |
| ACQ OF PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC PARKING         | 103.00                            |                                                |
| MICKLEJOHN IMPROVEMENTS                    | 32,113.84                         |                                                |
| 2020 ROAD AND SEWER PRGM                   | 401.76                            |                                                |
|                                            | <u>724,822.33</u>                 | <u>582,406.67</u>                              |

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Bill List

**RESOLUTION [J] 23-09-18 - #10**

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance No. 1470 - It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that there be introduced and the meeting of October 16, 2023 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS  
ORDINANCE NO. 1470**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND CHAPTER 7 (ON-STREET REGULATIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS**

**WHEREAS**, a municipal may enact ordinances to designate parking restrictions of roadways under municipal control, **WHEREAS**, it is necessary to update and amend the Municipal Code to include additional areas to prohibit or restrict parking in order to ensure the consistent flow of traffic, reduction of motor vehicle offenses, and prevention of automotive and pedestrian accidents; and **WHEREAS**, the Township Council has found it proper to amend the language of the Code accordance therewith;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, that Chapter 7, On-Street Regulations, of the Code of the Township of Little Falls, is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

**§7-31 SAFETY STICKS**

A. Purpose.

The Township has deployed safety sticks technology at various locations to monitor parking activity and enforce parking regulations in certain no-parking zones such as fire hydrants, bus stops, crosswalks, and loading zones.

B. Violations and penalties.

Any person who violates the provisions of this section of the Code shall be punished by a fine in the amount of \$50 per offense. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day the vehicle remains parked in violation of this article. No court appearance is necessary.

C. Removal of vehicles.

Any unoccupied vehicle parked or standing in violation of this article shall be deemed a nuisance and a menace to the safe and proper regulation of traffic, and any peace officer may provide for the removal of such vehicle. The owner shall pay the reasonable costs of the removal and storage, which may result from such removal, before regaining possession of the vehicle.

D. Enforcement.

Enforcement of this article and further rules and regulations as may be promulgated from time to time shall be under the jurisdiction the Police Department of the Township of Little Falls

**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. Except as hereby amended, the Code of the Township of Little Falls shall remain in full force and effect.
4. Township Police Department shall have the authority to place such signs as deemed necessary to advise the public of the aforementioned parking restrictions.
5. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty days after final passage and publication in accordance with law.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

REQUEST FROM LITTLE FALLS PBA LOCAL NO. 346, INC. FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023 ON WALNUT STREET, UNION AVENUE AND RAILROAD AVENUE, AS WELL AS UTILIZING THE BARBARA SAVITTIERE PARK BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 12:00 P.M AND 7:00 P.M.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

**COUNCIL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

Councilmember HABLITZ highlighted upcoming Library events including a Halloween costume exchange, a Mario Kart Tournament, and a Health and Wellness Fair in collaboration with the Business Association on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember HABLITZ announced this Sunday’s Farmer’s Market will be Alpaca Day and will host a live music. Lastly, she encouraged everyone to sign up for the upcoming Townwide Garage sale.

Councilmember MURPHY provided a progress report on the Township calendar advertisements and on new volunteer signups for the Domestic Violence Prevention Committee. Councilmember MURPHY also reported on a site visit to the Peckman River with Mr. Quatrone to assess the clean-up of shoals.

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Councilmember VANCHERI reported the Transportation Committee and Police Department are hosting a Safety Workshop. He also discussed progress on the Francisco Avenue traffic light and the possibility of installation of speed humps on Houston Road. Councilmember VANCHERI announced the annual flag raising is being coordinated with the Passaic Valley Unico for Italian American Heritage month and then highlighted kick off of sports programs at the Recreation Department.

Councilmember PATEL reported the Clifton Health Department will offer a flu clinic on October 19<sup>th</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup> at Clifton City Hall and October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Municipal Building. Councilmember PATEL also indicated that as there is no longer a state of emergency, Covid-19 vaccines are no longer free. She then noted the Clifton Health Department will be at the Library on September 28<sup>th</sup> to answer questions. Lastly, Councilmember PATEL announced Little Falls School No. 2 and No. 3 PTA are holding a Clothing Drive this Saturday.

Council President Sgobba reported the next Council Meeting will be on September 26<sup>th</sup> due to observance of Yom Kippur. The Senior Advisory Board is sponsoring the Harvest Moon Dinner Dance on October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center. Per Council President SGOBBA’s request, Mr. Quatrone discussed CDC compliance of the filtration systems. Per Council President SGOBBA’s request, the Mayor reported that by mid-2024 a new master plan should be completed. Meetings will be at the Civic Center on September 19<sup>th</sup>, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, and November 29<sup>th</sup> and Mayor Damiano encouraged residents to provide input and be part of the planning process. He also encouraged residents to complete the on-line survey. Councilmember HABLITZ requested clarification that the Master Plan Meeting will not be Town Hall style but set up with smaller stations addressing various topics and enabling 1:1 time with the planners.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Anyone wishing to address the Township Council may do so through the Council President. It is preferred if you give your name and address for the record. Comments are to be limited to three minutes, however, if appropriate, you may be granted additional time at the sole discretion of the Council President.

Members of the public who have joined the meeting virtually and desire to provide comment shall raise their virtual hand in the Zoom application. The Meeting moderator will queue the members of the public that wish to provide comment and the Council President will recognize them in order. Members of the public who have joined the meeting by calling in must press \*6 to mute and unmute themselves and \*9 to raise their hand. Members of the public who have joined the Meeting via the Zoom application must click the Reactions icon and then the Raise Hand icon. Once the process is complete, we will return to the regular order of business.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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Cynthia Kraus  
Municipal Clerk