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

Monday, September 24, 2018

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

Absent: None.

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE: Take notice that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-10 as follows: A notice of the meeting was prominently posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building, located at 225 Main Street, Little Falls, N.J. on January 2, 2018. A copy of the notice was mailed to the North Jersey Herald and News and The Record on the same date. Additionally, a copy of the notice was filed in the office of the Township Clerk on said date.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of September 17, 2018 and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 27, 2018 be and they were approved.

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REMARKS FROM CHAIR

Council President SGOBBA introduced Woodney Christophe, Township Engineer, who will attend future Council meetings. At this time, Mr. Christophe described his education and background experience.

Council President SGOBBA announced the Council is working on a sign ordinance as part of the master plan recommendation. The ordinance will be reviewed by the Mayor and presented to the Council accordingly. Per Council President SGOBBA's request, Mr. Simone provided an update on Wilmore Park lighting improvements, which are slated to be in place by Veteran's Day.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember VANCHERI reported the Transportation Committee reached a consensus to explore speed humps. The Committee would like to discuss the option further with the Township Engineer and Mayor.

Councilmember LIESS reported the Senior Advisory Board will host the Harvest Moon Dance on October 26, 2018 at the Civic Center. Senior Citizen residents will be admitted free, however, reservations are required.

Councilmember SEBER announced the Health Department will administer flu vaccinations October 4, 2018 at the Civic Center and October 15, 2018 at the Municipal Building. The vaccine is free to residents with primary Medicare Part B without an HMO and \$20 for all others. The Recreation Center will host a Halloween Bash on October 27, 2018 from 10 am to 12 pm. The cost is \$3 if pre-registered and \$5 at the door. Councilmember Seber also announced collaboration will occur with agencies in the Township, such as the LFAC, to promote Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Councilmember CORDONNIER announced the Little Falls Business Association held a successful yearly Fall Festival. An email will be sent out to announce the first meeting of the Fall season for the Open Space Committee.

MAYOR'S REPORT

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE ALLIANCE FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY - Mayor Damiano honored the members of the Alliance for a Better Community with a Proclamation read into the record. The Proclamation was read at the last concert in the park and recognized the ABC for ten years of successful farmers markets and concerts as well as its valuable contributions to the Township.

Mayor Damiano discussed the Town Hall style meetings he would like to implement to provide a more casual atmosphere where residents can talk and give ideas. He will be coordinating the meetings at the Civic Center and will announce the dates shortly.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Wenzel noted he has had the pleasure to work with Mr. Christophe in the past and looks forward to working with him again.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Luis Fernandez, 54 Harrison Street, expressed his dissatisfaction with Ordinance No. 1336, stating the Township is spending money on beautifying the downtown area and has not spent money on the Peckman River or helping those affected by the recent flood. He referred to Resolutions B and C, and expressed that the residents who are left behind will be left to pay. Mr. Fernandez discussed his opinion of the State's support with regard to aide with flooding.

Council President SGOBBA explained a master plan is developed every ten years and includes questionnaires and recommendations. He queried Mr. Fernandez on what role the government could do in the matter of the Peckman River. He clarified that the issue of the flooding and money spent on the parking lot are two different issues.

Mayor Damiano disagreed with Mr. Fernandez's comments. At past meetings it has been discussed that the Township is currently in the final stages of acquiring a track hoe, which substantial funds are being spent on so the Peckman River can be cleaned and dredged by the Township. Just after the storm Solomon Brothers cleaned out the Peckman River, however, the Mayor did not have the final bill to provide a dollar amount. The Township made emergency appropriations of \$325,000 to assist with the cleanup and recovery of Jackson Park as well as other areas of the Township that were devastated by the flooding. The Township sent garbage crews and dumpsters at no additional cost. The Army Corps of Engineers has held meetings in the Township to discuss plans, which include bank stabilization and cleaning of the river, and the Township is moving forward with their proposed schedule. To the extent the municipality can assist, the Mayor felt all departments have put every bit of energy into making sure everyone can get back on track. With respect to the tax refunds, Mayor Damiano explained the Township must give a tax refund to homeowners that have prepaid the taxes by way of making an escrow payment by way of their mortgage. The homeowners prepaid their taxes, the Township closed on the home before the taxes were due, and the Township owes them a refund. With regard to Resolution C, there is no reimbursement. The Township is simply cancelling a future previously intended receipt of that payment. With respect to what the State has done, the Mayor stated the State has provided all the information necessary to the Federal Government. Like a municipality, States do not have a bank of money to provide for the rebuilding of private homes. Like municipalities, as the Township sent a request to the State for assistance, the State then sent their request to the Federal Government for assistance. As of last week, there has been no response to what has been sent from the Governor to the President on August 30, 2018. The Mayor emphasized the Township is proactively attempting to avoid future flooding events. As of last week, Totowa has appointed all of its members to the Flood Board so that meetings can begin. Acquisition of the track hoe can continue and debris has been removed from the Peckman River to avoid future flooding.

Further discussion ensued between the Mayor and Mr. Fernandez with regard to the status of the track hoe, the Army Corps of Engineers plan, and tax refunds.

<u>Dorothy O'Haire</u>, Turnberry Road, discussed the latest information on the plan from Army Corps of Engineers and the need to sit down to perfect the plan and implement it. Council President SGOBBA agreed with Ms. O'Haire that it may never be a perfect plan. He acknowledged that the Mayor is on board with the current plan, the need to move forward, and that when changes in the plan are made the timeline may be set back dramatically.

Ms. O'Haire discussed the status of flood gauges and the reporting of information from the gauges. She stated this is the second time the Jeep Dealership contributed to problems with flooding. Ms. O'Haire suggested the Construction Official monitor the dealership for compliance on a monthly basis. Lastly, she questioned when Alec Peterson will be contacted to identify the next step with the Army Corps of Engineers. Mayor Damiano stated he spoke with Alec Peterson about amplifying the plan last week, however, Mayor Damiano indicated it was not recommended to amplify the plan as it would delay the process or possibly suspend the project. The project continues to move forward and Mr. Peterson recommended adding further bank stabilization, which would be permissible under the plan. The Army Corps of Engineers was in Little Falls within a day or two of the flood and walked the river with the OEM Coordinator. Mayor Damiano noted his agreement with Mr. Fernandez, and will do everything to see that the plan does move forward. With respect to the third flood gauge, the DOT gave approval, Yogi is aware of the approval and needs to install the final gauge. With respect to reporting of the gauges, Mr. Simone met with Yogi to discuss the readings the gauges are providing, as the data during the peak of the storm appears to have been flawed. The Mayor acknowledged that a concern that remains is the unpredictability of the number of trees coming downstream from the upstream towns, but he is hopeful the Army Corps of Engineers can help with that. Ms. O'Haire also suggested Cedar Grove be asked to rejoin the Flood Board. Mayor Damiano clarified that Yogi is from Gotham Analytics, the company that installed the gauges at the Francisco Bridge and Main Street Bridge, and after DOT approval, and will install the third and final gauge on the Route 46 bridge.

<u>Arnold Korotkin</u>, 181 Long Hill Road, Unit H1, referenced Ordinance No. 1336, and discussed previous concerns regarding procedure, transparency, and citizen involvement. He discussed the Mayor's Facebook posting regarding a purchase of a home on 56-68 Stanley Street and his request for the specifics of a written parking plan and parking study. Council President SGOBBA pointed out references from the master plan that discussed development of parking in the downtown area. Councilmember CORDONNIER added that discussion of the PNC parking lot was raised at previous meetings. Mayor Damiano further noted the acquisition of PNC was presented by Boswell

Engineering in the Streetscape Plan for the Township. Mr. Koroktin emphasized the need for communication to all the residents of Little Falls. Mayor Damiano explained how the price of real estate is affected should the Township declare a property required for a potential project because it would not be possible to then obtain it at a fair market price. In response to Mr. Korotkin's comments on a parking deck, Mayor Damiano commented that parking decks have been considered in the Morris Canal lot, however only surface parking is possible there due to an easement. With regard to parking structures, the Mayor explained surface parking is far cheaper to provide than structured parking, as the price of parking per space may be between \$30,000 and \$50,000. Mr. Korokin queried whether the Township was considering purchasing the Verizon building on Maple Street. Mayor Damiano responded that the Township cannot purchase a utility. Councilmember CORDONNIER commented that she believed the Mayor and Council have had more interaction with the residents that in previous years, providing the examples of going door to door every year to talk to residents, and the committees which residents can participate in. In her conversations with residents, she has not heard any complaints about transparency. Councilmember CORDONNIER also cited examples of public comment at Council Meetings and the Mayor's Town Hall meetings as additional opportunities for public interaction. She discussed the difficulty with a parking plan and acquiring properties as well as the positive effect a parking lot would have on Stanley Street. Mr. Koroktin commented on the importance of having all the people in the same room hearing the same information regarding a project.

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

Poll: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba Ayes: Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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

Municipal Clerk's Report - Month of August 2018

	MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT Month of August 2018	
ABC LICENSES OTHER LICENSES		
Business Licenses Pre-paid Business Licenses	\$600.00	
Raffle Licenses	120.00	
		\$720.00
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS		
Fees & Permits	\$400.00	
Marriage Licenses-LF	\$15.00	
Marriage Licenses-NJ	\$125.00	
C		\$540.00
MRNA		
Street Maps		
Zoning Maps		
Zoning Ordinances	¢4.00	
Document Copies Garage Sales	\$4.88 \$20.00	
Misc. Fees & Refunds:	\$250.00	
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TOTAL MRNA		<u>\$274.88</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT		\$1,534.88
TOTAL TO TREASURER	<u>\$1,534.88</u>	
Municipal Clerks Dog/Cat Licens	e Report - Month of August 2018	
	MUNICIPAL CLERK'S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT Month of August 2018	
Dog Licenses issued 08/01/201	8 thru 08/31/2018	
Nos. 291 to $298 = 8$ Licenses		
Amount due Little Falls		
Amount due State		
Total Cash Received		
Cat Licenses issued 06/01/2018	8 thru 06/30/2018	

Nos. 0 to 0 Licenses Issued Total Cash Received

Total to Treas.

\$54.40 \$15.60 \$70.00

\$0.00

\$70.00

<u>Tax Collector's Report</u> – Month of August, 2018 MONTHLY REPORT

Municipality of Township of Little Falls Office of the Tax Collector

Township of Little Falls <u>Current Account, Lakeland Bank</u> Revenues Collector for the Month of <u>August 2018</u>

Categories 01-	July 1-31, 2018	2018 Year to Date
2018 Taxes	\$8,297,208.25	\$33,004,841.99
2017&2016 Taxes	22,749.35	335,369.98
2019 Prepaid	288.96	288.96
Interest	10,813.28	55,273.14
Cost of Tax Sale	200.00	200.00
Duplicate Tax Bills	40.00	100.00
Insufficient Check Fee	140.00	400.00
6% Penalty Fee	0.00	4,975.24
GRAND TOTALS	\$8,331,439,84	\$33,401,449.19
Delinquent 2016 Taxes	\$817,845.89	
Delinquent 2017 Taxes	147,459.00	
Delinquent 2018 Taxes	679 <u>,482.07</u>	
Total Delinquent Taxes	\$1,644,786.96	

2018 Refunds this month = 2018 Year to date refunds =

-\$0.00 -\$17,011.02

Breakdown of refunds for years 2013-2018 completed in 2018(see attached).

REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2018

Months	2013 STCJ	2014 STCJ	2015 STCJ	2016 STCJ	2017 STCJ	2018 CBJ	Regular 2018	2018 Veteran/ Widow	2018 Senior/ Disabled	Exempt 2018	Total by Months
January	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
February	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
March	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,537.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,537.47
April	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
May	\$0.00	\$2,080.83	\$2,137.82	\$2,169.10	\$2,198.29	\$0.00	\$1,473.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,059.59
June	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
July	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
August	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Totals	\$0.00	\$2,080.83	\$2,137.82	\$2,169.10	\$2,198.29	\$0.00	\$17,011.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,597.06

Note: The above figures represent the months that the Tax Collector did the adjustments in the computer; the Resolution(s) may have been adopted in the next month.

STCJ = State Tax Court Judgments. CBJ= County Board Judgments.

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

Revenues for the Month of August 2018

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

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

Liens with	
Premiums	
Redeemed/ (-)	Bal. /Dep. (+)
	\$286,300.00
\$ -8,900.00	\$277,400.00
\$ 0.00	\$277,400.00
\$ 0.00	\$277,400.00
\$ 0.00	\$277,400.00
\$ 0.00	\$277,400.00
\$ 0.00	\$227,400.00
\$ 0.00	\$277,400.00
\$-66,600.00	\$210,800.00
	\$210,800.00
	Premiums <u>Redeemed</u> / (-) \$ -8,900.00 \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00 \$ 0.00

Recreation Report - Month of August, 2018

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

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

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

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Recreation Center Usage Report

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

Civic Center Report - Month of August, 2018

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

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

*Does not include Election Day usage

Construction Report - Month of August, 2018

Uniform Construction Code

Permits Issued – 78 Total Value of Construction - \$4,381,438.00 Total Fees Collected - \$1620.00 Permit Fees Collected - \$33,134.00 Total Fees Collected - \$34,796.00

Zoning

Fence Permits – 10 @ \$50.00 Zoning Applications – 5 @ \$200.00 Total Fees Collected - \$1500.00

Property Maintenance

Certificates of Compliance Issued – 20 @ \$35.00 Zoning Inspections - 7 Complaints – 15 Violations Issued - 4 Roll-off permits – 8 @ \$10.00 Total Fees Collected - \$780.00

CORRESPONDENCE

REQUEST FROM EAGLE RESCUE SQUAD FOR PERMISSION TO CONDUCT A BUCKET DRIVE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018 AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018 AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAIN STREET/UNION AVENUE

APPLICATIONS

BLUE LIGHT PERMIT, MAYER ROSENBERG, LORRAINE DRIVE, CLIFTON, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

PAWS OF MONTCLAIR, INC., ON-PREMISE 50/50, 11/10/18, 12:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M., 4-6 WOODHULL AVENUE, LITTLE FALLS

PAWS OF MONTCLAIR, INC., TRICKY TRAY, 11/10/18, 12:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M., 4-6 WOODHULL AVENUE, LITTLE FALLS

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #108, OFF-PREMISE 50/50, 10/13/18, 5:00 P.M., 591 MAIN STREET, LITTLE FALLS

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RESOLUTIONS

Tax Overpayments on Several Properties in 2018

RESOLUTION [A] 18-09-24 #1

WHEREAS, the following properties in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey have overpaid real estate taxes in 2018; and **WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector is requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amounts overpaid listed

below;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township 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:

Tax Year <u>& Otr.</u>	Block Lot/Q	Taxpayer/ Location	Payee_	Reason	Amount
2018/3	30/43	Nilan, Joseph T & Marianne Nilan 89 Van Pelt Pl	Joseph T & Marianne Nilan 89 Van Pelt Pl Little Falls NJ 07424	Exempt 100% Dis. Vet.	\$1,850.69
2018/4	124/9 C0701	Durocher, Caroline 7A Hopson Av	Caroline Durocher 7A Hopson Av Little Falls NJ 07424	O/P	292.38
2018/4	143/3	Emmetts, David W 160 Lincoln Av	David W Emmetts 160 Lincoln Av Little Falls NJ 07424	Exempt 100% Dis. Vet/HR	240.59
2018/3	144/11	Parker, Joseph Richard 202 First Ave	Joseph Richard ParkerExempt 202 First Avenue Little Falls NJ 07424	100% Dis.	2,070.92
2018/3	151/49	Nicholson, Dale to Carlos Ortiz & Arama Perez Ortiz 30 Third Av	Residential Commercial Title Agency, LLC 986 McBride Avenue Woodland Park NJ 07424	O/P	2,476.83
			Total Refunds		\$6,931.41

Tax Overpayments on Several Properties in 2018 Due to FEMA Buyouts

RESOLUTION [B] 17-12-18-#2

WHEREAS, the following properties in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey have overpaid real estate taxes in 2018 due to FEMA buyout closings; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township 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:

Tax Year & Qtr.	Block Lot/Q	Taxpayer/ Location	Payee_	<u>Reason</u>	Amount
2018/3	<u>69/22</u>	Arama Perez- Ortiz 27 Zeliff Av	Arama Perez- Ortiz 30 Third Av Little Falls NJ 07424	O/P FEMA 07/19/18	\$1,959.96
2018/2	68/1	Dennis & Kimberly Scrivanich 34 Zeliff Av	Dennis & Kimberly Scrivanich 50 Donato Dr Little Falls NJ 07424	O/P FEMA 01/25/18	787.13
2018/1	69/16	Patti L Capo 29 Louis St	Patti L Capo 208 Park Heights Dover NJ 07801	O/P FEMA 01/31/18	854.43
2018/1	69/48	Carmen Dagnino 47 William St	Carmen Dagnino 766 Rifle Camp Road Woodland Park NJ 07424 (\$445.95 FEMA/\$271.74 HR)	O/P FEMA/HR 03/05/18	717.69
2018/1	71/68	Nathaniel Hernandez 70 William St	Nathaniel Hernandez 412 East 33 rd St Apt 1 Paterson NJ 07504 (\$426.08 FEMA/\$135.72 HR)	O/P FEMA/HR 03/06/18	561.80
2018/3	74/27	Joseph & Galina Crocco 35 Orchard St	Joseph & Galina Crocco 112 Surrey Av Wayne NJ 07470	O/P FEMA 08/22/18	540.87
2018/3	80/15	Haydee Santana 51 Zeliff Av	Haydee Santana 330 Rachel Terrace Apt #18 Pine Brook NJ 07058	O/P FEMA 07/31/18	777.02
2018/1	82/37.01	Malik & Lisa Shoaib 147 Louis St	Malik & Lisa Shoaib 42 Veranda Avenue Little Falls NJ 07424	O/P FEMA 01/09/18	1,034.66
2018/1	84/49	Stanley & Carmen Krawiecki 175 William Street	Stanley & Carmen Krawiecki 15 Esther Drive East Dayton NJ 08810	O/P FEMA 03/28/18	61.16

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Tax Year <u>& Qtr.</u>	Block <u>Lot/Q</u>	Taxpayer/ <u>Location</u>	Pavee	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018/2	84/80	Kelly Ricardo 111 William St	Kelly Ricardo 104 Poplar Ave Little Ferry NJ 07643	O/P FEMA 05/10/18	847.75
			Total Refunds		\$8,142.47

Cancellation of Taxes due to FEMA Buyout Closings

RESOLUTION [C] 18-09-24-#3 CANCELATION OF TAXES DUE TO FEMA BUYOUT CLOSINGS (TOWNSHIP EXEMPT):

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls purchased the following properties through the FEMA program in the Year 2018; and **WHEREAS**, the 2018 taxes have been pro-rated from the closing dates; and

WHEREAS, the Township is requesting that their portion of the taxes be made exempt from the closing date and be canceled by our Tax Collector as follows:

BLOCK/LOT QUAL. 67/22	OWNER/ LOCATION/ <u>CLOSING DATE</u> Arama Perez-Ortiz 27 Zeliff Av July 24, 2018	CANCEL 2018 <u>TAX AMOUNT</u> \$ 1,971.20
68/1	Dennis & Kimberly Scrivanich 34 Zeliff Av January 25, 2018	3,985.61
69/16	Patti L Capo 20 Louis St January 31, 2018	4,666.55
69/48	Carmen Dagnino 47 William St March 5, 2018	4,741.40
71/68	Nathaniel Hernandez 70 William St March 6, 2018	4,688.36
74/27	Joseph & Galina Crocco 35 Orchard St August 22, 2018	1,797.30
80/15	Haydee Santana 51 Zeliff Av July 31, 2018	1,919.23
82/37.01	Malik & Lisa Shoaib 147 Louis St January 9, 2018	4,432.16
84/1	April Scavone 144 Louis St April 3, 2018	4.670.04
84/49	Stanley & Carmen Krawiecki 175 William St March 28, 2018	3,176.72
84/80	Kelly Ricardo 111 William St May 10, 2018	3,926.93
	Total amount to be canceled/Township exempt	\$39,975.50

Award of Contract for Library Door Replacement

RESOLUTION [D] 18-09-24 - #4 ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY DOOR REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to advertising duly made, bids were received by the Township of Little Falls on August 8, 2018 for PublicLibrary Door Replacement project, and the bids were opened and read publicly as follows:Colline Bros. Lock & Safe Co., LLCAutomatic Door Systems, LLCGMT Contracting Corp.Bid: \$18,235.48Bid: \$33,445.00Bid: \$40,456.00

and, **WHEREAS**, the Township Attorney has reviewed the bids for legal sufficiency; and **WHEREAS**, the award is subject to the Availability of Funds and certification of same in the 2018 budget; and **NOW**, **THEREFORE**, **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls as follows: 1) That the bid of

Colline Bros. Lock & Safe Co., LLC 513 W. Westfield Avenue Roselle Park, NJ 07204

in the amount of

\$18,235.48

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

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.

Bill List

RESOLUTION [E] 18-09-24 - #5

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 Seber, seconded by Councilmember Liess, that the Consent Agenda be approved as printed.

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1332-It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1332, "ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 71, FEES," be and it was opened.

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, 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 Seber, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1332 be and it was closed.

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Seber, seconded by Councilmember Cordonnier, that the Ordinance No. 1332 be and it was adopted.

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1333-It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Liess, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1333, "ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 71, FEES," be and it was opened.

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, 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 Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Liess, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1333 be and it was closed.

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that the Ordinance No. 1333 be and it was adopted.

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba Nays: None The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1334-It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1334, "ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 280 ENTITLED, ZONING," be and it was opened.

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, 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 Seber, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1334 be and it was closed.

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Liess, that the Ordinance No. 1334 be and it was adopted.

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1335-It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Liess, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1335, "ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 7, ENTITLED, TRAFFIC," be and it was opened.

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba Navs: 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 public hearing on Ordinance No. 1335 be and it was closed.

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that the Ordinance No. 1335 be and it was adopted.

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

follows:

<u>Ordinance No. 1336</u>-It was moved by Councilmember Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Liess, that there be introduced and the meeting of October 15, 2018 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1336

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$375,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, as

Section 1. The Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey (the "Township") is hereby authorized to acquire real property, including an existing structure, for municipal purposes in, by and for the Township. Said improvement shall include real estate transaction expenses and all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor. The property to be acquired has a street address of 56-58 Stanley Street and is designated as Block 110, Lot 23 on the Tax Assessment Map of the Township.

Section 2. The sum of \$375,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvement described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the down payment appropriated by this ordinance. Said improvement shall be made as a general improvement and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefitted.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said purpose is not a current expense of said Township, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of said Township pursuant to the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law"), and (3) the total estimated cost of said purpose is \$375,000, and (4) \$18,000 of said sum is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$357,000, and (6) the cost of such purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$35,000 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purpose, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$18,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Township, are now available to finance said purpose. The sum of \$18,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$357,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of said Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$357,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the

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principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding. Section 7. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be

payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Township and attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 8. It is hereby determined and declared that the period of usefulness of said purpose, according to its reasonable life, is a period of forty years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 9. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk of said Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$357,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 10. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Passaic, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purpose, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 12. The Township intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvement described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Township expects to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 13. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Township, and the Township shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Poll: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba Ayes: Nays: None

Ordinance No. 1337-It was moved by Councilmember Seber, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that there be introduced and the meeting of October 15, 2018 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1337

BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 4 AND 10 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 1326) ENTITLED: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$445,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS," ADOPTED APRIL 23, 2018.

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

Section 1. Section 4 of Ordinance No. 1326 entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$445,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS"

adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey (the "Township") on April 23, 2018 (the "Prior Ordinance") is hereby amended to (A)(i) decrease the appropriation and estimated cost in Section 4.A. from \$245,000 to \$180,000 (a decrease of \$65,000); (ii) decrease the down payment appropriated in Section 4.A. from \$15,400 to \$12,300 (a decrease of \$3,100); and (iii) decrease the bonds and notes authorized in Section 4.A. from \$229,600 to \$167,700 (a decrease of \$61,900); and (B)(i) increase the appropriation and estimated cost in Section 4.B. from \$200,000 to \$265,000 (an increase of \$65,000); (ii) increase the down payment appropriated in Section 4.B. from \$9,600 to \$12,700 (an increase of \$3,100); and (iii) increase the bonds and notes authorized in Section 4.B. from \$190,400 to \$252,300 (an increase of \$61,900); and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (3) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (4) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

Acquisition of new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, for the use of the Department of Public Works ("DPW") consisting (i) a compactor truck and (ii) a pickup truck.

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Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$180,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 12,300
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$167,700
Period of Usefulness	5 years
B. Replacement of the underground storage tank at the DPW Yard.	
Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$265,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 12,700
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$252,300
Period of Usefulness	15 years
Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$445,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$420,000."

Section 2. Section 10 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the average period of usefulness of the purposes authorized from 9.53 years to 11.00 years (an increase of 1.47 years), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 10. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 11.00 years computed from the date of said bonds."

Section 3. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for public inspection. Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba Nays: None

As per the request of Council President SGOBBA, Mr. Wenzel summarized that four ordinances were passed after a second reading, followed by the introduction of two ordinances. The final two ordinances will have public hearings on October 15, 2018, where anyone wishing to make a record with regard to them is given the opportunity.

PUBLIC COMMENT –GENERAL MATTERS

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

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, Vancheri and Council President Sgobba Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

<u>Pearle Beers</u>, 181 Long Hill Road, Unit K5, on behalf of senior residents, requested the Council consider hiring a second senior bus driver and extending the hours the bus is available. Council President SGOBBA stated the Council and Mayor will look into it. Mayor Damiano explained the Township has a grant application pending that pertains to acquiring a new senior bus. A bus driver is not budgeted for this year, however, the Mayor noted it can be added to the list for the budget next year.

<u>Joan Strothers</u>, 25 Harrison Street, thanked Chief Sweezy and the Fire Department, Chief Post and the Police Department, Sergeant Gianduso and the CERT/OEM, the DPW staff, and the Wayne and Fairfield emergency squads for their help with the flood on August 11, 2018. Ms. Strothers also wanted to give a special thanks to Girl Scout Troop 367 that came around the neighborhood and distributed gift cards to the flood victims. Ms. Stothers queried whether the DOT was contacted with regard to the structural integrity of the bridge on Route 46. Mayor Damiano confirmed that shortly after the event an engineer examined the bridge, found it structurally sound and found no issues with the structure itself. Council President SGOBBA thanked Ms. Strothers for her comments and appreciated the time she gives as a member of the Planning Board.

<u>Renea Shapiro</u>, ABC 163 East Main Street Box 2014, expressed her appreciation for the Proclamation. She announced the ABC will host a cabaret night on November 2, 2018 at the Kitch and in December a dinner will be held at the Kitch. She thanked Mr. Simone for preparing the grounds for the concerts and farmers markets as well as the work of the bicycle policeman. She stated she has been on many Township Committees this is the first time there is a redevelopment plan. She discussed the need to acquire properties, how property values will increase if the Main Street area is developed, and applauded the Council for trying to make our Town the way our Town should be.

<u>Marilyn Anthony</u>, 181 Long Hill Road, Unit 4, expressed her pride in the Council and to be a resident of Little Falls. She commented on the respectful nature of the Council whether or not the Council agrees or disagrees with those who provide public comment. She thanked the Council for their hard work.

<u>Rob Mendoza</u>, 19 Harrison Street, stated his home was damaged by flooding and he is unsure how to proceed. He discussed concerns regarding removal of items from his home. Mayor Damiano stated that when Mr. Mendoza is able to move items to the curb, the Township will have a contractor remove the items. Mr. Mendoza commended the work the DPW has done on making sure the drains have been cleaned out. Council President SGOBBA stated the Council is very proud of the DPW Department.

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

Poll: Ayes: Cordonnier, Liess, Seber, 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 Cordonnier, seconded by Councilmember Seber, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Cynthia Kraus Municipal Clerk