

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

Monday, April 28, 2014

Council President Louis Fontana called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. with the following members present: William Organisciak, Pamela Porter and John Vantuno. Also present were Mayor Darlene Post, Township Attorney William Northgrave, Township Engineer Dennis Lindsay, Township Auditor Gary Higgins and Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus

Absent: Councilmember Joseph Maceri

Township Employees present: Fire Chief Jack Sweezy, DPW Superintendent Phillip Simone and Deputy Registrar Marlene Simone

Following the Salute to the Flag, the Statement of Public Notice was read.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE: Take notice that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-10 as follows: A notice of the meeting was prominently posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building, located at 225 Main Street, Little Falls, N.J. on April 16, 2014; a copy of the notice was faxed to the North Jersey Herald and News and The Record on the same date; additionally, a copy of the notice was filed in the office of the Township Clerk on said date.

Resolution Amending 2014 Municipal Budget – It was moved by Councilmember Organisciak, seconded by Councilmember Vantuno, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [A] 14-04-28 - #1

Resolution Re: Resolution to Amend 2014 Budget

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget of the year 2014 was approved on the 10th day of March 2014, and,
WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and
WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2014 be made:

Recorded Vote
(Insert last names)

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	(Fontana	(Abstained
	(Porter	((
Ayes	(Organisciak	Nayes	(None
	(Vantuno	((
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	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
CURRENT FUND		
General Revenues:		
3. Miscellaneous Revenues		
Section B: State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations		
Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid	\$ 56,752	\$ 50,242
Energy Receipts Tax (P.L. 1997, Chapter 162 & 167)	1,225,311	1,231,821
Total Section B: State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations	1,288,029	1,288,029
Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated		
With Prior Written Consent of Director of Local		
Government Services – Public and Private Revenues Offset		
With Appropriations:		
Safe Corridors Grant	-0-	74,014
Total Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated		
With Prior Written Consent of Director of Local		
Government Services – Public and Private Revenues Offset		
With Appropriations	19,663	93,677

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Total Miscellaneous Revenues	3,096,373	3,170,387
5. Subtotal General Revenues	3,891,373	3,965,387
7. Total General Revenues	15,749,137	15,823,151
8. General Appropriations		
Operations – Within “CAPS”		
General Government		
General Administration		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 90,000	\$ 61,000
Financial Administration		
Salaries and Wages	82,000	94,000
Other Expenses	56,200	67,980
Revenue Administration		
Other Expenses	14,810	18,210
Fire Department		
Other Expenses	150,000	161,250
Salaries Adjustment	4,000	28,150
	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
CURRENT FUND		
Total Operations (Item 8(A) Within “CAPS”)	9,688,958	9,722,538
Total Operations Including Contingent Within “CAPS”	9,688,958	9,722,538
Detail:		
Salaries and Wages	5,217,900	5,225,050
Other Expenses	4,471,058	4,497,488
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures –		
Municipal Within “CAPS”		
Contribution to Public Employees		
Retirement System	244,717	218,321
Police and Firemen’s Retirement		
System of NJ	569,455	534,638
Deferred Charge – Overexpenditures		
of Appropriation	-0-	17,253
Deficit in Reserve for Unemployment	8,862	17,958
Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures –		
Municipal Within “CAPS”	1,062,884	1,028,020
(H-1) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes		
Within “CAPS”	10,751,842	10,750,558
Operations Excluded From “CAPS”		
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues		
Safe Corridors Grant	-0-	74,014
Total Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues	19,663	93,677
Total Operations Excluded from “CAPS”	1,638,169	1,712,183
Detail:		
Other Expenses	1,638,169	1,712,183
Deferred Charges - Unfunded		
Ordinance 732/777	-0-	115
Ordinance 721/802	-0-	723
Ordinance 908	-0-	446
Total Deferred Charges	71,295	72,579
(H-2) Total General Appropriations for Municipal		
Purposes Excluded from “CAPS”	4,347,295	4,422,593
(O) Total General Appropriations Excluded from “CAPS”	4,347,295	4,422,593
(L) Subtotal General Appropriations	15,099,137	15,173,151
9. Total General Appropriations	15,749,137	15,823,151

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for certification of the 2014 local municipal budget so amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this complete amendment in accordance with the provisions of NJS 40A:4-9, be published in The Herald News in the issue of May 1, 2014 and that said publication contain notice of public hearing on said amendment to be held at the Municipal Building on May 5, 2014 at 7:30 P.M or as soon thereafter.

Mr. Higgins explained that there is an amendment to the 2014 Budget that is being introduced this evening, which he explained in detail at this time. A public hearing will be held on 5/5/14 on the amended items only. If the Governing Body wishes, the Budget may be adopted after the hearing takes place.

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Poll: Ayes: Organisciak, Porter, Vantuno and President Fontana
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REMARKS FROM CHAIR

Council President FONTANA informed that the Finance Committee had been reviewing some changes at its last meeting, one of them being the MSU fire call agreement. They have reached out to MSU to confirm that they will be continuing this agreement this year. The current fire services agreement will not be modified until June 2015. He also informed that a firefighter was hurt last week at a major fire in town and had to have surgery. He asked everyone to send thoughts and prayers to him. He received a letter from a business owner commending the Fire Department and the Police Department and thanking them for their efforts during that fire call. Council President FONTANA reminded that the Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held last weekend, which turned out to be an enormous success; he thanked Mr. Pace and the Recreation staff for the work they put into this.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember ORGANISCIAK explained that the Technology Committee met for their quarterly meeting last week. He also reported that the calendar has been updated on the Township website and they are looking to add a few more functionalities to the website to make it more self-sufficient. They are currently looking into sending out a help request for the DPW, which residents will be able to complete and submit online as opposed to calling or stopping in. He also informed that he attended the Fire Department pancake breakfast on Saturday, after which they spoke about fire safety.

Councilmember PORTER thanked the Fire and Police Departments, as well as the other towns who helped out with the recent fire in town. She expressed her sympathies to the firefighter who was hurt. She also informed that she attended the Little Falls ABC town tasting at the Russian Hall a couple of weeks ago, which was a wonderful event. She also was present for a tree planting in memory of Frank Bender and Ada Ruffalo, which took place last Friday. On the same night, the Municipal Alliance dance was held for fifth and sixth graders, which is also a very education event for the kids to learn about drug and alcohol abuse. The Municipal Alliance will host *Staying on the Right Track Day* on 5/14/14, where they will have two presentations for eighth graders. The annual Ice cream Social for the Senior Citizens will be held on 5/21/14 at the Civic Center.

Councilmember VANTUNO thanked the Fire Police Departments for their efforts at the recent fire in town.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Post explained that she has a letter from President Cole at MSU memorializing the fire call agreement; they will address the renegotiation of fees in the future. She explained that she attended a seminar at MSU regarding government practices and procedures, which was very informative. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt was a wonderful event and very well attended; she thanked the Recreation Department. She also thanked the Shade Tree Commission for organizing the Arbor Day celebration and dedicating the trees to Frank Bender and Ada Ruffalo. She had the pleasure of attending the Fire Department Installation dinner, which also honored Vince Dransfield for his 100th birthday. He has been a member of the department for 75 years and is still active. She thanked all of the emergency services in town for their efforts in the recent fire. She also had the pleasure of attending the grand opening of the BP Gas Station of Route 46.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Northgrave had nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Simone provided an explanation of Resolution [C] on the agenda. Councilmember ORGANISCIAK asked Mr. Simone to provide an explanation of the sewer jet and what it does; Mr. Simone provided clarification.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

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Poll: Ayes: Organisciak, Porter, Vantuno and President Fontana
Nays: None
The Council President declared the motion passed.

Louis Fernandez, Harrison Street, expressed concern with the process for employee education, noting that employees should not be leaving the Township after their schooling is paid for by the town. He also questioned whether any Little Falls residents applied for the position of Business Administrator. He asked for clarification of Resolution B on this evening's agenda. He would like to know how much money the Township had out in bonds before and after the new administration.

James Damiano, Sigtim Drive, voiced his understanding that Mr. Cuccia holds several positions in other towns. He questioned whether he would only be working for Little Falls or other municipalities as well.

Bob Dombrowsky, Parkway, thanked the Council for the lighting in Suchorsky Park. He also voiced concern regarding the storm drains at the intersection of Main Street and William Street, which constantly overflow, as there is no other drainage. He questioned whether this is the responsibility of the County or the Township.

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

Poll: Ayes: Organisciak, Porter, Vantuno and President Fontana
Nays: None
The Council President declared the motion passed.

Council President FONTANA informed that two Little Falls residents applied for the Administrator position, and pointed out that they cannot just hire someone because they are a resident; it must be equal opportunity and they must be qualified.

Mayor Post informed that she is looking into implementing a policy for education of employees and the time they must stay with the Township after completion.

Mr. Higgins provided an explanation of Resolution B at this time.

Council President FONTANA informed that Mr. Cuccia will be working for the Township full time, five days a week.

Mr. Simone explained that letters have been sent to both contractors who did work over the winter, informing that they have three weeks to complete all work on the demolition projects.

He agreed that the drainage has been an ongoing problem for many years; it does go over to the railroad track easement. This year the County is supposed to be resurfacing Main Street; as part of this project, they are looking into the installation of piping down William Street and other options for drainage.

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.

APPLICATIONS

Raffle – St. George's Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church, On-Premise 50/50, 6/13/14, 6-11 p.m., 6/14/14, 6-11 p.m., 6/15/14, 1-8 p.m.

Raffle – St. George's Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church, Wheels of Chance, 6/13/14, 6-11 p.m., 6/14/14, 6-11 p.m., 6/15/14, 1-8 p.m.

Raffle – St. George's Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church, Off-Premise 50/50, 6/13/14, 6-11 p.m., 6/14/14, 6-11 p.m., 6/15/14, 1-8 p.m.

Little Falls Fire Department Auxiliary – Jack Castaneda, Wilmore Road, Great Notch Fire Co. #4

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- Erik Holzach, Viewmont Terrace, Great Notch Fire Co. #4

REGULAR AGENDA

The following items were individually considered.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL

Finance – It was moved by Councilmember Vantuno, seconded by Councilmember Organisciak, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET [B]#2

Poll: Ayes: Organisciak, Porter, Vantuno and President Fontana
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was an affirmative consensus of the Council to approve the following:
REQUEST FROM SINGAC AMERICAN LEGION POST #108 FOR PERMISSION TO DISTRIBUTE POPPIES, AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAIN STREET/STEVENS AVENUE DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

NEW BUSINESS

Authorizing Award of Contract to Bucks County International for New Chassis for Sewer Jet Truck – It was moved by Councilmember Porter, seconded by Councilmember Vantuno, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [C] 14-04-28 - #3

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls has a need to purchase a chassis for a sewer jet truck; and
WHEREAS, this purchase has been reviewed and approved by the Little Falls Finance Committee, and the funds were appropriated under Bond Ordinance No. 1183; and

WHEREAS; this chassis may be purchased from Bucks County International, 134 Old Oxford Valley Road, Langhorne, PA 19047 from NJ State Contract 79123;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls hereby approves the award of one new/unused 2015 7400 SFA 4X2 International chassis under NJ State Contract #79123 in the amount of \$69,013.00 to Bucks County International, Inc.

Poll: Ayes: Maceri, Organisciak, Porter, Vantuno and President Fontana
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

It was moved by Councilmember Vantuno, seconded by Councilmember Organisciak, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [BL]

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.

Poll: Ayes: Organisciak, Porter, Vantuno and President Fontana
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Porter, seconded by Councilmember Organisciak, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk