

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

**Monday, November 9, 2015**

Councilmember Maceri called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the following members present: James Damiano, William Liess and Pamela Porter. Also present were Mayor Darlene Conti, Township Attorney Leslie London, Township Engineer Dennis Lindsay, Township Administrator Charles Cuccia, and Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus.

Absent: Council President Louis Fontana

Township Employees present Lt. Steven Post, DPW Supt. Phillip Simone and Sgt. James Minnelli

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 – GENERAL MATTERS**

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

Poll:                   Ayes:                   Damiano, Liess, Maceri and Porter  
                              Nays:                   None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Mark Simolaris, 111 First Avenue, said his road was recently paved, but there are no curbs. He asked if there is a plan the town follows for installation of curbs.

Arnold Korotkin, Long Hill Road, explained that an old manhole cover was recently removed on Warren Street following roadwork in that area. He pointed out that this is a historic artifact and asked if it could be retrieved. Although a part-time employee has been hired to complete outstanding Council meeting minutes, Mr. Korotkin said the most recent minutes should also be approved on a regular basis. Mr. Korotkin reminded that he previously raised an issue regarding installation of prefab steps at Inwood Park. This matter must be addressed immediately, as it is a safety issue. Regarding the passage of Ordinance No. 1230, he asked if anything has been done to implement the paid ambulance service. He also voiced his understanding that a paid employee for the emergency medical service cannot also work in a volunteer capacity for the same town.

Louis Fernandez, Harrison Street, referred to the discussion of the overnight parking ordinance on tonight's agenda, and voiced his opinion that this is a great idea. He also asked the Council to make a request for the Passaic County Freeholders to appear at a Council meeting to explain why taxes are always increasing and services are decreasing.

Renea Shapiro, Walnut Street, asked that the Council consider discussion of several items on a future Workshop agenda as follows: adopting a park which can be maintained by some of the kids in town; the commencement of a beautification program in 2016; discussion about separating the Civic Center into two rooms to allow for more than one meeting/event at once. She also agreed that the Township is in need of the overnight parking ordinance.

Rosemarie Bello-Truland, High Court, said the real issue with parking is people parking on the street during the day; not at night. She would like the solution to address the actual problem.

Frank Lupo & Dorothy Zambrano, 11 Overlook Avenue, said Mr. Lupo has been arguing with the township about a drainage system that runs into his yard and is not draining properly, and is therefore ruining the pool in his yard. They have filed a tort claim and tried many approaches to address this. He would like it fixed or the pipe to be rerouted. The Township has not helped to resolve this issue. His only other option is to close the hole in his yard with cement, which will cause flooding on the street.

John Veteri, Prospect Street, sees there is a discussion about overnight parking tonight. He pulled the last code on this, which was adopted in 2005. This town has always had overnight parking. There are a lot of cars on the street at night and it is a problem. This is a good way to restore order. Our neighboring towns all have the overnight parking ban. He couldn't find whether or not commercial vehicles are allowed to be parked on residential property. The Council should look into this.

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

Poll:                   Ayes:                   Damiano, Liess, Maceri and Porter  
                              Nays:                   None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Mr. Lindsay explained that the town applies for road paving, curbs and sidewalks through grants. The Township also runs a road paving program. Mr. Simone explained that the Township is currently trying to catch up with their road resurfacing program, as it takes approximately 22 years to resurface all of the roads in town. He also clarified

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that there is curbing on First Avenue. The town has been trying to address the streets that have no curbing or sidewalks through grants.

Regarding the manhole cover that was removed, Mr. Simone informed that he has it at the DPW yard and he can keep it if the Mayor and Council wish to do so.

Mrs. Kraus agreed to have one set of recent minutes prepared for approval, in addition to the older minutes.

Mr. Lindsay said he has spoken with the contractor about the steps at Inwood Park; they discussed some options to fix the mistakes. The railings are not in place and the area is supposed to be barricaded. He will contact the contractor again to let him know he must finish the project.

Mr. Cuccia said he has been working on the paid EMS plan with Fire Chief Sweezy. The requests for employment should be going out sometime this month. He also explained that the adoption of the new ordinance separated the EMS and the Fire Department. Therefore, the issue of having a paid employee as a volunteer will be eliminated. Mr. Cuccia said he would address overnight parking questions during the presentation.

Mayor Conti said she will request the Freeholders to attend a future Council meeting.

Mr. Simone said it is a nice idea to adopt a park; however, the responsibility to maintain these properties falls on the Township. This is something that must be looked at carefully.

Mr. Cuccia said he would speak with Mr. Pace about separating the rooms at the Civic Center.

Mr. Lindsay said he has looked at Mr. Lupo's property with Mr. Simone in the past. It is unclear who installed the pipe and the property owner has not provided any information to show that the town installed the pipe. Mr. Cuccia informed that he advised Mr. Lupo to file a tort claim to allow the insurance company to review the situation as well. After review, his claim was denied.

### ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

#### **ADMINISTRATOR:**

1. GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM PRESENTATION

At this time Mr. Cuccia presented a power point to the Council on the Green Infrastructure Program, and explained that a rain garden at the Municipal Building and a rain collection system at the DPW yard would be the two most feasible projects. These are the least expensive options and would meet the requirements of the grant. No decision needs to be made tonight; this is for review only. In response to Councilmember Maceri, Mr. Cuccia and Mr. Simone said this would have to be completed by the Spring.

2. BUDGET TRANSFER RESOLUTION

Mr. Cuccia informed that there would be a budget transfer resolution for consideration by the Council at the next Regular meeting.

3. CHAPTER 159 RESOLUTION

Mr. Cuccia informed that there would be a resolution for consideration by the Council at the next Regular meeting in the amount of \$2,689.05 for the Body Armor Fund. This will be used for bullet proof vests for the new Police Officers.

4. RESOLUTION TO CANCEL CURRENT FUND BALANCES – GRANTS RECEIVABLE

Mr. Cuccia explained that this resolution was recommended by the Auditors; it was a comment that was made in the 2014 Audit. The resolution is to eliminate some old outstanding balances of grants and will be on the next Regular meeting agenda for consideration.

5. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 82, FIRE PREVENTION

Mr. Cuccia explained that our current ordinance indicates that the Fire Prevention employees are appointed by the Governing Body. However, the State Statute says the Mayor makes these appointments under this form of government. The proposed ordinance would correct that error.

6. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-7.7, POLICE DIVISION SECTION, DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBER OF THE DIVISION

Mr. Cuccia explained that the accreditation company who is working with the Police Department has recommended changes to the Township's ordinance to bring the department up to standard.

7. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 122-19 RESPECTING THE REVOCATION OF LICENSES OR PERMITS FOR FAILURE TO PAY TAXES

Mr. Cuccia said this change has to do with the status of a tenant who is operating as a business. He explained that it does not seem fair to stop someone from running their business because the owner is not paying the taxes. This amendment changes that condition of the ordinance.

8. PEACE AND GOOD ORDER ORDINANCE

Mr. Cuccia said there is currently an ordinance in place which is not very detailed. In response to Councilmember Damiano, Mr. Cuccia explained that these recommendations are coming from the Police Department.

9. ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF BAZAARS, CARNIVALS, CIRCUSES AND FESTIVALS

Mr. Cuccia explained that the current ordinance is more general than the proposed ordinance.

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### 10. ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF CAROUSELS, WHIPS AND MOBILE AMUSEMENT DEVICES

Mr. Cuccia explained that this ordinance will also be updated.

At this time, Councilmember MACERI asked when the original fire prevention ordinance was passed. Mr. Cuccia said this was done when the Code was established after the change of government; however, the Township does not have the authority to change the requirements of the Statutes. Councilmember MACERI asked if the Council can now amend this ordinance if they did not have the authority to approve it in the first place. Ms. London said she would review this.

### 11. INTRODUCTION OF BOND ORDINANCE #1233, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS UNITS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$545,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$518,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF", WITH A SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 23, 2015

Mr. Cuccia explained that this item was previously discussed with the Council. This is to fund breathing apparatus for the Fire Department, which must be replaced before the end of the year.

It was moved by Councilmember Damiano, seconded by Councilmember Porter, that there be and introduced and the meeting of November 23, 2015 set as the date and time for the public hearing on the following:

#### BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1234

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS UNITS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$545,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$518,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Little Falls, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey (the "Township") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$545,000, including the sum of \$27,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$518,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the acquisition of self-contained breathing apparatus units for the Fire Department, including all related costs and expenditures necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Township may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 10 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$518,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$54,500 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

Section 7. The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with

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any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Poll: Ayes: Damiano, Liess, Maceri and Porter  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

At this time, Mr. Simone gave detailed explanations on Items 12 & 13, and asked the Council to give approval on these awards tonight, as they are trying to start these projects as soon as possible.

**12. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD AND EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH RGH ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR COMPLETION OF WORK AT 138 WILLIAM STREET – It was moved by Councilmember Porter, seconded by Councilmember Liess, that the Council approve the following:**

RESOLUTION [A] 15-11-9 - #1  
AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR  
ELEVATION WORK AT 138 WILLIAM STREET

WHEREAS the Township of Little Falls solicited bids for elevation work at 138 William Street, which were received and reviewed by the Superintendent of Public Works and the Township Attorney as follows:

RGH Enterprises, Inc.  
Maplewood, NJ 07040  
Base Bid: \$205,000.00  
Total Bid with Alternates: \$233,600.00

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has provided a Certification of the Availability of Funds (a copy of which is appended to the original of the within Resolution) pursuant to Rule 5:30-1.10 of the Local Finance Board, and the appropriation to be charged for this expenditure is Bond Ordinance No. ; and

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

1) That the bid of  
RGH Enterprises, Inc.  
7 Jefferson Avenue  
Maplewood, NJ 07040  
in the amount of  
\$205,000.00

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.

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Poll: Ayes: Damiano, Liess, Maceri and Porter  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

**13. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD AND EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH RGH ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR COMPLETION OF WORK AT 145 WILLIAM STREET – It was moved by Councilmember Porter, seconded by Councilmember Liess, that the Council approve the following:**

RESOLUTION [B] 15-11-9 - #2  
AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR  
THE ELEVATION OF 145 WILLIAM STREET

WHEREAS the Township of Little Falls solicited bids for the elevation of 145 William Street, which were received and reviewed by the Superintendent of Public Works and the Township Attorney as follows:

RGH Enterprises, Inc.  
Maplewood, NJ 07040  
Base Bid: \$38,000.00, plus 20% material markup

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has provided a Certification of the Availability of Funds (a copy of which is appended to the original of the within Resolution) pursuant to Rule 5:30-1.10 of the Local Finance Board, and the appropriation to be charged for this expenditure is Bond Ordinance No. ; and

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

1) That the bid of  
RGH Enterprises, Inc.  
7 Jefferson Avenue  
Maplewood, NJ 07040  
in the amount of  
\$38,000.00

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.

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Poll: Ayes: Damiano, Liess, Maceri and Porter  
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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In response to Councilmember Damiano, Mr. Cuccia provided clarification of Bond Ordinance No. 1234, noting that the town is required to replace these air packs by 1/1/16 in order to comply with OSHA. The Township was denied a grant to fund this.

### ***DPW SUPERINTENDENT:***

1. **NJ TRANSIT BUS STOP RELOCATION**  
Mr. Simone explained that NJ Transit is asking for a bus stop location in town to be moved. If the town would consider this, there will be a resolution at the next meeting to approve it, which would then be forwarded to the County for approval. The resolution would then be forwarded to the County for approval. We need it as an ordinance at the next meeting.
2. **STOP SIGNS FOR PASSAIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL – PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGE**  
Mr. Simone explained that he has been working with Tim Platt at the high school and they have installed one stop sign. There are three additional areas of the school that come out onto a county road; he recommended that stop signs be placed at all of these locations. This would require an amendment to the Township's ordinances. Mr. Cuccia said he has requested that the Board of Education send the Township a formal letter requesting this. In response to Councilmember Damiano, Mr. Lindsay said he could review this and issue a letter. Mr. Cuccia suggested doing a study through the Police Department first. Councilmember DAMIANO said there is a fifth stop sign that he thinks should also be addressed.
3. **AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR HOUSE DEMOLITONS**  
Mr. Simone is asking for authorization to go out to bid for four more house demolitions, which would be covered under FEMA. There is also an additional house on Woodcliffe Avenue that needs to be demolished, which would be covered by Township funds.
4. **BASKETBALL HOOP ORDINANCE**  
Mr. Simone explained that this ordinance was prepared and amended a few months ago and he is hoping to have it introduced at the next meeting. In response to Councilmember Damiano, Ms. London explained that they would have to investigate to see who should receive notices about this. Mr. Cuccia said the peace and good order ordinance also has restrictions on playing ball in the street, which may require changes to the basketball hoop ordinance.
5. **MEMORIAL PARK TREE PLANTING HONORING JAMES NASH**  
Mr. Simone said the town received a letter from Mrs. Nash requesting to plant a tree in Memorial Park in honor of her late husband, James Nash. He is asking the Council for permission to plant this tree with a plaque. Councilmember PORTER voiced her understanding that they were not doing anymore tree plantings in the park. Mr. Simone explained that there are two dying trees at the park that need to be removed and Mrs. Nash has agreed to replace one of the trees. Councilmember PORTER suggested that they plant a tree on school property instead, as he was very involved in the school. Mr. Simone will look into this.

### ***POLICE LIEUTENANT***

Lieutenant Post explained that this month is No-Shave November, in which the members of the Police Department will be participating. Everyone will forgo shaving for the month and donate \$50, which will be donated to the local Cancer Society or a local family.

1. **DISCUSSION OF OVERNIGHT PARKING ORDINANCE**  
Lieutenant Post said the Police Department has only ever enforced overnight parking when complaints were called in. At a point in time, they started issuing permits for exemptions, which became very time consuming. He thinks the issue needs to be reviewed, but he doesn't believe there can be a zero tolerance policy on every street. The department would need time to develop a process for exemptions. Councilmember DAMIANO is interested in reviewing this topic further, but said he thinks it will help to identify overcrowding or houses with illegal apartments.

### **COUNCIL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

Councilmember LIESS reminded that he had previously reported on his attendance at Senior group meetings, where they discussed Senior Citizens being scammed. He was very proactive about getting information out to the Seniors about this. After attending a meeting in Passaic County with various towns, he said he was very pleased with Little Falls, noting that we have a nice facility with the most attendance at meetings. Also, Little Falls is the only town that hosts an annual Senior Citizen dance.

Councilmember DAMIANO said he would like to discuss the idea of the Township acquiring a grant writer who would be paid based on the grants they write or acquire. He also congratulated the new Police Officers who were recently sworn in, but asked that this be done at a Council meeting in the future. Mayor Conti said she will advise everyone in the future, but said they do not want to do this at Council meetings any longer, as the officers would like to invite everyone to come out and celebrate afterward.

Councilmember DAMIANO said the town received a grant to explore what could be done with the old municipal building. Mr. Cuccia said this is not a Township grant, but it is through the Historical Society.

Councilmember DAMIANO said there was a Technology Committee meeting recently, where they discussed the replacement of hardware in the Town Hall before there are any issues.

Councilmember DAMIANO said he is very pleased with the new bus shelters.

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Councilmember DAMIANO asked for an update on the Route 3/Route 46 project and a timeline. He also questioned the status of the Transit Village application process. Referring to the closure of Route 23 this weekend, he asked what kind of notice was provided to business owners.

Mr. Cuccia said the award was made for Route 3/Route 46 project, and they expect to start in the Spring of 2016. He also informed that they are currently working on the budget and the plan for the Transit Village application and will start the formal application in 2016.

Mr. Simone said he has a meeting with the NJDOT next week regarding the Route 3/Route 46 project; he will report back to the Council. Referring to the closure of Route 23 over the weekend, Mr. Simone explained that this is a project that was arranged by the State of NJ; they are planning to redo all of Route 23 before the winter. He clarified that the southbound traffic did not get closed down until later at night, but they did allow the traffic to continue. The DOT has been regulating this project. In response to Mayor Conti, Mr. Simone said he was not aware as to whether or not the business owners along Route 23 were notified of this project. Mayor Conti also pointed out that two of the bus shelters in town are different colors. Mr. Simone said he would reach out to NJ Transit about this.

Councilmember DAMIANO said the new gateway signs look outstanding and thanked all who donated them.

### **PUBLIC PORTION – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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

Poll:           Ayes:           Damiano, Liess, Maceri and Porter  
                  Nays:           None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Arnold Korokin, Long Hill Road, informed that the notice regarding road work on Route 23 was not received until about 1:00 p.m. on Friday. Regarding the stop sign at the high school, he said the student advocates for safety should be commended for initially raising this issue. He suggested that the town consider a stop sign ordinance that is consistent with NJDOT regulations to make these signs enforceable. He pointed out that both the County and the Township will need concurrent ordinances for this.

Louis Fernandez, Harrison Street, asked about the time frame for overnight parking. He also asked if a new Police Chief has been appointed. Regarding the peace and good order ordinance, he agrees with the idea of restricting playing in the street, and questioned who would be held responsible if someone's property was damaged.

Rosemarie Bello-Truland, High Court, said they have been discussing overnight parking for years. She doesn't think overnight parking permits will address the issue of illegal apartments. She voiced her understanding that the overnight parking situation does not impact Police functioning in town and said the Police Department cannot ticket everyone who is parking illegally overnight. She also asked what happened to the Eagle Rescue Squad by virtue of the paid EMS.

Ms. Truland also voiced her opinion that kids should be able to play in the street, adding that everyone should have insurance in the case of property damage.

John Veteri, Prospect Street, explained that the Township used to make a lot of money issuing tickets when the overnight parking ordinance was in effect.

Maria Cordonnier, 648 Upper Mountain Avenue, said one potential benefit to the overnight parking ordinance is safety, as you will become familiar with the cars that should or shouldn't be parked on the street.

Renea Shapiro, Walnut Street, asked what happened to the previous studies on overnight parking, and said many residents feel safer when cars are off the street. She suggested that the apartments on Main Street have permit parking.

Ms. Shapiro also suggested planting more trees in town to absorb water.

Rosemarie Bello-Truland, asked if there is any evidence that the suspension of this ordinance has had any effect on the safety of the town during the night. She doesn't see a problem with parking on the street.

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

Poll:           Ayes:           Damiano, Liess, Maceri and Porter  
                  Nays:           None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Mr. Cuccia agreed that the Township ordinance would have to agree with the County ordinance for stop signs. Councilmember MACERI asked for a time frame on the ordinance. Lieutenant Post said they would need to discuss a plan and how it will be enforced, and said this would take at least four months. In response to Councilmember Porter, Mr. Simone said the town has addressed one side of the street parking to solve the issue of emergency vehicles having enough room. Mr. Lindsay pointed out that not all roads have been addressed yet. Mr. Simone said he would give a report on the next section once he completes the measurements. Councilmember MACERI explained that the overnight parking ordinance would eliminate on-street parking during the day, as well as helping to improve safety issues.

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Lieutenant Post explained that the Nixle notification system is for traffic purposes. Regarding notification to residents and businesses, it is the responsibility of the contractor to do this.

Mr. Simone said the Shade Tree Commission meeting will be held on the last Tuesday of the month, adding that they have discussed tree plantings. He invited Ms. Shapiro to attend the meeting.

Mr. Cuccia said the Eagle Rescue Squad will function as a company for the Fire Department.

Mayor Conti said she would make an announcement at the next meeting regarding the appointment of a Police Chief.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

It was moved by Councilmember Porter, seconded by Councilmember Liess, 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.

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Poll:                   Ayes:                   Damiano, Liess, Maceri and Porter  
                          Nays:                   None

The Council President declared the motion passed

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Damiano, seconded by Councilmember Liess, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

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Cynthia Kraus  
Municipal Clerk