

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

Monday, December 30, 2013

Council President John Vantuno called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present: Joseph Maceri, Pamela Porter and William Organisciak. Also present were Mayor Darlene Post, Township Attorney William Northgrave, Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus and Township Administrator Joanne Bergin.

Absent: Councilmember Louis Fontana

Township Employees present: DPW Superintendent Phillip Simone and Fire Chief Jack Sweezy

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 December 6, 2013; 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 VANTUNO said there will be several changes in the coming year. He explained that copies of ordinances will now be provided at Council meetings on the date of introduction in order to give residents more time to review them. Council meeting videos will be posted on the Township website from now on and Division Heads will no longer be required to attend meetings, unless for a specific reason. He explained that this is a Council meeting and he feels that they have lost focus on town issues, as a lot of focus has been placed on the Mayor and her personal issues. The meeting should be used to discuss Township business. He further noted that the Mayor has made some of her own decisions without consulting the Council, which has caused some issues for the Township. He would like to put the focus back on the town business. Therefore, he proposed a new seating arrangement, in which the Mayor would not be seated at the dais, and the Administrator would sit next to the Council President.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember ORGANISCIK said they are currently working on updating the Township website; they will be posting the Township Council meeting videos on the website sometime in the near future.

Councilmember MACERI said he is happy with the way the Flood Board has been working hard this year and reporting back to the Council. They were able to get their grant applications sent out. He also wished to recognize Mrs. O'Haire, who has been an active member of the board. The next meeting will be held in January.

Councilmember PORTER offered her condolences to Councilmember Fontana's family on the loss of his father. She wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Post said she responded to the Council President's email. She thinks it will be a good idea for ordinances to be made available to the public, but she thinks that all changes should be underlined or highlighted. Also, anyone who has worked on the ordinance should include their names on the ordinance for purposes of questioning. She explained that she has not made any decisions on her own on matters which are out of her jurisdiction. She also requested that the Administrator sit on the floor with her, since she reports to the Mayor. She explained that she respects the changes and looks forward to working with the Council in the year ahead.

She informed that she attended the Senior Holiday Luncheon, which was very well attended. She thanked Mr. Pace and the Recreation Department for organizing this. The children from School #3 and School #1 also came to Town Hall to share their gift of music; they did a wonderful job. She thanked the students, teachers and administrations of both schools for organizing this. She attended the Flood Board meeting with Councilmember Maceri. She also

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attend the Fire Department Installation meeting; she congratulated all who were elected. She offered her condolences to the Pomponio family and Fontana family on their losses. She wished everyone a happy and healthy new year.

Council President VANTUNO said he did receive the Mayor's email and pointed out that it was one of the only ones he received from her this year, adding that there is a problem with lack of communication.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Northgrave had nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Bergin reported as follows:

Thank You Council President.

Phil and I attended a meeting in Woodland Park last week for an update on the sewer trunk line installation underway of which the Township's share in terms of funding is 33% of the total project cost.

The project is 90% done and we can be fully confident that the project will be completed within the budget amount we set aside for this project. The bond ordinance we put in place will cover our share. By May or June the project will be complete. The roadwork portion is on hold until the spring.

In terms of tonight's agenda, Resolution A is the end-of-the-year budget transfers which are done each year to move funds as needed. Phil will discuss Resolutions B and C at the conclusion of my report.

Resolutions D and E are needed to join the Statewide Joint Insurance Fund. The Township is ending its three-year agreement with the NJJIF and have spent a better part of this past year shopping around for the best JIF. The Township was facing a premium increase this year – and we worked to ensure we had several offers to choose from, not only for the best process but for enhanced services that come with being a part of the JIF, specifically training and other safety measures to make sure our employees have the proper training to be safe, avoid injuries, and naturally, reduce workmen's comp claims.

Resolution F is a Pilot Program being offered by Rutgers, in partnership with the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission.

In this program, scientists and engineers from Rutgers and PVSC spend time in the Township and develop a green infrastructure strategic plan for our municipality. When they first visited with us, we determined that one area in need of strategic planning as it relates to green infrastructure is the flood area, where the Township is implementing a flood mitigation program. While this program will look at the entire community and recommend strategies in all areas, a specific focus will be on how we enhance the open space being created in the flood area. For example, creating a series of rain gardens in that area is ideal, as those serve as a water retention areas, while at the same time enhancing the natural beauty of the area by the river. In this program, Rutgers will design these rain gardens and having this partnership will help greatly as we pursue grant funds to build or enhance the area. The program is being offered at no cost to the Town.

In resolutions G and H the Council is being asked to enter into a contract to complete appraisals and preliminary site assessments for properties included in the FEMA mitigation grant.

Also, on tonight's agenda the Council is being asked to authorize the execution of both the DPW and PBA union contracts. Both expired on December 31, 2012 and are for a term of three years. Clearly, contract negotiations are essential and we took the time needed to work through each and every item important to both the union members and to the Township. As a result of hard work on both sides of the table, including concessions both ways, executing these contracts will be done without the need for arbitration. The highlights are as follows.

- The DPW (of which there are 11 union members) contract includes an increase of 2%, 1.5% and 1% consecutively for each of the three years. The PBA (of which there are 21 union members) contract includes an increase of 2%, 0% and 1% consecutively for each of the three years.

Other items of importance that will be addressed outside of the contract include: Summer hours for the DPW from 6 am to 2:30 pm Memorial Day through Labor Day, which will be considered each year the Township Council approves summer hours for the Township's non-contractual employees. Also, when the Township Council is asked to approve its list of township holidays, Martin Luther King Day will be added as it is currently the only State holiday that is not on the list of Township holidays. It's important to note for this discussion that, in a small town such as ours, parity is an issue. There are approximately 20 employees who fall outside of these two contracts, and we cannot ignore that subset when we negotiate with unions. This is the second year that the proposed municipal budget will not include across-the-board salary increases. This is partially because of the Township's agreement

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with the State's Local Finance Board, who gave approval for the Township's Refunding Bond Ordinances as needed to pay for the more than 450 tax appeals including the large settlement reached with the Township's largest commercial taxpayer. This is also partially due to the Council's direction to have minimal, if any, upward movement on the municipal portion of the tax rate. Providing benefits such as summer hours and aligning the township's schedule of holidays with the State, we give them something at a time when we cannot reward them financially.

In terms of the PBA, the main thrust of the negotiations focused on the change to what's called the Pittman schedule, which is a 12-hour shift. The members brought this to the table as a quality of life issue for the members as a system with which they could count on designated time off to be with family and have a much needed break between shifts.

In terms of the PBA, the salary increases I mentioned earlier are not across the board for all members. In the above scenario, every police officer in the bargaining unit will receive an increase in base salary ... some through the percentage increase stated above and others through the current salary guide. In the past, when increases were approved in the contract that went to the unit as did step and longevity increases. And, lastly longevity is being frozen at current rates.

Additionally, in an effort to offset overtime costs, upon ratification of the PBA contract, the Township will:

- Establish an ordinance creating two (2) captain positions which would be exempt from overtime;
- Establish an ordinance creating constables for the purpose of working the Municipal Court, significantly reducing the need for Police overtime to work the Court;
- Establish an ordinance allowing for the Township to hire police officers through the alternate route process and other ways rather than by test only, which cost the Township money to conduct.

The Pittman schedule was diligently researched and has benefits and areas of concern. The Township and the PBA will carefully monitor the transition and both sides have the right to revert back to the current schedule should the new system not work as planned. Nothing in the highlights above are contingent upon the Pittman schedule and will not change should we revert back to the old schedule.

Mr. Simone explained his resolutions on this evening's agenda.

Re-Adoption of Bond Ord. No. 1183 – It was moved by Councilmember Porter, seconded by Councilmember Maceri, that Ordinance No. 1183, “**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,560,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,438,085 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**”, be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Dorothy O’Haire, Turnberry Road, thanked Councilmember Maceri for his kind words. She also indicated that the Flood Board has been working very hard over the last few years. The next meeting will be held on 1/9/14 at 7:00 p.m. in Little Falls. She asked the Mayor and Council to attend and give some support. The river is in such terrible shape, which will cause problems in the future.

Louis Fernandez, Harrison Street, referred to the Council meeting videos and asked how many will be stored in the memory. Referring to the construction of the Justice Complex, he reminded that fees were to be incurred on the contractor, due to the lack of completion in the given time frame; he questioned whether the Township was

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collecting these fees. He also questioned the amounts on the PBA and DPW union contracts. He pointed out that bickering at meetings between the Mayor and Council doesn't look good and should stop. He also voiced his opinion that the Army Corps of Engineers is being funded with tax dollars, but only fund the studies and not the actual projects.

Tony, First Class Towing, explained that he has handled the towing services for the Police Department for the past six years. Ryan from the body shop in town helps him with the towing as well. Neither one of them had any idea that there was a new application or ordinance in place. This ordinance actually excludes them from towing, since there is now a requirement for own three tow trucks. He would like some more information on this matter.

Mercedes Gonzalez, Jacobus Avenue, was sad to hear about the towing services again being an issue. When she was elected, they all swore that they were going to help the businesses in town. Changing the ordinance to three trucks stops the business from being done in town. She asked the Council to consider taking a second look at this. Regarding the Administrator, she reminded that the Council voted yes for her; otherwise, she would not be here. Therefore, she has the right to sit at the dais if the Council so wishes.

Maria Cordonnier, Upper Mountain Avenue, explained that she attended the Planning Board meetings where they discussed the Master Plan. She would like to know the town's plan of action regarding this Master Plan from this point. She also explained that the Council meetings are very unproductive without a second public comment. She voiced concern regarding the loss of ratables in town, which is an issued that must be addressed. She hopes the Governing Body has some plans for this.

Renee Shapiro, referred to the negotiations of the union contracts, and pointed out that the current contracts expired in 2012, which means that these employees didn't receive their raises in 2013. She asked if money was put aside in the budget for this. She also questioned whether Mrs. Bergin will be receiving more money to be appointed as the Commissioner for the Statewide Joint Insurance Fund. She also asked about the timeline for the Master Plan. She would like to know what kind of ratables are being considered for the Township, noting that this is a huge concern.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Council President VANTUNO thanked Mrs. O'Haire for the information about the Flood Board meeting.

Councilmember ORGANISCIAK said they have not yet decided regarding the videos; they first have to determine the size of the files. They will start uploading the videos in 2014.

Mr. Northgrave informed that they are still discussing the costs associated with the Justice Complex.

Mrs. Bergin explained that she does not have the dollar amount with her regarding the union contracts. They had budgeted two percent for both unions this year. She will report back with an exact dollar amount.

Mr. Northgrave said the towing ordinance was introduced and adopted as a public ordinance. It was introduced and advertised and there was a public hearing. The town will get sued frequently trying to keep all of its business within the town. Mrs. Bergin said this was brought to their attention and they faced litigation for not having an ordinance that was equally fair; the town's ordinance was found to be inappropriate. She went into further detail about the towing process. She explained that public hearings were held on both the light and heavy duty towing ordinances. Both were advertised and the day the applications were posted, there was a banner posted on the Township website. Mrs. Gonzalez pointed out that these towers have been doing the business in town for a long time; it isn't fair. Mr. Northgrave explained that the Township could be subject to a lawsuit if they were to start notifying towers and happen to miss one. There are processes that were followed under the Local Public Contracts Law. The process must be equal across the board. He offered to speak with the attorney of these gentlemen if they have any further questions.

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Mrs. Bergin thanked Mrs. Cordonnier for her feedback about the Master Plan. Where they go from here is uncharted; the goal for 2014 is to continue to have it as a living document. They hope to include enough money in the Planning budget for 2014 to get some projects done, but they must have the budget in place first. Then they can decide which projects they would like to work on. Now they have a document to take back to NJDOT to pitch that the transit village radius be larger. Mrs. Cordonnier asked why they can't get a dialogue going with the residents to talk about this further. Council President VANTUNO agreed that they could do this and include the Planning Board as well. Mrs. Cordonnier pointed out that our two branches of government are not working and talking together, which is making people feel very insecure.

Mrs. Bergin confirmed that she is appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council; any action taken to hire or fire her goes back to the Council. Regarding the JIF, she explained that the Commissioner is unpaid; it is the point of contact for all business with the insurance fund and is a requirement.

Councilmember VANTUNO agreed with Mrs. Gonzalez that this is a Council meeting and the Council can decide where the Administrator sits.

Mayor Post said they are very excited about the proposed extended designation of the transit village. They will resume meetings now that the Master Plan is out. There are also added ratables to go with that, as there will be a lot of development in the downtown area. They were also looking into billboards and a couple of construction projects in the works. She assured that the town is always looking for more ways to bring ratables into town, even if it is through shared services.

Councilmember ORGANISCIAK questioned Resolution [D] and Mr. Simone provided clarification.

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

NJ State Firemen's Association – Nicholas Freda, Hopson Avenue, Great Notch Co. #4

RESOLUTIONS

Little Falls Public Library – 4th Quarter Funds

RESOLUTION [A] 13-12-30 - #1

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, the Treasurer having certified to the availability of funds therefor that the Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue a check in the amount of:

\$147,858.00

payable to:

Little Falls Public Library

representing payment of 4th quarter 2013 funds.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

The following items were individually considered.

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INTERDEPARTMENTAL

Finance - - It was moved by Councilmember Maceri, seconded by Councilmember Organisciak, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS IN THE 2013 BUDGET: \$103,000.00 [B]#2

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Award of Contract to Cobra Enterprises, LLC for Demolition of Seven Houses under the Flood Buyout Program – It was moved by Councilmember Maceri, seconded by Councilmember Porter, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [C] 13-12-30 - #3
AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT
FOR THE DEMOLITION OF SEVEN HOUSES UNDER THE FLOOD BUYOUT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls received sealed bids for the demolition of 10 & 48 Riverview Circle, 15 & 166 William Street and 122, 125 & 126 Louis Street as follows:

Cinelli Group Corp. Bid: \$101,538.00	Yannuzzi & Sons, Inc. Bid: \$77,726.00
GL Group Env. & Demo. Services Bid: \$172,800.00	Cobra Enterprises, LLC Bid: \$72,500.00
Adamo Brothers Construction Bid: \$103,500.00	Esposito Construction, LLC Bid: \$131,000.00
Caravella Contractors, LLC Bid: \$79,333.00	Two Brothers Contracting Bid: \$100,200.00

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has provided a Certification of the Availability of Funds (a copy of which is appended to the original of the with Resolution) pursuant to Rule 5:30-1.10 of the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has reviewed the bids for technical sufficiency, and the Township Attorney has reviewed the bids for legal sufficiency, and recommends that a contract be awarded to Cobra Enterprises, LLC; and

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

1) That the bid of

Cobra Enterprises, LLC
31 Clifwood Drive
Allentown, NJ 08501

in the amount of

\$72,500.00

be and the same is hereby accepted; and

2) That the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute a contract in a form prepared and approved by the Township Attorney for the purchase of the within designated services subject to the successful contractor’s filing the required New Jersey Employee Information Report (Form AA302)or providing a Certificate of Employee Information to the Township.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Authorizing DPW Superintendent to Reference and Use Bids Received for Snow Removal Services – It was moved by Councilmember Organisciak, seconded by Councilmember Maceri, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [D] 13-12-30 - #4

WHEREAS, the Township has received and Public Works Superintendent Phillip Simone has reviewed the two bids for snow removal for the 2013-2014 snow season as follows:

Cinelly Group Corp 134-136 Peshine Avenue, Newark, NJ 07108 1991 Auto Car Roll Off Truck w/ 11 foot plow	\$200.00 per hour
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Gerald Veneziano, t/a Consolidated Maintenance Solutions, LLC P.O. Box 809, Pine Brook, NJ 07058 2002 Ford F-35 w/ 8.5 foot “V” plow w/rubber blade	\$175.00 per hour
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Global Development Contractors, LLC		
86 Lavergne Street, Belleville, NJ 07109		
2004 Ford F-350 w/ 8 foot plow		\$235.00 per hour
2008 Ford F-350 w/10 foot plow		\$257.00 per hour
2000 Kenworth Dump Truck w/ 5 cubic yard spreader	\$235.00 per hour	
1997 John Deere Skidsteer w/ bucket		\$235.00 per hour
1997 John Deere Wheel Loader (444) w/1.5 cu. Yd. bucket	\$315.00 per hour	
1997 John Deere Backhoe (410) w/1.3 cu. Yd. bucket	\$257.00 per hour	
1997 John Deere Backhoe (310) w/1.3 cu. Yd. bucket	\$257.00 per hour	
Frank Tuscano Contractors, Inc.		
460 Main Street, Little Falls, NJ 07424		
2008 Ford F-250 w/8 foot plow		\$190.00 per hour
Case Loader w/ 3 cu. Yd. bucket		\$250.00 per hour

and; WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent has recommended that, after the remedying of any deficiencies specified in his report, the bids be filed for reference and future use as the nature of the snowfall may require relative to the equipment and price proposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls that the bids received be and are hereby referred to the Superintendent, Public Works for his reference and use as the coming snow season may require.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Resolution to Join the Statewide Insurance Fund – It was moved by Councilmember Porter, seconded by Councilmember Organisciak, that the Council approve the following:

**RESOLUTION [E] 13-12-30 - #5
 STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND**

RESOLUTION TO JOIN (RENEW) THE FUND

WHEREAS, a number of local units have joined together to form the Statewide Insurance Fund (“FUND”), a joint insurance fund, as permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, Township of Little Falls (“LOCAL UNIT”) has complied with relevant law with regard to the acquisition of insurance; and

WHEREAS, the statutes and regulations governing the creation and operation of joint insurance funds contain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of such funds; and

WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT has determined that membership in the FUND is in the best interest of the LOCAL UNIT.

WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT agrees to be a member of the FUND for a period of three (3) years, effective from **January 1, 2014** terminating on **January 1, 2017** at 12:01 a.m. standard time; and

WHEREAS, the LOCAL UNIT has never defaulted on claims, if self-insured, and has not been canceled for non-payment of insurance premiums for two (2) years prior to the date of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LOCAL UNIT does hereby agree to join the Statewide Insurance Fund; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to the extent required by law, the Local Unit shall provide notice of the Indemnity and Trust Agreement to the Office of the State Comptroller; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LOCAL UNIT will be afforded the following coverage(s) as marked “Yes”:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Workers’ Compensation & Employer’s Liability	X	
Liability, Property, Crime-Faithful Performance and Fidelity, Inland Marine, Boiler and Machinery, Comprehensive General Liability, Auto Liability, Auto Physical Damages and Professional Liability	X	
Pollution Liability	X	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Joanne Bergin is hereby appointed as the LOCAL UNIT’s Fund Commissioner and is authorized to execute the application for membership and the accompanying certification on behalf of the LOCAL UNIT; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LOCAL UNIT’s Fund Commissioner is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying the membership in the FUND as required by the FUND’s Bylaws and to deliver same to the Administrator of the FUND with the express reservation that said documents shall become effective only upon the LOCAL UNIT’s admissions to the FUND following approval of the FUND by the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Appointing Joanne Bergin as the Fund Commissioner for the Statewide JIF – It was moved by Councilmember Maceri, seconded by Councilmember Porter, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [F] 13-12-30 - #6
STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND
RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls (hereinafter “Local Unit”) is a member of the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter “Fund”), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 *et seq.*, and
WHEREAS, the Fund’s Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Fund Commissioner;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Little Falls, that Joanne Bergin is hereby appointed as the Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the year 2014; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that John Dmuchowski is hereby appointed as the Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the year 2014; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Local Unit’s Fund Commissioner is authorized and directed to execute all such documents as required by the Fund.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute an Agreement with the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission relative to Green Infrastructure Planning – It was moved by Councilmember Porter, seconded by Councilmember Maceri, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [G] 13-12-30 - #7

WHEREAS, Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (“PVSC”) serves 48 municipalities in New Jersey and desires to assist these communities in protecting water quality and quality of life for residents by intercepting storm water runoff, reducing combined sewer overflows, managing existing water infrastructure and minimizing frequent flood events; and
WHEREAS, PVSC has partnered with the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program (“RUTGERS”) to provide expertise in planning for green infrastructure to address these issues; and
WHEREAS, PVSC and RUTGERS desire to provide guidance and direction to the Township of Little Falls regarding the benefits and opportunities of implementing green infrastructure practices; and
WHEREAS, RUTGERS will prepare and provide the Township of Little Falls a “Green Infrastructure Assessment” outlining needs and opportunities for green infrastructure strategies and identifying a series of green infrastructure demonstration projects within Little Falls that can be cost-effectively completed to intercept storm water runoff, reduce combined sewer overflows, manage existing water infrastructure and minimize frequent flood events; and
WHEREAS, PVSC and the Township of Little Falls have duly authorized RUTGERS to complete this work in the Township of Little Falls;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into and execute an Interagency Services Agreement with the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Awarding a Contract for Survey Services as part of the SRL FY11 Grant – It was moved by Councilmember Porter, seconded by Councilmember Organisciak, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [H] 13-12-30 - #8
**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS,
COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR
SURVEY SERVICES WITH RESPECT TO THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES
CONSISTENT WITH CDBG, DR, FEMA AND NJDEP BLUE ACRES**

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls received Proposals from DMC Associates, Inc.; Matarazzo Engineering; Van Cleef Engineering Associates; and Robinson Aerial Surveys, Inc., to provide Survey Services to the Township to establish property boundaries of certain properties to be acquired by the Township, consistent with the Federal Uniform Acquisition and Relocation standards and NJDEP Green Acres and Blue Acres Programs; and

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WHEREAS, the Proposals have been reviewed and it has been determined that the Proposals meet the requirements of the Township with respect to the provision of Survey Services as initially set out in the Township’s Request for Proposals (“RFP”); and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to retain the services of Matarazzo Engineering for the provision of Survey Services in accordance with the RFP and the company’s Proposal, on an as needed basis, as determined by the Township; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available for the provision of these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, the Council hereby authorizes the award of a contract to Matarazzo Engineering to provide Survey Services to the Township, on an as needed basis, as set forth herein.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Awarding a Contract for Preliminary Site Assessment Services as part of the SRL FY11 FEMA Grant – It was moved by Councilmember Maceri, seconded by Councilmember Organisciak, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [I] 13-12-30 - #9

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PRELIMINARY SITE ASSESSMENT SERVICES WITH RESPECT TO THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES CONSISTENT WITH CDBG, DR, FEMA AND NJDEP BLUE ACRES

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls received Proposals from H2M Architects & Engineers; T Slack Environmental Services; GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.; Environmental Compliance; JM Sorge, Inc.; Brinkerhoff Environmental Services; Equity Environmental Engineering; LAN Associates; First Environmental Compliance; Najorian Associates; and CP Engineers & Architects to provide Environmental Preliminary Site Assessment Services to the Township to establish property boundaries of certain properties to be acquired by the Township, consistent with the Federal Uniform Acquisition and Relocation standards and NJDEP Green Acres and Blue Acres Programs; and

WHEREAS, the Proposals have been reviewed and it has been determined that the Proposals meet the requirements of the Township with respect to the provision of Environmental Preliminary Site Assessment Services as initially set out in the Township’s Request for Proposals (“RFP”); and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to retain the services of H2M Architects & Engineers for the provision of Survey Services in accordance with the RFP and the company’s Proposal, on an as needed basis, as determined by the Township; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available for the provision of these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, the Council hereby authorizes the award of a contract to H2M Architects & Engineers to provide Environmental Preliminary Site Assessment Services to the Township, on an as needed basis, as set forth herein.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Authorizing the Mayor to Ratify a Three-Year Contract with the PBA – It was moved by Councilmember Porter, seconded by Councilmember Organisciak, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [J] 13-12-30 - #10

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls and the membership of the Little Falls Police Benevolent Association Local 346 have been negotiating a successor agreement for the most recent bargaining agreement that expired on 12/31/2012; and,

WHEREAS, there is a proposed 3-year contract for the period from 01-01-13 through 12-31-15; and,

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed and evaluated the proposed contract and find it acceptable,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Little Falls Township Council does hereby agree and accept the new contract with the membership of the Little Falls Police Benevolent Association 346 and hereby authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Authorizing the Mayor to Ratify a Three-Year Contract with the Teamsters Union – It was moved by Councilmember Maceri, seconded by Councilmember Porter, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [K] 13-12-30 - #11

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls and Teamsters Local 97 of New Jersey have been negotiating a successor agreement for the most recent bargaining agreement that expired on 12/31/2012; and,

WHEREAS, there is a proposed 3-year contract for the period from 01-01-13 through 12-31-15; and,

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed and evaluated the proposed contract and find it acceptable,

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NOW, THEREFORE, the Little Falls Township Council does hereby agree and accept the new contract with Teamsters Local 97 of New Jersey and hereby authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

It was moved by Councilmember Maceri, seconded by Councilmember Porter, 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: Maceri, Organisciak, Porter and President Vantuno
 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 Maceri, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk