

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

Monday, January 14, 2013

Council President John Vantuno called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. with the following members present: Louis Fontana, Pamela Porter and Joseph Rento. Also present were Mayor Darlene Post, Township Attorney William Northgrave, Township Engineer Dennis Lindsay, Municipal Clerk William Wilk and Township Administrator Joanne Bergin.

Absent: Police Chief John Dmuchowski

Township Employees present: Construction Official Joseph Macones, Recreation Director John Pace, CMFO/Treasurer William Schaffner, DPW Superintendent Phillip Simone, Fire Chief Jack Sweezy and Deputy Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus

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, 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.

At this time, Mr. Wilk read a letter that was written to the Council by Councilmember Mercedes Gonzalez, tendering her resignation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Fontana, seconded by Councilmember Porter, that the Minutes of the meeting of December 3, 2012, be approved.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REMARKS FROM CHAIR

Council President VANTUNO informed that the meeting format will change from this point going forward. He informed that there will only be two meetings a month, which will be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, unless there is a conflict on that day. He further noted that any workshop items will be included during Regular Council meetings, adding that Department Heads will now be required to attend Council meetings to answer questions. There will be one public session during the meeting. He commended Patrolman James High on graduating the Police Academy. He also welcomed the new Library Director, Christine Pelchat-Miller. The Mayor gave him a letter to read from Unico National, asking to proclaim October Italian Heritage month and also to have a date set for the proclamation to be read and a flag to be raised. There was an affirmative consensus from the Council to approve this.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember FONTANA welcomed Mrs. Miller to the Library, and said she is already doing a great job. He also informed that he is currently working on meeting schedules for all committees to which he has been assigned.

Councilmember PORTER informed that she attended the party at the Library on Saturday to welcome Mrs. Miller. She also thanked Mercedes Gonzalez for her years of service to the Township. She thanked all of the department heads for being here, and said it is nice to have them here to be able to answer questions.

Councilmember RENTO acknowledged Mercedes Gonzalez for her service to the Township and said he will miss having the opportunity to work with her and gain knowledge of her experience.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Post explained that Mercedes Gonzalez resigned due to health issues and wished her a quick recovery. She welcomed James High to the Police Department and congratulated him on his graduation from the Police Academy. She also welcomed Mrs. Miller to the Library, noting that she attended her celebration at the Library on Saturday as well. She informed that she met with Mrs. Bergin, Mr. Simone and representatives from PSE&G today to discuss the proposed northeast grid reliability project, which will include upgrades to the existing poles from Roseland to Jersey City. PSE&G will be providing a link to the Township website so as to keep everyone updated on this progress.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Northgrave thanked the Mayor and Council for appointing him last week, noting that he is appreciative of their support. He explained that there is a policy in place in the Township regarding decorum at Council meetings, which states that everyone should be respected when speaking. He pointed out that department heads are in attendance to answer questions, but advised that all questions should still be directed to the Council President.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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Mrs. Bergin informed that the Police Chief was unable to attend tonight's meeting since he was not feeling well, and said he would be attending all future meetings. She thanked all of the department heads for attending. Mrs. Bergin also reported as follows:

FEMA Update

At this time, 78 properties are scheduled to be mitigated through elevation or acquisition through one of several approved grant awards: Repetitive Flood Claim (RFC); Severe Repetitive Loss FY10 (Round 1); Severe Repetitive Loss FY11 (Round 2); and the post-Irene Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). As FEMA Program Administrator, I am working to implement these programs, and as you know, there is a myriad of steps in the process and all must be completed for the Township to be reimbursed. Implementing these programs is where I focus my time and attention. Each month, I will provide an update on the FEMA mitigation project underway in the Township.

We'll start by discussing the Repetitive Flood Claim (RFC) program. On December 27, 2012 the Township accepted bids for the elevation of the first three homes scheduled to be mitigated as part of the Repetitive Flood Claim application. Two bids were received. Dennis Lindsay, the project architect, and I have met twice since that day to determine what problems prevented a more healthy response to the bids. As you will see on tonight's agenda, there is a resolution to reject all bids. We are working with our township attorney and trying to work with the NJJIF, who insures the township, to address some of the components of the bid specs that most likely were prohibitive to bidders.

We hope to make the changes to the bid specs through addendums (which is much less time consuming than revising the plans) and re-advertise this week. At this point, the Township's insurance company is holding us up as they have not returned emails or phone calls to discuss the bid specs.

SRL FY 10 (Round 1): FEMA awarded the Township \$5.9 million in December 2010 for its FY10 SRL grant (Round 1). In that program, 34 properties were scheduled to be mitigated through acquisition.

Appraisals have been completed and have been sent to those property owners considering acquisition. Each resident has a copy of that report and the Opinion of Value, which the Township will use as the offer price. Once the property owner accepts the offer, we then begin the Duplication of Benefits (DOB) process. The DOB process is required by FEMA to ensure that claims paid out following Irene were spent in accordance with the claim. I will meet individually with each property owner throughout this process with the goal of making them whole. Any payments that cannot be justified with receipts will be considered an advance by FEMA. When the DOB process is complete, we then start the legal process to acquire the property. A title search is done, as is a survey and preliminary site assessment and when complete, we schedule a closing. We will work as quickly as we can to acquire and will work with each property owner to determine timing.

For all of these programs, the Township is assisting property owners in securing their Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) funds that will provide the 10% non-federal match for elevations and the cost to demolish the house for acquisitions.

The Township has closed on its first acquisition for a family who has not been able to live in the home since Irene hit in August 2011. There are 22 property owners interested in acquisition, but most of them have yet to complete the DOB process.

SRL FY 11 (Round 2) In December 2011, the Township received \$5.6 from FEMA to mitigate 32 properties in accordance with our SRL FY 11 (Round 2) application. In this round, the Township has applied for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) money made available for flood mitigation, which is being funneled through the Passaic County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Little Falls is participating in an application with other municipalities in Passaic County, which is needed in order for us to meet the low-income eligibility requirements. We have made significant progress in this application and recently attended a meeting in Trenton with the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to ensure our status and our ability to implement this program in a timely manner. HUD money comes from the federal government and must be funneled through the State, so we must coordinate with the DCA. When awarded, the funds will be released to the County and then to Little Falls. I have submitted the pre-application materials and feel confident we will receive these funds, which will be used to acquire those in Round 2.

The Township has not received official word that the HUD funds have been awarded. But, we remain very optimistic that these funds are being processed and the Township will be able to offer acquisition.

When the Township does receive official notice, we can then begin implementation. The Township cannot spend any money on implementation until we have something in writing confirming the award of funds. In municipal government funds must be certified by our Township's Chief Financial Officer. The CFO cannot certify funds without written confirmation of same.

The funds from HUD will be used along with the \$487,500 awarded in October of 2012 for property acquisitions as awarded by the NJDEP.

In this round, 25 property owners interested in acquisition, but none of them have yet to complete the DOB process.

HMGP: These funds are different from our other programs because the non-federal cost share is 25% as opposed to 10%. These funds are also unique in that they were specific to damage caused from Hurricane Irene. There are 11 properties in this application; all are scheduled for acquisition.

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Lastly, the Flood Mitigation Link on the Township's home page has been activated and each resident in the program has been provided with a user name and password for the link. Each time an update is posted, a colored icon appears in a variety of shapes to alert residents to news. This communication process has been very warmly received and has gone a long way to maintain privacy.

Impact to taxpayers

If all 58 property owners proceed with acquisition, the average impact to the remaining taxpayers is \$96.00, about \$8 a month.

This was calculated as follows:

Average 2012 taxes \$6,925.50
Assume 100% of the current tax bill – county, local, school, regional school and township
x 58 (property owners)
= \$401,679.00
- \$15,000 (cost to prepare, respond per house, per flood)
= \$386,679.00
/ 3990 (total taxable line items)
=\$96.00

PUBLIC PORTION

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Howard Lipoff, 161 Main Street, Apt. F, explained that the rent control ordinance has been in existence for about 40 years and it is set to expire on 9/30/13. He reminded that promises were made to renew rent control during campaigning. He would hope it gets done sooner rather than later, as it causes a great deal of concern, especially with elderly residents. He asked if the Council has any plans for this.

Renea Shapiro, 48 Walnut Street, explained that there are 17 overhead wires on her block, noting that in comparison to other streets in town, hers has the most overhead wires. She asked that the bad wires be removed and questioned how the Council feels about having most wires placed underground.

Dorothy O'Haire, Turnberry Road, expressed her appreciation regarding the resolution urging the Peckman funds to be appropriated on tonight's agenda.

Al Attianese, 27 Dewey Avenue, commended the Council for including department heads at Council meetings, noting that it will serve a good purpose to receive answers to citizens' questions. Referring to the recent change in meeting format, he said there have always been two public portions in the time he has attended Council meetings. He would like to know why this has changed and when it was discussed; he questioned why the public was not consulted.

Louis Fernandez, 54 Harrison Street, commended Council President Vantuno with regard to having department heads attend meetings. However, he expressed his disappointment with regard to the second public portion being eliminated. He asked for some reasoning as to why they did this. Referring to Mrs. Bergin's report, he asked if the taxpayers could be made aware of the amount the house was purchased for, so they could be aware of the affects this will have on taxes.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Council President VANTUNO said the Council is aware that the rent control ordinance will expire this year, but said they do not have any plans yet. Mrs. Bergin said Mr. Lipoff is a member of the Rent Leveling Board, noting that the board will be convening shortly, where they will discuss this.

Mr. Simone said he would make a visit to Ms. Shapiro's street to look at the wires; he will make some phone calls to find out more information and report back to the Council. Council President VANTUNO said they are in favor of placing wires underground and said they will look into this. Mrs. Bergin said they spoke with PSE&G about this in

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their meeting today. She informed that this is regulated by the BPU and explained that there are questions about service and concerns of environmental constraints. However, the BPU is looking into this and they are happy to continue discussing this with the Township.

Council President VANTUNO thanked Mrs. O’Haire for her comments.

Council President VANTUNO said the change of format was his idea in order to make things more efficient at meetings. There is still one public comment where anyone can ask questions that will be answered.

Mrs. Bergin referred to Mr. Fernandez’s question and explained that FEMA has acquired this house, noting that this is not coming from Township money. This is public record and should be easy to identify.

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.

REPORTS

Tax Collector’s Report – Month of December 2012

Municipal Clerk’s Report – Month of December 2012

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT
Month of December 2012

ABC LICENSES		
OTHER LICENSES		
Business Licenses		
Pre-paid Business Licenses	\$9,960.00	
Raffle Licenses	140.00	
		\$10,100.00
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS		
Fees & Permits	\$296.00	
Marriage Licenses-LF	3.00	
Marriage Licenses-NJ	25.00	
		\$324.00
MRNA		
Street Maps		
Zoning Maps	\$3.00	
Zoning Ordinances		
Document Copies	5.40	
Garage Sales		
Misc. Fees & Refunds:		
		\$8.40
TOTAL MRNA		\$8.40
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT		\$10,432.40
TOTAL TO TREASURER		\$10,432.40

Municipal Clerk’s Dog/Cat License Report – Month of December 2012

MUNICIPAL CLERK’S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT
Month of December 2012

Dog Licenses issued 12/01/2012 thru 12/31/2012	
Nos. 459 to 462 = 4 Licenses	
Amount due Little Falls	\$27.20
Amount due State	7.80
Total Cash Received	\$35.00

Total to Treas. \$35.00

APPLICATIONS

Blue Light Permit – Francis Bender, Notchcroft Drive, Little Falls Fire Department

Raffle – Cedar Grove Memorial Middle School Family School Association, On-Premise 50/50, 3/15/13, 7PM-11PM

RESOLUTIONS

NJ Transit – Renewal of Annual Occupancy Permit

RESOLUTION [A] 13-01-14 - #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:
\$240.00

payable to:

NJ Transit

representing payment for occupancy of NJ Transit right-of-way for one (1) year. (Permit #P1607-1930-01)

Weights and Measures

RESOLUTION [B] 13-01-14 - #2

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:

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\$25.00
payable to:
Weights & Measures Fund
P.O. Box 490
Avenel, NJ 07001

representing payment of 2013 licensing fee for small scale in Public Nurse's office.

RESOLUTION [C] 13-01-14 - #3

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:
\$25.00

payable to:
Weights & Measures Fund
P.O. Box 490
Avenel, NJ 07001

representing payment of 2013 licensing fee for small scale in the Police Department.

NJ Dept. of Health – State Dog License Fees

RESOLUTION [D] 13-01-14 - #4

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, the Treasurer having certified to the availability of funds, that the Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue a check in the amount of:
\$7.80

payable to:
NJ State Dept. of Health
representing payment of State dog license fee, license Nos. 459 to 462 for the month of December 2012.

State of NJ – 4th Qtr. Marriage License/Civil Union Fees

RESOLUTION [E] 13-01-14 - #5

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, the Treasurer having certified to the availability of funds, that the Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue a check in the amount of:
\$300.00

payable to:
Treasurer, State of NJ
representing 4th Quarter 2012 Marriage License/Civil Union Fees.

Welfare

RESOLUTION [F] 13-01-14 - #6

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, the Treasurer having timely certified to the availability of funds therefor, that the action of the Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer in issuing checks in the amount of:
\$840.00

payable to:
Welfare Clients #55, 61, 71 & 72
representing payment of Self-Care for the month of January 2013 be and the same is hereby authorized and ratified.

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

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

The following items were individually considered.

NEW BUSINESS

Urging Federal Funds be appropriated for Feasibility Study Review of Peckman River Flood Basin Project – It was moved by Councilmember Fontana, seconded by Councilmember Porter, that the Council approve the following:

**RESOLUTION [G] 13-01-14 - #7
RESOLUTION URGING FEDERAL FUNDS BE APPROPRIATED
FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY REVIEW
OF PECKMAN RIVER FLOOD BASIN PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey continue to seek action in addressing the flash flooding issue on the Peckman River which has plagued the Township of Little Falls both before and after Hurricane Floyd in 1999; and

WHEREAS, the Passaic Valley Regional Flood Control Board, which consists of members from the municipalities of Little Falls, Cedar Grove and Woodland Park, who have worked to alleviate some of the problems with the Peckman River by removing fallen trees and obstructions; having bridges and drainage streams cleared; installing a rain gauge on the Peckman River and working with the NJDEP for flood inundation mapping for our area; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls are in agreement with the Passaic Valley Regional Flood Control Board's request to Federal and State government officials for an appropriation of \$300,000 to be provided to the Army Corps of Engineers for a required independent review of the completed feasibility study as part of the Peckman River Basin Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls hereby support and request an immediate appropriation of \$300,000 to the Army Corps of Engineers to be used for the required independent review of the completed feasibility study as part of the Peckman River Basin Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to Senators Lautenberg and Menendez, Congressmen Frelinghuysen and Pascrell, State Senator O'Toole and Assemblymen Russo and Rumana.

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Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Establishing Policies & Fees for Use of Township Tennis Courts – It was moved by Councilmember Porter, seconded by Councilmember Fontana, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [H] 13-01-14 - #8
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND FEES
FOR USE OF TOWNSHIP TENNIS COURTS

WHEREAS, the Recreation Department has a need to establish policies and procedures regarding the use of Township tennis courts; and

THEREFORE, the following will be enacted with this resolution:

RESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE: The two municipal tennis courts are for the use of Little Falls residents and non-residents who purchase Season Badges. The tennis season is from April 15th through October 31st.

BADGES: Players are expected to wear tennis badges, which are sold only at the Recreation Department Office. Persons may be asked to leave the courts if they do not have badges by players who are wearing badges. Badges are non-transferable and must be renewed each year by April 15th.

GUESTS: Guests will be permitted on a one-to-one basis with a badge holder anytime on all courts. If two people are badge holders, they can have two guests, providing they use one court.

APPAREL: Shirts and tennis shoes (or sneakers) are required on the courts at all times.

MACHINERY: Any person or persons wishing to use any type of machinery (ball serving) must receive approval from the Little Falls Recreation Department.

LESSONS: Any person or persons “teaching lessons” must get approval from the Recreation Department. No one can benefit from the use of the courts other than Town sponsored clinics or interscholastic activities.

COURT AREA: Only people actively involved while playing tennis are permitted on the courts. No pets, bicycles, skateboards, scooters, wiffle ball, etc. will be allowed on the tennis courts. Smoking and eating are not permitted on the courts.

MATCHES: Recreation Department tournaments, interscholastic and Suburban Recreation Tennis League matches, and Recreation Department sponsored clinics will take priority over any other matches.

PLAYING TIME: All courts will change “ON THE HOUR” and no one may play two consecutive hours when people are waiting.

ADHERENCE TO RULES: Any person who violates any of the rules and regulations will be subject to revocation of their badges and playing privileges.

RATE SCHEDULE

BADGES (ANNUAL FEE)

Youth Resident	\$5.00
Adult Resident	\$10.00
Family	\$25.00
Youth Non-Resident	\$10.00
Adult Non-Resident	\$20.00
Family Non-Resident	\$40.00

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Authorizing Mayor to Execute Treatment Works Approval for Oakwood Estates at Great Notch – It was moved by Councilmember Fontana, seconded by Councilmember Porter, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [I] 13-01-14 - #9

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls has a need to submit a Treatment Works Approval Permit Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Treatment Works Approval Permit Application for Oakwood Estates at Great Notch.

Mr. Simone provided an explanation of this resolution, noting that this has been approved by the Panning Board. Mr. Lindsay also elaborated on this briefly.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Urging the NJ Assembly to adopt A172, the Companion Bill to the approved Senate Bill S1740 – It was moved by Councilmember Rento, seconded by Councilmember Fontana, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [J] 13-01-14 - #10

WHEREAS, the maintenance of vacant residential properties during foreclosure is a growing problem; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls has expended significant man-hours and effort in locating the responsible creditor to have maintenance performed; and

WHEREAS, failure to maintain properties not only affects the subject dwelling but also creates a quality of life concern for neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Senate approved Bill #1740 which addresses this problem by requiring the creditor to register with the municipality and allowing the municipality to impose penalties for failure to correct violations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Little Falls Township Council hereby urges the New Jersey Assembly to immediately adopt companion bill A172 and send the approved legislation to the Governor for his signature.

Mr. Macones provided a brief explanation of this resolution. In response to Councilmember PORTER, Mr. Macones said this would include lawn maintenance and snow removal.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Rejecting Bid Submitted in response to Request for Bids for Billboards – It was moved by Councilmember Fontana, seconded by Councilmember Porter, that the Council approve the following:

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RESOLUTION [K] 13-01-14 - #11

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF A BID SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND LONG-TERM LICENSE OF A BILLBOARD

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls issued a second request for bids on June 15, 2012 for the Design, Construction and Long-Term License of a Billboard with respect to Block 215.01, Lot 2.02 in the Township, and on July 18, 2012 received one bid from Interstate Outdoor Advertising, L.P. in response to the solicitation; and

WHEREAS, the bid was reviewed and it was determined that the bid amount was lower than the cost estimates for this solicitation; and

WHEREAS, in light of the determination as to costs, the Township desires to reject the bid submitted by Interstate Outdoor Advertising, L.P.; and

WHEREAS, this solicitation represents the second occasion that the Township issued a solicitation for these services – on the first solicitation, no bids were received; and

WHEREAS, at this juncture, the Township desires to proceed with negotiations for this service as authorized under and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3) of the Local Public Contracts Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY hereby authorizes the rejection of the bid submitted by Interstate Outdoor Advertising, L.P. for the Design, Construction and Long-Term License of a Billboard with respect to Block 215.01, Lot 2.02 in the Township and authorizes the commencement of negotiations for this service in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law.

Mayor Post informed that when they originally received the proposal from All Vision, the numbers were considerably higher than what was received in the first bid. The bid proposal was approximately one-third of what was originally projected. The bid was for a 30 year contract. She is recommending that they reject this bid and go out to bid again.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Rejecting Bids received for the RFC House Elevation Project – It was moved by Councilmember Fontana, seconded by Councilmember Porter, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [L] 13-01-28 - #12

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF BIDS SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR THE ELEVATION OF RESIDENTIAL HOUSES LOCATED AT 26 LOUIS STREET, 39 LOUIS STREET, AND 44 LOUIS STREET IN THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls (the “Township”) issued a request for bids for the elevation of residential houses located at 26 Louis Street, 39 Louis Street and 44 Louis Street (the “Project”) pursuant to a grant provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Repetitive Flood Claims program, and on December 27, 2012 received bids from Elite Management Industries LLC and Sakoutis Builders & Land Developers LLC in response to the solicitation; and

WHEREAS, the bids were reviewed and it was determined that the bid amounts for both bids were higher than the cost estimates for this solicitation; and

WHEREAS, in light of the determination as to costs, the Township desires to reject the bids submitted by both Elite Management Industries LLC and Sakoutis Builders & Land Developers LLC; and

WHEREAS, at this juncture, the Township desires to re-solicit bids for this service as authorized under and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.* (the “Public Contracts Law”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY:

Section 1. The bids submitted by Elite Management Industries LLC and Sakoutis Builders & Land Developers LLC are hereby rejected, and the initial request for bids to complete the Project is to be re-advertised in accordance with the Public Contracts Law.

Mrs. Bergin provided a brief explanation of this resolution, noting that the Township would like to have more bidders to choose from.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Appointing D&H Alternative Risk Solutions as the Township Risk Management Consultant for 2013 – It was moved by Councilmember Porter, seconded by Councilmember Rento, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [M] 13-01-14 - #13

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR 2013

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls has a need for Consultant services in Risk Management; and

WHEREAS, the term of the services required is one year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls authorizes the Mayor to enter into a cost free agreement with the firm of D&H Alternative Risk Solutions, to serve as the Township’s Risk Management Consultant for a term of one year, ending December 31, 2013.

Mrs. Bergin explained this resolution, adding that this contract comes at no cost to the Township.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

It was moved by Councilmember Fontana, seconded by Councilmember Porter, that the Council approve the following:

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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: Fontana, Porter, Rento 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 Rento, seconded by Councilmember Fontana, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

William E. Wilk
Municipal Clerk

Cynthia Kraus
Deputy Municipal Clerk