

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2012

CALL TO ORDER BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT FONTANA

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE WAS READ

TAKE NOTICE THAT ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN 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 AUGUST 7, 2012; A COPY OF THE NOTICE WAS FAXED TO THE NORTH JERSEY HERALD & 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.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL MEMBERS MERCEDES GONZALEZ, LOU FONTANA, AND JOHN VANTUNO WERE PRESENT. COUNCIL MEMBERS PAM PORTER AND JOE SISCO WERE ABSENT. MAYOR DARLENE POST AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR JOANNE BERGIN WERE PRESENT.

A MOTION TO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WAS MADE BY GONZALEZ, SECONDED BY VANTUNO AND CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS "AYE" VOTE.

DONALD RADCLIFFE - LONG HILL ROAD - RESOLUTION "B" ON THE AGENDA IS TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO THE PASSAIC RIVER COALITION TO CREATE AN OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN. THERE IS AN ORGANIZATION WITH A SIMILAR SOUNDING NAME WHICH WORKED TO OBTAIN RIVERFRONT PROPERTIES AND THEN FAILED TO PAY THE REQUIRED TAXES. LITTLE FALLS WAS LEFT WITH AN UNPAID TAX BILL. IS THIS THE SAME ORGANIZATION? IF IT IS, WHY, BASED UPON THEIR PREVIOUS FAILURE, WOULD WE AWARD THEM A CONTRACT?

ARNOLD KOROTKIN- LONG HILL ROAD - BASED ON THE PRESENTATION AT THE EARLIER WORKSHOP MEETING, WOULD GROUP HOMES BE INCLUDED IN THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN?

REPOSSES

BERGIN- MR. RADCLIFFE, YES IT IS THE SAME GROUP. THEY DID NOT PAY THE TAXES AND LET IT GO TO TAX SALE. IT WAS NOT SOLD AT THE TAX SALE AND BECAME A LIEN OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP. THEIR PLAN IS TO DEMOLISH THE CURRENT STRUCTURES. THEY WILL PAY FOR THE COST OF DEMOLITION.

GONZALEZ - I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHAT IS THE ADVANTAGE?

BERGIN - THE COALITION GENERALLY LOW BALLS A BID FOR A PROPERTY BUYOUT. THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO THAT WHERE A MUNICIPALITY WORKING WITH GRANT MONIES CANNOT. IN THIS CASE, THEY FAILED TO FILE PAPERWORK.

FONTANA - IS THE DEED RESTRICTED?

GONZALEZ - THEY LOST MONEY?

BERGIN - NO. THEY HAVE STATE MONEY TO BUY THE PROPERTIES WITH THE INTENT TO DEMOLISH STRUCTURES AND DEED THE PROPERTY TO TOWNS.

VANTUNO - THEIR SOLE PURPOSE IS TO GET A LOW PRICE.

BERGIN - YES AND AFTERWARD THE PROPERTY IS OURS. THESE BUYOUT ACTIVITIES ARE DIFFERENT THAN RESOLUTION "C" WHICH IS ABOUT AN OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN.

FONTANA - ARE THEY EXPERIENCED?

BERGIN - YES. THEY WORK EXTENSIVELY WITH THE COUNTY.

VANTUNO - WILL THEY CONTINUE TO UPDATE THE PLAN?

BERGIN - NOT IN THIS PRICE. MR. RADCLIFFE IS CORRECT. THEY SCREWED UP.

FONTANA - MAYBE WE SHOULD HOLD ON THIS UNTIL WE HAVE MORE INFORMATION.

A MOTION TO CLOSE TO THE PUBLIC WAS MADE BY GONZALEZ, SECONDED BY VANTUNO AND CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS "AYE" VOTE.

A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION "A" WAS MADE BY GONZALEZ, SECONDED BY VANTUNO.

RESOLUTION [A] 12-08-13 - #1

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LITTLE FALLS TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION/PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION HAVE BEEN FILED AS FOLLOWS:

<u>LICENSE NO.</u>	<u>LICENSE AND/OR T/A NAME</u>	<u>FEE</u>
1605-33-005-008	A4M, LLC T/A TILTED KILT PUB 131 NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE	\$2,200.00

AND WHEREAS, IT APPEARS THAT THE SAID APPLICATIONS ARE IN SATISFACTORY FORM; THAT THE APPLICANTS HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS; THAT THE APPLICATIONS ARE FOR RENEWAL BY THE SAME PERSON(S) FOR THE SAME STAND; AND THAT NO OBJECTIONS, IN WRITING OR OTHERWISE, HAVE BEEN MADE OR FILED TO SAID APPLICATIONS; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL IS FAMILIAR WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED APPLICANTS AND THE PLACES FOR WHICH THEY APPLY AND SEES NO OBJECTION;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ABOVE-LISTED APPLICATIONS BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY GRANTED; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT LICENSES BE ISSUED ACCORDINGLY, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE ON JULY 1, 2012 AND EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2013.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS "AYE" VOTE.

RESOLUTION "B" WAS HELD FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION "C" WAS MADE BY GONZALEZ, SECONDED BY VANTUNO.

RESOLUTION [C] 12-08-13 - #2

WHEREAS, THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, GREEN ACRES PROGRAM ("STATE"), PROVIDES LOANS AND/OR GRANTS TO MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS AND GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE IN

THE ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF LANDS FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION AND CONSERVATION PURPOSES; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS DESIRES TO FURTHER THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY OBTAINING GRANT OF \$ 981,200 FROM THE STATE TO FUND THE FOLLOWING PROJECT: LITTLE FALLS TOWNSHIP BLUE ACRES ACQUISITIONS.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS RESOLVES THAT JOANNE BERGIN OR THE SUCCESSOR TO THE OFFICE OF TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO:

- (A) MAKE APPLICATION FOR SUCH A LOAN AND/OR SUCH A GRANT
- (B) PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPLICATION INFORMATION AND FURNISH SUCH DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED
- (C) ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED CORRESPONDENT OF THE ABOVE NAMED APPLICANT, AND

WHEREAS, THE STATE SHALL DETERMINE IF THE APPLICATION IS COMPLETE AND IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE SCOPE AND INTENT OF THE GREEN ACRES PROGRAM , AND NOTIFY THE APPLICANT OF THE AMOUNT OF THE FUNDING AWARD; AND

WHEREAS, THE APPLICANT IS WILLING TO USE THE STATE'S FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH RULES, REGULATIONS AND APPLICABLE STATUTES, AND IS WILLING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE FOR THE ABOVE NAMED PROJECT;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LITTLE FALLS GOVERNING BODY

1. THAT THE MAYOR OF THE ABOVE NAMED BODY OR BOARD IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENT THERETO WITH THE STATE KNOWN AS LITTLE FALLS TOWNSHIP BLUE ACRES ACQUISITIONS, AND;
2. THAT THE APPLICANT HAS ITS MATCHING SHARE OF THE PROJECT, IF A MATCH IS REQUIRED, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,943,600.
3. THAT, IN THE EVENT THE STATE'S FUNDS ARE LESS THAN THE TOTAL PROJECT COST SPECIFIED ABOVE, THE APPLICANT HAS THE BALANCE OF FUNDING NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT, AND;
4. THE APPLICANT AGREES TO COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS IN ITS PERFORMANCE OF THE PROJECT.
5. THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS "AYE" VOTE.

A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION "D" WAS MADE BY GONZALEZ, SECONDED BY VANTUNO.

RESOLUTION [D] 12-08-13 - #3

WHEREAS, IMPAIRED DRIVERS ON OUR NATION'S ROADS KILL SOMEONE EVERY 30 MINUTES, 50 PEOPLE PER DAY, AND ALMOST 18,000 PEOPLE EACH YEAR; AND

WHEREAS, 25% OF MOTOR VEHICLE FATALITIES IN NEW JERSEY ARE ALCOHOL-RELATED; AND

WHEREAS, AN ENFORCEMENT CRACKDOWN IS PLANNED TO COMBAT IMPAIRED DRIVING; AND

WHEREAS, THE SUMMER SEASON AND THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY IN PARTICULAR ARE TRADITIONALLY TIMES OF SOCIAL GATHERINGS WHICH INCLUDE ALCOHOL; AND

WHEREAS, THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY, HAS ASKED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE *DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER 2012 STATEWIDE CRACKDOWN*; AND

WHEREAS, THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE INCREASED IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FROM AUGUST 17 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3, 2012; AND

WHEREAS, AN INCREASE IN IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT AND A REDUCTION IN IMPAIRED DRIVING WILL SAVE LIVES ON OUR ROADWAYS;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS DECLARES ITS SUPPORT FOR THE *DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER 2012 STATEWIDE CRACKDOWN* FROM AUGUST 17 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3, 2012 AND PLEDGES TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE DANGERS OF DRINKING AND DRIVING.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS "AYE" VOTE.

A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION "E" WAS MADE BY VANTUNO, SECONDED BY GONZALEZ.

RESOLUTION [E] 12-08-13 - #4

WHEREAS, SINGAC MEMORIAL AMERICAN LEGION POST #108 WISHES TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL LABOR DAY ON PREMISE 50/50 RAFFLE ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2012 BETWEEN NOON TO 5:00PM; AND,

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE APPLICATION,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL DOES HEREBY APPROVE THE POST #108 APPLICATION FOR A RAFFLE LICENSE ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2012.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS "AYE" VOTE.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY GONZALEZ, SECONDED BY VANTUNO AND CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS "AYE" VOTE.