

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

Monday, March 25, 2024

Council President Anthony Sgobba called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Christine Hablitz, Michael Murphy, Jayna Patel, and Christopher Vancheri. Also present were Mayor James Damiano, Township Attorney Carol Marquez, Township Administrator Charles Cuccia, Assistant Township Administrator Vincent Quatrone, Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus, and Deputy Clerk Melissa DePiro.

Absent: None.

Township Employees present: Police Chief Prall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE: 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 January 4, 2024. A copy of the notice was sent 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. **A link and a telephone number to join the meeting virtually can be accessed on the Township website at www.lfnj.com. Electronic provisions have been established for the public to participate during the public comment portion of the meeting.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the February 26, 2024, and the Workshop Meeting of March 11, 2024, be and they were approved.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION- At this time, Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation recognizing March 2024 as Women's History Month in the Township of Little Falls. He then individually honored three women in the Township who made an impact to the community including Jane Kasten, Nadine Heinis and Sgt. Daniel Strothers-Fleck.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember MURPHY reported the Domestic Violence Prevention Committee will be holding another Dine to Donate event at Maggie's Town Tavern on March 27th. He also thanked Joan Nixon of the Passaic County Prosecutor's office for conducting training with the Committee. Lastly, Councilmember MURPHY commented on a meeting with the Council President, Business Administrator and Assistant Business Administrator regarding the budget.

Councilmember PATEL thanked the Clifton Health Department for attending the Senior Advisory St. Patrick's Day event and reiterated information on the free dental clinic available to school age children. Councilmember PATEL then announced Passaic Valley High School Operation Graduation is sponsoring a tricky tray on April 18th and a Clothing and Shoe Drive on April 14th, along with the 6th Annual Autism Awareness Walk on April 14th.

Councilmember HABLITZ announced the Bike Rodeo is scheduled for May 4th for children ages 6 and up. She also noted her attendance at the Family Fun Night sponsored by the Little Falls Biz at the Library. Lastly, Councilmember HABLITZ announced the application for an Open Space grant for Louis Street Park was submitted this week.

Councilmember VANCHERI announced the annual Autism Awareness Month flag raising ceremony will be held on April 2nd at 6pm. Events are also being planned for Mental Health Awareness Month and Memorial Day Weekend. Councilmember VANCHERI then highlighted Township events including the Little Falls Biz Family Fun Night at the Library, a Boy Scout pasta event, and upcoming basketball championships.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Council President SGOBBA commented on the success of the St. Patrick's Day event sponsored by the Senior Advisory Board and thanked those who helped. He further announced a program on knee pain management will be held this Wednesday at the Civic Center. Council President SGOBBA thanked the Police Department for their assistance with a parking issue involving the Historical Society.

Chief Prall announced the Police Department is a recipient of a Distracted Driving Grant which will include 100 hours of enforcement beginning April 1st.

At this time, Council President SGOBBA also announced three new additions to the Hometown Hero program.

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ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Carol Marquez commented on recent changes to Affordable Housing law.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Anyone wishing to address the Township Council may do so through the Council President. It is preferred if you give your name and address for the record. Comments are to be limited to three minutes, however, if appropriate, you may be granted additional time in the sole discretion of the Council President.

Members of the public who have joined the Meeting virtually and desire to provide comment shall raise their virtual hand in the Zoom application. The Meeting Moderator will queue the members of the public that wish to provide comment and the Council President will recognize them in order. Members of the public who have joined the Meeting by calling in must press *6 to mute and unmute themselves and *9 to raise their hand. Members of the public who have joined the Meeting via the Zoom application must click the Reactions icon and then the Raise Hand icon. Once the process is complete, we will return to the regular order of business.

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

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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 will be enacted with a single motion.

REPORTS

Municipal Clerk’s Report – Month of February 2024

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT
Month of February 2024

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| ABC LICENSES | | |
| OTHER LICENSES | | |
| Business Licenses | \$2,375.00 | |
| Pre-paid Business Licenses | | |
| Raffle Licenses | 100.00 | |
| | | \$2,475.00 |
| REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS | | |
| Fees & Permits | \$456.00 | |
| Marriage Licenses-LF | 150.00 | |
| Marriage Licenses-NJ | 18.00 | |
| | | \$624.00 |
| MRNA | | |
| Street Maps | | |
| Zoning Maps | | |
| Zoning Ordinances | | |
| Document Copies | | |
| Garage Sales | | |
| Misc. Fees & Refunds: | \$75.00 | |
| | | \$75.00 |
| TOTAL MRNA | | \$75.00 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT | | \$3,174.00 |
| TOTAL TO TREASURER | | <u>\$3,174.00</u> |

Municipal Clerks Dog/Cat License Report - Month of February 2024

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT
Month of February 2024

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|---|----------------|
| Dog Licenses issued 02/01/2024 thru 02/29/2024 | |
| Nos. 220 to 225 = Licenses | |
| Amount due Little Falls | \$40.80 |
| Amount due State | \$13.20 |
| Total Cash Received | \$54.00 |
| Cat Licenses issued 02/01/2024 thru 02/28/2024 | |
| Nos. to Licenses Issued | |
| Total Cash Received | \$ |
| Total to Treas. | <u>\$54.00</u> |

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Tax Collector's Report – Month of February 2024

Municipality of Township of Little Falls
 Office of the Tax Collector
 Township of Little Falls Current Account, Lakeland Bank
 Revenues Collector for the Month of February 2024

| Categories 01- | February 1-29, 2024 | 2024 Year to Date |
|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 2024 Taxes | \$9,009,086.69 | 12,146,038.35 |
| 2020-2023 Taxes | 85,475.18* | 201,952.15 |
| Interest | 10,497.91* | 15,857.25 |
| Insufficient Check Fee | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| 6% Penalty | 1,545.09* | 5,704.73 |
| PILOT in-lieu of taxes | 167,575.42 | 181,120.59 |
| GRAND TOTALS | \$9,274,200.29 | \$12,550,693.07 |

Delinquent 2020 Taxes 2,240.64 (bankruptcy).
 Delinquent 2021 Taxes 4,519.28 (bankruptcy).
 Delinquent 2022 Taxes 4,623.40 (bankruptcy).
 Delinquent 2023 Taxes 713,227.46 (subject to tax sale 2024)
 Delinquent 2024 Taxes 829,204.63 (1st qtr).
Total Delinquent Taxes \$1,571,815.41

2024 Refunds this month = -\$0.00
 2024 Year to date refunds = -\$0.00
Breakdown of refunds for years 2019-2024 completed in 2024(see attached).

REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2024

| Months | 2019 STCJ | 2020 STCJ | 2021 STCJ | 2022 STCJ | 2023 STCJ | 2023 CBJ | 2024 CBJ | 2024 Regular | 2024 Senior/Veteran | Exempt 2024 | Totals By Months |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|
| January | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| February | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$416.81 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$416.81 |
| Totals | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$416.81 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$416.81 |

Note: The above figures represent the months that the Tax Collector did the adjustments in the computer; the Resolution(s) may have been adopted in the next month.

STCJ = State Tax Court Judgments.
 CBJ= County Board Judgments.

Municipality of Township of Little Falls
 Office of the Tax Collector
 Township of Little Falls Tax Collector Trust 1 (Lien Monies), Lakeland Bank
 Revenues for the Month of February 2024

| | Deposit | 2024 Year-to-Date |
|--|---------|-------------------|
| January 2024 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| February 2024 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Total Collected as of February 29, 2024 | | \$ 0.00 |

Municipality of Township of Little Falls
 Office of the Tax Collector
 Township of Little Falls Tax Collector Trust 2 (Lien Premium Monies), Lakeland Bank
 Revenues for the Month of February 2024

| | Liens with Premiums Redeemed/ (-) | Bal. /Dep. (+) |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Balance Brought Forward (January 1, 2024) | | \$354,100.00 |
| January 2024 | \$ 0.00 | \$354,100.00 |
| February 2024 | \$ 0.00 | \$354,100.00 |
| Ending Balance as of February 29, 2024 | | \$354,100.00 |

Recreation Report – Month of February 2024

| Recreation Center – February 2024 | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Program | Facility | # Classes | Hours | Participants |
| Zumba Gold | Gym | 7 | 7 | 84 |
| Zumba Tone | Multi | 7 | 7 | 140 |
| Yoga | Multi | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| Fit 4 U | Gym | 4 | 4 | 46 |
| Gentle Yoga/Fit Over Fifty | Gym | 4 | 8 | 60 |
| Tai Chi/Qi Gong | Gym | 3 | 6 | 57 |
| Pickle Ball | Gym | 16 | 40 | 320 |
| Girls Show/Cheer | Gym | 19 | 57 | 171 |
| Girls Show/Exercise | Multi | 15 | 45 | 285 |
| Girl Scout Cookie Sale | Rec | 1 | 5 | 40 |
| Fencing | Gym | 4 | 8 | 56 |
| Indoor Soccer | Gym | 4 | 24 | 700 |
| Champions | Gym | 3 | 3 | 72 |
| Men's Basketball | Gym | 5 | 15 | 240 |
| Travel Basketball | Gym | 9 | 30 | 480 |
| Recreation Basketball | Gym | 15 | 58 | 925 |
| Basketball Clinic | Gym | 1 | 3 | 72 |
| | | 119 | 322 | 3,762 |

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Civic Center Report – Month of February 2024

| Month of February 2024 | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------|
| Meeting Group | # of Meetings | Hours | Participants |
| Senior Clubs | 7 | 42 | 175 |
| Senior Dessert & Dance on Valentines Day | 1 | 5 | 45 |
| Girl Scouts | 1 | 2 | 10 |
| Stamp Club | 2 | 4 | 20 |
| Girls Show/Exercise | 4 | 12 | 100 |
| Little Falls Football Parents (LFFPA) | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Alliance for a Better Community (ABC) | 1 | 2 | 10 |
| Little Falls CERT | 1 | 2 | 20 |
| Harry Legg Tai Chi Program | 1 | 2 | 15 |
| Totals | 19 | 74 | 400 |

Police Department Report – Month of February 2024

OPERATION DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT –February 2024

| Type of Arrest | Total |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Total Calls for Service | 4079 |
| Total Operation Reports Generated | 263 |
| Total Investigation Reports Generated | 34 |
| Total Arrests | 11 |

Arrest Summary

| Type of Arrest | Total |
|--|-------|
| Outstanding Warrants - ATS | 3 |
| Driving While Intoxicated | 2 |
| Outstanding Warrants – ACS | 1 |
| Unlawful Possession of a Weapon/Handgun | 1 |
| Burglary | 1 |
| Terroristic Threats | 1 |
| Contempt of Court Order (DV) | 1 |
| Theft by Unlawful Taking (Motor Vehicle) | 1 |

Patrol Bureau Time & Attendance

| Type of Hours | Total |
|---|-------|
| Vacation | 0 |
| Holiday | 108 |
| Compensatory | 141.5 |
| Sick | 86.5 |
| Personal time | 24 |
| Credit time | 220.5 |
| Administrative | 0 |
| PBA Day | 12 |
| Schedule Transition | 31 |
| Bereavement | 0 |
| Overtime due to Training | 8 |
| Overtime hours to maintain minimum staffing level | 23 |
| Overtime due to incident/weather/other event | 46.5 |

TRAFFIC SAFETY SECTION

| Type of Hours | Total |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| TRAFFIC STUDIES | 2 |
| SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT DETAILS | 146(Dept) 5 (742) 0 (732) |
| RADAR DETAILS | 163(Dept) 1 (742) 42 (732) |
| MOTOR VEHICLES COMPLAINTS | 11 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS | 839 (Dept) 12 (742) 61 (732) |
| SUMMONS ISSUED | 400 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH REPORTS | 52 |
| SAFETY STICK VIOLATIONS ISSUED | 123 |

Communications Bureau Time & Attendance

| Type of Hours | Total |
|--|-------|
| Vacation | 12 |
| Holiday | 90 |
| Compensatory | 10.5 |
| Sick | 0 |
| Personal time | 0 |
| Credit time | 34.5 |
| Scheduled Transition | 4 |
| Bereavement | 0 |
| OT Covered by Full Time | 171 |
| OT Covered by Per Diem | 0 |
| OT Covered by Supervisor | 32 |
| OT Due to Training | 154.5 |
| Overtime due to incident/weather/other event | 0 |

Communications Bureau Calls for Service

| Type of Hours | Total |
|---------------|-------|
| 9-1-1 | 189 |
| NON-EMERGENCY | 501 |
| WALK-IN | 19 |
| RADIO | 2,006 |
| MDT | 1,380 |
| TOTAL CFS | 4,079 |

| LITTLE FALLS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT NEW JERSEY CRASH STATISTICAL REPORT From Date: 02/01/2024 To Date:02/29/2024 | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION | | | | | | |
| REPORTABLE ACCIDENT 31 | NON-REPORTABLE 3 | SR1 0 | HIT & RUN 2 | TOTAL CRASH REPORTS 34 | | |
| 6- TIME OF THE ACCIDENT 8 - KILLED 9 - INJURED | | | | | | |
| 0001-0600 0 | 0601-1200 9 | 1201-1800 20 | 1801-2359 5 | INTERSECTION 5 | FATALITIES 0 | INJURIES 3 |
| 5 - DAY OF THE WEEK | | | | | | |
| SUNDAY 2 | MONDAY 3 | TUESDAY 9 | WEDNESDAY 3 | THURSDAY 6 | FRIDAY 9 | SATURDAY 2 |

| LITTLE FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT Operations Division Monthly Report | | | | | |
|--|---|--------|------|---------------------------------------|--------|
| CODE | CALL FOR SERVICE | TOTALS | CODE | CALL FOR SERVICE | TOTALS |
| 0610 | THEFT | 11 | 6336 | DISABLED MV | 19 |
| 0613 | THEFT SHOPLIFTING | 1 | 6510 | PARKING ENFORCEMENT | 239 |
| 0614 | BURGLARY TO MOTOR VEHICLE | 1 | 6602 | ABANDONED IMPOND/TOWAWAY | 1 |
| 0619 | THEFT ALL OTHERS | 1 | 6608 | ESCORTS | 4 |
| 0710 | MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT | 1 | 6610 | MOTORIST ASSIST | 1 |
| 0800 | SIMPLE ASSAULT | 3 | 6612 | SIGNALS SIGNS OUT | 1 |
| 1010 | FORGERY | 1 | 6614 | TRAFFIC POST | 2 |
| 1110 | BAD CHECKS | 1 | 6615 | TRAFFIC COUNTER DEPLOYMENT/RADAR SIGN | 2 |
| 1130 | FRAUD ALL OTHERS | 1 | 6616 | TRAFFIC STUDY | 9 |
| 1145 | COMPUTER CRIMES | 1 | 7003 | PROPERTY CHECK/AREA CHECK | 1046 |
| 1440 | CRIMINAL MISCHIEF ALL | 1 | 7004 | VACANT HOME CHECK | 7 |
| 1445 | PROPERTY DAMAGE REPORT | 9 | 7006 | LOCK OUT | 2 |
| 1810 | CDS | 1 | 7008 | MEDICAL ASSISTANCE | 66 |
| 2111 | DWI - ALCOHOLL/UNDER INFL | 2 | 7010 | NOTIFICATIONS | 8 |
| 2415 | DISPUTE | 11 | 7014 | OTH PUB SERV/WELFARE CHK | 20 |
| 2420 | DISORDERLY CONDUCT/HARASSMENT | 4 | 7015 | ASSIST CITIZEN | 9 |
| 2450 | NOISE COMPLAINT | 14 | 7025 | EMOTIONALLY DISTURED PERSION (EDP) | 5 |
| 2485 | ALARM ALL OTHERS | 3 | 7050 | PROPERTY CHECK SCHOOL FACILITIES | 254 |
| 2619 | VIOLATION OF TRO/FRO | 1 | 7055 | BAR/TAVERN CHECK | 41 |
| 2640 | MUNICIPAL ORD VIOLATIONS/OTHER OFFENSES | 13 | 7504 | ASSISTING-OTHER POLICE DP | 14 |
| 2656 | THREATS | 1 | 7505 | ASSIST OTHER PD-ALCO-TEST | 1 |
| 2657 | HARASSMENT | 1 | 7506 | ASSISTING - OTHER AGENCIES | 7 |
| 2660 | TRESPASSING | 1 | 7510 | UTILITIES PROBLEM | 1 |
| 4014 | OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS GENERAL POLICE | 4 | 7585 | ASSIST SCHOOL | 4 |
| 4018 | STREET LIGHTS-OUT/REPAIRS | 2 | 8110 | WARRANTS-OTHER AGENCIES | 4 |
| 4019 | SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY CDS RELATED | 1 | 8212 | WARRANTS-CONTEMPT OF COURT | 1 |
| 4020 | SUSPICIOUS AUTO GENERAL POLICE | 8 | 8226 | WARRANTS-MUNICIPAL BENCH WARRANT | 1 |
| 4021 | SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY | 11 | 8504 | PRISONER WATCH/JAIL DUTY/TRANSPORT | 1 |
| 4022 | SUSPICIOUS PERSON GENERAL POLICE | 5 | 9002 | ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES | 15 |
| 4026 | DOWN-WIRES/POLES/TREES/LIMBS | 10 | 9003 | COMMUNITY POLICING | 7 |
| 4028 | OTHER NON-CRIMINAL INV GENERAL POLICE | 7 | 9006 | SICK DAY | 15 |
| 4040 | PATROL INVESTIGATION | 6 | 9007 | CHECK SCHOOL GUARD/COVER SCHOOL POST | 130 |
| 4051 | ALARM BURGLARY OR HOLD UP RESIDENCE | 12 | 9008 | COURT | 6 |
| 4052 | ALARM BURGLARY OR HOLD UP NON RESIDENCE | 9 | 9010 | IN SERVICE TRAINING | 70 |
| 4100 | ALARMS (FIRE ALARMS) | 6 | 9012 | OTHER MAINTENANCE | 3 |
| 4143 | FIRE-VEHICLE FIRE | 1 | 9013 | CHURCH CROSSING POST | 1 |
| 4151 | FIRE-APPLIANCE FIRE | 4 | 9020 | POLICE INFORMATION | 1 |
| 4157 | FUMES- ODOR OF GAS | 1 | 9021 | TRAINING | 1 |
| 4158 | FUMES - ODOR NON-GAS | 1 | 9027 | FIREARMS APPLICATION | 6 |
| 4159 | SMOKE CONDITION | 2 | 9028 | FINGERPRINT | 6 |
| 4170 | ASSIST - POLICE DEPARTMENT | 5 | 9029 | CIVIL MATTER | 7 |
| 4175 | MEETING | 67 | 9030 | SPECIAL DETAIL ASSIGNMENT | 53 |
| 4191 | FIRE-VEHICLE MAINTENANCE | 3 | 9034 | REPOSSESSION | 1 |
| 4422 | MEDICAL-OVERDOSE/POISONING | 2 | 9035 | L.E.A.D. PROGRAM/DRUG AWARENESS | 14 |
| 5004 | FOUND ARTICLES | 4 | 9050 | BACKGROUND CHECK | 7 |
| 5008 | LOST ARTICLES | 9 | 9052 | TRO/FRO INFORMATION & SERVICE | 2 |
| 5016 | MISSING PERSON | 2 | 911 | 911 HANG UP/CHK WELFARE | 40 |
| 5502 | BARKING DOG/ANIMAL NOISE | 1 | 9110 | PRO-ACTIVE PATROL | 145 |
| 5504 | ANIMAL BITES | 2 | 9112 | FOOT PATROL | 17 |
| 5506 | LOST/FOUND/STRAY ANIMALS | 5 | 9115 | FOLLOW-UP | 103 |
| 5510 | ANIMAL COMPLAINTS ALL | 6 | 9110 | 911 TRANSFER TO OTHER | 44 |
| 6006 | MV ACCIDENT W/INJURY | 3 | 9130 | OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET | 1 |
| 6008 | MV ACCIDENT NO INJURIES | 49 | 9137 | EVIDENCE DUTIES | 2 |
| 6305 | SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT TRAFFIC | 146 | 9192 | VEHICLE MAINTENANCE | 44 |
| 6306 | RADAR | 163 | 9982 | SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION | 1 |
| 6308 | TRAFFIC MV COMPLAINT | 11 | 9991 | CAMERA REVIEW DETAIL | 6 |
| 6310 | TRAFFIC ENFORCE/STOP | 839 | 9998 | DAILY ASSIGNMENTS | 59 |
| 6335 | TRAFFIC HAZARD | 5 | | | |

OPERATION

Investigations & Services Division Monthly Report

DETECTIVE BUREAU

Criminal Case Management:

| | |
|----|--|
| 13 | Cases Referred for Follow-Up Investigation |
| 26 | Open and Active Investigations |
| 10 | Cases Closed |
| 15 | Assist Own Agency |

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Criminal Complaints/Warrants Served:

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|---|--|
| 1 | Criminal Complaints Issued By the Division |
| 1 | Total Criminal Complaints Issued |
| 0 | Arrest Warrant Service Attempt(s) |

Juvenile:

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|---|---|
| 2 | Juvenile Cases(s) Investigated |
| 0 | Juvenile Complaints Issued |
| 0 | Stationhouse Adjustments Issued by Juvenile Officer |

Narcotics:

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| 0 | Arrests made by division for drug related offenses. |
| 40 | Lbs. of prescription drugs collected in the drop box. |

After Hours Callouts:

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| 1 | Incident(s) required a detective for investigative support or notification. |
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Grand Jury/Superior Court Appearances:

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|---|---|
| 1 | Case required a detective appearance before a Grand Jury or Superior Court. |
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Internal Affairs (IA):

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|---|---|
| 1 | IA Complaint(s) was screened and indexed. |
| 1 | IA Investigation(s) was conducted and closed. |
| 1 | IA Complaint(s) remains open and is being investigated. |
| 0 | Investigation(s) closed that resulted in disciplinary action requiring termination, demotion and/or suspension of five(5) or more days. |

Search Warrants/Subpoenas:

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| 11 | Subpoenas were requested to be served for an investigation. |
| 1 assist | Search warrant(s) executed |
| 0 | Communication data warrant(s) executed |

Background Investigations:

The Detective Bureau completed:

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|---|--------------------------|----|----------------------|
| 7 | Police Applicant | 0 | Dispatcher Applicant |
| 2 | Crossing Guard Applicant | 3. | Solicitor Applicant |
| 0 | ABC Background/Applicant | 3 | EMS Applicant |

Megan's Law (Sex Offender) Registration:

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| 0 | New Registrations |
| 1 | Address Verification and Re-Registrations |
| 0 | Address Verification and Re-Registrations |

There are currently 14 registered sex-offenders residing within the Township.

Notable Detective Cases:

Investigations

Case#23-41503; D/Lt. Gilchrist conducted a one and a half month-long investigation into the theft of an engine and transmission from a 2018 Ford Escape, with an estimated value of \$3500. Throughout her investigation, D/Lt. Gilchrist followed all evidence which lead her to the successful apprehension of the actor, Robert Jackson of Passaic. While in custody, Mr. Jackson confessed to the theft of the engine/transmission. Mr. Jackson was charged accordingly with Criminal Trespass and Theft which were placed on E-CDR complaint #1605-S-2024-000019 and provided him with a future court date.

Detective Time Off and Overtime:

Time Off:

| | |
|----|---------------------|
| 10 | Compensatory |
| 24 | Vacation/Holiday |
| 8 | Personal |
| 3 | Sick |
| 0 | Other (Bereavement) |
| 45 | Total |

Overtime:

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|-----|---|
| 11 | Detective (Investigations and Follow-ups) Hours for Cash |
| 3.5 | Detective (Investigations and Follow ups) Hours for Compensatory Time |
| 0 | Patrol Shift Coverage by Detective |
| 12 | Patrol Grant OT |
| 5 | Court OT |
| 0 | PVHS/Outside Events |

RECORDS BUREAU:

Discovery and OPRA

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| 16 | Discovery cases processed for defense attorneys, public defender, and prosecutors. |
| 37 | OPRA requests processed. |
| 480 | Pages of reports were facilitated and forwarded to the Township Clerk's Office for OPRA requests. |

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| \$1,735.00 | Total deposited by the Records Bureau. |
| \$0.00 | Discovery |
| \$1,300.00 | Firearms |
| \$435.00 | Accident & Incident Reports |
| \$0.00 | Fingerprints |

Firearms:

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| 24 | Applications for Firearms Permits |
| 8 | Firearms Purchaser ID Cards were issued |
| 17 | Handgun Purchase Permits were issued |
| 0 | Permit to Carry Handguns Issued |
| 15 | Firearm Investigations Completed |
| 1 | Applications Withdrawn by Applicant/Denied |

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TRAINING

Outside Training:

DT Refresher Course at PCPA (8 hours): Ptl. Trommelen, Ptl. Kotsadam
 Excel 1 (7 hours): Sgt. Emperio
 Excel 2 (7 hours): Sgt. Emperio
 Arrest Search and Seizure at MCPA (7 hours): Ptl. Norton
 MOI at PCPA (40 hours): Cpl. Pinnola
 Drug Endangered Children Webinar (4.5 hours); Cpl. Vanak and Ptl. Sayad
 Practical Use of the Scientific Method in everyday Fire Investigations (8 hours): Cpt. Presing
 Case Study of the 2/14/1995 Pittsburgh FD LODD and Investigation (8 hours): Cpt. Presing

Department Training:

In-house Juvenile Operations refresher (30 min) by Sgt. Emperio and Cpl. Vanak: department-wide
 Suicide Prevention on Power DMS: department-wide
 In-house DT (1 hour) by Sgt. Emperio: Cpl. Post, Det. Racanelli, Ptl. Sayad, Ptl. Yannuzzi, Ptl. Hablitz, Ptl. Santos, Ptl. Piedrabuena

COMMUNITY POLICING:

| Detail Type | Total |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Community Function Appearances | 2 |
| School Function Appearances | 0 |
| School Arrivals | 13 |
| School Dismissals | 0 |
| School Walk Throughs | 5 |
| Vacant House Checks | 3 |
| Car Seat Installations | 0 |
| Cell Block Inspections | 21 |
| Opioid Overdose Outreach | 2 |
| Lock Down Drills | 2 |
| LEAD | 3 |

Additional Community Policing & Crime Prevention
 -Assisted with juvenile update class with Sgt. Emperio

Construction Report – February 2024

Uniform Construction Code

Permits Issued – 38
 Inspections -110
 Total Value of Construction – \$297,165.00
 Certificate of Occupancy - \$0.00
 Permit Fees Collected - \$7,471.00
 Permit Fees Waived - \$590.00
 Penalties - \$0.00
 Total Fees Collected - \$7,471.00

Zoning

Total Zoning Fees - \$660.00

Property Maintenance

Certificates of Compliance Fees –\$2015.00
 Inspections –38
 Roll-off permits – \$0.00
 Complaints – 2
 Fines - \$150.00
 Violations Issued – 16
 Total Fees Collected - \$2,165.00
Monthly Revenue \$10,296.00

YTD 2023 Revenue \$86,074.00

Finance Department Report – February 2024

| BUDGET STATUS REPORT YEAR TO DATE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS TEMPORARY BUDGET FEBRUARY 1, 2024 – FEBRUARY 29, 2024 | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| ACCOUNT | DESCRIPTION | BUDGET | ACTIVITY | EMCUMBERED | BALANCE |
| 01-201-20-100-100 | ADMINISTRATION S&W | 43,312.50 | - | - | 43,312.50 |
| 01-201-20-100-200 | ADMINISTRATION O/E | 18,060.00 | 7,931.86 | 17,242.50 | (7,114.36) |
| 01-201-20-110-200 | MAYOR & COUNCIL O/E | 5,118.75 | - | - | 5,118.75 |
| 01-201-20-120-100 | CLERK S&W | 77,996.36 | - | - | 77,996.36 |
| 01-201-20-120-200 | CLERK O/E | 23,231.25 | 12,827.40 | 224.45 | 10,179.40 |
| 01-201-20-130-100 | FINANCIAL ADM. S&W | 41,593.12 | - | - | 41,593.12 |
| 01-201-20-130-200 | FINANCIAL ADM. O/E | 19,687.50 | 4,006.80 | 2,931.50 | 12,749.20 |
| 01-201-20-135-200 | FINANCIAL ADMIN. AUDIT | 15,225.00 | 5,250.00 | - | 9,975.00 |
| 01-201-20-145-100 | REVENUE ADMIN.S&W | 28,277.28 | - | - | 28,277.28 |
| 01-201-20-145-200 | REVENUE ADMIN.-O/E | 10,368.75 | 85.86 | - | 10,282.89 |
| 01-201-20-150-100 | ASSESSMENTS S&W | 16,166.58 | - | - | 16,166.58 |
| 01-201-20-150-200 | ASSESSMENT OF TAXES O/E | 8,636.25 | 4,987.60 | - | 3,648.65 |
| 01-201-20-155-200 | LEGAL SERVICES O/E | 45,937.50 | 22,140.00 | - | 23,797.50 |
| 01-201-20-165-200 | ENGINEERING O/E | 13,125.00 | 5,110.25 | 9,272.00 | (1,257.25) |
| 01-201-21-180-100 | PLANNING BOARD S&W | 1,407.00 | - | - | 1,407.00 |
| 01-201-21-180-200 | PLANNING BOARD O/E | 6,956.25 | 294.36 | - | 6,661.89 |
| 01-201-22-195-100 | CONST.CODE OFF. S&W | 79,129.05 | - | - | 79,129.05 |
| 01-201-22-195-200 | CONST.CODE OFF. O/E | 12,390.00 | 1,389.33 | 25,532.48 | (14,531.81) |
| 01-201-22-196-100 | PLUMBING INSP. S&W | 6,508.16 | - | - | 6,508.16 |
| 01-201-22-197-100 | ELECTRIC INSP. S&W | 7,629.03 | - | - | 7,629.03 |
| 01-201-23-210-200 | INSURANCE O/E | 252,512.50 | - | - | 252,512.50 |
| 01-201-23-220-200 | LIABILITY INSURANCE | 454,125.00 | 303,224.23 | 980.00 | 149,920.77 |
| 01-201-23-225-200 | UNEMPLOYMENT INSUR. | 3,937.50 | - | - | 3,937.50 |
| 01-201-25-240-100 | POLICE S&W | 1,236,404.40 | - | - | 1,236,404.40 |

Meeting of March 25, 2024

| ACCOUNT | DESCRIPTION | BUDGET | ACTIVITY | EMCUMBERED | BALANCE |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 01-201-25-240-200 | POLICE O/E | 60,466.87 | 45,932.34 | 17,679.20 | (3,144.67) |
| 01-201-25-245-200 | ACQ. OF POLICE CARS | 28,875.00 | - | 91,609.20 | (62,734.20) |
| 01-201-25-250-100 | POLICE S&W DISPATCH | 59,334.97 | - | - | 59,334.97 |
| 01-201-25-252-100 | EMERG. MGMT. S&W | 3,937.50 | - | - | 3,937.50 |
| 01-201-25-252-200 | EMERG. MGMT. O/E | 5,250.00 | 2,351.20 | 5,862.78 | (2,963.98) |
| 01-201-25-260-100 | EMS/AMBULANCE COORD. S&W | 162,996.75 | - | - | 162,996.75 |
| 01-201-25-260-200 | EMS OTHER EXPENSE | 29,911.87 | 18,007.06 | 994.74 | 10,910.07 |
| 01-201-25-265-200 | AID TO FIRE-O/E | 43,900.50 | 7,652.98 | 2,593.27 | 33,654.25 |
| 01-201-25-266-273 | FIRE HYDRANT SERV. | 47,775.00 | 58,134.30 | - | (10,359.30) |
| 01-201-25-267-100 | FIRE PREVENTION S&W | 23,028.33 | - | - | 23,028.33 |
| 01-201-25-267-200 | FIRE PREVENTION O/E | 2,546.25 | 183.02 | 8,307.88 | (5,944.65) |
| 01-201-25-275-100 | PROSECUTOR S&W | 5,691.78 | - | - | 5,691.78 |
| 01-201-26-290-100 | DPW S&W | 267,355.72 | - | - | 267,355.72 |
| 01-201-26-290-200 | DPW-O/E | 52,500.00 | 38,095.88 | 54,258.99 | (39,854.87) |
| 01-201-26-300-100 | SHADE TREE COMM. S&W | 315.00 | - | - | 315.00 |
| 01-201-26-300-200 | SHADE TREE COMM. O/E | 6,134.62 | 100.00 | 90.00 | 5,994.62 |
| 01-201-26-305-100 | SOLID WASTE S&W | 19,687.50 | - | - | 19,687.50 |
| 01-201-26-305-200 | SOLID WASTE O/E | 244,075.00 | 145,673.99 | 4,787.82 | 93,613.19 |
| 01-201-26-310-200 | BLDGS & GROUNDS O/E | 30,187.50 | 703.61 | 36,667.31 | (7,642.24) |
| 01-201-26-315-100 | VEHICLE MAINT. S&W | 23,625.00 | - | - | 23,625.00 |
| 01-201-26-315-200 | VEHICLE MAINT. O/E | 30,187.50 | 12,503.48 | 10,046.78 | 7,642.24 |
| 01-201-26-325-200 | COMMUNITY SERVICES ACT | 2,625.00 | - | 1,752.36 | 872.64 |
| 01-201-27-330-200 | BOARD OF HEALTH O/E | 32,294.06 | - | - | 32,294.06 |
| 01-201-27-333-200 | PEOSHA – FIRE | 918.75 | - | - | 918.75 |
| 01-201-27-335-200 | FLOOD BOARD OTHER EXPENSES | 131.25 | - | - | 131.25 |
| 01-201-27-360-200 | SENIOR ACTIVITIES O/E | 2,336.25 | 720.95 | 561.92 | 1,053.38 |
| 01-201-28-370-100 | RECREATION S&W | 63,161.96 | - | - | 63,161.96 |
| 01-201-28-370-200 | RECREATION O/E | 52,179.75 | 47,290.85 | 3,035.55 | 1,853.35 |
| 01-201-29-390-200 | MAINT. PUBLIC LIBRARY | 171,000.90 | 182,352.25 | - | (11,351.35) |
| 01-201-30-420-200 | CELEB. OF PUBLIC EVENTS | 2,625.00 | - | 2,500.00 | 125.00 |
| 01-201-31-435-200 | STREET LIGHTING | 21,000.00 | 11,144.15 | - | 9,855.85 |
| 01-201-31-440-200 | TELEPHONE/IT | 20,187.50 | 16,704.28 | 2,345.76 | 1,137.46 |
| 01-201-31-445-200 | WATER | 9,187.50 | 3,917.25 | - | 5,270.25 |
| 01-201-31-446-200 | GAS & ELECTRIC | 68,250.00 | 33,437.02 | - | 34,812.98 |
| 01-201-31-447-200 | DIESEL | 18,375.00 | - | 2,883.90 | 15,491.10 |
| 01-201-31-456-200 | RECYCLING TAX APPROPRIATION | 4,068.75 | 2,861.34 | - | 1,207.41 |
| 01-201-31-457-200 | SECOND RIVER JOINT | 1,181.25 | - | - | 1,181.25 |
| 01-201-31-458-200 | THIRD RIVER JOINT | 656.25 | - | - | 656.25 |
| 01-201-31-459-200 | TWSP OF MONTCLAIR | 3,937.50 | - | - | 3,937.50 |
| 01-201-31-460-200 | GASOLINE | 26,250.00 | 15,026.11 | 10,173.06 | 1,050.83 |
| 01-201-31-461-200 | CITY OF CLIFTON | 1,968.75 | - | - | 1,968.75 |
| 01-201-31-462-200 | PASSAIC VALLEY SEWER COMM. | 275,625.00 | 271,781.49 | - | 3,843.51 |
| 01-201-31-465-200 | LANDFILL/SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL | 127,312.50 | 83,932.64 | - | 43,379.86 |
| 01-201-36-471-200 | PERS | 112,098.81 | - | - | 112,098.81 |
| 01-201-36-472-200 | FICA | 94,500.00 | - | - | 94,500.00 |
| 01-201-36-475-200 | PFRS | 535,110.38 | - | - | 535,110.38 |
| 01-201-36-476-200 | LOSAP | 27,562.50 | - | - | 27,562.50 |
| 01-201-36-477-200 | DCRP | 6,000.00 | - | - | 6,000.00 |
| 01-201-36-478-200 | PEN.VOL. FIRE WIDOWS | 1,312.50 | 833.32 | 416.66 | 62.52 |
| 01-201-37-480-020 | JUDGEMENTS | - | 3,300.00 | - | (3,300.00) |
| 01-201-43-490-100 | MUNICIPAL COURT S&W | 44,894.58 | - | - | 44,894.58 |
| 01-201-43-490-200 | MUNICIPAL COURT O/E | 11,510.62 | 1,013.43 | 1,129.95 | 9,367.25 |
| 01-201-44-905-200 | ACQ OF COMPUTERS | - | 15,331.46 | - | (15,331.46) |
| 01-201-45-930-200 | INTEREST ON BONDS | - | 212,659.25 | - | (212,659.25) |
| | GRAND TOTAL | 5,313,779.70 | 1,598,891.34 | 313,875.06 | 3,401,013.30 |

Health Department Report – January 2024

Health Officer’s Little Falls January 2024 Report:

- Qualify Improvement meetings with Environmental, Animal Control & Infection Disease team.
- Sent updated information from NJDOH (COVID, CRS, and ILI) reports to all Health Department staff.
- Attended the Annual Bloodborne Pathogen meeting with Department Heads and staff.
- Meeting with staff to contact Library to have a location in the Library to display Health Education materials and upcoming events.

Health Educator Monthly Report for Little Falls – January 1 through January 31st

- Continued updating bloodborne pathogens (BBP) records for Clifton and Little Falls employees
- 1/12: Meeting with Little Falls Councilwoman Jayna Patel to discuss existing and future health programs and services for Little Falls residents
- 1/17: Health Education/Nursing/Social Services QI meeting; provided update on upcoming programs and screenings open to Clifton and Little Falls residents and QI project
- 1/18: Meeting with Hackensack University Medical Center Pediatric Social Worker/Diabetes Educator, Kristi Caporoso to discuss future potential programs in Clifton and Little Falls
- 1/22: Coordinated Township of Little Falls Exposure Control Plan Meeting; 13 representatives in attendance
- 1/25: Provided BPP refresher training to Little Falls CERT team: 14 in attendance
- 1/25: Meeting with representatives from PRAISE to discuss collaboration on future programs in Clifton and Little Falls
- 1/30: Coordinated Eye Screening with Project BEST at Clifton City Hall; 16 individuals in attendance
- 1/31: Meeting with Health Education and Social Services Division to discuss revamping evaluation process for health education programs, clinical screenings and social services

Little Falls Monthly Report

January 2024

During the month of January, the Strengthening team scheduled outreach at the Little Falls Public Library. The event is scheduled for February 22nd from 5-7pm because we would like to reach the population that comes to the library after work. On this day, the Passaic County Clerk will also be present. Therefore, this will help us reach a larger number of families in Little Falls. During the event, we will be sharing free screenings and programs that are offered to Little Falls residents at our City of Clifton Satellite Office. Below is an example of the newsletter that we share with residents.

Meeting of March 25, 2024

| Monthly Report- Environmental Division | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Name: Antonino Intili Jr | | | Title: Senior REHS | | |
| Retail Food Establishment Inspections | | | | | |
| Date | Establishment Name | Address | Initial or Reinspection | Rating | Comments |
| | | | | | See Attached Sheet |
| Temporary Food Inspections | | | | | |
| Date | Event | Establishment | Rating | Comments | |
| NONE | | | | | |
| Retail Food Establishment Plan Review | | | | | |
| Date | Establishment Name | Address | Approved or Denied | Comments | |
| | | | | | |
| Environmental Complaint Investigations | | | | | |
| Date | Complaint Address | Complaint Type | Municipality Attached | Comments | |
| NONE | | | | | |
| Recreational Bathing Inspections | | | | | |
| Date | Facility | Address | Rating | Comments | |
| | | | | | |
| Dog Bite Investigations | | | | | |
| Date | Address | Comments | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Tanning Facility Inspections | | | | | |
| Date | Name | Address | Rating | Comments | |
| | | | | | |
| On Site Waste Water Disposal System | | | | | |
| Date | Address | Rating | Comments | | |
| | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | |
| Hearings | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Meetings/Trainings Attended | | | | | |
| Date | Name of Meeting | | | | |
| 1/26/2024 | OPRA REQUEST | | | | |

| Bus Name | risk_type | addr1 | Result |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| CHILI'S | 3 | 1165 RTE 46 EAST | Satisfactory |
| CUBAN BREEZE | 2 | 140 NEWARK POMPTON TPKE | Satisfactory |
| DINO'S BELLA NOTTE RESTAURANT | 3 | 63 E MAIN ST | Satisfactory |
| DUNKIN DONUTS | 1 | 57 EAST MAIN STREET | Satisfactory |
| DUNKIN DONUTS | 1 | 355 ROUTE 46 EAST | Satisfactory |
| GREAT NOTCH EXXON | 1 | 355 ROUTE 46 EAST | Satisfactory |
| McDONALDS | 2 | 405 U.S 46 EAST | Satisfactory |
| NECTOR JUICE COFFEE AND TEA BAR | 1 | 480 MAIN STREET | Satisfactory |
| PARK WEST DINER & CAFE | 3 | 1400 ROUTE 46 WEST | Satisfactory |
| PASQUALE'S PIZZERIA | 2 | 46 NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE | Satisfactory |
| SHOPRITE WINES & SPIRITS | 1 | 171 BROWERTOWN ROAD | Satisfactory |
| THE FINE GRIND | 2 | 101 NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE | Satisfactory |
| VALERO | 2 | 1755 ROUTE 46 EAST | Conditionally Satisfactory |
| WIZARD SMOKE SHOP | 1 | 39 NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE | Satisfactory |

| LITTLE FALLS ANIMAL CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT JANUARY 2024 | | | | | | |
|---|--------|------------|-----------|------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| DATE | ACO | DISPATCHED | COMPLETED | NATURE OF CALL | DESCRIPTION | LOCATION |
| 1/1/2024 | TAUBER | 1404 | 1500 | SICK WILDLIFE | SICK RACCOON LAYING IN DRIVEWAY, DOA, REMOVED BODY. | 104 BRADFORD AVE 973-256-9129 RICHARD |
| 1/4/2024 | LEON | 5:00PM | 6:00PM | DOG AT LARGE | I ASSISTED POLICE WITH A INCIDENT THAT ACURED THE DAY BEFORE. A DOG FROM 112 LUIS ST RAN OF THE PROPERTY AND ATTACKED THE A DOG BEING WALKED BY ITS OWNER. THE VICTIM DOG LIVES AT 18 RIVERVIEW CIRCLE. THE OWNER OF THE ATTACKING DOG WILL GLADLY PAY FOR THE MEDICAL BILLS. LITTLEFALLS POLICE STATED THEY WILL HANDLE EVERYTHING FROM HERE. | 18 RIVERVIEW CIRCLE. |
| 1/14/2024 | PAYNE | 7:40 | 8:15 | INJURED WILDLIFE | GOOSE IN SHOPRITE PARKING LOT- GONE ON ARRIVAL | |
| 1/16/2024 | TAUBER | 1315 | 1340 | STRAY DOG | STRAY GERMAN SHEPHERD BEING CHASED BY POLICE, OWNER LOCATED PRIOR TO MY ARRIVAL, RETURNED HOME. | WOODSIDE & BROOKSIDE |
| 1/23/2023 | TAUBER | 902 | 915 | STRAY DOG | POLICE ON TRAFFIC DUTY WERE HOLDING A DOG, ASKED TO HAVE IT PICKED UP, OWNER CAME UPON SCENE AND RETRIEVED DOG PRIOR TO MY ARRIVAL. | 628 HIGHLAND AVE. |
| 1/25/2024 | TAUBER | 1030 | 1215 | DOG AT LARGE | REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED 12/12/23 AT 1925 HRS. DOG RAN OUT FROM UNLATCHED DOOR AND ATTACKED A DOG THAT WAS BEING WALKED IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE. CONCLUSION OF INVESTIGATION DETERMINED THAT THERE WAS NOT A CASE FOR A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DOG PROSECUTION. | 101 CENTER AVE |
| 1/29/2024 | TAUBER | 1215 | 1300 | INJURED WILDLIFE | INNJURED DEER IN FRONT OF HOUSE, DOA, MOVED BODY TO STREET FOR PICKUP BY SCAVENGER SERVICE. | 4 RIDGE RD |
| 1/30/2024 | TAUBER | 1230 | 1400 | INJURED WILDLIFE | INJURED DEER LAYING IN GRASS IN BACK OPF APARTMENT COMPLEX. UNABLE TO STAND OR WALK, PTS IN FIELD, TOOK BODY TO CREMATORY ON COLFAX AVE. | 208 AUTUMN CT |

Meeting of March 25, 2024

| CASES INVESTIGATED BY NURSING STAFF PER CDC GUIDELINES (ADULT/CHILDREN THAT REQUIRED HOSPITALIZATION INVESTIGATED) JANUARY 2024 | | |
|---|-----------|----------|
| Age Range | # cases | Deaths |
| UNKNOWN | | |
| 0-9 | 3 | |
| 10-19 | 4 | |
| 20-29 | 2 | |
| 30-39 | 4 | |
| 40-49 | 3 | |
| 50-59 | 9 | |
| 60-69 | 2 | |
| 70-79 | 3 | |
| 80-89 | 5 | |
| 90+ | 1 | |
| Total | 36 | 0 |

| Gender | # | Deaths |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Male | 10 | 0 |
| Female | 26 | 0 |
| Unknown | 0 | |
| Total | 36 | 0 |
| PCR | | 26 |
| ANTIGEN | | 10 |
| TOTAL CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES | | 36 |

| CDRSS STATISTICS REPORT | |
|--|-------|
| DATE FOR REPORT FROM 1/1/24-1/31/24 | |
| DISEASE NAME | COUNT |
| CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS | 1 |
| HEPATITIS C- CHRONIC | 2 |
| INFLUENZA, HUMAN ISOLATES-TYPE 2009 H1N1 | 4 |
| INFLUENZA, HUMAN ISOLATES-TYPE A(SUBTYPING NOT DONE) | 11 |
| INFLUENZA, HUMAN ISOLATES- TYPE A H3 | 1 |
| INFLUENZA, HUMAN ISOLATES – TYPE B | 6 |
| LYME DISEASE | 2 |
| STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE | 1 |
| VARICELLA | 2 |
| NON-COVID COMMUNICABLE DISEASE JANUARY 2024 CASE TOTAL | 30 |

Health Department Report – February 2024

Health Officer's Little Falls February 2024 Report:

- Quality Improvement meetings with Environmental, Nursing, Health Education, Animal Control, and Infectious Disease team.
- Sent updated information from NJDOH (COVID, CRS and ILI) reports to all Health Department staff.
- Attended meeting with Animal Control and attorney regarding a potential dangerous dog.
- Reviewed presentation from Social Workers regarding mindfulness class slated for March.
- Reminder to staff to disseminate information regarding our dental clinic for school aged children.

Health Educator Monthly Report for Little Falls – February 1st through February 29th

- 2/8: Attended dental clinic planning meeting with John, Barbara, Jenn Kidd, and Infectious Diseases Team. Clinic open to Clifton and Little Falls residents
- 2/15: Updated and disseminated Little Falls Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan
- 2/20: Health Education/Nursing/Social Services QI meeting; provided update on upcoming programs and screening and QI project
- 2/20: Coordinated Heart Health Presentation with Hackensack Meridian Mountainside Medical Center for Clifton and Little Falls residents; 8 in attendance
- 2/22: Provided dental health program to students at Sunny Days Pre-School; 12 students in attendance
- Coordinated Foot Screening for Clifton and Little Falls residents in collaboration with Dr. Haspel's Office in Clifton to be held on 3/8; press release and flyer issued on 2/22
- 2/27: Compiled numbers on health education programs for budget and 2023 Annual Report
- Coordinated Clifton Health Department's participation in the OneSight EssilorLuxottica Foundation Vision Voucher Program where individuals who participate in Project BEST eye screenings can receive free eyeglasses at local LensCrafters/Target Optical

Little Falls Monthly Report
February 2024

- During the month of February, the Strengthening team provided outreach at the Little Falls Public Library. During the event, we shared information about free screenings and programs available to residents. Example of the flyer below that was promoted to residents to let them know we were at the library.
- We also vaccinated Little Falls homebound residents throughout the month. When we were giving the yearly flu vaccine, we noticed that some residents had trouble getting an at-home COVID vaccine because it is no longer free and requires insurance. This was a huge success because we were able to purchase the vaccine and provide it to residents. We are happy that we were able to keep them safe and at peace of mind!

| Monthly Report- Environmental Division | | | | | |
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| Retail Food Establishment Inspections | | | | | |
| Date | Establishment Name | Address | Initial or Reinspection | Rating | Comments |
| | | | | | See Attached Sheet |
| Temporary Food Inspections | | | | | |
| Date | Event | Establishment | Rating | Comments | |
| NONE | | | | | |
| Retail Food Establishment Plan Review | | | | | |
| Date | Establishment Name | Address | Approved or Denied | Comments | |
| | | | | | |
| Environmental Complaint Investigations | | | | | |
| Date | Complaint Address | Complaint Type | Municipality Attached | Comments | |
| 2/5/24 | 7 Francisco Ave | Garbage | | Civil matter between neighbors | |
| Recreational Bathing Inspections | | | | | |
| Date | Facility | Address | Rating | Comments | |
| | | | | | |

Meeting of March 25, 2024

| Monthly Report- Environmental Division (Continued) | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|--|
| Dog Bite Investigations | | | | | |
| Date | Address | Comments | | | |
| Tanning Facility Inspections | | | | | |
| Date | Name | Address | Rating | Comments | |
| On Site Waste Water Disposal System | | | | | |
| Date | Address | Rating | Comments | | |
| Other | | | | | |
| Hearings | | | | | |
| Meetings/Trainings Attended | | | | | |
| Date | Name of Meeting | | | | |

| Bus Name | risk_type | addr1 | Result |
|---|-----------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 7-ELEVEN | 1 | 218 NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE | Satisfactory |
| ANTHONY FRANCO'S PIZZA | 2 | 1188 US HIGHWAY 46 WEST | Satisfactory |
| D&Y CONVIENCE STORE | 1 | 101 NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE | Satisfactory |
| DUNKIN DONUTS | 1 | 126 NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE | Satisfactory |
| ELIXIRX APOTHECARY | 1 | 75 NEWARK POMPTON TOKE | Satisfactory |
| ETHAN AND THE BEAN | 1 | 98 MAIN STREET | Satisfactory |
| FIRST REFORMED CHURCH | 1 | 61 MAIN STREET | Satisfactory |
| GENCARELLI'S PIZZA | 2 | 101 NEWARK POMPTON TPKE | Satisfactory |
| LOCAL 464A UNION HALL | 2 | 245 PATERSON AVE | Satisfactory |
| MAGGIE'S TOWN TAVERN | 3 | 10 VAN NESS AVE | Satisfactory |
| OUR LADY OF HOLY ANGLES | 1 | 465 MAIN STREET | Satisfactory |
| PALAZZONE 1960 | 2 | 490 MAIN STREET | Satisfactory |
| QUICKRUN FOOD STORE | 1 | 510 MAIN STREET | Satisfactory |
| ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH | 1 | 237 LONG HILL RD | Satisfactory |
| VALERO | 2 | 1755 ROUTE 46 EAST | Satisfactory |

| LITTLE FALLS ANIMAL CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT FEBRUARY 2024 | | | | | | |
|--|--------|------------|-----------|---------------------|--|--|
| DATE | ACO | DISPATCHED | COMPLETED | NATURE OF CALL | DESCRIPTION | LOCATION |
| | | | | | 02/09/2024 7:50pm Littlefalls 7 Ridge Rd. due to one of my computer systems not working I am putting this report in SDL so it is documented and I will be transporting it when the system is up and running. I received a call at 7 Ridge Rd. of a stray Akita about 140 pound dog being held by Little Falls Police on the side of the road. I arrived on scene in nine minutes and assisted Police on containing the dog with a leash when we went to put the dog in the truck, he resisted, I recognized the dog and knew that it lived two blocks away. I told Little Falls Police to go to the house and knock on the door and I will meet him over there by walking the dog down the street. | |
| 2/9/2024 | LEON | 7:00pm | 9:00pm | DOG AT LARGE | We arrived to the house 2 Ridge Road the owner of the dogs, the owner of the dog mother came out and was shocked to see her dog was in our possession. she explained that her son was out of town and she was responsible for it. This dog has been to the Clifton Animal Shelter times. we took the keeper harbor information and stated to her that she should keep the dog in the house instead of the backyard containment area that is not working. I explain to her that she may be receiving a summons from Little Falls Police of her dog being at large. police and I took her information and left the scene. | |
| | | | | | Little Falls Police and I left the scene, as soon as I got back to headquarters I received a page explaining that the dog attacked the daughter that lives in the house. The dog bit her on the arm and the family Ruster to the hospital. I arrived on scene with Little Falls Police once again, and explain to them exactly what their options were. They decided to put the dog on a 10 day quarantine at home. I wrote them a home quarantine form and explained to them that the door cannot leave the premises. If they need any assistance, they are to call Clifton Animal control. | 2 Ridge Road |
| 2/13/2024 | TAUBER | 1330 | 1415 | SICK WILD LIFE | CALL OF A RABID RACCOON ON A PORCH, UPON ARRIVAL WAS TOLD HE WAS IN HER HEATED CATHOUSE SLEEPING. WHILE UNCOVERING CATHOUSE RACCOON RAN OUT REAR. FOLLOWED TO FORCH AREA. RACCOON RETREATED TO THE BACKYARD, FOLLOWED, THEN WENT UNDER LOW MOUNTED DECK. RACCON WAS OLD AND THIS, BUT ALERT TO BOTH SOUND AND SIGHT. ADVISED COMPLAINANT. | |
| 2/14/2024 | TAUBER | 1600 | 1630 | WILD ANIMAL OUTSIDE | SPOKE TO CALLER CONCERNING OUTDOOR CATS AND RACCOON THAT LIVES IN THE AREA. | FRANK 59 2 ND AVE, 973-890-5053 |
| 2/15/2024 | TAUBER | 750 | 845 | INJURED WILDLIFE | CALL OF A DEER STUCK IN A FENCE, UPON ARRIVAL WITH POLICE, PUT A BAG OVER THE DEER'S HEAD TO CALM IT DOWN AND LIFTED IT OUT OF THE V, RELEASED ON SCENE WITH ABRASIONS TO RIGHT HIP BUT OTRHERWISE HEALTHY. | 45 REINERS RD, 973-220-7508 |
| 2/22/2023 | LEON | 9:55pm | 12:00am | BITE-DOG | I received a call from Little Falls Police stating someone was walking their dog when their neighbor in the complex lost control of their dog. It ran off leash and bit their golden retriever in the rear private area. The attacking dog does not live in Little Falls Police and I spoke to them, and they explained that it was an accident, and the dog lives in Pennsylvania , I explain to the victim dog owners to keep any receipts for restitution. No human was in this incident.405 main st apt 201 littlefalls 9:55pm apt 241 Brian Lake 2017041197 405 apt 201 owner of teddy golden retriever 1 and 2month 2018460345 Genei Chapman dog Hotep 1year Micro bully Attacking Dog | 405 Main Ave |

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| DATE | ACO | DISPATCHED | COMPLETED | NATURE OF CALL | DESCRIPTION | LOCATION |
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| 2/29/2024 | LEON | 5:00pm | 6:00pm | ANIMAL CRUELTY | I received a call from Little Falls Police stating that Pastor buyers are calling that there is a dog in a cage in the backyard of a house. I arrived on seeing with Little Falls Police. It was a English shorthaired pointer that was in a pristine dog run with food water and Shelter the dog was absolutely not in distress. We spoke to the homeowner, and he stated as soon as it gets dark, he lets his dog back inside. | 3 Dogwood Way |

| CASES INVESTIGATED BY NURSING STAFF PER CDC GUIDELINE (ADULT/CHILDREN THAT REQUIRED HOSPITALIZATION INVESTIGATED) FEBRUARY 2024 | | |
|---|-----------|----------|
| Age Range | # cases | Deaths |
| UNKNOWN | | |
| 0-9 | 5 | |
| 10-19 | 1 | |
| 20-29 | 1 | |
| 30-39 | 1 | |
| 40-49 | 3 | |
| 50-59 | 5 | |
| 60-69 | 3 | |
| 70-79 | 4 | |
| 80-89 | 3 | |
| 90+ | 0 | |
| Total | 26 | 0 |

| Gender | # | Deaths |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Male | 14 | 0 |
| Female | 12 | 0 |
| Unknown | 0 | |
| Total | 26 | 0 |
| PCR | | 15 |
| ANTIGEN | | 11 |
| TOTAL CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES | | 26 |

| CDRSS STATISTICS REPORT DATE FOR REPORT FROM 2/1/24-2/29/24 | |
|--|-------|
| DISEASE NAME | COUNT |
| HEPATITIS B | 1 |
| HEPATITIS C | 2 |
| INFLUENZA, HUMAN ISOLATES-TYPE 2009 H1N1 | 4 |
| INFLUENZA, HUMAN ISOLATES-TYPE A(SUBTYPING NOT DONE) | 7 |
| INFLUENZA, HUMAN ISOLATES- TYPE A H3 | 1 |
| INFLUENZA, HUMAN ISOLATES - TYPE B | 5 |
| Q FEVER | 1 |
| NON-COVID COMMUNICABLE DISEASE JANUARY 2024 CASE TOTAL | 21 |

| CLIFTON FEBRUARY SCHOOL AUDIT REPORT | | LITTLE FALLS FEBRUARY SCHOOL AUDIT REPORT | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|---|-----|
| Total # of Records Audited | 1,776 | Total # of Records Audited | 703 |
| # Public Schools Audited | 8 | # Public Schools Audited | 4 |
| # Charter/Private Schools Audited | 1 | # Charter/Private Schools Audited | 1 |
| # of Daycares Audited | 9 | # of Daycares Audited | 4 |
| Re-Audits | | Re-Audits | |
| Total # of Records Re-Audited | | Total # of Records Re-Audited | 4 |
| # Public Schools Re-Audited | | # Public Schools Re-Audited | 0 |
| # Charter/Private Schools Re-Audited | | # Charter/Private Schools Re-Audited | 0 |
| # of Daycares Re-Audited | | # of Daycares Re-Audited | 1 |

Ranmi Miyazawa, RN & Joanne Hathaway, RN conducted initial school audits; Ranmi Miyazawa, RN, conducted re-audits of schools

APPLICATIONS

RAFFLE, ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH, GAMES OF CHANCE, 6/13/24, 5:00 P.M. – 10: 00 P.M., 6/14/24, 5:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M., 6/15/24, 6:00 P.M. – 11: 00 P.M. 237 LONG HILL ROAD, LITTLE FALLS

RAFFLE, ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH, ON -PREMISE 50/50, 6/13/24, 5:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M., 6/14/24, 5:00 P.M.- 11:00 P.M., 6/15/24, 3:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M., 237 LONG HILL ROAD, LITTLE FALLS

RAFFLE, ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH, SUPER 50/50, 6/15/24, 9:00P.M., 237 LONG HILL ROAD LITTLE FALLS

RESOLUTIONS

Affordability Assistance Grant – 405 Main Street Unit 430

**RESOLUTION [A] 24-03-25 - 1
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE RENTER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED 405 MAIN ST, UNIT 430, LITTLE FALLS, NJ 07424**

WHEREAS, Alexandra Cruz [will rent/rents] property located at 405 Main St, Unit 430, Little Falls, NJ 07424, which property is governed by the statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations restricting ownership and use of the property as an Affordable Housing unit; and **WHEREAS**, the tenant has requested an Affordability Assistance Program grant from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and **WHEREAS**, the Township is willing to extend a grant to the tenant in the amount of \$1,358.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 25th day of March, 2024, by the Township Council of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that:

- The Mayor, Administrator, Clerk and attorney are hereby authorized to execute an Affordability Assistance Program grant with the renter of an Affordable Housing unit at 405 Main St, Unit 430, Little Falls, NJ 07424.

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NJ Department of Community Affairs 2024 Local Recreation Improvement Program

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
RESOLUTION [B] 24-03-25 - #2
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS 2024 LOCAL RECREATION
IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Local Recreation Improvement Grant for approximately \$100,000 in order to replace playground equipment at Amity Park; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls does hereby authorize the application for such a grant and recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer lesser or a greater amount upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Township of Little Falls does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Township of Little Falls and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

Expenditure of Funds Through Passaic County Open Space & Farmland Preservation Trust – Louis Street

RESOLUTION [C] 24-03-25 - #3

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls are requesting funding through the Passaic County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund for improvements to Louis Street Park; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Shared Services Act, such funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the Township of Little Falls; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls do hereby confirm endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council certify the resolution for the application to be presented to the Passaic County Department of Planning.

Participation in Union County Cooperative Pricing System

**RESOLUTION [D] 24-03-25 – #4
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
UNION COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq authorizes contracting units to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the County of Union hereinafter referred to as “the Lead Agency” has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of work, materials and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls in the County of Passaic, desires to participate in the Union County Cooperative Pricing Agreement.

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 the Township Council authorizes the Township of Little Falls to participate in the Union County Cooperative Pricing Agreement and execute a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the County of Union upon its approval by the Division of Local Government Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Union as Lead Agency is expected to comply with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq. and all of the provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey).

Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption/Plenary Retail Distribution/Club License

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
PASSAIC COUNTY NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION [E] 24-03-25 - #5**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Little Falls Township Council as follows:

WHEREAS, an application for renewal of a PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE has been filed as follows:

| <u>License No.</u> | <u>License and/or t/a name</u> | <u>Fee</u> |
|--------------------|--|------------|
| 1605-33-009-007 | JJF Spirits, LLC 109 Newark Pompton Tpke. | \$2,200.00 |

and **WHEREAS**, it appears that the said application is in satisfactory form; that the applicant has complied with all necessary requirements; that the application is for renewal by the same person for the same stands; and that no objections, in writing or otherwise, have been made or filed to said application; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council is familiar with the aforementioned applicant and the place for which they apply and sees no objection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above-listed application be and the same is hereby granted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the license be issued accordingly, to become effective on July 1, 2022 and expire on June 30, 2023.

Bill List

RESOLUTION [F]24-03-25 - #6

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.

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

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1480- It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Patel, that there be introduced and the meeting of April 29, 2024 set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS ORDINANCE NO. 1480 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO ADD CHAPTER 134 (MUTUAL AID) TO THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4 et seq. authorizes any local unit of the State to enter into a contract with any other local unit within the State for the joint provision within their territorial jurisdictions of any service which any party to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and **WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156 et seq., municipalities of the State of New Jersey are authorized, in the event of an emergency, to provide police assistance outside their territorial jurisdictions in order to protect life and property or to assist in suppressing a riot or disorder; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.1 provides that municipalities may by reciprocal ordinances enter into an agreement for mutual police and fire aid in case of emergency; and **WHEREAS**, several municipalities in the County of Passaic and in jurisdictions in County of Essex, County of Bergen, County of Hudson and County of Morris desire to enter into a Mutual Police Aid Agreement, for the purpose of memorializing the terms and conditions by which the participating local public safety agencies may render mutual police aid to any other participating local public safety agency requesting assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council believes that it is in the best interests of the safety of the residents of the Township of Little Falls to enter into a Mutual Police Aid Agreement; and **WHEREAS**, the Township Council has found it proper to amend the language of the Code accordance therewith;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, that Chapter 134, Mutual Aide, of the Code of the Township of Little Falls, is hereby added with the following: Chapter 134. Mutual Aid §134-1 Establishment. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.1, there is hereby established a Mutual Police Aid Agreement between the Township of Little Falls and with each and every municipality within the County of Passaic and the contiguous and non-contiguous municipalities located within the counties of Essex, Bergen, Morris and Hudson which may be authorized by the Township of Little Falls for intermunicipal police at the time of any and all emergencies. This article shall become effective as to every other municipality within said counties at such times that said municipality has in the past or may in the future adopt an agreement providing the same terms and conditions set forth herein and including the Township of Little Falls within its coverage of the municipalities which adopts a reciprocal agreement.

§134-2 Requests for Assistance. The Chief of Police of the Township of Little Falls, or his designee, is authorized to request assistance from the Chief of Police or other head of the Police Department of any other municipality that adopts a reciprocal agreement, to provide aid during and after any emergency in order to protect life and property or to assist in suppressing a riot or disorder.

§134-3 Grant of Assistance; Powers of Members. The Chief of Police of the Township of Little Falls, or his designee, shall provide assistance to any other municipality that accepts the terms of this agreement and makes a valid request to supply such personnel and equipment, to the extent possible without endangering persons or property within the Township of Little Falls. The members of the Little Falls Police Department supplying such aid shall have the same powers, authority, rights and immunities as the members of the police force of the municipality to which assistance is rendered.

§134-4 Assumption of Costs. The Township of Little Falls shall, upon providing assistance to another municipality which has enacted a reciprocal mutual aid agreement, assume the cost and expense of providing its personnel and equipment to the requesting municipality, except in such instances where the requesting municipality receives State or Federal aid by way of reimbursement. Under those circumstances, the costs incurred by the Township of Little Falls shall be submitted to the municipality requesting assistance for reimbursement out of the funds received by way of State or Federal aid.

§134-5 Injury and Death Benefits. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:156.3, members of the Little Falls Police Department suffering injury, or their legal representatives if death results while rendering assistance in another municipality, shall be entitled to all such benefits they would have realized if injury or death had occurred in the performance of normal duties within the Township of Little Falls.

§134-6 Standard Operating Procedures. The Chief of Police of the Township of Little Falls, or his designee, and the chiefs of the other participating municipalities or their designees shall jointly prepare written standard operating procedures (SOP) which shall address the implementation of this mutual police aid agreement. A copy of the SOP, and all amendments and revisions thereto, shall be filed with each participating Police Department.

§134-7 Senior ranking officer. At such times that an emergency may occur and intermunicipal aid is requested, the Chief of Police of the municipality wherein said emergency exists shall be the senior ranking officer of all members of any Police Department which may be rendering assistance within the confines of said municipality.

§134-8 Effect on Other Mutual Aid.

The enactment of this shall not in any way limit any other provisions of law providing for or authorizing mutual aid by fire, police or first aid forces, whether volunteer or paid, either within the Township of Little Falls or outside of the Township of Little Falls.

§134-9 Term of Agreement. This Mutual Police Aid Agreement shall have an initial term of one year and shall be automatically renewed for additional and successive one-year terms, unless and until one of the parties hereto elects to terminate the agreement by providing prior written notice to the other party to the agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that:

1. Ordinances, resolutions and regulations or parts of ordinances, resolutions and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency; and
2. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such a decision shall not affect the remaining portion of the Ordinance; and
3. Except as hereby amended, the Code of the Township of Little Falls shall remain in full force and effect.
4. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty days after final passage and publication in accordance with law.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1481 – It was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that there be introduced and the meeting of April 29, 2024 set as the date for the public hearing of the following

ORDINANCE NO. 1481

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 163 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE REGARDING REQUIREMENT FOR INSPECTION OF LEAD-BASED PAINT IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Falls (the “Township”) maintains Chapter 163 entitled “property Maintenance” of the Township Code, specifically the Property Maintenance Code; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L. 2021, c.182, all municipalities are required to inspect every single-family, two-family, and multiple rental dwelling located within the municipality on a recurring basis and at tenant turnover for lead-based paint hazards; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body determined it is the best interests of Township residents to amend the Township Code at this time to require inspection for lead-based paint in certain residential rental dwellings to conform with the State Law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that:

Section 1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated in their entirety, as if restated herein.

Section 2. Chapter 163 of the Township Code, entitled ‘Property Maintenance “shall hereby be amended and supplemented, as follows: Article VI. Lead-Based Paint Inspections.

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163-13. Required Initial Inspection. The owner, landlord and/or agent of every single-family, two-family, and/or multiple dwelling unit offered for rental shall be required to obtain an inspection of the unit for lead-based paint hazards within two years of effective date of the law, July 2, 2022, or upon tenant turnover, whichever is earlier.

163-14. Required Recurring Inspection. After the initial inspection required by Section 163-13, the owner, landlord and/or agent of such dwelling unit offered for rental shall be required to obtain an inspection of the unit for lead-based paint hazards every three years, or at tenant turnover, whichever is earlier, except that an inspection upon tenant turnover shall not be required if the owner has a valid lead-safe certification.

163-15. Standards. Inspections for lead-based paint in rental dwellings shall be governed by standards set forth in N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437 .1 et seq., and N.J.S.A. 55:13A-1 et seq., as may be amended from time to time.

163-16. Exceptions. A dwelling unit in a single-family, two-family, or multiple rental dwelling shall not be subject to inspection and evaluation for the presence of lead-based paint, or for the fees for such inspection of evolution, if the unit:

- a. Has been certified to be free of lead-based paint; or
- b. Was constructed during or after 1978; or
- c. Is in a multiple dwelling that has been registered with the Department of Community Affairs as a multiple dwelling for at least 10 years, either under the current or previous owner, and has no outstanding lead violations from the most recent cyclical inspection performed on the multiple dwelling under the "Hotel and Multiple Dwelling Law" N.J.S.A.55:13a-1, et seq; or
- d. Is a single-family or two-family seasonal rental dwelling which is rented for less than six months' duration each year by tenants that do not have consecutive lease renewals; or
- e. Has a valid lead-safe certification issued in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437. 16 (d)(2).

163-17. If no lead-based paint hazards are identified, then the Township Code Enforcement Officer or designee or the owner's private lead inspector shall certify the dwelling as lead safe on a form prescribed by Department of Community Affairs, which shall be valid for two years and shall be filed with Township Code Enforcement Officer. The Township Code Enforcement Officer shall maintain up-to-date information on inspections schedule, inspection results, tenant turnover and a record of all lead-free certifications issued pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:17.

163-18. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.16 (e), property owners shall:

- a. Provide evidence of a valid lead-safe certification and the most recent tenant turnover to the Township of Little Falls at the time of the cyclical inspection.
- b. Provide evidence of a valid lead-safe certification to new tenants of the property at the time of tenant turnover and shall affix copy of such certification as an exhibit to the tenant's or tenant's lease.
- c. Maintain a record of lead-safe certification which shall include the name or names of unit's tenant or tenants if the inspection was conducted during a period of tenancy.

163-19. Fees.

- a. Notwithstanding any other fees due pursuant to the Chapter, a fee in the amount of \$200.00 shall be paid for each lead-based paint inspection. Said fee shall be dedicated to meeting the costs of implementing and enforcing this subsection and shall not be used for any other purpose. Alternatively, a dwelling owner or landlord may directly hire private lead evaluation contractor who is certified to provide lead paint inspection services by the Department of Community Affairs to satisfy the requirements of Section 171-23 in which case no additional Lead-Based Paint inspection fee shall be paid.
- b. The fee for the filing of a lead-safe certification or lead-free certification shall be \$50
- c. In a common interest community, any inspection fee charged shall be the responsibility of the unit owner and not the homeowners' association, unless the association is the owner of the unit.

163-20. Violation and Penalties. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.19, the penalties for a violation of Article shall be as follows:

- a. If a property owner has failed to conduct the required inspection or initiate any remediation efforts, the owner shall be given 30 days to cure the violation.
- b. If the property owner has not cured the violation after 30 days, the property owner shall be subject to penalty not to exceed \$1000.00 per week until the required inspection has been conducted or remediation efforts have been initiated.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, clause or provision adjudged and the remainder of the ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section 4. Repeal of Prior Ordinance. All ordinances or parts of ordinance inconsistent with or in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as provided by law.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1482 – It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, that there be introduced and the meeting of April 29, 2024 set as the date for the public hearing of the following

**§ ORDINANCE NO. 1482
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LITTLE FALLS
FIRE DIVISION IN THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS CODE SECTION 3-7.8 ENTITLED: FIRE DIVISION**

The Township of Little Falls is repealing Code section 3.7.8 in its entirety and replacing code section 3.7.8 as follows:

3-7.8 Fire Division.

A. Fire Division created. Within the Department of Administration, there is hereby created a Division of Fire, which shall consist of four fire companies with a total of 100 active members to be designated as Rescue Company Number 1 and Engine Companies Nos. 2, 3 and 4, each company with an active membership of not more than 25 members and shall be known as the Little Falls Township Fire Department (Department). Each Company is also authorized to carry 10 auxiliary members per company. The Fire Division may employ such officers, firefighters and other such personnel, subject to the approval of the Mayor and within the limits of available appropriations, to carry out the functions of the Division.

Each Company has ownership of its own Fire House for which the Township pays a rental fee of \$4,500.00 to Company #1, \$4,500.00 to Company #2, \$4,500.00, to Company #3 and \$4,500.00 to Company #4 for storage of Municipal Apparatus and Equipment thru the annual municipal budget. The Township will pay for utilities, i.e., gas, electric, land line phones and cable TV and internet for the Company owned Fire Houses and generator maintenance thru the annual municipal budget. The Township provides all firematic apparatus, including the Department Chief's marked vehicle, 4 marked assistant chief's vehicles and various equipment for use by the Fire Department for firefighting purposes. The Township will provide gasoline for all Department vehicles.

Clothing Allowance will be provided by the Township and paid to each authorized company as follows:

Clothing Allowance to be paid to all active authorized members.

All active authorized members \$700.00/yr.

Additional Officer Stipends:

| | |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| 2 nd Lieutenant | \$250.00/yr. |
| 1 st Lieutenant | \$450.00/yr. |
| Captain | \$650.00/yr. |
| Assistant Chief | \$1,000.00/yr. |
| Chief of the Department | \$4,300.00/yr. |

Annually, the Chief of the Department shall certify to the Township the number of active members in each company. The Township shall provide the calculated clothing allowance to each company for distribution to its members and line officers. Any funds not distributed to the members and line officers in accordance with this ordinance shall remain with the Company and be utilized for Company expenses or initiatives as determined by the Executive Officers of the Company.

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The Township, at the request of the Company, will provide those insurance coverages integral to the operations of the company under the Townships Master Insurance Program offered by the Joint Insurance Fund.

The National Incident Fire Reporting System (NIFRS) will be prepared and managed by the Fire Official. Monthly reports will be provided to the Department Chief for Department files.

B. The government and management of the Department shall be according to the constitution, bylaws and rules, which shall be adopted by the Fire Department and approved by the Mayor and Governing Body, provided the same shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, the Township Policies and procedures, the rules and regulations for the Department which may be adopted from time to time by the Governing Body and approved by the Mayor. The Department shall present the current bylaws, rules and regulations for the Department annually to the Township Administrator for approval by the Mayor. Once approved by the Mayor the Township Council shall by formal resolution approve and adopt the Department, Bylaws. The Adopted bylaws shall be kept on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

[1] Company Bylaws shall not be in conflict with the provisions of this chapter, the Township Policies and procedures, and the rules and regulations for the Department.

C. Fire Chief.

(1) Position created. The position of Chief of the Fire Department is hereby created. The Chief of Fire Department (Fire Chief) shall head the Division of Fire and serve under the direction and supervision of the Township Administrator. The Fire Chief shall serve for no more than two consecutive terms. A term shall be defined as three years in accordance with the Department bylaws. The Fire Chief shall be designated 1-0

(2) Appointment and election. The Fire Chief shall be elected in accordance with the provisions set forth in this section.

(3) Qualifications. The Fire Chief shall be qualified by training, experience and such certifications/licenses as required by statute and the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety for the duties of his office.

(4) Duties. The Fire Chief shall direct and control the operations of the Fire Department at all fire emergencies and have the following duties:

(a) Prescribe Standard Operating Procedures, rules and regulations subject to the review by the Township Administrator, and approval of the Mayor.

(b) Upon arrival at a fire, enter upon and take charge of any buildings involved or endangered. The Chief's authority while directing the Department members at a fire shall be absolute and the Chief shall, when necessary, at a fire, order a street to be closed or traffic rerouted and may call upon the Police Division for any assistance required.

(c) Control and be responsible for the care and proper operation of all fire apparatus, and equipment.

(d) Purchasing for the Department is administered by the Fire Chief and must comply with the Township purchasing policy and procedures.

(e) Make such recommendations to the Mayor and Administrator for the betterment of the Department as he/she may deem necessary.

(f) Report Department activity to the Administrator monthly, and on an annual basis, the condition of the Department, a record of the fires and the attendance at the fires.

(g) Have the authority to request from any property owner or tenant access to any building for the purpose of conducting a fire pre plan and walk through in order to protect the members of the Department should they be called upon to enter the building during an emergency.

(h) The Fire Chief shall monitor for sufficiency the local water supply and distribution system as it relates to fire fighting and shall inform the Township Administrator of the conditions found and make recommendations for improvements and increased efficiency of the system as conditions may require.

(i) Establish and maintain a training program for all firefighters in the Department

(j) In case of insubordination on the fire ground or at a firematic event, the Fire Chief may order a temporary suspension of a department member for a time not to exceed 5 days. The Fire Chief shall then make a formal report to the Township Administrator. If charges are sustained by the Township Administrator, the suspension will stand as ordered. If the situation requires continued discipline, suspension or termination, the Administrator shall inform the Mayor as to his/her determination. At this time the Township Labor Counsel shall be advised of the matter and will further investigate the situation. If extended suspension or termination is suggested the action to suspend or expel such member from the Department shall be made by formal letter to the member.

(5) Accusations of criminal conduct or activity or inappropriate actions as identified in the Township of Little Falls personnel policy manual will be brought to the attention of the Township Administrator and addressed in accordance with the Township of Little Falls Personnel Policy Manual standards. The affected member shall have the right to grieve the decision by following the grievance policy steps set forth in the Township's Personnel Policy Manual to resolve this dispute.

(6) Removal of Fire Chief - The Mayor or the Administrator may remove the Fire Chief for neglect of office, malfeasance, improper conduct or other cause noted in the Township Personnel Policy manual after a proper and independent investigation. The Chief may appeal the Decision in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Township's Personal Policy Manual.

(7) Absence of Fire Chief. In the absence of the Fire Chief, the four Assistant Chiefs shall select one of the Assistant Chiefs to temporarily or otherwise, perform all of the duties of the Fire Chief.

D. Assistant Chiefs- Four Assistant Chiefs to be designated as follows:

Company 1 Assistant Chief 5-0

Company 2 Assistant Chief 2-0

Company 3 Assistant Chief 3-0

Company 4 Assistant Chief 4-0

In the absence of the Fire Chief the Assistant Chiefs shall perform the following duties:

(a) Direct and control the operations of the Fire Department at all fire emergencies in compliance with the established incident command system and have the following duties:

(b) Upon arrival at a fire, enter upon and take charge of any buildings involved or endangered. The Assistant Chief's authority while directing the Department members at a fire shall be absolute and the Assistant Chief shall, when necessary, at a fire, order a street to be closed or traffic rerouted and may call upon the Police Division for any assistance required.

(c) Control and be responsible for the care and proper operation of all fire apparatus, and equipment.

(d) Make such recommendations to the Fire Chief for the betterment of the Department as he/she may deem necessary.

(e) Make such recommendations to the Fire Chief to request from any property owner or tenant access to any building for the purpose of conducting a fire pre plan and walk through in order to protect the members of the Department should they be called upon to enter the building during an emergency.

(f) Assist the Fire Chief with the Training Program for the Department.

(g) In case of insubordination on the fire ground or at a firematic event, the Assistant Chief may order a temporary suspension of a department member for a time not to exceed 3 days. The Assistant Chief shall then make a formal report to the Township Administrator. If charges are sustained by the Township Administrator, the suspension will stand as ordered.

E. Captains.

The Captain of each company shall notify the Department Fire Chief of any firefighter by July 15, of each year who has not attended the required number of meetings, fires, and training drills during the first 6 months of the year. The Department Fire Chief Shall Certify to the Township Administrator, in writing, the name of all firefighters who have not attended the required number of meetings, fires, and training drills during first 6 months of the year. The Administrator shall thereupon notify the members and the Captains of said companies, in writing, that those member have been placed on guarded status. Each Company shall provide its members with a remedial plan to allow them to meet the required standard for membership in good standing over the next six-month period. The member may request the Board of Fire Officers review the attendance record and seek reinstatement to full active membership. If the member is not satisfied with the result before the Board of Fire Officers, the member shall follow the grievance policy steps set forth in the Township's Personnel Policy Manual to resolve this dispute.

F. Election of officers.

(A) Chief.

[1] In accordance with the provisions of this chapter, the Chief of the Fire Department shall be elected for a term of three years at an annual meeting of the members to be held on the second Thursday of December. The Chief may be elected for no more than two consecutive terms.

[2] If there are no willing and qualified candidates to run for Department Chief, at the end of two consecutive terms held by the Department Chief. The Department Chief, completing the second consecutive term, shall be allowed to run for Department Chief

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for a one-year term with the written approval of the Mayor. The Department Chief elected to a one-year term shall not run for Department Chief against any willing and qualified candidate, who when elected shall serve a three-year term. Pursuant to Section (A) [1] above. Should the Department Chief serve for three consecutive one-year terms, that Chief shall be eligible to run for a new three-year term in accordance with section (A) [1] above.

[3] The Chief shall hold office for a term of three years, which term shall commence on the date of his election at the meeting.

[4] In the event of the death, resignation or removal of the Chief, the membership of the Fire Department shall hold a special election on the second Thursday next following the death, or the effective date of the resignation or removal, and elect in accordance with the terms hereof another person to fill the office of the Chief for the unexpired term. The remainder of that term shall not count towards the two consecutive terms that a Chief can hold.

[5] If the membership of the Fire Division shall fail to hold the special election, The Assistant Chiefs shall select one of the Assistant Chiefs to act as the Chief of the Department until expiration of the unexpired term.

[6] If the Assistant Chiefs cannot select an Assistant Chief to act as the Chief of the Department and no election to fill the position is held, then the Mayor shall appoint a qualified Department member to fill the unexpired term of the Department Chief.

(B) Assistant Chiefs.

[1] Each of the four Assistant Chiefs shall be elected from a different fire company and the fourth Assistant Chief is to be elected from the same fire company of which the Chief of the Fire Division is a member.

[2] In the event of the death, resignation or removal of an Assistant Chief, the membership of the Fire Company shall hold a special election on the second Thursday next following the vacancy and elect in accordance with the terms hereof another person to fill the office of Assistant Chief from that Company. The vacancy will be filled by the ratification of the company's choice, with the new Assistant Chief becoming the Assistant Chief from said Company for the remainder of the term.

G. Eligibility.

(a) No person shall be eligible to be Chief of the Fire Division who has not served at least three years as an Assistant Chief, unless no member qualifies for the position, in which case the next three Assistant Chiefs with the most years of Assistant Chief service shall be eligible.

(b) No person shall be eligible to be an Assistant Chief of the Fire Division who has not served at least two years as Captain of one of the four fire companies established in the Township.

(c) All other officers of the Fire Department must be members in good standing at the time of election and shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Company and Department bylaws.

(d) No person shall be eligible to be a Department or Company Line officer who has not served three years as an active fire fighter.

H. Election under direction of The Township Clerk and the Township Administrator.

(a) The election of all officers of the Fire Division shall be under the direction of the Township Clerk and/or Deputy Clerk, and the Township Administrator, and the election shall be by secret written ballot. The Township Clerk will oversee the casting and collection of ballots as the roll for eligible voters is called by the Secretary of the Fire Division. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall assist in maintaining an orderly and accurate voting process.

(b) No member of the Fire Department shall be eligible to vote unless they have served at least six months as an active member of the Department.

(c) The results of any election shall be reported to the Governing Body by the Township Clerk at the next Township Council Meeting.

I. Rejection by the Mayor

(a) The Mayor may reject any person who has been elected Chief or Assistant Chief for cause.

(b) In the event of rejection of the officer as provided herein, the membership of the Fire Department shall hold a special election on the second Thursday next following the date of the rejection by the Mayor and shall elect in accordance with the terms hereof another person to fill the office of the persons rejected by the Mayor. If the membership of the Fire Department shall fail to hold the special election, then, and in that event, the Mayor, shall fill and appoint a qualified member to the unexpired term of office.

J. Board of Fire Officers.

(a) Composition. The Department Chief, and the four Assistant Chiefs shall constitute a Board of Fire Officers. The Captains of each Company shall serve as alternates to the Board. If an Assistant Chief is unable to attend a meeting of the Board, the Captain of the respective Company shall attend and vote as an alternate member. The Board of Fire Officers shall meet at least once in each quarter. The Board will be primarily responsible for framing the ongoing vision of the Township's emergency Fire response system. The Board will serve to ensure transparency and coordinate with the Township Administration to develop recommendations for a plan to maintain the Fire response system in the Township of Little Falls. The Board of Fire Officers shall advise and consult with the Fire Chief on matters affecting the welfare and morale of the Department members.

(b) Presiding officer. The Department Chief shall be the presiding officer and designate one of the members of the Board to act as Secretary and keep minutes of the meetings.

(c) The minutes of the meetings of the Board of Fire Officers will be maintained as permanent record of the Fire Department. A copy of said record shall be forwarded to the Township Clerk to keep on file as a permanent record of the Township.

K. Company Officers.

(1) Election of Officers. Before the second Thursday in December in each year, each fire company shall elect an Assistant Chief, Captain, First Lieutenant and Second Lieutenant, all of which must be a member in good standing and meet the eligibility requirements established by the Department and Company bylaws at the time of the election, and report the result of the election to the Chief and the President of the Department at the annual Department meeting. Company Officers terms shall commence the second Thursday in December and run until the following year's second Thursday in December.

(2) Duties of Captain.

(a) The Captain of each company shall have full charge of the company, apparatus and equipment under the direction of the Company Chief and shall keep records of fires, drills, and attendance of his members at all meetings, drills, training and fire calls and furnish the Department Chief with a copy on or before the 15th of the following month.

(b) The Captain shall by November 15th of each year furnish the Department Chief with an inventory of all apparatus and equipment assigned to the respective company by the Township and a separate report of company-owned equipment used by the Department.

(3) Duties of Lieutenants. The Lieutenants shall assist the Captain and in the Captain's absence assume the duties of the Captain.

L. Membership.

(1) Composition. The 100 authorized members of the Department shall be the active members of the four companies, each of which may admit new members, in accordance with the authorized strength defined herein, according to each company's bylaws, to the extent that the bylaws do not conflict with this section. The Department may also carry up to 40 auxiliary members, 10 from each company.

(2) Compensation. The member may receive such compensation for extraordinary services rendered as is provided by the Mayor and Governing Body.

(3) Eligibility and qualifications.

(a) All applicants for membership shall be between the age of 18 and the state maximum permitted age and be a resident of the Township or an immediately bordering municipality when accepted as a member of a Company.

(b) Each applicant shall file a written application in duplicate on a form to be provided by the Department, one copy of which shall be filed with the Township Clerk who shall maintain a list of Members of the Little Falls Fire Department, once the applicant has been accepted as a member of the Company, the Company secretary will provide a letter to the Township Clerk stating that the member has been accepted along with the effective date of membership.

(c) Each application shall be accompanied by a certificate from the health care provider clearing the applicant for attendance at the Fire Academy/or Fire and certifying that the health care provider has examined the applicant and is of the opinion that the applicant is physically fit to perform the duties of a fire fighter.

(d) All applicants must obtain and maintain a Firefighter 1 certificate from the New Jersey Division within 2 years of becoming an auxiliary member.

(e) All members must comply with Department training requirements established by the Department Chief. The Division training requirements shall be sent to the Township Administrator for approval.

(f) To remain a member of the Fire Department, a member shall be in good standing in accordance with the approved by-laws of the fire company to which the member belongs. Each member shall be afforded the opportunity to be a member in good standing by attending and participating at Company meetings and training drills.

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(g) A member who resigns or is expelled from a particular company may join another Company if approved by the members of the other Fire Company in accordance with their By-Laws. The Board of Fire Officers may review the decision made by the company accepting the member only in terms of allocating the proper manpower in order to keep each company viable for fire response. This decision may be appealed to the Township Administrator by the Company accepting the new member. The Decision of the Administrator shall be final and not subject to appeal.

(h) No member shall be permitted to transfer from one company to another unless the transfer shall be acceptable to both companies involved. The Board of Fire Officers may review the decision made by the company accepting the member only in terms of allocating the proper manpower in order to keep each company viable for fire response. This decision may be appealed to the Township Administrator by the Company accepting the new member. The Decision of the Administrator shall be final and not subject to appeal.

(4) Duties:

(a) Upon an alarm of fire or emergency, it shall be the duty of the members of the Department to report immediately to their respective firehouses and convey their apparatus to the place of the fire or emergency, or report directly to the fire or emergency if the apparatus has already left, and perform any duty that may be required of them by the officer in charge at the scene. They shall remain on duty until relieved by order of the Chief.

(5) Auxiliary firefighters. A Firefighter's Auxiliary to the Fire Department is hereby established, which shall be subject to the following provisions:

(a) Each auxiliary firefighter shall be at least 18 years old and assigned to one of the four fire companies in the Township.

(b) Auxiliary firefighters shall have no voting powers nor hold any offices within the Fire Department.

(c) The status and assignment of auxiliary firefighters shall be under the control of the applicable fire company Captains and Company Chief.

(d) Auxiliary firefighters will have no seniority and will have no line number in the Fire Department.

(e) Auxiliary firefighters shall, based upon their level of ability and training, participate at all Company meetings, training drills, and wash nights and at fires and emergencies scenes at the direction of their Company Officers.

(f) Any auxiliary firefighter who wishes to move to active membership must complete all requirements established by the applicable fire company bylaws and Fire Department bylaws.

M. Deputy Chief Position Established

1. The position of Deputy Chief is hereby established in the Department. A Department Chief having served at least four (4) terms may be considered by the Department for the position of Deputy Chief, with the designation 6-0. At the annual meeting of the members to be held on the second Thursday of December a qualifying Department Chief shall be elected by the active membership of the Department to the Honorary position of Deputy Chief by a 2/3ds vote of the eligible active voting members.

2. The Deputy Chief shall function in the command role at the scene of an emergency, in compliance with the Incident Command System.

N. Exempt certificates. Each member of the Department who has performed in accordance with the New Jersey Statutes covering Exempt Firefighters certificates for seven years shall be entitled to an Exempt certificate in compliance with the New Jersey Statutes 40A:14-56 et.al. thereof, signed by the Mayor, the Township Clerk and the Department Fire Chief and shall be entitled to wear such badge as shall be designated by the Mayor and shall be considered an exempt member of the Fire Department. Copy of each members exempt certificate shall be filed with the Township Clerk.

O. Interference with Fire Department. No person shall interfere with, impede or delay any fire apparatus in any manner, nor willfully drive or cause any vehicle to be driven over any hose, or other fire apparatus or equipment, nor in any manner willfully damage, deface or injure any apparatus, hose or equipment, nor give or cause to be given any false alarm of fire, nor meddle with, injure or destroy any of the property belonging to the Township of Little Falls Fire Department or any fire company.

P. Removal of fire apparatus from the Township.

No fire apparatus shall be taken outside of the limits of the Township for fire or emergency duty without order of the Chief or Acting Chief, nor for any other purpose without approval of the Department Chief and Notification by the Department Chief to the Township Administrator.

Q. Junior Firefighter's Auxiliary.

A Junior Firefighter's Auxiliary to the Fire Department is hereby created and shall be subject to the following provisions:

(1) Each junior firefighter shall be at least 14 years old, but not more than 18 years old, and assigned to one of the four fire companies in the Township.

(2) Junior firefighters shall have no voting powers nor hold any offices in the Fire Department.

(3) The use of junior firefighters for any task within the Fire Department shall be governed by the applicable state laws, regulations and/or guidelines.

(4) Junior firefighters shall be under the control and direction of the fire company Captains and Chief.

(5) Applicants must be residents of the Township, complete the standard application form and have a medical examination completed by the Township.

(6) Each junior firefighter, while enrolled in school or college, must provide his or her report card to his or her fire company Chief and/or Captain indicating that he or she has maintained a "C" average. In the event the grade average of said Junior Firefighter falls below a "C," the junior firefighter will be subject to disciplinary action or dismissal after evaluation by the Board of Fire Officers, who shall have final authority as to the dismissal of said junior firefighter.

(7) Any activities undertaken by a junior firefighter shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey, including, without limitation, the New Jersey Department of Labor Workers Compensation Law, New Jersey Child Labor Laws, New Jersey PEOSHA 12:100 and those state laws governing the establishment of a Junior Firemen's Auxiliary, eligibility for membership, and rules and regulations governing activities of a Junior Firemen's Auxiliary (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-95 through N.J.S.A. 40A:14-98).

(8) Junior firefighter activities and participation shall be governed by the applicable Township of Little Falls Fire Department.

(9) The Fire Department shall provide the junior firefighter with personal protective equipment meeting the current New Jersey PEOSHA requirements promulgated under N.J.A.C. 12:100-10, standards for firefighters.

(10) Junior firefighters may respond to alarms only under direct supervision and be permitted to assist in Fire Department operations. They shall not be permitted to drive any fire apparatus.

(11) Junior firefighters shall not engage in interior structural firefighting nor any hazardous material incident operations. They shall not be exposed to an emergency environment where self-contained breathing apparatus may be required. For purposes of this subsection, an emergency environment where self-contained breathing apparatus may be required shall include, but not be limited to: heat, toxic gases, smoke, interior structural firefighting, hazardous material incidents, confined space or below grade operations, oxygen-deficient atmospheres, and/or other products of combustion.

(12) Junior firefighters shall not be permitted to operate certain equipment, including but not limited to the following: jaws of life, chain saws, vent saws, come-along fire extinguishers and air chisels. Junior firefighters may operate the following equipment: porta power, flares, oxygen, suction unit or seatbelt cutters.

(13) Training provided to junior firefighters shall meet the Uniform Fire Code and State of New Jersey Standards for Fire Training and Certification promulgated under N.J.A.C. 5:18C.

(14) Junior firefighters shall not be permitted to carry and/or operate blue warning lights.

R. LOSAP Emergency Services Volunteer Defined Contribution Program.

(1) A defined contribution program known as a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) is hereby established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-183 et seq. for the benefit of the active volunteer members of the emergency services organization operating under the Township's jurisdiction, which is the Township of Little Falls Volunteer Fire Department.

(2) The program shall provide for annual contributions to a deferred income account for each active volunteer member of the aforesaid emergency services organization that meets the criteria set forth below, such contributions being made in accordance with the plan established by the Township of Little Falls pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-183 et seq., such plan being administered in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey, this subsection and any applicable rules of the Internal Revenue Service. The Township Council shall sponsor a responsible fiduciary for the administration of said plan and the investment and accounting for the funds maintained hereunder.

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(3) The proposed estimated total amount to be budgeted for the program shall be \$115,000, based upon a maximum of 100 qualifying volunteers.

(4) The proposed maximum annual Township contribution for an active volunteer shall be \$1,350. Subject to the adoption of the within program, the maximum annual contribution may be increased from time to time by application of the consumer price index factor as provided by the state and upon the approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

(5) An active volunteer member shall be eligible to participate in the Length of Service Award Program immediately upon the commencement of the active volunteer member's performance of active emergency services in the Township's emergency services organization. Members who have served for a year or part of a year and have earned sufficient points to gain a monetary reward to their deferred income account shall be considered to have vesting rights from that time forward for all LOSAP contributions. Vested members shall be able to withdraw the deposited funds at any time in accordance with current IRS rules, New Jersey state laws and applicable rules established by the plan's fiduciary administrator. In the event of the death of a volunteer member who is vested, contributions made to the member's account shall be distributed to the member's immediate family in accordance with current IRS rules and New Jersey state laws.

(6) A year of active emergency service commencing after the establishment of the program should be credited for each calendar year in which an active volunteer member accumulates at least 30 points that are granted in accordance with the following schedules. Annual contributions shall be made to each eligible member in accordance with the following schedules.

(a) Point system: Sixty-point annual goal for maximum contribution points may be earned as either all fire call points or a combination of fire call points and activity points. No more than 24 activity points shall be earned annually. Fire calls earn 0.3 points each.

Fire Calls Earned Points

| | |
|-----|----|
| 50 | 15 |
| 100 | 30 |
| 150 | 45 |
| | 60 |

(b) Annual twenty-four point maximum for activities as detailed below:

| Activities | Points Per | Max Yearly Points |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Company Drill | 1 | 12 |
| Division drills | 2 | 8 |
| Division meetings | 1 | 4 |
| Engineer certification* | 5 | 5 |
| Truck certification* | 5 | 5 |
| Firematic training | 5 | 10 |
| Memorial Day parade | 5 | 5 |
| Line and Company officer** | 15 | 15 |
| Company admin. officer** | 15 | 15 |
| Dept. admin. officer** | 15 | 15 |
| EMT training*** | 20 | 12 |

* Members must qualify every year.

** Member can only get credit for one position a year and must serve eight months in a calendar year.

*** Member can only get credit in year certification was obtained.

(c) Additional activity points shall be credited for accumulated years with the Little Falls Fire Division as follows:

| Years | Points |
|--------------|---------------|
| 1 to 5 | 1 |
| 6 to 10 | 3 |
| 11 to 15 | 6 |
| 16 to 20 | 10 |

(d) Percentage of maximum annual contributions to be paid based upon points accumulated annually.

Points Accumulated Annually % of Maximum Annual Contribution to be Paid

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| 60 or more | 100% |
| 50 to 59 | 75% |
| 40 to 49 | 50% |
| 30 to 39 | 25% |
| Less than 30 points | 0% |

(7) The crediting of prior years' service shall be solely in accordance with the above schedule. The determination of number of years' credit for each participant shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the state statutes. In no event shall the total amount exceed the maximum amount allowed by law.

(8) In computing credit for those active volunteer members who also serve as paid employees within the local government unit of the state, credit shall not be given for activities performed during the individual's regularly assigned work periods.

(9) The participating emergency services organization shall maintain all required records on forms prescribed by the requirements of the service award program and shall comply with all statutory provisions concerning the Length of Service Award Program. Each year the participating emergency services organization shall furnish to the Township Clerk an annual certification list, certified under oath, of all volunteer members, which shall identify those active volunteer members who have qualified for credit under the award program for the previous year. A volunteer member may request in writing that the member's name be deleted from the lists as participant in the program in accordance with state statute. The Township shall review the annual certification list and approve the final annual certification. The approved list of active certified volunteer members shall then be returned to each participating emergency services organization and posted for at least 30 days for review by members. The emergency services organization shall provide any information concerning the annual certification list that the Township shall require as part of its review.

(10) All records shall be maintained, updated and submitted on a monthly basis, by the emergency services organization, to the Chief Financial Officer of the Township.

Severability. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, sentence, phrase or provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Repealer and Merger. All Township ordinances and parts or ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 7 - Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage by the Township Council.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS – GENERAL MATTERS

Anyone wishing to address the Township Council may do so through the Council President. It is preferred if you give your name and address for the record. Comments are to be limited to three minutes, however, if appropriate, you may be granted additional time in the sole discretion of the Council President.

Members of the public who have joined the Meeting virtually and desire to provide comment shall raise their virtual hand in the Zoom application. The Meeting Moderator will queue the members of the public that wish to provide comment and the Council President will recognize them in order. Members of the public who have joined the Meeting by calling in must press *6 to mute and unmute themselves and *9 to raise their hand. Members of the public who have joined the Meeting via the Zoom application must click the Reactions icon and then the Raise Hand icon. Once the process is complete, we will return to the regular order of business.

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

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

No one coming forward to be heard, it was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that the meeting be and it was closed to the public.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, and Vancheri, Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, 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 for the Public; and
WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Governing Body with 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) – contract negotiations – no action taken.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri and Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

The Council entered Executive Session at 7:29 p.m.

At 8:24 p.m. the Council returned, and it was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, that the meeting return to Open Session.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri and Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Patel, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Poll: Ayes: Hablitz, Murphy, Patel, Vancheri, and Council President Sgobba
 Nays: None

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk