

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

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

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

Absent: Council President Anthony Sgobba and Deputy Clerk Melissa DePiro.

Township Employees present: Police Chief Bryan Prall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG – Following the Salute to the Flag all were asked to stand in a moment of silence to recognize the passing of Councilmember Murphy’s grandfather.

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. Electronic provisions have been established for the public to participate during the public comment portion of the meeting.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Patel, that the Minutes of the September 18, 2023 Workshop be and they were approved.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, and Vancheri
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Damiano provided an update on the Streetscape program streetlights installed by PSE&G, which are awaiting connection to electricity. Mayor Damiano referred to Ordinance Nos. 1471, 1472, & 1473 scheduled for introduction tonight, and noted they are largely funded by grants. The Mayor described the Streetscape program sections included in the aforementioned Ordinances which were Maple Avenue to Van Ness Avenue, Stevens Avenue from Main Street to Walnut Street, and Union Avenue from Main Street to Walnut Street.

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION – At this time Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation recognizing September 2023 as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in the Township of Little Falls. In conjunction with the Proclamation, Mayor Damiano noted his discussion with Mr. Quatrone to proceed with the installation of Stigma Free signs at all the entrances to the municipality.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH PROCLAMATION – Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation recognizing September 15, 2023 through October 15, 2023 as Hispanic Heritage Month in the Township of Little Falls.

ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH PROCLAMATION – Mayor Damiano then read the Proclamation recognizing October 2023 as Italian American Heritage Month in the Township of Little Falls and invited everyone to the flag raising ceremony on October 2, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION – Lastly, Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation recognizing October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the Township of Little Falls.

Mayor Damiano reported on the Master Plan Meeting on September 19th, which was sparsely attended. The Mayor urged residents to attend the next meeting to be held on October 23rd. The Mayor also reported there has been no further update since his last report on Verizon regarding service-related issues but encouraged residents to call in as well. Mayor Damiano reviewed the Library’s new home delivery program and also discussed the installation of LED stop signs at the intersections of Cedar Grove Road and Main Street, and First Avenue and Wilmore Road.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember MURPHY thanked everyone for their condolences. Councilmember MURPHY reported there will be a flag raising in October for Domestic Violence Prevention Awareness as well as a presentation at PVHS. Councilmember MURPHY reported four members will be added to the Committee and will be voted on tonight’s Agenda. Lastly, Councilmember MURPHY provided an update on the Township Calendar.

Councilmember HABLITZ discussed the Library’s delivery service program and reported on upcoming Library events including a Wellness Fair on September 28th. Councilmember HABLITZ announced this Sunday’s Farmers Market will recognize Breast Cancer Awareness, and upcoming October Farmers Market events include a doggie costume contest, pumpkin painting, and trick-or-treating. Councilmember HABLITZ then reported on the

Meeting of September 26, 2023

upcoming Town-wide Yard Sale this weekend as well as the Spooky Sprint 5K event on October 22nd. Lastly, Councilmember HABLITZ recalled the success of the Little Falls Biz Fall Festival.

Councilmember PATEL announced the Clifton Health Department will be at the Health and Wellness Fair held at the Library. Additionally, the Clifton Health Department, in collaboration with Inner Healing Counseling, will hold a free mental health screening on October 6th. The Flu Clinic will be held on October 19th at Clifton City Hall and on October 30th at the Township’s Municipal Building. Lastly, the Public Health Committee has been working to ensure that public health information on the Clifton website is also available to Little Falls residents.

Councilmember VANCHERI reminded residents the Harvest Moon Dinner Dance will be on October 13th. Councilmember VANCHERI discussed the Traffic Seminar held last week and noted another event will be planned in the future. He encouraged everyone to attend the Italian Heritage American month flag raising on October 2nd, the St. John’s Church Picnic this weekend, and the PBA’s annual Oktoberfest next weekend. Councilmember VANCHERI then read into the record the four members that will be added to the membership of the Domestic Violence Prevention Committee.

Council Ad-Hoc Committee Appointments:

Domestic Violence Prevention Committee

Community Representatives (4) Donna Tannis, Kelley Amico, Patricia Costa, Angelica Luciano

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Mr. Wenzel had nothing to report.

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

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, and Vancheri
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, and Vancheri
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

C O N S E N T A G E N D A

All items on the Consent Agenda were considered to be routine and will be enacted with a single motion.

REPORTS

Municipal Clerk’s Report – Month of August 2023

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT
Month of August 2023

ABC LICENSES		
OTHER LICENSES		
Business Licenses	\$485.00	
Pre-paid Business Licenses	\$	
Raffle Licenses	\$80.00	
		\$565.00
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS		
Fees & Permits	\$520.00	
Marriage Licenses-LF	\$12.00	
Marriage Licenses-NJ	\$100.00	
		\$632.00
MRNA		
Street Maps		
Zoning Maps		
Zoning Ordinances		
Document Copies		
Garage Sales	\$45.00	
Misc. Fees & Refunds:	\$45.00	
TOTAL MRNA		\$90.00
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT		\$1,287.00
TOTAL TO TREASURER		\$1,287.00

Meeting of September 26, 2023

Municipal Clerks Dog/Cat License Report - Month of August 2023

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT
Month of August 2023

Dog Licenses issued 08/01/2023 thru 08/31/2023	
Nos. 184 to 197 = Licenses	
Amount due Little Falls	\$95.20
Amount due State	\$19.80
Total Cash Received	\$115.00
Cat Licenses issued 08/01/2023 thru 08/31/2023	
Nos. 0 to 0	
Licenses Issued	
Total Cash Received	
Total to Treas.	<u>\$115.00</u>

Tax Collector's Report - Month August 2023

MONTHLY REPORT

Municipality of Township of Little Falls
Office of the Tax Collector
Township of Little Falls Current Account, Lakeland Bank
Revenues Collector for the Month of August 2023

Categories 01-	August 1-31, 2023	2023 Year to Date
2023 Taxes	\$4,907,158.56	\$37,371,943.61
2016-2022 Taxes	40,169.06	\$66,028.52
Prepaid 2024	67,116.62	67,116.62
Interest	13,420.32	75,511.32
Cost of Tax Sale	783.40	783.40
Duplicate Tax Bill	10.00	50.00
Insufficient Check Fee	60.00	180.00
6% YE-Penalty Fee	0.00	19,868.04
PILOT in-lieu of taxes	132,695.28	549,919.56
GRAND TOTALS	\$5,161,413.24	\$38,651,401.07

Delinquent 2016 Taxes	\$284,632.08 (princ).
Delinquent 2020 Taxes	2,240.64 (bankruptcy).
Delinquent 2021 Taxes	4,519.28 (bankruptcy).
Delinquent 2022 Taxes	83,455.30 (subject to tax sale 09/12/2023).
Delinquent 2023 Taxes	<u>618,761.84</u> (1 st -3rd qtrs/princ)
Total Delinquent Taxes	\$993,609.14

2023 Refunds this month =	\$-28,474.12
2023 Year to date refunds =	-\$49,009.39

Breakdown of refunds for years 2018-2023 completed in 2023(see attached).

REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2023

Months	2019 STCJ	2020 STCJ	2021 STCJ	2022 STCJ	2022 Exempt/ Other	2023 CBJ	2023 Regular	2023 Senior/ Veteran	Exempt 2023	Totals By Months
January	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$328.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$328.60
February	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,184.64	\$2,184.64
March	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$328.60	\$3,378.02	\$0.00	\$6,194.94	\$9,901.56
April	\$1,533.24	\$2,329.96	\$52,368.44	\$56,170.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$112,402.53
May	\$0.00	\$8,861.47	\$10,146.71	\$12,105.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,982.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,096.60
June	\$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	\$3,152.77	\$0.00	\$1,201.04	\$0.00	\$4,265.23	8,619.04
August	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,786.72	\$2,093.75	\$0.00	\$3,593.65	\$28,474.12
Totals	\$1,533.24	\$11,191.43	\$62,515.15	\$68,276.51	\$3,481.37	\$23,115.32	\$9,655.61	\$0.00	\$16,238.46	\$196,007.09

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 Township of Little Falls
Office of the Tax Collector
Township of Little Falls Tax Collector Trust 1 (Lien Monies), Lakeland Bank
Revenues for the Month of August 2023

	Deposit	2023 Year-to-Date
January 2023	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
February 2023	0.00	0.00
March 2023	19,684.33	19,684.33
April 2023	18,984.71	38,669.04
May 2023	31,365.76	70,034.80
June 2023	0.00	70,034.80
July 2023	0.00	70,034.80
August 2023	0.00	70,034.80
Total Collected as of August 31, 2023		\$ 70,034.80

Meeting of September 26, 2023

Municipality of Township of Little Falls
 Office of the Tax Collector
 Township of Little Falls Tax Collector Trust 2 (Lien Premium Monies), Lakeland Bank
 Revenues for the Month of August 2023

	Liens with Premiums Redeemed/ (-)	Bal. /Dep. (+)
Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2023)		\$449,500.00
January 2023	\$ 0.00	449,500.00
February 2023	0.00	449,500.00
March 2023	-30,000.00	419,500.00
April 2023	-43,000.00	376,500.00
May 2023	-76,000.00	300,500.00
June 2023	0.00	300,500.00
July 2023	0.00	300,500.00
August 2023	0.00	300,500.00
Ending Balance as of August 31, 2023		\$300,500.00

Recreation Report – Month of August 2023

Recreation Center –August 2023				
Program	Facility	# Classes	Hours	Participants
Cheer Camp	Rec. Center	3	9	330
Cheer Practice	Rec. Center	12	18	1560
Passaic Valley Camp	Rec. Center	4	12	148
Pickle Ball	Gym	5	5	50
Zumba Gold	Gym	5	5	56
Zumba Tone	Multi	9	9	180
Yoga	Multi	3	3	20
Fencing	Gym	4	8	40
Tai Chi/Qi Gong	Gym	3	6	45
Gentle Yoga/Fit Over 50	Gym	4	8	43
Movies,LFAC Swap, Soccer Draft	Rec. Center	6	20	900
Weekly Totals		58	103	3372

Civic Center Report – Month of August 2023

Month of August 2023			
Meeting Group	# of Meetings	Hours	Participants
Senior Citizen Social Clubs	9	54	200
Arts & Craft Class	4	8	48
Stamp Club	2	4	20
LF ABC Meeting	1	2	5
OEM Meeting	1	2	10
Concert in the Park (Rain Location)	2	6	200
Totals	19	76	483

Police Department Report – Month of August 2023

OPERATION DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT

Type of Arrest	Total
Total Calls for Service	3317
Total Operation Reports Generated	163
Total Investigation Reports Generated	38
Total Arrests	14

Arrest Summary

Type of Arrest	Total
39:4-50 Driving While Intoxicated	7
2C:20-11b(1) Shoplifting	2
NCIC Warrant (Little Falls, Middlesex County)	2
ATS Warrant	1
2C:12-1a(1) DV/Simple Assault	1
Theft (Detective Bureau Invest.)	1

Patrol Bureau Time & Attendance

Type of Hours	Total
Vacation	176
Holiday	344
Compensatory	143.25
Sick	140
Personal time	66
Credit time	158
Administrative	0
PBA day	4
Schedule transition	21
Bereavement	0
Overtime due to Training	16
Overtime hours to maintain minimum staffing level	62.5
Overtime due to Incident/Weather/Other Event	35

TRAFFIC SAFETY SECTION

Type of Hours	Total
TRAFFIC STUDIES	2 (Wilmore/Long Hill)
SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT DETAILS	6 (742) 90 (Dept)
RADAR DETAILS	12 (742) 171 (Dept)
MOTOR VEHICLES COMPLAINTS	18
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	44 (742) 574 (Dept)
SUMMONS ISSUED	104(742) 246(Dept)
MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH REPORTS	8 (742) 69 (Dept)
SAFETY STICK VIOLATIONS ISSUED	94

COMMUNITY POLICING

Detail Type	Total
Cell block inspections	15
School arrivals	0
School dismissals	0
School Walk-thru	0
Vacant house checks	32
Child car seat installations	1 (4 seats ,2 cars)
Headquarters safety inspections	0
Project medicine box emptied	2
Trips to Covanta for prescription drug destruction	0
Community function appearances	5
School function appearances	0

Special projects/details

Coordinated National Night Out 8/1. CarFit Training Certification. 2 IAP Plans completed for upcoming events. LEAD Books ordered for 2024 classes.
--

COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

Time & Attendance

Type of Hours	Total
Vacation	0
Holiday	56
Compensatory	24
Sick	48
Personal time	1
Credit time	199
Scheduled transition	0
Bereavement	0
OT Covered by Full Time	181
OT Covered by Per Diem	0
OT Covered by Supervisor	88 (JM) 60 (JC)
OT Due to Training	6.5
Overtime due to incident/weather/other event	0

Communications Bureau Calls for Service

Type of Hours	Total
9-1-1	247
NON-EMERGENCY	465
WALK-IN	29
RADIO	1,463
MDT	1,115
TOTAL CFS	3,317

**LITTLE FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT
Operations Division Monthly Report**

CODE	CALL FOR SERVICE	TOTALS	CODE	CALL FOR SERVICE	TOTALS
0440	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT HANDS AND FEET	1	6615	TRAFFIC COUNTER DEPLOYMENT/RADAR SIGN	2
0510	BURGLARY	2	6616	TRAFFIC STUDY	3
0610	THEFT	15	7002	BUILDING/PROPERTY CHECK	1
0613	THEFT SHOPLIFTING	1	7003	PROPERTY CHECK/AREA CHECK	707
0800	SIMPLE ASSAULT	2	7004	VACANT HOME CHECK	84
1120	CREDIT CARDS	1	7008	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	51
1130	FRAUD ALL OTHERS	1	7010	NOTIFICATIONS	5
1342	RECOVER STOLEN VEHICLE NOT FOR LOCAL THEFTS	1	7012	BANK ESCORTS, ETC	2
1440	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF ALL	1	7014	OTH PUB SERV/WELFARE CHK	11
1445	PROPERTY DAMAGE REPORT	4	7015	ASSIST CITIZEN	10
1711	SEX OFFENSE ALL OTHERS	1	7025	EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSON (EDP)	2
2111	DWI – ALCOHOLL/UNDER INFL	7	7050	PROPERTY CHECK SCHOOL FACILITIES	78
2410	FIGHT	3	7055	BAR/TAVERN CHECK	41
2415	DISPUTE	18	7085	CHILD CUSTODY EXCHANGE	1
2420	DISORDERLY CONDUCT/HARASSMENT	2	7504	ASSISTING-OTHER POLICE DP	10
2450	NOISE COMPLAINT	18	7505	ASSIST OTHER PD ALCO-TEST	1
2657	HARASSMENT	9	7506	ASSISTING – OTHER AGENCIES	2
2660	TRESPASSING	2	7512	WATER LEAK	2
2665	FIREWORKS	2	8010	WARRANTS – LOCAL	2
4014	OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS GENERAL POLICE	3	8110	WARRANTS-OTHER AGENCIES	1
4018	STREETS LIGHTS-OUT/REPAIRS	2	8221	WARRANTS – OTHER	1
4020	SUSPICIOUS AUTO GENERAL POLICE	13	8504	PRISONER WATCH/JAIL DUTY/TRANSPORT	1
4021	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	11	9002	ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES	290

Meeting of September 26, 2023

CODE	CALL FOR SERVICE	TOTALS	CODE	CALL FOR SERVICE	TOTALS
4022	SUSPICIOUS PERSON GENERAL POLICE	3	9003	COMMUNITY POLICING	15
4023	SHOTS FIRED- REPORTS	1	9005	M.V. PURSUITS/HIGH SPEED	1
4026	DOWN-WIRES/POLES/TREES/LIMBS	1	9006	SICK DAY	15
4028	OTHER NON-CRIMINAL INV GENERAL POLICE	20	9008	COURT	8
4040	PATROL INVESTIGATION	7	9010	IN SERVICE TRAINING	57
4051	ALARM BURGLARY OR HOLD UP RESIDENCE	12	9011	MISC MAINTENANCE RADIOS ETC.	2
4052	ALARM BURGLARY OR HOLD UP NON RESIDENCE	8	9020	POLICE INFORMATION	2
4100	ALARMS (FIRE ALARMS)	7	9025	FIELD CONTACT INFORMATION	1
4143	FIRE- VEHICLE FIRE	1	9027	FIREARMS APPLICATION	16
4158	FUMES -- ODOR NON-GAS	1	9028	FINGERPRINT	2
4159	SMOKE CONDITION	1	9029	CIVIL MATTER	5
4170	ASSIST -- POLICE DEPARTMENT	6	9030	SPECIAL DETAIL ASSIGNMENT	29
4242	RESCUE-ELEVATOR	1	9034	REPOSESSION	1
5004	FOUND ARTICLES	5	9052	TRO/FRO INFORMATION & SERVICE	3
5008	LOST ARTICLES	8	9071	DIRECTED PATROL	84
5016	MISSING PERSON	1	9085	SURRENDOR OF PROPERTY (NOT RECOVERY)	1
5502	BARKING DOG/ANIMAL NOISE	1	911	911 HANG UP/CHK WELFARE	80
5506	LOST/FOUND/STRAY ANIMALS	3	9110	PRO-ACTIVE PATROL	196
5510	ANIMAL COMPLAINTS ALL	14	9112	FOOT PATROL	2
6006	MV ACCIDENT W/INJURY	2	9115	FOLLOW-UP	24
6008	MV ACCIDENT NO INJURIES	66	9118	CHILDSEAT INSPECTION	1
6010	MV CRASH-SR-1/OTHER	1	9110	911 TRANSFER TO OTHER	56
6305	SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT TRAFFIC	97	9130	OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET	2
6306	RADAR	183	9137	EVIDENCE DUTIES	6
6308	TRAFFIC MV COMPLAINT	18	9192	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	35
6310	TRAFFIC ENFORCE/STOP	618	9982	SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	2
6335	TRAFFIC HAZARD	16			
6336	DISABLED MV	18			
6510	PARKING ENFORCEMENT	109			
6608	ESCORTS	2			
6610	MOTORIST ASSIST	2			
6612	SIGNALS SIGNS OUT	2			
6614	TRAFFIC POST	8			

LITTLE FALLS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT NEW JERSEY CRASH STATISTICAL REPORT From Date: 08/01/2023 To Date:08/31/2023						
ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION						
REPORTABLE ACCIDENT 43	NON-REPORTABLE 6	SR1 0	HIT & RUN 4	TOTAL CRASH REPORTS 51		
6- TIME OF THE ACCIDENT 8 – KILLED 9 - INJURED						
0001-0600 2	0601-1200 8	1201-1800 30	1801-2359 11	INTERSECTION 2	FATALITIES 0	INJURIES 3
5 – DAY OF THE WEEK						
SUNDAY 5	MONDAY 9	TUESDAY 9	WEDNESDAY 6	THURSDAY 8	FRIDAY 7	SATURDAY 7

Investigations & Services Division Report
August 2023 Monthly Report

DETECTIVE BUREAU

Criminal Case Management:

- 4 Cases were referred for follow-up investigation.
- 15 Investigations currently remain open and active.
- 8 Cases closed from current and previous months.
- 15 Assist own Agency (Patrol Invest/Cases/Special Details)

Criminal Complaints/Warrants Served:

- 1 Cases where criminal complaints were issued by the Investigative Division.
- 1 Total Criminal Complaints Issued
- 1 Attempts were made to service outstanding criminal arrest warrants issued by the Little Falls Municipal Court.

Juvenile:

- 1 Juvenile case(s) investigated
- 0 Juvenile Complaint Issued
- 0 Station-House Adjustments was filed by the Department’s Juvenile Detective.

Narcotics:

- 0 Arrests were made by the investigative division for a drug related offense.
- 1 35 lbs. of prescription drugs collected in the drop box.

After Hours Callouts:

- 1 Incident required a detective for investigative support or notification after hours.

Grand Jury/Superior Court Appearances:

- 1 Cases required a Detective to appear and testify before a Grand Jury or Superior Court.

Internal Affairs (IA):

- 0 IA Complaint(s) was screened and indexed.
 - 0 IA Investigation(s) was conducted and closed.
 - 0 IA Complaint(s) remains open (2022) and is being investigated.
- Major Discipline: There were 0 investigations closed that resulted in disciplinary action requiring termination, demotion and/or suspension of five (5) or more days.

Search Warrants/Subpoenas:

- 8 Subpoenas were requested to be served for an investigation.
- There were 0 search warrants and 1 communication data warrants executed.

Meeting of September 26, 2023

Background Investigations:

The Detective Bureau completed:

1 Police Applicant

0 Crossing Guard Applicants

0 ABC Background/Applicants

0 Dispatcher Applicants

0 Solicitor Applicant Investigations

Megan's Law (Sex-Offender) Registrations:

0 New Registrations

1 Address Verification and Re-Registration

0 Transferred to Other Agency

There are currently 12 registered sex-offenders residing within the Township.

Detective Time Off and Overtime:

Compensatory – 10 hours

Vacation/Holiday – 43.5 hours

Time Off: TOTAL 65 Hours

Personal – 0 hours

Sick-11.5 hours

Other – 0 hours (Bereavement)

Overtime: TOTAL 15 Hours

Detective (Investigations and Follow ups) Hours for Cash – 2.5 hours

Detective (Investigations and Follow ups) Hours for Compensatory Time – 0 hours

Patrol Shift Coverage by Detective – 0 hours (OT Cash)

Patrol Grant OT – 0 hours

Court OT – 3.5 Hours (OT Cash)

PVHS / Outside Events – 9 Hours

Notable Detective Cases:

Investigations

- **Case#23-22996 (Theft), Location:** St. Agnes Church; Detective Oliver Isshak completed a one-month long investigation which began on July 21st, 2023, in reference to a theft of cash/money from a mailbox belonging to St. Agnes Church. Video surveillance captured the incident, which allowed several Little Falls Police Officers (Patrol and Detectives), as well as St. Agnes Church Staff to positively identify the actor. The actor was identified as Douglas Heidt of Little Falls. On August 31st, 2023, Patrol Officers and Detectives from the Little Falls Police Department attempted to serve an active warrant for Mr. Heidt where he was subsequently arrested at his residence without incident. After processing, Mr. Heidt was subsequently transported to the Passaic County Jail.

RECORDS BUREAU:

Discovery and OPRA:

11 Discovery Cases involving Digital (Audio/Video) files were processed for defense attorneys, the public defender and prosecutors.

17 Total discovery cases. 33 OPRA requests were processed.

495 pages of reports were facilitated and forwarded to the Township Clerk's Office for OPRA requests.

\$1,330.00 was deposited by the Records Bureau during the month.

Discovery \$0.00/Firearms \$1,100.00/Accident & Incident Reports \$230.00/Fingerprints \$0.00

Firearms:

24 Applications for Firearms Permits

2 Firearms Purchaser ID cards were issued

19 Handgun Purchase Permits were issued

2 Permit to Carry Handguns Issued

Background Investigations:

17 Firearm Investigations Completed

1 Application Withdrawn by Applicant/Denied

TRAINING

Drug Impaired Driving (1 Day)- Ptl. Conti, Ptl. Hablitz

Managing FTO (2 Days) – Sgt. Emperio

Street Cop Vehicle OPS (1 Day) – Ptl. Hablitz

Protection of Children (2 Days) – Det. Isshak, Det. Kania

ICAT (2 Days) – Ptl. Santos

Department Training:

In-Service Training (3 Days) – Special Class II Okjewicz, Special Class II Kotsadam, Special Class II Englehardt

Water Rescue – All Sworn Officers

Domestic Violence – All Sworn Officers

Construction Report – August 2023

Uniform Construction Code

Permits Issued – 53

Inspections -139

Total Value of Construction - \$1,057,424.00

Certificate of Occupancy - \$451.00

Permit Fees Collected - \$18,156.00

Permit Fees Waived - \$8,251.00

Penalties - \$0.00

Total Fees Collected - \$18,607.00

Zoning

Total Zoning Fees - \$655.00

Property Maintenance

Certificates of Compliance Fees –\$3,395.00

Inspections –76

Roll-off permits – \$70.00

Complaints – 2

Violations Issued – 16

Total Fees Collected - \$3,465.00

Monthly Revenue \$22,727.00

YTD 2023 Revenue \$355,510.00

Finance Department Report – August 2023

BUDGET STATUS REPORT YEAR TO DATE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS JANUARY 1, 2023 – AUGUST 31, 2023							
ACCOUNT 01-2010	BUDGET	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Paid or Committed	Balance	% Spent
00-0000	BUDGET	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1000	ADMINISTRATION S&W	165,000.00	96,476.61	0.00	96,475.61	68,524.39	58.4
20-1050	ADMINISTRATON O/E	68,800.00	51,679.82	16,355.65	68,035.47	764.53	98.8
20-1100	MAYOR & COUNCIL S&W	17,500.00	11,666.88	0.00	11,666.88	5,833.12	66.6
20-1102	MAYOR & COUNCIL O/E	2,000.00	718.92	0.00	718.92	1,281.08	35.9
20-1200	CLERK S&W	297,129.00	199,022.98	0.00	199,022.98	98,106.02	66.9
20-1202	CLERK O/E	88,500.00	52,519.32	8,034.45	60,553.77	27,946.23	68.4
20-1300	FINANCIAL ADM. S&W	158,450.00	121,105.89	0.00	121,105.89	37,344.11	76.4
20-1302	FINANCIAL ADM. O/E	75,000.00	47,307.21	136.86	47,444.07	27,555.93	63.2
20-1352	FINANCIAL ADMIN. AUDIT	58,000.00	25,250.00	0.00	25,250.00	32,750.00	43.5
20-1450	REVENUE ADMIN.S&W	107,723.00	71,815.30	0.00	71,815.30	35,907.70	66.6
20-1452	REVENUE ADMIN.-O/E	39,500.00	38,721.81	450.09	39,171.90	328.10	99.1
20-1500	ASSESSMENTS S&W	61,587.00	41,058.19	0.00	41,058.19	20,528.81	66.6
20-1502	ASSESSMENT OF TAXES	32,900.00	8,427.30	0.00	8,427.30	24,472.70	25.6
20-1550	LEGAL SERVICES S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1551	LEGAL SERVICES O/E	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1552	LEGAL SERVICES O/E	175,000.00	135,369.90	15,144.00	150,513.90	24,486.10	86.0
20-1651	ENGINEERING S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
20-1652	ENGINEERING O/E	50,000.00	35,047.08	6,084.00	41,131.08	8,868.92	82.2
20-1801	PLANNING BOARD S&W	5,360.00	3,573.09	0.00	3,573.09	1,786.91	66.6
20-1802	PLANNING BOARD O/E	26,500.00	21,976.49	0.00	21,976.49	4,523.51	82.9
20-1951	CONST.CODE OFF. S&W	301,444.00	200,070.36	0.00	200,070.36	101,373.64	66.3
20-1952	CONST.CODE OFF. O/E	47,200.00	23,673.10	3,263.91	26,937.01	20,262.99	57.0
22-2001	PLUMBING INSP. S&W	24,793.00	21,955.03	0.00	21,955.03	2,837.97	88.5
22-2002	ELECTRIC INSP. S&W	29,063.00	24,341.18	0.00	24,341.18	4,721.82	83.7
23-2101	LIABILITY INSURANCE	35,000.00	34,704.00	128.00	34,832.00	168.00	99.5
23-2102		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
23-2150	LIABILITY INSUR-	220,800.00	263,453.50	0.00	263,453.50	-42,623.50	119.3
23-2151	WORKERS COMP.-	325,200.00	272,912.00	0.00	272,912.00	52,288.00	83.9
23-2152		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
23-2202	NJSHBP-GROUP HEALTH	1,730,000.00	1,219,309.32	23,003.51	1,242,312.83	487,687.17	71.8
23-2252	UNEMPLOYMENT INSUR.	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.0
24-2401	STORM IDA EMERGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
24-2402	STORM IDA EMERGENCY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2401	POLICE S&W	4,172,948.00	3,090,118.06	0.00	3,090,118.06	1,082,829.94	74.0
25-2402	POLICE O/E	230,350.00	166,624.76	43,628.14	210,252.90	20,097.10	91.2
25-2403	POLICE S&W	537,164.00	358,993.99	0.00	358,993.99	178,170.01	66.8
25-2404	POLICE S&W	226,038.00	137,261.65	0.00	137,261.65	88,776.35	60.7
25-2412	ACQ. OF POLICE CARS	110,000.00	102,178.25	7,821.75	110,000.00	0.00	100.0
25-2521	EMERG. MGMT. S&W	15,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	66.6
25-2522	EMERG. MGMT. SERV.-	20,000.00	11,768.14	7,507.54	19,275.68	724.32	96.3
25-2651	FIRE S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2652	AID VOLUNTEER FIRE	167,240.00	85,554.53	3,409.13	88,963.66	78,276.34	53.1
25-2653	FIRE O/E- FLOOD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2662	FIRE HYDRANT SERV.	182,000.00	174,402.90	7,597.10	182,000.00	0.00	100.0
25-2751	PROSECUTOR S&W	21,683.00	14,455.04	0.00	14,455.04	7,227.96	66.6
25-2801	EMS/AMBULANCE EMT	620,940.00	372,571.13	0.00	372,571.13	248,368.87	60.0
25-2802	EMS/AMBULANCE	113,950.00	84,466.58	5,998.45	90,465.03	23,484.97	79.3
25-2871	EMS/AMB ELMWOOD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
25-2872	EMS/AMB ELMWOOD PK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
26-2901	DPW S&W	1,018,498.00	676,228.71	0.00	676,228.71	342,269.29	66.3
26-2902	DPW-O/E	200,000.00	151,297.81	39,833.37	191,131.18	8,868.82	95.5
26-3001	SHADE TREE COMM.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
26-3002	SHADE TREE COMM. O/E	23,370.00	14,389.99	6,400.00	20,789.99	2,580.01	88.9
26-3051	SOLID WASTE S&W	75,000.00	29,799.66	0.00	29,799.66	45,200.34	39.7
26-3052	SOLID WASTE O/E	686,000.00	569,407.30	24,400.70	593,808.00	92,192.00	86.5
26-3101	BLDGS & GROUNDS S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
26-3102	BLDGS & GROUNDS O/E	115,000.00	66,054.58	11,487.68	77,542.26	37,457.74	67.4
26-3151	VEHICLE MAINT. S&W	90,000.00	59,426.24	0.00	59,426.24	30,573.76	66.0
26-3152	VEHICLE MAINT. O/E	115,000.00	88,505.58	10,139.75	98,645.33	16,354.67	85.7
26-3252	COMMUNITY SERVICES	10,000.00	604.08	0.00	604.08	9,395.92	6.0
27-3302	BOARD OF HEALTH-	123,025.00	61,892.41	427.00	62,319.41	60,705.59	50.6
27-3332	PEOSHA – FIRE	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.0
27-3350	FLOOD BOARD O/E	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.0
27-3451	PUBLIC ASSIST. S&W	15,289.00	10,192.64	0.00	10,192.64	5,096.36	66.6
27-3452	PUBLIC ASSIST. O/E	550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	550.00	0.0
27-3501	FIRE PREVENTION S&W	87,727.00	60,043.50	0.00	60,043.50	27,683.50	68.4
27-3502	FIRE PREVENTION O/E	9,700.00	6,029.67	407.92	6,437.59	3,262.41	66.3
27-3701	SENIOR ACTIVITIES S&W	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
27-3702	SENIOR ACTIVITIES O/E	6,000.00	5,490.88	0.00	5,490.88	509.12	91.5
27-3722	SR. CITIZEN TRANSPORT	2,900.00	1,100.00	0.00	1,100.00	1,800.00	37.9
28-3701	RECREATION S&W	240,617.00	152,306.96	0.00	152,306.96	88,310.04	63.2
28-3702	RECREATION O/E	198,780.00	153,530.97	3,880.40	157,411.37	41,368.63	79.1
29-3902	MAINT. PUBLIC LIBRARY	651,432.00	488,574.00	0.00	488,574.00	162,858.00	75.0
30-4102	PRIOR YEARS BILLS:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
30-4202	CELEB. OF PUBLIC EVE.	10,000.00	3,800.00	5,550.00	9,350.00	650.00	93.5
30-4251	S&W ADJUSTMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
31-4352	STREET LIGHTING09	80,000.00	70,110.95	0.00	70,110.95	9,889.05	87.6
31-4402	TELEPHONE/IT	115,000.00	69,089.87	29,279.15	98,369.02	16,630.98	85.5
31-4452	WATER	35,000.00	22,418.14	6,273.21	28,691.35	6,308.65	81.9
31-4462	GAS & ELECTRIC	260,000.00	223,896.09	0.00	223,896.09	36,103.91	86.1
31-4472	DIESEL	70,000.00	28,496.75	10,892.30	39,389.05	30,610.95	56.2

Meeting of September 26, 2023

ACCOUNT 01-2010	BUDGET	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Paid or Committed	Balance	% Spent
31-4552	LANDFILL/SOLID WASTE	485,000.00	358,205.00	27,946.40	386,151.40	98,848.60	79.6
31-4560	RECYCLING TAX	15,500.00	12,481.86	1,770.90	14,252.76	1,247.24	91.9
31-4562	PASSAIC VALLEY SEWER	1,050,000.00	785,281.12	0.00	785,281.12	264,718.88	74.7
31-4572	SECOND RIVER JOINT	4,500.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	500.00	88.8
31-4582	THIRD RIVER JOINT	2,500.00	2,469.00	0.00	2,469.00	31.00	98.7
31-4592	TWSP OF MONTCLAIR	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.0
31-4602	GASOLINE	100,000.00	97,448.04	16,590.68	114,038.72	-14,038.72	114.0
31-4612	CITY OF CLIFTON	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00	0.0
32-0000	Passaic Cty CARES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
36-4712	PERS	460,605.00	460,605.00	0.00	460,605.00	0.00	100.0
36-4722	SOCIAL SECURITY	360,000.00	249,687.76	0.0	249,687.76	110,312.24	69.3
36-4752	PFRS	1,276,611.00	1,276,611.00	0.00	1,276,611.00	0.00	100.0
36-4762	LOSAP	105,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	105,000.00	0.0
36-4765		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
36-4770	Employer Contribution to	20,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	12,000.00	40.0
36-4772	PEN. VOL. FIRE WIDOWS	5,000.00	3,749.94	1,250.06	5,000.00	0.00	100.0
36-4775	DEFICIT IN	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
36-4776	DEFERRED CHARGES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7012	MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7025	N J ALCOHOL ED.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7030	BODY ARMOR GRANT	3,628.29	3,628.29	0.00	3,628.29	0.00	100.0
40-7035	BULLET PROOF VEST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7040	RECYCLING TONNAGE	18,415.35	18,415.35	0.00	18,415.35	0.00	100.0
40-7076	NEW JERSEY HWY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7451	DWI - DDEF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7533	CLICK OR TICKET	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7535	DISTRACTED DRIVING	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	0.00	100.0
40-7601	FF GLOBAL PREVENTION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
40-7602	ASSISTANCE TO	26,000.00	26,000.00	0.00	26,000.00	0.00	100.0
40-7702	CLEAN COMMUNITIES	21,765.61	21,765.61	0.00	21,765.61	0.00	100.0
43-4901	MUNICIPAL COURT S&W	171,027.00	104,681.05	0.00	104,681.05	66,345.95	61.5
43-4902	MUNICIPAL COURT O/E	36,350.00	10,950.24	5,916.10	16,866.34	19,483.66	46.3
43-4952	PUBLIC DEFENDER	7,500.00	3,300.00	1,500.00	4,800.00	2,700.00	64.0
43-4980	DEFERRED CHARGES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
44-9012	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	300,000.00	306,598.00	0.00	306,598.00	-6598.00	102.0
44-9052	ACQ. OF COMPUTERS	85,000.00	42,345.30	6,990.10	49,335.40	35,664.60	58.0
45-9202	BOND PRINCIPAL	1,525,000.00	1,525,000.00	0.00	1,525,000.00	0.00	100.0
45-9302	INTEREST ON BONDS	576,976.00	495,182.31	0.00	495,182.31	81,793.69	85.8
45-9402	INTEREST ON NOTES	202,587.00	4,048.64	0.00	4,048.64	198,538.36	1.9
45-9502	NOTE PRINCIPAL	260,000.00	259,113.00	0	259,113.00	887.00	99.6
46-8750	EMERGENCY	662,174.00	662,174.00	0.00	662,174.00	0.00	100.0
46-8883	DEFERRED CHARGES-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
46-8886	DEFERRED CHARGES-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
46-8889	DEFERRED CHARGES-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
50-8992	RES UNCOLLECTED TAX	600,000.00	600,000.00	0.00	600,000.00	0.00	100.0
67-4800	JUDGEMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
70-1000	LIBRARY PAYROLL	0.00	212,906.23	0.00	212,906.23	-212,906.23	0.0
	GRAND TOTAL	23,403,289.25	18,379,852.83	359,498.30	18,739,351.13	4,663,938.12	80.0

APPLICATIONS

RAFFLE, PVRHS FOOTBALL CHEER PARENTS ASSOCIATION, TRICKY TRAY, 11/19/23, 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M., 100 EAST MAIN STREET, LITTLE FALLS

RAFFLE, LITTLE FALLS SCHOOL #1 PTA, ON-PREMISE 50/50, 1:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M., 29 WEAVER STREET, LITTLE FALLS

CORRESPONDENCE

REQUEST FROM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD A CAN SHAKE FOR ITS ANNUAL CITIZENS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DRIVE ON SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024 AND SUNDAY MAY 5, 2024 FROM 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF ROUTE 23 AND MAIN STREET AND MAIN STREET AND UNION BOULEVARD.

RESOLUTIONS

Bill List

RESOLUTION [A] 23-09-26 - #1

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 Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that the Consent Agenda be approved as printed.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, and Vancheri
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1471 - It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Patel, that there be introduced and the meeting of October 16, 2023 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1471

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS AT MAIN STREET (FROM MAPLE STREET TO VAN NESS AVENUE) IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,050,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, 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, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey (the "Township"), is hereby authorized to undertake streetscape improvements at Main Street (from Maple Street to Van Ness Avenue) in, by and for the Township. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of \$1,050,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Section 1 hereof. Said sum so appropriated shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the State grant appropriated by this ordinance. No down payment is required pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c) because this ordinance involves a project to be funded by a State grant. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefitted.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) the making of such improvements (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") is not a current expense of the Township, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of the 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 estimated cost of said purpose is \$1,050,000, and (4) \$300,000 of said sum is to be provided by the State grant hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$750,000, and (6) the cost of said purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$165,000, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of said 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 the sum of \$300,000 received or to be received as a grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of such purpose.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$750,000 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 the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$750,000 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 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, 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 notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of the Township and attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes and to issue 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 ten 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 the Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$750,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the 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 said purpose (other than the State grant hereinbefore appropriated, which shall be applied to the cost of said purpose but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), shall be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for said purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. The Township intends to issue bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes, the Township hereby states its reasonable expectation 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 12. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and 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 13. 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 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, and Vancheri
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1472 - It was moved by Councilmember Murphy, 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:

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1472

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS AT STEVENS AVENUE (FROM MAIN STREET TO WALNUT STREET) IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$750,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, 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, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey (the "Township"), is hereby authorized to undertake streetscape improvements at Stevens Avenue (from Main Street to Walnut Street) in, by and for the Township. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of \$750,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Section 1 hereof. Said sum so appropriated shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the State grant appropriated by this ordinance. No down payment is required pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c) because this ordinance involves a project to be

Meeting of September 26, 2023

funded by a State grant. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefitted.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) the making of such improvements (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") is not a current expense of the Township, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of the 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 estimated cost of said purpose is \$750,000, and (4) \$469,140 of said sum is to be provided by the State grant hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$280,860, and (6) the cost of said purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$140,000, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of said 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 the sum of \$469,140 received or to be received as a grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of such purpose.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$280,860 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 the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$280,860 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 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, 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 notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of the Township and attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes and to issue 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 ten 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 the Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$280,860 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the 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 said purpose (other than the State grant hereinbefore appropriated, which shall be applied to the cost of said purpose but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), shall be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for said purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. The Township intends to issue bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes, the Township hereby states its reasonable expectation 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 12. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and 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 13. 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 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, and Vancheri
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1473 - It was moved by Councilmember Patel, 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:

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1473

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS AT UNION AVENUE (FROM MAIN STREET TO WALNUT STREET) IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$750,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, 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, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey (the "Township"), is hereby authorized to undertake streetscape improvements at Union Avenue (from Main Street to Walnut Street) in, by and for the Township. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of \$750,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Section 1 hereof. Said sum so appropriated shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized and the State grant appropriated by this ordinance. No down payment is required pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c) because this ordinance involves a project to be funded by a State grant. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefitted.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) the making of such improvements (hereinafter referred to as "purpose") is not a current expense of the Township, and (2) it is necessary to finance said purpose by the issuance of obligations of the 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 estimated cost of said purpose is \$750,000, and (4) \$515,000 of said sum is to be provided by the State grant hereinafter appropriated to finance said purpose, and (5) the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes necessary to be issued for said purpose is \$235,000, and (6) the cost of said purpose, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$150,000, which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of said 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 the sum of \$515,000 received or to be received as a grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of such purpose.

Section 5. To finance said purpose, bonds of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$235,000 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.

Meeting of September 26, 2023

Section 6. To finance said purpose, bond anticipation notes of the Township of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$235,000 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 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, 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 notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of the Township and attested by the Township Clerk or Deputy Township Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes and to issue 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 ten 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 the Township, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$235,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the 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 said purpose (other than the State grant hereinbefore appropriated, which shall be applied to the cost of said purpose but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds authorized), shall be applied to the payment of the cost of said purpose, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for said purpose shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 11. The Township intends to issue bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 1 of this bond ordinance. If the Township incurs such costs prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes, the Township hereby states its reasonable expectation 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 12. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and 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 13. 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 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, and Vancheri
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL MATTERS

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

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, and Vancheri
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Jim Dorn- commented on venues for the Farmers Market in inclement weather as well as throughout the winter months. Councilmember HABLITZ responded that this option is under consideration.

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

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, and Vancheri
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, and Vancheri
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk