

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

7:00 P.M.

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 MARCH 11, 2022. A COPY OF THE NOTICE WAS MAILED TO THE NORTH JERSEY HERALD & 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.LENJ.COM. ELECTRONIC PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING.**

ROLL CALL

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH PROCLAMATION

LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH PROCLAMATION

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL MATTERS AND AGENDA ITEMS

ANYONE WISHING TO ADDRESS THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MAY DO SO THROUGH THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT. PLEASE 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.

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ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATOR:

1. TAX REFUND RESOLUTION
2. RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR MAIN STREET STREETScape SECTION 2 PROJECT (UNION AVENUE TO LITTLE FALLS METHODIST CHURCH)
3. RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED INCREASES TO SHBP
4. ORDINANCE NO. 1445 - PROHIBITING PARKING ON SECTIONS OF MAIN STREET

ACTION ITEMS:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO ISSUE VARIOUS CHECKS TOTALING \$11,727.71 TO REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENTS ON SEVERAL PROPERTIES [A]

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO GRADE CONSTRUCTION FOR MAIN STREET STREETScape SECTION 2 PROJECT (UNION AVENUE TO LITTLE FALLS METHODIST CHURCH) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$662,911.40 [B]

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED INCREASES TO THE STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM [C]

BILL LIST [D]

APPLICATIONS

RAFFLE, ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH, ON-PREMISE 50/50, 10/01/22, 7:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M., 237 LONG HILL ROAD, LITTLE FALLS

RAFFLE, ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TRICKY TRAY, 10/01/22, 7:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M., 237 LONG HILL ROAD, LITTLE FALLS

RAFFLE, OES CHAPTER #224, LITTLE FALLS, ON-PREMISE 50/50, 10/16/22, 1:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

RAFFLE, OES CHAPTER #224, LITTLE FALLS, OFF-PREMISE 50/50, 10/16/22, 1:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

RAFFLE, LITTLE FALLS FOOTBALL PARENTS ASSOCIATION, OFF-PREMISE 50/50, 10/22/22, 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M., 160 PATERSON AVENUE, LITTLE FALLS

BLUE LIGHT PERMIT, RYAN TOLOMEO, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1445, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FURTHER AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS CODE CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE I, SECTION 7-13, "PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS", WITH A SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 3, 2022.

COUNCIL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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RESOLUTION [A] 22-09-12 # _____

WHEREAS, the following properties in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey have overpaid real estate taxes; 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:

<u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u>	<u>Block Lot/Q</u>	<u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022/3	81/37	Elizabeth Bell 3 Garden St	Realty Solutions, JV LLC 25 Hughes Place Summit NJ 07901	OP	\$1,552.27
2022/3	88.05/1 C210	Mary Dickerson 300 Main St #210	Mary Dickerson 300 Main St Unit 210 Little Falls NJ 07424	OP	2,175.03
2022/3	88.05/1 C913	William Spector 300 Main St #913	William Spector 300 Main St Unit 913 Little Falls NJ 07424	OP	2,556.13
2022/3	98/7	Samir Egusquiza 10 Walnut St	Corelogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202 Coppell TX 75019-9760	OP	2,480.92
2022/3	168/23	Laura Ramirez- Bezi 52 Hudson St	Corelogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202 Coppell TX 75019-9760	OP	1,799.85
2022/3	178/7	Peter & Mary Loveras 145 Long Hill Rd	Peter & Mary Loveras 145 Long Hill Rd Little Falls NJ 07424	OP	<u>1,163.51</u>
Total Refunds					\$11,727.71

APPROVED: _____

cc: Finance Dept
Tax Collector

RESOLUTION [B] 22-09-12 - # _____

ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT FOR
2022 NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM MAIN STREET STREETScape SECTION 2 PROJECT

WHEREAS, pursuant to advertising duly made, bids were received by the Township of Little Falls on July 6, 2022 where no bidders responded and on August 2, 2022 where one bidder responded for 2022 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program Main Street Streetscape Section 2 Project; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted was 29% above the Engineer's estimate and rejected on the grounds of excessive cost; and

WHEREAS, according to the Local Public Contracts Law, following two unsuccessful bidding attempts, the Township is permitted to negotiate for pricing; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the negotiation process, this office received a proposal from Grade Construction in the amount of \$662,911.40 and a proposal from Zuccaro who was the original bidder, in the amount of \$671,770.00; and

WHEREAS, Salamone Brothers, Inc. declined to participate; and

WHEREAS, the award is subject to the Availability of Funds and certification of same in the 2022 budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls as follows:

1) That the proposal of

Grade Construction
10 Pennsylvania Avenue
Paterson, NJ 07503

in the amount of

\$662,911.40

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

APPROVED: _____

cc: Finance; DPW Supt.; Engineer; Grade Construction; Project File

RESOLUTION [C] 22-09-12 - # _____

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED INCREASES TO THE STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the State Health Benefits (SHBP), governed by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq., offers medical, prescription drug, and dental coverage to qualified State and participating local government public employees, retirees, and eligible dependents; and

WHEREAS, all SHBP plans are self-funded meaning that the money paid out for benefits comes directly from a SHBP fund supplied by the State, participating local employers, and member premiums; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Pensions and Benefits is responsible for the daily administrative activities of the SHBP, the State Health Benefits Commission is the executive organization responsible for overseeing the SHBP; and

WHEREAS, the State Health Benefits Commission comprised of state officials and union representatives, annually consider the calendar year premium levels for the Local Government Employer Group of the SHBP based on recommendations found in the Rate Setting Recommendation Analysis of the Local Government Employee Group; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary rate increase for 2023 Local Government Employer Group is 22.8%, which includes a 21.6% increase for Active, a 13% increase in Early Retiree, and a 0.7% increase for Medicare Retiree; and

WHEREAS, subsequent news accounts has Department of Treasury noting “rates for active members and early retirees would like be increase between 12-20% across the various plans for the upcoming year”; and

WHEREAS, such proposed exorbitant rate increases will fall upon local property taxpayer along with the local public employees at a time where there is record inflation, and

WHEREAS, the proposed premium increase for most active employees will take thousands more out of their paychecks annually and lead to huge costs for local governments that will translate into higher property tax bills for struggling families; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Little Falls in the County of Passaic call up the State Health Benefit Commission to reconsider the rate increase and strike a rate increase that is appropriate in the current economic conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Township of Little Falls in the County of Passaic urge the legislature to adopt legislation expanding the composition of the State Health Benefits Commission to include representatives from both municipal and county government management; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Murphy, State Treasurer Muoio, Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senators Kristin Corrado and Joseph A. Lagana, Assemblywoman Lisa Swain, Assemblymen Christopher T. Tully, Christopher DePhillips and Kevin J. Rooney, and New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

ORDINANCE NO. 1445

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FURTHER AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS CODE CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE I, SECTION 7-13, "PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS"

WHEREAS, due to concerns regarding the health and safety of motorists and pedestrians in the Township, the municipal council of the Township (the "Municipal Council") seeks to amend the provisions of the current code section; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the proposed amendment to the Township Code of General Ordinances (the "Code") concerning the parking vehicles on the Township Roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council has determined to amend Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7-13 of the Township Code to read as follows;

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

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

2. The Municipal Council hereby amends Chapter 7, Article I, Section 7-13 of the Township Code to read as follows:

§7-13 Parking prohibited at all times on certain streets

A. No person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any streets or parts thereof described.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Main Street: c.	North	From a point 220 feet west of the easterly curbline of Center Avenue to William Street
j.	South	From the easterly curbline of William Street to a point 105 feet east of the easterly curbline of Center Avenue

3. 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.

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

5. 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.
