

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

**Monday, January 24, 2011**

Council President Louis Fontana called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. with the following members present: Mercedes Gonzalez, Darlene Post, Joseph Sisco and John Vantuno. Also present were Mayor Michael DeFrancisci, Township Attorney Associate Jeffrey Trapanese, Township Engineer Dennis Lindsay, Municipal Clerk William Wilk and Township Administrator Matthew Kazmierczak.

Absent: None

Township Employees present: Police Chief John Dmuchowski, Detective Alfred Batelli, Fire Chief Jack Sweezy, Fire Department Secretary Michael Burke and Deputy Municipal Clerk Cynthia Meyer

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 bulleting board at the Municipal Building, located at 225 Main Street, Little Falls, N.J. on January 4, 2011; 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 commended the DPW on their work in the recent snow storms; he explained that more snow is expected and asked that everyone remain patient regarding the removal of the snow. He also asked residents to help out by clearing their sidewalks or digging out fire hydrants. He also informed that the schedule for the Passaic County Peckman Preserve design study will be on Thursday, 2/10/11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center

**COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Councilmember SISCO said they have a couple of items regarding OEM to be discussed later in the meeting.

Councilmember GONZALEZ explained that she met with the Little Falls ABC this past week; she was very impressed with all they do for the town and she commended them. She also met with the Grants Committee, who she commended for their work and time, which is very much appreciated.

Councilmember POST informed that she met with the Transportation Committee and the Redevelopment Committee. In attendance with two representatives from our County Transportation Planning Department, and they reviewed several goals for the Transit Village and how they would like to move forward. They would like to get together with the Transit DOT to discuss possibilities of the train station. She asked that Mr. Wilk send out letters to seek out grants that may be available to Little Falls. She also informed that she attended a seminar for newly elected officials on Saturday, which was very informative. She congratulated all of the members of Fire Company No. 4. Referring to the Morris Canal parking lot, she asked Mr. Trapanese to look into the existing ordinances on parking regulations. Mr. Trapanese said he would look into this and report back.

Councilmember VANTUNO explained that he has reached out to the Board of Education. He informed that they will be setting up quarterly meetings, and he will report back accordingly.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor DeFrancisci informed that he attended a dinner for Fire Company No. 4 on Saturday, which he described to be a nice event; he thanked the company for inviting him. Regarding the parking lot Councilmember Post had referred to, he said he spoke to Mr. Simone about this, and informed that they were out there clearing the snow this past weekend. He assured that they would look into this matter further. He informed that the Township's new Planner from the Birdsall Group will be appointed shortly; he looks forward to working with them. He also commended Mr. Kauker for his time and efforts serving as Township Planner.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Trapanese had no report, but informed that they were able to convince a particular corporation to dismiss three tax appeals, which would have resulted in substantial refunds to the taxpayers.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Poll:           Ayes:           Gonzalez, Post, Sisco, Vantuno and President Fontana  
                  Nays:           None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Alfred Batelli, OEM Coordinator, explained that the Little Falls Emergency Planning Committee will be having a meeting with Totowa and West Paterson on 2/1/11 at 10:00 a.m. in West Paterson's EOC to discuss different items relative to the Mitigation Plan and emergency management. He explained that it would be held during the day, since all Township Officials would be working then and able to attend. He also informed that the Emergency Management Team of Little Falls will be hosting an open house to the citizens on 2/24/11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. PSE&G as well as another company will be in attendance to discuss protection to those who live in a flood zone. Members from the CERT team will also be present.

**Meeting of January 24, 2011**

Arnold Korotkin, Long Hill Road, was pleased to see how quickly the new council members' email addresses were posted on the website. He referred to a recent article in The Record regarding costs each municipality has incurred for snow removal; between the sister towns, Little Falls had the lowest rate. He also informed that there is a possibility of getting a 75% reimbursement from the Feds; Mayor DeFrancisci explained that this was already done.

Frank Zimmerman, Long Hill Road, thanked Chief Sweezy and the Fire Department for their quick response to his son's house recently; they did a great job.

Brian Reynolds, 7 Notch Road, explained that he didn't make it to last week's meeting, and questioned why a meeting was scheduled on a Federal holiday.

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

Poll: Ayes: Gonzalez, Post, Sisco, Vantuno and President Fontana  
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Council President FONTANA said he would try to attend the OEM meetings. He was also pleased to hear that Little Falls had the cheapest rate with regard to snow removal costs.

Mr. Wilk explained that last week's holiday was a Federal holiday; not a Township holiday. He also pointed out that January's meeting schedule is very full, which makes it difficult to avoid.

**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.

**REPORTS**

Revised Tax Collectors Report – Month of December 2010

*\*Revised to show comparison of percentage of collections (01/21/2011)*

**MONTHLY REPORT**

Municipality of the Township of Little Falls  
 Office of the Tax Collector  
 Revenues Collector for the Month of December 2010  
 Tax Collection Account #622402226 Lakeland Bank

<b>TO DECEMBER 29, 2010</b>	<b>2010 YEAR TO DATE</b>		
2010 Taxes		\$ 220,084.52	\$39,023,299.45
2009 Taxes		0.00	314,831.27
Prepaid 2011 Taxes		56,698.90	168,033.19
Interest		7,074.67	83,140.69
Township Tax Title Lien		0.00	1,357.11
Township Tax Title Lien Int.		0.00	203.63
Cost of Tax Sale		0.00	977.22
Outside Tax Liens		60,361.11	250,677.20
<b>Duplicate Tax Bills</b> 5.00	<b>500.00</b>		
Tax Searches	0.00	20.00	
Insufficient Check Charge		0.00	320.00
Miscellaneous Line Item Fee		0.00	50.00
6% Penalty Fee		0.00	2,935.55
Premium Outside Lien		0.00	47,600.00
Tax Sale Additional Fee	0.00	625.00	
Miscellaneous Fee/Copies		0.00	11.25
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>		<b>\$344,224.20</b>	<b>\$39,894,581.56</b>

<b>Comparison of Years</b>			
<b>Dec. 1, 2010 to Dec. 29, 2010</b>	<b>\$344,224.20</b>	<b>\$39,894,581.56</b>	
<b>Dec. 1, 2009 to Dec. 31, 2009</b>		<b>304,415.10</b>	<b>37,508,716.61</b>
		<b>+ \$39,809.10</b>	<b>+ \$2,385,864.95</b>

2010 Refunds this month - \$121,335.77 Year-to-date refunds -\$167,797.38

Bounced checks this month \$0.00 Year-to-date bounced checks \$24,671.21

Delinquent 2010 taxes as of December 31, 2010 = \$492,627.80 (134 line items)

2009 Open Balance as of 12/31/09 = \$317,056.33 (97 line items)

*Year 2010 = 98.37%**	Year 2006 = 99.13%
Year 2009 = 98.86%	Year 2005 = 99.09%
Year 2008 = 98.99%	Year 2004 = 99.06%
Year 2007 = 98.92%	Year 2003 = 98.79%

\*\*Subject to auditor's calculation.

**APPLICATIONS**

NJ State Firemen's Association – Tammy Hearney, Edison Street, Clifton, Eagle Hose Co. #1  
 - - Joseph Scotto, Hudson Street, Little Falls Fire Department

**RESOLUTIONS**

Reimbursement for Redeemed Tax Certificate – 10/20/10 Tax Sale  
**RESOLUTION [A] 11-01-24- #1**

**Meeting of January 24, 2011**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has received the lien monies in the amount of \$13,736.01 from Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC (LPS) on the property known as Block 35 Lot 7, assessed to Maira Ortega, of 76 Van Pelt Place, and

**WHEREAS**, these lien monies redeemed Certificate #01-2010 from my October 20, 2010 tax sale; and

**WHEREAS**, the lienholder paid a \$2,200.00 premium at this sale which is currently in our Treasurer’s Trust Account; and

**WHEREAS**, the lienholder shall be reimbursed the amount of \$15,936.01; and

**WHEREAS**, the amount of \$15,936.01 shall be made payable to Robert U. DelVecchio, P/T, P.O. Box 196, Hawthorne, NJ 07507; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 24th day of January 2011 that the above lienholder be reimbursed the total amount of \$15,936.01. This check shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector on January 25, 2011, as she must surrender the Tax Sale Certificate before he receives payment.

\*\*\*\*\*

Norfolk Southern

**RESOLUTION [B] 11-01-24 - #2**

**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:

\$211.72

payable to

Norfolk Southern Corporation

representing payment of annual underground sewer pipe easement rental.

\*\*\*\*\*

Refund of Overpayment of 2009 Taxes

**RESOLUTION [C] 11-01-24#3**

**WHEREAS**, there is a State Tax Court Judgment on Block 57 Lot 10, known as Michael & Jennifer Crudele of 11 Muller Place for the Year 2009 reducing the assessed value by \$18,400.00;

**YEAR 2009**

Original Assessment	\$303,400
STCJ	<u>285,000</u>
Difference	18,400
'09 Tax Rate	x <u>1.933%</u>
	\$355.67

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector authorizes the CMFO/Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$355.67 for the Year 2009 payable to William S. Winters, Esq., 199 Route 18 South, East Brunswick, NJ 08816.

**NOW,**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 24th day of January 2011 that the above attorney be refunded the total amount of \$355.67 for the overpayment of taxes due to a State Tax Court Judgment on Block 57 Lot 10.

\*\*\*\*\*

Refund of Overpayment of 2010 Taxes

**RESOLUTION [D] 11-01-24#4**

**WHEREAS**, there is a State Tax Court Judgment on Block 57 Lot 10, known as Michael & Jennifer Crudele of 11 Muller Place for the Year 2010 reducing the assessed value by \$18,400.00;

**YEAR 2010**

Original Assessment	\$303,400
STCJ	<u>285,000</u>
Difference	18,400
'10 Tax Rate	x <u>2.062%</u>
	\$379.41

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector authorizes the CMFO/Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$379.41 for the Year 2010 payable to William S. Winters, Esq., 199 Route 18 South, East Brunswick, NJ 08816.

**NOW,**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 24th day of January 2011 that the above attorney be refunded the total amount of \$379.41 for the overpayment of taxes due to a State Tax Court Judgment on Block 57 Lot 10.

\*\*\*\*\*

Refund of Overpayment of 2009 Taxes

**RESOLUTION [E] 11-01-24#5**

**WHEREAS**, there is a State Tax Court Judgment on Block 157 Lot 17, known as Norma & John Mazur, Sr. of 15 Morningside Circle for the Year 2009 reducing the assessed value by \$45,600.00;

**YEAR 2009**

Original Assessment	\$605,600
STCJ	<u>560,000</u>
Difference	45,600
'09 Tax Rate	x <u>1.933%</u>
	\$881.45

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector authorizes the CMFO/Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$881.45 for the Year 2009 payable to McKirdy & Riskin, P.A., as attorneys for Norma & John Mazur, Sr., 136 South Street, P.O. Box 2379, Morristown, NJ 07962-2379.

**NOW,**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 24th day of January 2011 that the above attorney be refunded the total amount of \$881.45 for the overpayment of taxes due to a State Tax Court Judgment on Block 157 Lot 17.

\*\*\*\*\*

Refund of Overpayment of 2010 Taxes

**RESOLUTION [F] 11-01-24#6**

**WHEREAS**, there is a State Tax Court Judgment on Block 157 Lot 17, known as Norma & John Mazur, Sr. of 15 Morningside Circle for the Year 2010 reducing the assessed value by \$45,600.00;

**YEAR 2010**

Original Assessment	\$605,600
STCJ	<u>560,000</u>
Difference	45,600
'10 Tax Rate	x <u>2.062%</u>
	\$940.27

**Meeting of January 24, 2011**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector authorizes the CMFO/Treasurer to refund the total amount of \$940.27 for the Year 2010 payable to McKirdy & Riskin, P.A., as attorneys for Norma & John Mazur, Sr., 136 South Street, P.O. Box 2379, Morristown, NJ 07962-2379.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of Little Falls on this 24th day of January 2011 that the above attorney be refunded the total amount of \$940.27 for the overpayment of taxes due to a State Tax Court Judgment on Block 157 Lot 17.

\*\*\*\*\*

Welfare

RESOLUTION [G] 11-01-24 - #7

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:

\$1,680.00 (\$210.00 each)

payable to:

Welfare Clients #54, 55, 58, 60, 61, 63, 65 & 66

representing payment of Self-Care for the month of January 2011 be and the same is hereby authorized and ratified.

\*\*\*\*\*

Settlement of 2010 Tax Appeal

RESOLUTION [H] 11-01-24 - #8

WHEREAS, a Tax Appeal has previously been filed with regard to the below mentioned property before the Tax Court of New Jersey with regard to the 2010 tax year; and

WHEREAS, a proposed Stipulation of Settlement has been negotiated by the Township Attorney with the attorney for the taxpayer; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor, Richard Hamilton and the Township's expert appraiser Appraisal Systems, Inc. have recommended that the terms of the proposed settlement be accepted;

1. The proposed settlement of the 2010 tax appeal pending before the Tax Court of New Jersey as hereinafter enumerated be and the same is hereby authorized, approved and ratified:

65 Bergen Drive

Block 42 Lot 9

	Original	County Board	Requested Tax	Court Judgment
	Assessment		Judgement	
2010 Land:	\$238,000		238,000	\$238,000
Improvements:	\$376,500	\$345,000		
Total:	\$614,500	614,500	\$583,000	

2. There will be no prejudgment interest.

3. The Township Attorney and Tax Assessor are authorized and directed to execute Stipulations of Settlement and to take such other and further action as may be required to effectuate the above.

\*\*\*\*\*

Dennis G. Lindsay, PE

RESOLUTION [I] 11-01-24 - #9

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:

\$525.00

payable to:

Apurba Nath  
100 Lower Notch Road  
Little Falls, NJ 07424

representing payment for return of unused site work improvement deposit to developer in connection with Nath/100 Lower Notch Road – Block 171, Lot 24; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the within payment be made from the escrow account on deposit with the Township for expenses incurred in connection with the within development project.

\*\*\*\*\*

RESOLUTION [J] 11-01-24 - #10

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:

\$612.50

payable to:

Dennis G. Lindsay, PE

representing payment for engineering services rendered in connection with Walgreens Pharmacy – Block 201, Lot 1 – Site Plan with Variances; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the within payment be made from the escrow account on deposit with the Township for expenses incurred in connection with the within development project.

\*\*\*\*\*

RESOLUTION [K] 11-01-24 - #11

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:

\$612.50

payable to:

Dennis G. Lindsay, PE

representing payment for engineering services rendered in connection with PMJ Homes, LLC – Block 101, Lot 24 – Building Reconstruction with Variances at 43 Ridge Avenue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the within payment be made from the escrow account on deposit with the Township for expenses incurred in connection with the within development project.

\*\*\*\*\*

RESOLUTION [L] 11-01-24 - #12

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:

\$350.00

payable to:

Dennis G. Lindsay, PE

representing payment for engineering services rendered in connection with Piazza-Farnese/Dr. Farnese – Block 53, Lot 8 et al – review of revised site plan of Dr. Farnese's property to add restaurant uses; and

**Meeting of January 24, 2011**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the within payment be made from the escrow account on deposit with the Township for expenses incurred in connection with the within development project.

\*\*\*\*\*

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

Poll: Ayes: Gonzalez, Post, Sisco, Vantuno and President Fontana  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

The following items were individually considered.

**INTERDEPARTMENTAL**

Finance - - It was moved by Councilmember Vantuno, seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS IN THE 2011 BUDGET: \$5,952.00 [M]#13

Poll: Ayes: Gonzalez, Post, Sisco, Vantuno and President Fontana  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

- - It was moved by Councilmember Sisco, seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET: \$63,646.00 [N]#14

Poll: Ayes: Gonzalez, Post, Sisco, Vantuno and President Fontana  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Settlement of 2009 Chili's/Brinker Tax Appeal – It was moved by Councilmember Sisco, seconded by Councilmember Post, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [O] 11-01-24 - #15

WHEREAS, a Tax Appeal has previously been filed by Chili/Brinker for the 2009 tax year; and  
WHEREAS, a proposed Stipulation of Settlement has been negotiated by the Township Attorney with the attorney for the taxpayer; and  
WHEREAS, the settlement will reduce the overall property assessment by \$100,000 in 2011;

	Original	
2011	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>New Assessment</u>
Property Assessment:	\$1,401,200	\$1,301,200

\*\*\*\*\*

Mr. Trapanese explained that this is a 2007, 2008 and 2009 tax appeal, which is being dismissed, with the help of the appeal company; this helps with the Tax Collector's Budget.

Poll: Ayes: Gonzalez, Post, Sisco, Vantuno and President Fontana  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Non-Fair and Open Contract to Joanne Bergin to serve as Township Grant Writer – It was moved by Councilmember Sisco, seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [P] 11-01-24 - #16

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A VENDOR SERVICE CONTRACT ON A 'NON-FAIR AND OPEN' BASIS PURSUANT TO THE 'PAY-TO-PLAY' LAW (JOANNE BERGIN OF BERGIN CONSULTING)**

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls has a need to acquire Grant Writing services for the year 2011 on a 'non-fair and open' contract pursuant to the provisions of the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay-To-Play" Law, P.L. 2004, Chapter 19 (as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51), N.J.S.A. 19:44A20.4 et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, as a determination has been made as follows:

1. The known or estimated cost of the Grant Writing services to be provided will exceed \$17,500.
2. The term of this contract is for one year.
3. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds.
4. The required Business Entity Disclosure Certification form has been submitted and will be placed on file.
5. The contract will prohibit the vendor from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby approve the following vendor service contract under a 'non-fair and open' basis:

Vendor Name: Joanne Bergin of Bergin Consulting  
Estimated Cost of Service: \$26,900

\*\*\*\*\*

**Meeting of January 24, 2011**

Poll: Ayes: Gonzalez, Post, Sisco, Vantuno and President Fontana  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Non-Fair and Open Contract to Joanne Bergin to serve as Grant Administrator for 2010 FEMA SRL Grant – It was moved by Councilmember Sisco, seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez, that the Council approve the following:

**RESOLUTION [Q] 11-01-24 - #17**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A VENDOR SERVICES CONTRACT ON A ‘NON-FAIR AND OPEN’ BASIS PURSUANT TO THE ‘PAY-TO-PLAY’ LAW  
(JOANNE BERGIN OF BERGIN CONSULTING)**

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls has a need to acquire Program Administration services for the SRL FY 10 FEMA Grant award on a “non-fair and open” contract pursuant to the provision of the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law,” P.L. 2004, Chapter 19 (as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51), N.J.S.A. 19:44A20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, a determination has been made as follows:

1. The known or estimated cost of the Program Administration services to be provided may exceed \$17,500.
2. The term of this contract is 12 months.
3. Pursuant to the N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4, the Chief Financial Officer has certified as to the availability of funds. The costs associated for Program Administration are included in the grant and fully reimbursable through the grant award.
4. The required Business Entity Disclosure Certification form has been submitted and will be placed on file.
5. The contract will prohibit the vendor from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby approve the following vendor services contract under a ‘non-fair and open’ basis;

Vendor Name: Joanne Bergin of Bergin Consulting

\*\*\*\*\*

Poll: Ayes: Gonzalez, Post, Sisco, Vantuno and President Fontana  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Award Contract to TSUJ Corp. for Installation of Diesel Generator at Civic Center – It was moved by Councilmember Gonzalez, seconded by Councilmember Sisco, that the Council approve the following:

**RESOLUTION [R] 11-01-24 - #18**

**WHEREAS**, bids were received for the installation of a generator at the Civic Center; and  
**WHEREAS**, the bids were reviewed by the legal department and found to be legally sufficient; and  
**WHEREAS**, it is recommended that a contract be awarded to T.S.U.J. Corporation  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls as follows:

- 1) That the bid of

T.S.U.J. Corp.  
P.O. Box 4621  
Wayne, NJ 07474

in the amount of

\$22,200.00

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 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: Gonzalez, Post, Sisco, Vantuno and President Fontana  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1114 – It was moved by Councilmember Sisco, seconded by Councilmember Post, that there be introduced and the meeting of February 7, 2011 set as the date and time for the public hearing on the following:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1114**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 686 OF MARCH 15, 1993  
ESTABLISHING FEES FOR FULFILLMENT BY TAX COLLECTOR OF  
REPEATED REQUESTS FOR CALCULATION OF LIEN REDEMPTIONS  
ON THE SAME PROPERTY WITHIN SAME CALENDAR YEAR**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls as follows:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 686 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-54 the Tax Collector shall provide to any party entitled t redeem a certificate pursuant to this section (N.J.S.A. 54:5-54) two calculations of the amount required for redemption within a calendar year at no cost. For each subsequent calculation requested from the Tax Collector there shall be a \$50.00 fee. A request for a redemption calculation shall be made in writing to the Tax Collector.
- B. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-54 the Tax Collector may charge a lienholder of a tax lien \$50.00 for the calculation of the amount due to redeem the tax lien as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-97.1. Any request for a redemption calculation shall specify the date to be used for the calculation, which shall be the date of the notice. Neither the Tax Collector nor the municipality shall be liable for an incorrect calculation. The fee paid to the municipality shall not become part of the lien and shall not be passed on to any party entitled to redeem pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-54.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

\*\*\*\*\*

Council President FONTANA said this is a law change and they are introducing this. Mr. Trapanese confirmed this and clarified further, noting that they are bringing the Township’s ordinances up to date with the State Statutes.

**Meeting of January 24, 2011**

Poll: Ayes: Gonzalez, Post, Sisco, Vantuno and President Fontana  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

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

Poll: Ayes: Gonzalez, Post, Sisco, Vantuno and President Fontana  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Brian Reynolds, 7 Notch Road, asked if there are any other Federal holidays that the Township doesn't observe, and suggested that if a Federal holiday falls on a meeting day, they move the meeting to a Tuesday. He also pointed out that he had requested for the agenda to be emailed to him through the email notification system, but he did not receive same. He asked that this be fixed. He also asked for clarification regarding the various tax refund resolutions on this evening's agenda. noted the various tax refunds on the agenda this evening and asked for details.

Arnold Korotkin, Long Hill Road, asked for an explanation of the Blue Acres program and questioned whether there would be any action taken after the Executive Session this evening.

Bill Organiscak, Yolanda Drive, suggested that the agenda be posted on the website from now on. He also suggested the idea of solar panels in town, noting that it is something they should consider in order to reduce costs in town.

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

Poll: Ayes: Gonzalez, Post, Sisco, Vantuno and President Fontana  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Mr. Wilk said he would check to see if there were other holidays that the Township didn't observe. Councilmember SISCO agreed with Mr. Reynolds that they shouldn't been holding meetings on Federal holidays.

Mr. Kazmierczak said they could easily post the agenda on the website. He explained that most people who signed up for the email notification system did so for emergency notifications only. Mr. Wilk explained that the deadline to place items on the agenda is Thursday, but informed that it often changes before the meeting on Monday. Council President FONTANA suggested they post the agenda to the website on Thursday as a draft, subject to change.

Joanne Bergin, Township Grant Writer, explained that Blue Acres is part in parcel with the FEMA programs. It is run through the State Department of Environmental Protection, who also does the Green Acres program. The program deals with flooding and helps residents when their property has been severely damaged over a few years. It shouldn't be considered as a mitigation program on a scale. The Township needs to sign an agreement to agree to put out a bid for demolition. Mr. Lindsay will also be involved in this process.

Council President FONTANA referred to the tax appeal resolutions on the agenda and asked Mr. Trapanese about the total amount of money refunded to the tax payers. Mr. Trapanese explained that he doesn't have these figures. Mr. Wilk said this Tax Collector's report shows that there was \$167,797 in refunds in 2010.

Council President FONTANA informed that they have previously looked into solar panels and are continuing to do so. Mayor DeFrancisci explained that they are looking at a few different programs, noting that there was discussion about possible use of the parking lot for this.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

It was moved by Councilmember Sisco, seconded by Councilmember Post, 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: Gonzalez, Post, Sisco, Vantuno and President Fontana  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

New Jersey Conf. of Mayors	General Admin.	510.00	,
NJ State League of Municipalities			25.00
Rightclicktechs LLC			49.50
Shred It USA Inc.			52.20
Clarion Office Supply			A & E
Integrated Document Technologies			112.46
NJ State League of Municipalities			355.00
Pitney Bowes Inc.			726.00
Pitney Bowes Inc.			432.00
			88.48



## Meeting of January 24, 2011

Electrical Power Systems, Inc.	Aid to Volunteer Fire	700.00
Joe Casillo		,
		150.00
I.D.M. Medical Supply Co.	Police	2010
		198.90
Verizon Wireless		,
		2010
Warnock Fleet		160.04
		,
		2010
Wayne Ford Auto Sales		2565.55
		,
		2010
Konica Minolta Premier Finance		211.86
		,
Needleworks		532.16
		,
Shred-IT USA, Inc.		40.00
		,
		52.20
Riddick Associates, PC	Engineer Costs	2010
		87.50
Riddick Associates, PC		,
		2010
		175.00
Riddick Associates, PC		,
		2010
		87.50
Riddick Associates, PC		,
		2010
		350.00
Riddick Associates, PC		,
		2010
		131.25
Riddick Associates, PC		,
		2010
		131.25
Riddick Associates, PC		,
		2010
		131.25
Delta Dental Plan of NJ, Inc.	Group Health Ins.	3186.63
		,
Delta Dental Plan of NJ, Inc.		2999.27
		,
Teamsters Local 97 Benefit Fund		1450.00
		,
Teamsters Local 97 Benefit Fund		1500.00
Clarion Office Supply	Construction Code Official	2010
		14.49
Integrated Document Technologies		,
		26.00
Rightclicktechs LLC		,
		247.50
American Wear Ind. Uniform	DPW	2010
		298.50
Atlantic Salt, Inc.		,
		2010
		5460.33
Charles Bahr & Son Inc.		,
		2010
		82.80
Clifton Power Equipment, Inc.		,
		2010
		8.20
Integrated Document Technologies		,
		13.00
NJ Transit		,
		200.00
One Call Concepts		,
		2010
		38.53
Park West Diner		,
		2010
		66.34
Phillip Simone		,
		2308.07
Totally Secure, Inc.		,
		2010
		89.85
Trico Equipment, Inc.		,
		2010
		223.38
Valley Health Medical Group		,
		2010
		65.00

## Meeting of January 24, 2011

Amazing Lift Trucks Inc.	Recycling Grant 2010 890.87
Airgas East	Vehicle Maintenance – DPW 2010 100.18
Aerial-Rise, LLC	Vehicle Maintenance – Fire 974.76
Little Falls Auto Body	2010 142.88
Club Barks	Recreation 2010 102.50
Effective Alarm Systems, Inc.	120.00
Lijoi's Appliance Center, Inc.	529.00
Patrick Keating	39.99
Riddick Associates, PC	Bond Ord. – 1092 3352.09
4-Clean-Up, Inc.	Bond Ord. – 1098 36,590.26
Riddick Associates, PC	Bond Ord. – 856 500.00
Riddick Associates, PC	Bond Ord. – 1020 437.50
Riddick Associates, PC	Bond Ord. – 1069 131.25
Riddick Associates, PC	Bond Ord. – 1098 1837.50
Riddick Associates, PC	Bond Ord. – 1098 891.25
Cliffside Body Corporation	Bond Ord. – 1101 2010 17,030.00
Ditschman/Flemington Ford	Recycling 2010 4745.00
MCI Communications	Telephone 57.47
PSE&G	Gas & Electric 5658.23
Prime Pest Control LLC	Public Bldg. & Grounds 2010 100.00
Veolia Environmental Services	Tipping Fees 2010 25,846.42
Veolia Environmental Services	Recycling Taxes 2010 1180.20
Public Employees Retirement	PERS Contribution 2737.02
Second River Joint Meeting	Second River Joint Meeting 2612.81
Joint meeting 3 <sup>rd</sup> River	Third River Joint Meeting 1248.00
Cliffside Body Corporation	Recycling Trust 2010 2500.00
Turn Out Uniforms Inc.	DWI 2010 39.99
Draeger Safety Diagnostics Inc.	2010 142.00
Watch Guard Digital Video	2010 256.00
Depository Trust Company	Interest on Bonds 38,525.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE

---

Darlene Post

---

Louis Fontana

---

Joseph Sisco

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by Councilmember Sisco, seconded by Councilmember Post, that the Council approve the following:

RESOLUTION [EX]

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into executive session during a Public Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Little Falls has deemed it necessary to go into executive session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Governing Body will reconvene;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls will go into executive session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A 10:4-12: Discussion of one personnel matter regarding new Business Administrator and two contractual matters regarding Blue Acres and the Township Attorney Contract.

\*\*\*\*\*

Poll:           Ayes:           Gonzalez, Post, Sisco, Vantuno and President Fontana  
                  Nays:           None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

The Council entered Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

At 8:55 p.m., the Council returned and it was moved by Councilmember Vantuno, seconded by Councilmember Sisco, that the meeting return to Open Session.

Poll:           Ayes:           Gonzalez, Post, Sisco, 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 Sisco, seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

---

William E. Wilk  
Municipal Clerk

---

Cynthia Meyer  
Deputy Municipal Clerk