

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

**Monday, January 12, 2015**

Council President Louis Fontana called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Pamela Porter, Joseph Maceri, William Liess, and James Damiano. Also present were Mayor Darlene Conti, Township Attorney Leslie London, Township Administrator Charles Cuccia, and Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus.

Absent: None

Township Employees present: DPW Superintendent Phillip 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. 10:4-10 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 6, 2015; 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.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Poll:                   Ayes:                   Porter, Maceri, Liess, Damiano and Council President Fontana  
                              Nays:                   None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Louis Fernandez, Harrison Street, asserted that the Township of Little Falls School budget has increased, 50% of which is derived from taxpayers. He believes the school system has not improved relative to the increased budget. He suggested Council presence at the Board of Education meeting to broach the topic. He also queried how much debt the Township incurred as well as how much the Township owes in bonds.

Rosemarie Bello-Truland, High Court, noted that ambulance services has been removed from the agenda and questioned whether a committee is being developed. In an effort to run more effective meetings, she proposed conducting public comment at the end of the Workshop meeting when discussion focuses on items for approval at future meetings.

Ron Mullen, 94 Jacobus Avenue, commended the police activity to reduce speeding on Jacobus Avenue short term and inquired about the next step in pursuing speed humps.

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

Poll:                   Ayes:                   Porter, Maceri, Liess, Damiano and Council President Fontana  
                              Nays:                   None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Council President FONTANA recommended Mr. Fernandez voice his concerns at the Board of Education as well as the Council. Councilmember DAMIANO validated Little Falls is not unique in this case, however, suggestions for budget cuts would be welcomed. The two percent cap was voted on at an election such that state law mandated that so long as they stayed within the cap, it would not require approval by the Council. Councilmember LIESS agreed with Councilmember Damiano's comments and also offered to speak with Mr. Fernandez further. Mayor Conti provided figures, and stated a total figure would be provided at a future meeting. Mr. Lindsay added that some funds have been offset by grants.

Council President FONTANA stated a committee to address the ambulance service is in process. He did not believe change in the public comment was necessary. Councilmember DAMIANO agreed with Mrs. Truland's opinion on public comment, and asserted it as a potential time-saving strategy to consider moving forward. He further suggested provision of more information on the agenda prior to release, as well as second public comment.

Mr. Lindsay stated the Township has received a number of state aid grants for Jacobus Avenue. Other options for Jacobus Avenue, such as a four-way stop and speed humps have been reviewed, however, there are many points to consider with these options. Mr. Lindsay has provided a list of various traffic calming devices for consideration and described differences between speed humps and speed bumps. He noted that policing typically has a certain peaking factor.

Mayor Conti questioned if rumble strips are an option, however, Mr. Lindsay explained rumble strips are more for the awareness of a driver, as opposed to speed calming.

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

**ADMINISTRATOR**

