

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

Monday, December 29, 2014

Council President Louis Fontana called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. with the following members present: John Vantuno, Pamela Porter, William Organisciak, and Joseph Maceri. Also present were Mayor Darlene Post, Township Attorney William Northgrave, Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus and Township Administrator Charles Cuccia.

Absent: None

Township Employees present: none

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 January 8, 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.

REMARKS FROM CHAIR

Council President FONTANA said the Township mourns the passing of Fireman John Muoio who dedicated his service to the town for over 60 years. Council President FONTANA wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

At this time, Council President FONTANA presented plaques to outgoing Council members William Organisciak and John Vantuno.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember PORTER agreed that Mr. Muoio was a wonderful man. She stated that two councilmembers have completed their term and thanked them for their service. She wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Councilmember MACERI thanked Councilmembers Organisciak John Vantuno for their service.

Councilmember ORGANISCIAK thanked everyone present. He noted he was grateful to be able to serve the community and has become more educated in the process.

Councilmember VANTUNO declared it has been an honor and a privilege being a Councilman. He was surprised to see how big of a job it was and stated there are some great people working in the town. He thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Post informed the Council the Fire Department held their annual meeting on December 11, 2014. She congratulated all voted into their respective positions. She attended a senior luncheon on December 11, 2014, in addition to attending the holiday parties and the CERT team meeting. On December 20, 2014 children from Schools 1 and 3 came to Town Hall to carol. She announced the reinstatement of the Mayor's Ad Hoc committee, which examines issues related to redevelopment and the transit committee. She expressed her condolences to the family of John Muoio, chief of Fire Company #3 and a member of The American Legion. She wished all a happy and healthy New Year and thanked the outgoing Councilmen for their service.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Northgrave had nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cuccia said a resolution to approve towing applications was added to tonight's agenda and includes recommendations for the towers as well as the provision for three towers.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Caren DaSilva, 92 Island Ave- stated she believes her problem regarding elevation of her home may have been misconstrued by the previous administrator. She elaborated her understanding that elevation programs may be available to the Town in 2015 and requested the Council consider these programs for the residents.

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Arnold Korotkin, Long Hill Road -thanked Bill Organisciak and John Vantuno for their service as councilmembers and noted their contributions to added technology and the Transportation Committee. Mr. Korotkin requested a status report of bus shelter agreements and the shared agreement with Parsippany.

Kathleen Thomas, 75 Parkway, expressed concern regarding closure of the Tax Office the last two weeks of the year as it has led to disruptions in proceeding with short sales of property before December 26, 2014. A second property is slated to be closed on tomorrow, and she requested the Council resolve this issue. An email has been sent to the Council regarding the Tax Office regarding this.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Council President FONTANA stated the Council will continue to approve flood mitigation programs as it has in the past.

Mr. Cuccia said he will follow-up with Mr. Simone with regard to the status of the bus shelters, and added the shared services agreement with Parsippany ended in March. A proposal from Clifton regarding maintenance is pending.

Mr. Northgrave informed that the Township provided information that was available at the time. He relayed that the Tax Office was closed as personnel used vacation time, and noted the issue has been brought to the Township's attention. Mr. Cuccia added the Township provided Ms. Thomas with two options for the short sale, and that the referenced properties were previously slotted to be sold a couple of times.

It was moved by Council Porter, seconded by Councilmember Vantuno, that the meeting be and it was closed to the public.

Poll: Ayes: Vantuno, Porter, Organisciak, Maceri, and Council President Fontana
 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 were enacted with a single motion. Any items under REQUISITIONS carried a Treasurer's certification as to sufficiency of funds.

APPLICATIONS

Raffle License, Off-Premise Draw Raffle, Our Lady of the Highway Knights of Columbus Council #3835, March 12, 2015, 7:00 P.M., Holy Angels Church

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION [D] 14-12-29 - #4

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, that Public Assistance checks totaling \$18,405.00 issued by the Township's Welfare Director in accordance with the public assistance program for the period July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 are hereby ratified and approved.

It was moved by Councilmember Vantuno, seconded by Councilmember Porter, that the Consent Agenda be approved as printed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

INTERDEPARTMENTAL

Approving transfers in the 2014 budget – It was moved by Councilmember Maceri, seconded by Councilmember Vantuno that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [E] 14-12-29 - #5

WHEREAS, Title 40:4-58 of the New Jersey Statutes provides that should it become necessary, during the last two months of the fiscal year to expend for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated therefore and there shall be an excess in any appropriation over and above the amount claimed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation, the Governing Body may by resolution setting forth the facts (adopted by not less than 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof), transfer the amount of such excess of those appropriations deemed to be insufficient.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Little Falls, not less than 2/3 of the members thereof affirmatively concurring, that the Treasurer be and is authorized to make the attached transfers in the 2014 Budget Appropriations.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Approving the Submittal of a Grant Application and to Execute a Contract with the NJDOT Highway Safety Fund FY2014 – It was moved by Councilmember Maceri, seconded by Councilmember Vantuno, that the Council approve the following:

**RESOLUTION [F] 14-12-29 - #6
RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE NJDOT HIGHWAY SAFETY FUND FY2014**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Little Falls, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as HSF – 2014 – Little Falls Township – 00050 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Little Falls

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Little Falls and that their signature constitutes acceptance and the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Supporting Passaic Valley Water Commission’s Stay of Its LT2 Administrative Consent Order – It was moved by Councilmember Maceri, seconded by Councilmember Porter that the Council approve the following:

**RESOLUTION [G] 14-12-29 - #7
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA AND WOODLAND PARK FOR THE JOINT OWNERSHIP, STORAGE, USE AND MAINTENANCE OF ROAD REPAIR EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls (the “Township”) is a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey authorized under the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, *N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.* (“Shared Services Act”) to enter into an agreement with other local units to provide jointly (or through the agency of one of them on behalf of the other) any service which such entity may legally perform for itself; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of mutual cooperation, the Township and the Borough of Totowa (“Totowa”) and the Borough of Woodland Park (“Woodland Park,” together with the Township and Totowa, the “Parties”) seek to jointly purchase, use and maintain a 4-ton Falcon RME Asphalt Recycling Hot Patcher Dump Trailer (the “Equipment”) for the purpose of reducing each Party’s respective expense for the repair of local roads; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance, the Parties desire to enter a Shared Services Agreement (“Agreement,” in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A) pursuant to the Shared Services Act to establish the terms of the Township’s provision of certain storage services as well as the joint ownership, use and maintenance of the Equipment amongst the Parties (“Shared Services”); and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the Township (“Municipal Council”) seeks to hereby authorize the Township’s entering and execution of the Agreement.

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully repeated herein.

Section 2. The form of the Agreement is hereby approved, and the Municipal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Township. A copy of this Resolution and the executed Agreement shall be maintained on file with the Township Clerk.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Mr. Northgrave gave a brief explanation of Resolution [H]

Authorizing the licensure of Companies Providing Rotational Towing Services in the Township of Little Falls – It was moved by Councilmember Organisciak, seconded by Councilmember Maceri that the Council approve the following:

**RESOLUTION [H] 14-12-29 - #8
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LICENSURE OF COMPANIES PROVIDING ROTATIONAL TOWING SERVICES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapters 249 and 250 of the code of the Township of Little Falls, for Light and Heavy Towing respectively, the Township was required to obtain applications for towing services for the year 2015-2016 cycle, in accordance with the adopted code; and

WHEREAS, the Township received applications and has reviewed said applications; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has reviewed the applications for legal sufficiency, and has determined that background check and fingerprinting requirements are conditions to be satisfied post approval due to a backlog for review of such information by the State Police;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following towers have met the requirements set forth in Code sections 249 and 250, and are hereby licensed in the Township of Little Falls as follows:

- HEAVY TOW SERVICES**
Camp Auto and Truck Parts
J&M Heavy Tow
J&M Towing

LIGHT DUTY TOW SERVICES

Camp Auto Truck Parts
J&M Heavy Tow
J&M Towing

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1205 – It was moved by Councilmember Maceri, seconded by Councilmember Vantuno, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1205, “**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO REGULATE TRACTOR TRAILER TRUCK INGRESS AND EGRESS AT 228 BROWERTOWN ROAD**” be and it was opened.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

No one having come forward to be heard, it was moved by Councilmember Maceri, seconded by Councilmember Vantuno, that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1205 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Vantuno, seconded by Councilmember Maceri, that the Ordinance No. 1205 be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

It was moved by Councilmember Vantuno, seconded by Councilmember Maceri, 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: Vantuno, Porter, Organisciak, Maceri, Council 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 Maceri, seconded by Councilmember Porter, that the meeting be and it was adjourned 7:56 p.m.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk