

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

Monday, May 20, 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, and Municipal Clerk Cynthia Kraus.

Absent: Deputy Clerk Melissa DePiro.

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 Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the April 29, 2024, and the Workshop Meeting of May 6, 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

SMALL BUSINESS APPRECIATION PROCLAMATION – BELLA NOTTE-CHUBBZY WUBBZY TOYS & COLLECTIBLES- At this time, Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation recognizing Bella Notte and Chubbzy Wubzy Toys & Collectibles for the essential role they play in the Township of Little Falls.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL BIKE MONTH- Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation recognizing May 2024 as National Bike Month in the Township of Little Falls.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH- the Mayor then read the Proclamation recognizing May 2024 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the Township of Little Falls.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL EMS WEEK – Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation recognizing May 19-25, 2024 as National EMS Week in the Township of Little Falls.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK – Lastly, Mayor Damiano read the Proclamation recognizing May 12-18, 2024 as National Law Enforcement Week in the Township of Little Falls.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS –

Councilmember MURPHY reported on the Domestic Violence Prevention Committee.

Councilmember HABLITZ highlighted Library events and reminded that the Farmers Market starts on May 31st.

Councilmember PATEL provided a report on the Health Department report.

Councilmember VANCHERI reported on the Memorial Day weekend events including a concert on Friday night and annual Memorial Day parade.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Council President SGOBBA announced new additions to the Hometown Hero program and commented on new features which use Google maps to locate Hometown Heros and include a brief biography. Council President SGOBBA then noted the Senior Advisory Board will sponsor a Spring Fling on May 21st. Lastly, Council President SGOBBA discussed the placement of trees on Mozart Street and Cherry Street.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ms. Marquez had nothing to report.

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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 Murphy, 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.

Sean May – Requested clarification on Ordinance No. 1493 regarding time limitations on Sunday morning. Mr. Cuccia commented that the Ordinance does not allow commercial work on Sundays. Mayor Damiano recommended the Ordinance be tabled for further review. Mr. May also requested clarification regarding noise as it pertains to the reference table. Mayor Damiano commented on the intent of the Ordinance, discussed modifications, and offered to reach out to Mr. May to address his comments. Ms. Marquez commented on the modifications, noting she would confer with her colleagues. Mr. May expressed concern with respect to the pedestrian walkway regarding access to his driveway and ADA accessibility. Mayor Damiano and Council President SGOBBA stated the walkway would not impede access to Mr. May's driveway and further elaborated on discussions regarding ADA parking. The Mayor also responded to Mr. May's query regarding the final design and finishes of the pedestrian walkway. Lastly, Mayor Damiano commented on a grant which will bring the streetscape from Main Street up to Walnut Street.

John Veteri – 110 Ridge Avenue – Commented on the pedestrian plaza. Per Council President SGOBBA, Mr. Veteri elaborated on traffic and safety issues.

Sara Goldstein – 216 Main Street - Questioned where parking would be located for Library patrons. Council President SGOBBA indicated access to the parking lot where the Old Police Station is located will still be available.

Janet Cooper- 47 Oak Crescent- commented on the pedestrian plaza and questioned the status of the project. Council President SGOBBA clarified that the Governing Body would determine if the Township would obtain funding and approve of the designs. Ms. Cooper explained her concerns about traffic flow, handicap parking, and rationale for the location selection. Council President SGOBBA responded to Ms. Cooper's suggestions of alternative locations and ADA parking. Ms. Cooper questioned whether developers could be held to develop property instead of knocking down existing structures and leaving the property stagnant. Councilmember MUPRHY questioned whether the Engineers could develop a schematic plan to demonstrate where parking would be located. Ms. Cooper also expressed concerns as to the impact of the new apartments and the condition of pedestrian walkways. Council President SGOBBA stated the grant is being sought after in June and the project would be completed in 2025. Mayor Damiano elaborated on how the proposed changes consider pedestrian safety, responded to the delay leading to the walkway near Main and Stevens, and added the Farmers Market may be relocated due to the potential new location of the EMS building. The Mayor indicated when the apartments would be open and to what capacity Citizens has been rented. Council President SGOBBA addressed Ms. Cooper's question about areas owned but not developed noting the Governing Body does not have the authority to force a developer to build as long as the property is kept safe, and further stated the Counsel could look into it.

AJ Alvarez – broadly spoke in favor of the pedestrian plaza. He discussed the criteria of ADA parking spaces and commented on the designed space and closing the portion of Warren Street.

Councilmember MURPHY queried the timeframe of the Ordinance and what the options were if the Council did not like the design. Council President SGOBBA confirmed with Counsel that the Council is not obligated to move on it if the grant was not obtained or if the design was not acceptable by the Council. Councilmember PATEL asked if the Township could have applied for the grant first. Mr. Cuccia explained the area has to be designated first by passage of the Ordinance. Councilmember VANCHERI commented on the property on the corner of Stevens and Main and noted that the owner was planning to put a post and rail fence to enhance the aesthetics. Councilmember VANCHERI then explained the process of approving tonight, obtaining the grant and having the Engineers design the space.

No one having come forward to be heard, it was moved by Councilmember Patel, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, 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.

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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 April 2024

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT Month of April 2024		
ABC LICENSES		
OTHER LICENSES		
Business Licenses	\$2,290.00	
Pre-paid Business Licenses		
Raffle Licenses	\$40.00	
		\$2,330.00
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS		
Fees & Permits	\$728.00	
Marriage Licenses-LF	\$36.00	
Marriage Licenses-NJ	\$300.00	
		\$1064.00
MRNA		
Street Maps		
Zoning Maps		
Zoning Ordinances		
Document Copies		
Garage Sales	\$15.00	
Misc. Fees & Refunds:		
TOTAL MRNA		<u>\$15.00</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT		<u>\$3409.00</u>
TOTAL TO TREASURER		<u>\$3409.00</u>

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

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT Month of April 2024		
Dog Licenses issued 04/01/2024 thru 04/30/2024		
Nos. 229 to 232 = Licenses		
Amount due Little Falls		\$27.20
Amount due State		\$7.80
Total Cash Received		\$35.00
Cat Licenses issued 04/01/2024 thru 04/30/2024		
Nos. to Licenses Issued		
Total Cash Received		\$35.00
Total to Treas.		<u>\$35.00</u>

Tax Collector’s Report – Month of April 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 April 2024

Categories 01-	April 1-30, 2024	2024 Year to Date
2024 Taxes	2,749,299.74	15,105,474.16
2020-2023 Taxes	45,746.03	295,650.42
Interest	13,597.87	37,738.06
Insufficient Check Fee	20.00	80.00
Duplicate tax Bills	0.00	5.00
6% YE -Penalty fee	0.00	6,365.74
PILOT in-lieu of taxes	120,888.63	330,302.41
GRAND TOTALS	\$2,929,552.27	\$15,775,615.79

Delinquent 2023 Taxes 648,154.31 (subject to tax sale Oct. 8, 2024).
Delinquent 2024 Taxes 127,794.50 (1st qtr.).
Total Delinquent Taxes \$775,948.81
2024 Refunds this month = -\$1,777.21
2024 Year to date refunds = \$-1,777.21 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
March	\$0.00		\$7,207.73	\$9,141.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,777.21			\$18,126.89
April	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Totals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,207.73	\$9,141.65	\$0.00	\$416.81	\$0.00	\$1,777.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,543.40

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.

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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 April 2024

	Deposit	2024 Year-to-Date
January 2024	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
February 2024	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
March 2024	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
April 2024	\$58,709.52	\$ 58,709.52

Total Collected as of April 30, 2024 **\$58,709.52**

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 April 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
March 2024	0.00	\$354,100.00
April 2024	-12,900.00	\$341,200.00
Ending Balance as of April 30, 2024		\$341,200.00

Recreation Report – Month of March 2024

Recreation Center – April 2024				
Program	Facility	# Classes	Hours	Participants
Zumba Gold	Gym	8	8	60
Zumba Tone	Multi	10	10	200
Fencing	Multi	4	8	48
Yoga	Multi	4	4	33
QiGong/Tai Chi	Gym	4	8	60
Fit 4 U	Gym	4	4	44
Gentle Yoga	Gym	4	8	72
Pickleball	Gym	6	8	50
Travel Basketball	Gym	4	6	64
Weekly Totals		40	66	571

Civic Center Report – Month of April 2024

Month of April 2024			
Meeting Group	# of Meetings	Hours	Participants
Stamp Club	4	4	25
LFFPA Meeting	1	2	12
Girl Scouts	3	3	25
Senior Groups	8	25	105
Historical Society	1	3	100
CERT Meeting	1	2	15
Totals	18	39	282

Police Department Report – Month of April 2024

OPERATION DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT

Type of Arrest	Total
Total Calls for Service	3,776
Total Operation Reports Generated	272
Total Investigation Reports Generated	51
Total Arrests	16

Arrest Summary

Type of Arrest	Total
Warrants	8
Driving While Intoxicated	4
Criminal Trespass	1
Simple Assault	2
Obstruction of Justice (Eluding)	1

Patrol Bureau Time & Attendance

Type of Hours	Total
Vacation	24
Holiday	156
Compensatory	117.75
Sick	300
Personal time	28
Credit time	257.5
Administrative	48
PBA Day	12
Schedule Transition	51
Bereavement	24
Overtime due to Training	63
Overtime hours to maintain minimum staffing level	38
Overtime due to incident/weather/other event	95

TRAFFIC SAFETY SECTION

Type of Hours	Total		
TRAFFIC STUDIES	6		
SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT DETAILS	124	732(0)	742 (2)
RADAR DETAILS	138	732 (47)	742 (9)
MOTOR VEHICLES COMPLAINTS	11	732 (3)	742 (2)
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	739	732 (54)	742(31)
SUMMONS ISSUED	262	732 (10)	742 (30)
MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH REPORTS	44		
SAFETY STICK VIOLATIONS ISSUED	27		

Communications Bureau Time & Attendance

Type of Hours	Total
Vacation	0
Holiday	56
Compensatory	1
Sick	11
Personal time	16
Credit time	79
Scheduled Transition	0
Bereavement	0
OT Covered by Full Time	180
OT Covered by Per Diem	16
OT Covered by Supervisor	265
OT Due to Training	20
Overtime due to incident/weather/other event	0

Communications Bureau Calls for Service

Type of Hours	Total
9-1-1	204
NON-EMERGENCY	519
WALK IN	20
RADIO	1,609
MDT	1,463
TOTAL CFS	3,776

LITTLE FALLS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT NEW JERSEY CRASH STATISTICAL REPORT From Date: 03/01/2024 To Date:03/31/2024						
ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION						
REPORTABLE ACCIDENT	NON-REPORTABLE	SR1	HIT & RUN	TOTAL CRASH REPORTS		
40	4	0	2	44		
6- TIME OF THE ACCIDENT 8 – KILLED 9 - INJURED						
0001-0600	0601-1200	1201-1800	1801-2359	INTERSECTION	FATALITIES	INJURIES
1	13	21	9	5	0	7
5 – DAY OF THE WEEK						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4	4	13	9	5	5	4

LITTLE FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT Operations Division Monthly Report					
CODE	CALL FOR SERVICE	TOTALS	CODE	CALL FOR SERVICE	TOTALS
0210	RAPE/SEXUAL ASSAULT	1	6510	PARKING ENFORCEMENT	85
0440	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT HANDS AND FEET	1	6602	ABANDONED IMPOUND/TOWAWAY	1
0510	BURGLARY	1	6608	ESCORTS	3
0610	THEFT	10	6614	TRAFFIC POST	3
0613	THEFT SHOPLIFTING	1	6615	TRAFFIC COUNTER DEPLOYMENT/RADAR SIGN	5
0614	BURGLARY TO VEHICLE	1	6616	TRAFFIC STUDY	6
0710	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1	7003	PROPERTY CHECK/AREA CHECK	1129
0800	SIMPLE ASSAULT	2	7004	VACANT HOME CHECK	3
1120	CREDIT CARDS	1	7008	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	83
1130	FRAUD ALL OTHERS	7	7010	NOTIFICATIONS	3
1440	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF ALL	2	7014	OTH PUB SERV/WELFARE CHK	13
1445	PROPERTY DAMAGE REPORT	4	7015	ASSIST CITIZEN	8
1850	OVERDOSE	1	7025	EMOTIONALLY DISTURED PERSON (EDP)	4
2111	DWI – ALCOHOL/UNDER INFL	2	7050	PROPERTY CHECK SCHOOL FACILITIES	180
2415	DISPUTE	5	7055	BAR/TAVERN CHECK	31
2420	DISORDERLY CONDUCT/HARASSMENT	3	7502	ASSISTING-FIRE DEPT	1
2450	NOISE COMPLAINT	9	7504	ASSISTING-OTHER POLICE DP	13
2485	ALARM ALL OTHERS	6	7505	ASSIST OTHER PD-ALCO-TEST	1
2640	MUNICIPAL ORD VIOLATIONS/OTHER OFFENSES	2	7506	ASSISTING – OTHER AGENCIES	2
2646	OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE	1	7510	UTILITIES PROBLEM	5
2656	THREATS	3	7585	ASSIST SCHOOL	3
2657	HARASSMENT	3	8010	WARRANTS-LOCAL	3
2660	TRESPASSING	4	8110	WARRANTS-OTHER AGENCIES	1
4014	OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS GENERAL POLICE	9	8221	WARRRANTS-OTHER	1
4018	STREET LIGHTS-OUT/REPAIRS	1	8226	WARRANTS-MUNICIPAL BENCH WARRANT	1
4020	SUSPICIOUS AUTO GENERAL POLICE	8	8504	PRISONER WATCH/JAIL DUTY/TRANSPORT	1
4021	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	9	9002	ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES	2
4022	SUSPICIOUS PERSON GENERAL POLICE	6	9003	COMMUNITY POLICING	17
4026	DOWN-WIRES/POLES/TREES/LIMBS	4	9006	SICK DAY	3
4028	OTHER NON-CRIMINAL INV GENERAL POLICE	32	9007	CHECK SCHOOL GUARD/COVER SCHOOL POST	115
4040	PATROL INVESTIGATION	7	9008	COURT	6
4051	ALARM BURGLARY OR HOLD UP RESIDENCE	18	9010	IN SERVICE TRAINING	75

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CODE	CALL FOR SERVICE	TOTALS	CODE	CALL FOR SERVICE	TOTALS
4052	ALARM BURGLARY OR HOLD UP NON RESIDENCE	11	9011	MISC MAINTENANCE RADIOS ETC	1
4054	PANIC ALARM	1	9012	OTHER MAINTENANCE	4
4100	ALARMS (FIRE ALARMS)	3	9020	POLICE INFORMATION	3
4143	FIRE-VEHICLE FIRE	1	9027	FIREARMS APPLICATION	10
4144	FIRE-DUMPSTER/GARBAGE FIRE	1	9028	FINGERPRINT	1
4152	FIRE-WIRES/TRANSFORMER/ELECTRICAL	1	9029	CIVIL MATTER	7
4157	FUMES- ODOR OF GAS	2	9030	SPECIAL DETAIL ASSIGNMENT	62
4170	ASSIST – POLICE DEPARTMENT	8	9034	REPOSSESSION	4
4175	MEETING	58	9035	L.E.A.D. PROGRAM/DRUG AWARENESS	3
4191	FIRE-VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	1	9052	TRO/FRO INFORMATION & SERVICE	4
4478	MEDICAL-GI COMPLAINT	1	9085	SURRENDER OF PROPERTY(NOT RECOVERY)	1
4481	MEDIAL-OTHER	1	911	911 HANG UP/CHK WELFARE	52
5004	FOUND ARTICLES	3	9110	PRO-ACTIVE PATROL	131
5008	LOST ARTICLES	2	9112	FOOT PATROL	9
5016	MISSING PERSON	1	9115	FOLLOW-UP	127
5502	BARKING DOG/ANIMAL NOISE	1	9118	CHILDSEAT INSPECTION	1
5506	LOST/FOUND STRAY ANIMALS	3	9110	911 TRANSFER TO OTHER	32
5510	ANIMAL COMPLAINTS ALL	5	9130	OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET	1
5517	DISPOSAL OF INJURED ANIMAL	1	9137	EVIDENCE DUTIES	1
6006	MV ACCIDENT W/INJURY	4	9192	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	43
6008	MV ACCIDENT NO INJURIES	50	9982	SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	2
6010	MV CRASH – SR-1/OTHER	1	9991	CAMERA REVIEW DETAIL	6
6015	MV CRASH HIT & RUN	1	9998	DAILY ASSIGNMENTS	90
6305	SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT TRAFFIC	123	9999	NON-CAT DATA	25
6306	RADAR	138			
6308	TRAFFIC MV COMPLAINT	10			
6310	TRAFFIC ENFORCE/STOP	733			
6335	TRAFFIC HAZARD	16			
6336	DISABLED MV	17			

**OPERATION
Investigations & Services Division Monthly Report**

DETECTIVE BUREAU

Criminal Case Management:

17	Cases Referred for Follow-Up Investigation
32	Open and Active Investigations
11	Cases Closed
10	Assist Own Agency

Criminal Complaints/Warrants Served:

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

Juvenile:

1	Juvenile Cases(s) Investigated
0	Juvenile Complaints Issued
1	Stationhouse Adjustments Issued by Juvenile Officer

Narcotics:

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

After Hours Callouts:

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

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

0	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:

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

Background Investigations:

The Detective Bureau completed:

0	Police Applicant	0	Dispatcher Applicant
0	Crossing Guard Applicant	0	Solicitor Applicant
0	ABC Background/Applicant		EMS Applicant

Megan's Law (Sex Offender) Registration:

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

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No notable investigations completed/cleared for release.

Detective Time Off and Overtime:

Time Off:

12	Compensatory
134	Vacation/Holiday
0	Personal
22	Sick
0	Other (Bereavement)
168	Total

Overtime:

12	Detective (Investigations and Follow-ups) Hours for Cash
1	Detective (Investigations and Follow ups) Hours for Compensatory Time
10	Patrol Shift Coverage by Detective
16	Patrol Grant OT
7.5	Court OT
0	PVHS/Outside Events

RECORDS BUREAU:

Discovery and OPRA

13	Discovery cases processed for defense attorneys, public defender, and prosecutors.
40	OPRA requests processed.
730	Pages of reports were facilitated and forwarded to the Township Clerk's Office for OPRA requests.

\$1,750.00	Total deposited by the Records Bureau.
\$0.00	Discovery
\$1,725.00	Firearms
\$25.00	Accident & Incident Reports
\$0.00	Fingerprints

Firearms:

14	Applications for Firearms Permits
5	Firearms Purchaser ID Cards were issued
25	Handgun Purchase Permits were issued
4	Permit to Carry Handguns Issued
18	Firearm Investigations Completed
1	Applications Withdrawn by Applicant/Denied

TRAINING

Outside Training:

- TASER Operator's Course at PCPA: Sgt. Cespedes, Det. O'Brien, Det. Kania, Ptl. Oklejewicz, Ptl. Isshak, Ptl. Trommelen (4 hours)
- Biker Gang Class at Sussex County: Det/Sgt. Moncato, Ptl. Conti (8 hours)
- Commercial MV Interdiction at Parsippany: Ptl. Thurman, Ptl. Isshak, Ptl. Hablitz, Ptl. Oklejewicz (24 hours)
- Online Open Source Investigations at Lyndhurst : Det. Kania, Det. Racanelli (27 hours)
- Applied Leadership Principles at MCPA: Sgt. Tulling (8 hours)
- Excel I at PCPA: Lt. Hoyt (8 hours)
- Excel II at PCPA: Lt. Hoyt (8 hours)
- Crowd Control training at BCPA: Sgt. Emperio (8 hours)
- Commercial Truck Enforcement at PCPA: Ptl. Isshak (6 hours)
- First Line Supervisors Career Survival at MCPA: Det./Sgt. Moncato, Sgt. Timmerman (4 hours)
- Guardian Wellness Summit at Staten Island: Lt. Gilchrist (9 hours)
- Tactical Narcotics Training at Middlesex: Det. Kania (48 hours)
- Radar Instructor refresher at PCPA: Ptl. Isshak (7hours)
- LIDAR Operator at MCPA: Ptl. Norton (4 hours)
- Drug Interdiction at Picatinny Arsenal: Ptl. Hablitz (16 hours)

Department Training:

- Supervising Critical Incidents by Det./Sgt. Moncato: Department-wide (1 hour)
- Power DMS – Spring Use of Force course
- Power DMS-Monthly Leadership training: department supervisors
- Start of Field Training for SPO Torres with Ptl. Trommelen
- Defensive Tactics Refresher by Sgt. Emperio: Ptl. Piedrabuena, Ptl. Kotsadam (1 hour)
- Semi-annual Handgun qualifications: Department-wide

COMMUNITY POLICING:

Detail Type	Total
Community Function Appearances	6
School Function Appearances	3
School Arrivals	17
School Dismissals	0
School Walk Throughs	1
Vacant House Checks	2
Car Seat Installations	0
Cell Block Inspections	22
Opioid Resident Outreach	1
School Lockdown/Evacuation Drills	3

Additional Community Policing & Crime Prevention

- 4/2 Autism Flag Raising
- 4/16 Bubbles for Liam
- 4/18 6th Grade LEAD Graduation
- 4/22 PVHS Criminal Justice Club Presentation
- 4/24 Job Fair at William Paterson University
- 4/29 3rd Grade LEAD Graduation

Meeting of May 20, 2024

Construction Report – April 2024

Uniform Construction Code

Permits Issued – 48
 Inspections -133
 Total Value of Construction – \$930,480.00
 Certificate of Occupancy - \$500.00
 Permit Fees Collected - \$38,869.00
 Permit Fees Waived - \$0.00
 Penalties - \$500.00
 Total Fees Collected - \$38,869.00

Zoning

Total Zoning Fees - \$8,920.20

Property Maintenance

Certificates of Compliance Fees –\$3005.00
 Inspections – 47
 Roll-off permits – \$20.00
 Complaints – 3
 Fines - \$0.00
 Violations Issued –6
 Total Fees Collected - \$3,025.00
Monthly Revenue \$50,814.20

YTD 2024 Revenue \$155,537.20

Finance Department Report

BUDGET STATUS REPORT YEAR TO DATE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS TEMPORARY BUDGET JANUARY 1, 2024 – APRIL 30, 2024					
ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	ACTIVITY	EMCUMBERED	BALANCE
01-201-20-100-100	ADMINISTRATION S&W	200,000.00	6,875.00	-	193,125.00
01-201-20-100-200	ADMINISTRAION O/E	80,500.00	36,683.14	2,145.00	41,671.86
01-201-20-110-100	MAYOR & COUNCIL S&W	23,000.00	729.18	-	22,270.82
01-201-20-110-200	MAYOR & COUNCIL O/E	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00
01-201-20-120-100	CLERK S&W	305,300.00	12,380.39	-	292,919.61
01-201-20-120-200	CLERK O/E	80,500.00	23,300.69	4,052.71	53,146.60
01-201-20-130-100	FINANCIAL ADM. S&W	168,973.00	8,052.75	-	160,920.25
01-201-20-130-200	FINANCIAL ADM. O/E	75,000.00	20,995.33	3,600.34	50,404.33
01-201-20-135-200	FINANCIAL ADMIN. AUDIT	58,000.00	15,250.00	-	42,750.00
01-201-20-145-100	REVENUE ADMIN.S&W	110,685.00	4,488.45	-	106,196.55
01-201-20-145-200	REVENUE ADMIN.-O/E	39,500.00	2,485.54	520.79	36,493.67
01-201-20-150-100	ASSESSMENTS S&W	63,281.00	2,566.13	-	60,714.87
01-201-20-150-200	ASSESSMENT OF TAXES O/E	22,150.00	12,047.20	-	10,102.80
01-201-20-155-200	LEGAL SERVICES O/E	175,000.00	31,690.00	5,000.00	138,310.00
01-201-20-165-200	ENGINEERING O/E	50,000.00	19,958.50	3,857.00	26,184.50
01-201-21-180-100	PLANNING BOARD S&W	5,507.00	223.32	-	5,283.68
01-201-21-180-200	PLANNING BOARD O/E	26,500.00	1,766.36	-	24,733.64
01-201-22-195-100	CONST.CODE OFF. S&W	323,103.00	13,149.32	-	309,953.68
01-201-22-195-200	CONST.CODE OFF. O/E	42,200.00	33,842.11	1,466.92	6,890.97
01-201-22-196-100	PLUMBING INSP. S&W	25,479.00	1,033.06	-	24,445.94
01-201-22-197-100	ELECTRIC INSP. S&W	26,750.00	1,031.25	-	25,718.75
01-201-23-210-200	INSURANCE O/E	677,000.00	452,042.25	-	224,957.75
01-201-23-220-200	GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	1,750,000.00	623,120.19	-	1,126,879.81
01-201-23-225-200	UNEMPLOYMENT INSUR.	15,000.00	-	-	15,000.00
01-201-25-240-100	POLICE S&W	4,889,557.00	223,385.35	-	4,666,171.65
01-201-25-240-200	POLICE O/E	266,600.00	107,870.88	24,683.98	134,045.14
01-201-25-245-200	ACQ. OF POLICE CARS	110,000.00	43,768.25	65,808.86	422.89
01-201-25-250-100	POLICE S&W DISPATCH	493,253.00	21,593.39	-	471,659.61
01-201-25-252-100	EMERG. MGMT. S&W	15,000.00	625.00	-	14,375.00
01-201-25-252-200	EMERG. MGMT. O/E	20,000.00	2,872.78	13,266.80	3,860.42
01-201-25-260-100	EMS/AMBULANCE COORD. S&W	653,107.00	23,480.86	-	629,626.14
01-201-25-260-200	EMS OTHER EXPENSE	116,450.00	27,259.10	9,641.32	79,549.58
01-201-25-265-200	AID TO FIRE-O/E	167,240.00	37,871.78	4,597.74	124,860.48
01-201-25-266-273	FIRE HYDRANT SERV.	215,000.00	96,890.50	-	118,109.50
01-201-25-267-100	FIRE PREVENTION S&W	93,079.00	4,330.54	-	88,748.46
01-201-25-267-200	FIRE PREVENTION O/E	9,700.00	8,490.90	360.09	849.01
01-201-25-275-100	PROSECUTOR S&W	22,279.00	1,320.40	-	20,958.60
01-201-26-290-100	DPW S&W	1,003,358.00	43,037.69	-	960,320.31
01-201-26-290-200	DPW-O/E	210,000.00	145,878.99	10,472.64	53,648.37
01-201-26-300-200	SHADE TREE COMM. O/E	23,370.00	190.00	130.00	23,050.00
01-201-26-305-100	SOLID WASTE S&W	95,000.00	1,871.29	-	93,128.71
01-201-26-305-200	SOLID WASTE O/E	696,000.00	292,559.12	-	403,440.88
01-201-26-310-200	BLDGs & GROUNDS O/E	113,800.00	36,162.18	3,566.86	74,070.96
01-201-26-315-100	VEHICLE MAINT. S&W	110,000.00	3,911.00	-	106,089.00
01-201-26-315-200	VEHICLE MAINT. O/E	120,000.00	48,154.91	12,863.80	58,981.29
01-201-26-325-200	COMMUNITY SERVICES ACT	10,000.00	1,752.36	604.08	7,643.56
01-201-27-330-200	BOARD OF HEALTH O/E	1,025.00	-	-	1,025.00
01-201-27-333-200	PEOSHA – FIRE	3,500.00	-	-	3,500.00
01-201-27-335-200	FLOOD BOARD OTHER EXPENSES	500.00	-	-	500.00
01-201-27-360-200	SENIOR ACTIVITIES O/E	6,000.00	4,306.45	-	1,693.55
01-201-27-365-000	SENIOR TRANSPORTATION	2,900.00	-	-	2,900.00
01-201-28-370-100	RECREATION S&W	289,785.00	9,071.14	-	280,713.86
01-201-28-370-200	RECREATION O/E	198,780.00	68,950.02	15,134.45	114,695.53
01-201-29-390-200	MAINT. PUBLIC LIBRARY	729,409.00	198,233.69	-	531,175.31
01-201-30-420-200	CELEB. OF PUBLIC EVENTS	10,000.00	2,500.00	-	7,500.00
01-201-31-435-200	STREET LIGHTING	95,000.00	42,864.10	-	52,135.90

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ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	ACTIVITY	EMCUMBERED	BALANCE
01-201-31-440-200	TELEPHONE/IT	120,000.00	30,449.92	30,080.32	59,469.76
01-201-31-445-200	WATER	35,000.00	7,543.68	-	27,456.32
01-201-31-446-200	GAS & ELECTRIC	275,000.00	131,015.27	-	143,984.73
01-201-31-447-200	DIESEL	50,000.00	2,883.90	-	47,116.10
01-201-31-456-200	RECYCLING TAX APPROPRIATON	16,000.00	5,342.76	-	10,657.24
01-201-31-457-200	SECOND RIVER JOINT	4,500.00	-	-	4,500.00
01-201-31-458-200	THIRD RIVER JOINT	2,500.00	-	2,469.00	31.00
01-201-31-459-200	TWSP OF MONTCLAIR	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00
01-201-31-460-200	GASOLINE	125,000.00	47,278.21	4,200.47	73,521.32
01-201-31-461-200	CITY OF CLIFTON	127,000.00	-	-	127,000.00
01-201-31-462-200	PASSAIC VALLEY SEWER COMM.	1,088,000.00	543,562.97	-	544,437.03
01-201-31-465-200	LANDFILL/SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	600,000.00	158,448.40	--	441,551.60
01-201-36-471-200	PERS	509,962.00	509,962.00	-	-
01-201-36-472-200	FICA	400,000.00	17,825.56	-	382,174.44
01-201-36-475-200	PFRS	1,388,484.00	1,388,484.00	-	-
01-201-36-476-200	LOSAP	105,000.00	-	-	105,000.00
01-201-36-477-200	DCRP	20,000.00	884.33	-	19,115.67
01-201-36-478-200	PEN.VOL. FIRE WIDOWS	5,000.00	1,666.64	3,333.36	-
01-201-37-480-020	JUDGEMENTS	62,000.00	61,204.70	-	795.30
01-201-41-569	RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT	15,596.75	15,596.75	-	-
01-201-41-602	CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT	24,413.12	24,413.12	-	-
01-201-41-779	BODY ARMOR GRANT	2,419.64	2,419.64	-	-
01-201-41-783	ALCOHOL EDUC. REHAB. GRANT	389.38	389.38	-	-
01-201-41-784	STORMWATER MGMT GRANT	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	-
01-201-41-785	CLICK IT OR TICKET GRANT	7,000.00	7,000.00	-	-
01-201-41-786	U TEXT U PAY GRANT	7,000.00	7,000.00	-	-
01-201-41-787	BULLET PROOF VEST FUND GRANT	1,380.50	1,380.50	-	-
01-201-43-490-100	MUNICIPAL COURT S&W	152,907.00	6,628.93	-	146,278.07
01-201-43-490-200	MUNICIPAL COURT O/E	34,350.00	6,357.27	1,107.41	26,885.32
01-201-43-495-200	PUBLIC DEFENDER	5,500.00	-	-	5,500.00
01-201-44-900-200	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	100,000.00	-	-	100,000.00
01-201-44-905-200	ACQ OF COMPUTERS	85,000.00	18,826.16	27,957.60	38,216.24
01-201-45-920-200	BOND PRINCIPAL	1,636,000.00	-	-	1,636,000.00
01-201-45-925-200	NOTE PRINCIPAL	168,667.00	-	-	168,667.00
01-201-45-930-200	INTEREST ON BONDS	532,257.00	212,659.25	-	319,597.75
01-201-45-935-200	INTEREST ON NOTES	384,200.00	-	-	384,200.00
01-201-46-875-200	5 YR SPECIAL EMERGENCY	302,174.00	-	-	302,174.00
01-201-50-899-200	RES UNCOLLECTED TAXES	800,000.00	-	-	800,000.00
	GRAND TOTAL	24,347,820.39	6,047,046.17	250,921.54	18,049,852.68

Health Department Report- April 2024

Health Officer's Little Falls April 2024 Report:

- Presentation of Annual Report at Council meeting.
- Meeting with Councilwoman Patel regarding upcoming events. Set up mindfulness sessions in the library for families.
- Quality Improvement meetings with Administration, Environmental, Nursing/Health Education, Animal Control and Infectious Disease team.
- Sent updated information from NJDOH (COVID, CRD, and ILI) reports to all Health Department staff.

Health Educator Monthly Report for Little Falls – April 2024

April 1st through April 30th

- 4/1: Attending Public Health Symposium with Jennifer Kidd, Danielle Jones, Jennifer Terwilliger, Kim Finkler, and Ashley Peralta
- 4/8 & 4/29: Strengthening Team meeting: discussion of upcoming projects and Health Education and Infectious Diseases Team updates
- 4/18: Participated in phone call with Dr. David Del Vecchio, Physical Therapist, of Premier Surgery Center to discuss possible collaboration on programs
- 4/18: Health Education/Nursing/Social Services QI meeting; provided update on upcoming programs and screenings and QI project
- 4/25: Coordinated Colorectal Cancer Screening in collaboration with Hackensack Meridian Mountainside Medical Center (open to Clifton and Little Falls residents); 25 in attendance
- 4/25: Meeting with Little Falls Councilwoman Jayna Patel, Tom Sadowski, Danielle, Jenn Kidd, and John Biegel to discuss mental health programs for Little Falls in May
- 4/26: Attended Motivational Interviewing training at the Recreation Center with CHD staff
- 4/29: Coordinated Eye Screening in collaboration with Commission for Blind and Visually Impaired (open to Clifton and Little Falls residents); 18 in attendance
- 4/29: Attended Little Falls Council Meeting with John Biegel, Jenn Kidd, and Dr. Kowal to review 2023 Health Department Annual Report and answer questions from residents
- 4/30: Participated in accreditation podcast recording with Jenn Kidd, Lauren Scarfo, and Daniel Jones

Little Falls Monthly Report – April 2024

During the month of April, the Strengthening team worked with the Social Services division to provide mindfulness education to Little Falls School #3 to both the third and fourth grade students. Each class spent time learning mindfulness techniques for 4 weeks. Some of the classes included gratitude, mindful listening, and mindful test taking. During the gratitude class students were asked to think about 3 things they are grateful for and use their mindful breathing to reflect on things that make us feel happy. Then they were given a letter to write to someone they are grateful for. Students ended the class practicing their positive affirmations and being grateful for all the beautiful things they have in their lives!

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					

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Retail Food Establishment Plan Review					
Date	Establishment Name	Address	Approved or Denied	Comments	
Environmental Complaint Investigations					
Date	Complaint Address	Complaint Type	Municipality Attached	Comments	
4/15/24	123 Newark Pompton Tpk	Rodent		Treatment in Place	
4/19/24	405 Main St	Dog Feces & Trash		Clean up in place	
4/22/24	280 Overlook Ave	Septic System Failing		New System Being Designed	
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				

Bus Name	risk type	addr1	Result
A TACO AFFAIR	2	81 MAIN STREET	Satisfactory
A TACO AFFAIR MOBILE	2	81 MAIN STREET	Satisfactory
AQUILA PIZZA AL FORNO	2	7A PATERSON AVE	Satisfactory
BAGELS UNLIMITED	2	163 EAST MAIN STREET	Satisfactory
BIBIANA'S	2	400 MAIN STREET	Satisfactory
FALLS CREAMERY	1	11 PATERSON AVE	Satisfactory
FIRST WOK	2	13 STEVENS AVE	Satisfactory
JACKIE'S GRILLETTE BISTRO & JUICE BAR	2	55 EAST MAIN STREET	Satisfactory
MASONIC LODGE	2	14 LINCOLN AVE	Satisfactory
SCHOOL #2	2	78 LONGHILL ROAD	Satisfactory
SILANTRO LIME TACOS	2	123 FOREST ST	Satisfactory
THE TIES AT WOODFORD HALL	2	4 WOODHULL AVE	Satisfactory
VALLEY SPA	1	61 EAST MAIN STREET	Satisfactory
YOGI BERRA CONCESSIONS @ MSU	2	1 NORMAL AVE	Satisfactory

LITTLE FALLS ANIMAL CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT APRIL 2024						
DATE	ACO	DISPATCHED	COMPLETED	NATURE OF CALL	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
4/3/24	TAUBER	1225	1315	SICK WILDLIFE	CALL OF SICK FOX IN THE AREA. DROVE THROUGH AREA, NOTHING OBSERVED. CALLED & SPOKE WITH COMPLAINANT.	ISLAND AVE 973-227-7468
4/4/24	LEON	3:55 PM	5:00 PM	INJURED WILDLIFE	I RECEIVED A CALL FROM LITTLE FALLS DISPATCH STATING THERE IS A GOOSE AT 280 MAIN ST. AT THE MILL APARTMENTS. I ARRIVED ON SCENE WITH MY PARTNER ACO MOLNER WE FOUND THE GOOSE IT HAS A BROKEN NECK. THE GOOSE WAS SUFFERING. WE CONTAINED IT AND BROUGHT IT BACK TO THE SHELTER PTS DUE TO ITS INJURIES.	280 MAIN ST.
4/7/24	MOLNER	9:00	10:40	OWNED ANIMAL	GERMAN SHEPHERD WAS FOUND BY LITTLE FALLS PD ON SIGTIM DR IN LITTLE FALLS. PD BROUGHT THE DOG TO HEADQUARTERS WHERE I PICKED IT UP AND BROUGHT IT TO THE SHELTER. THE DOG HAD A MICROCHIP, AND THE OWNER WAS FOUND. THE DOG WAS REUNITED WITH THEIR OWNER AT 10:35 AM AT THE CLIFTON ANIMAL SHELTER.	
4/9/24	TAUBER	1000	1100	STRAY CAT	CALL OF A STRAY CAT HANGING AROUND THE REAR OF A HOUSE, SCANNED AND TOOK TO FOSTER ANIMAL HOSPITAL FOR EXAMINATION	38 WOODS ROAD

APRIL 2024-CASES INVESTIGATED BY NURSING STAFF PER CDC GUIDELINES (ADULT/CHILDREN THAT REQUIRED HOSPITALIZATION INVESTIGATED)			0
Age Range	# cases	Deaths	
UNKNOWN			
0-9	1		
10-19	2		
20-29	4		
30-39	9		
40-49	2		
50-59	3		
60-69	5		
70-79	4		
80-89			
90+	1		
Total	31		0

Gender	#	Deaths
Male	13	0
Female	18	0
Unknown	0	
Total	31	0
PCR		8
ANTIGEN		23
TOTAL CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES		31

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CDRSS STATISTICS REPORT			
DATE FOR REPORT FROM			
DISEASE NAME			COUNT
GIARDIASIS			1*
HEPATITIS C			2*
INFLUENZA, HUMAN ISOLATES-TYPE A (SUBTYPING NOT DONE)			1*
LYME DISEASE			2*
NON-COVID COMMUNICABLE DISEASE MARCH 2024 CASE TOTAL			6
Number of Records Audited	0	Number of Records Re-Audited	11
Number of Public Schools Audited	0	Number of Public Schools Re-Audited	2
Number of Charter/Private Schools Audited	0	Number of Charter/Private Schools Re-Audited	0
Number of Daycares Re-Audited	0	# of Daycares Re-Audited	0

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

APPLICATIONS

BLUE LIGHT PERMIT, ADAM KERZNER, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTIONS

Tax Refund Due to Overpayment

RESOLUTION [A] 24-05-20#1

WHEREAS the following property in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey has overpaid real estate taxes in 2024; and
WHEREAS the Tax Collector is requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amount overpaid listed below due to taxes being overpaid; and
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey that the following listed tax refund be made by the Township Treasurer:

<u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u>	<u>Block Lot/Q</u>	<u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024/2	115/1	Goldberg to Duart 49 Lincoln Av	Evident Title Agency, Inc 874 Pompton Av, Suite B2 Cedar Grove NJ 07009	OP	\$2,895.40
Total Refund					\$2,895.40

Estimated Tax Bills 3rd Qtr 2024

RESOLUTION [B] 24-05-20 - #2

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, pursuant to Section 3 of P.L. 1994 c. 72 and 54:4-66.2 the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls has determined that the Tax Collector will be unable to complete the mailing and delivery of the tax bills by June 14, 2024, due to the absence of a certified tax rate; and

WHEREAS, the Little Falls Tax Collector in consultation with the Little Falls Chief Financial Officer has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A 54:4-66.3, and they have both signed a certification showing the tax levies for the previous year, and the range of permitted estimated tax levies.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 72, P.L. 1994, the Tax Collector requests the Council to approve the estimated tax levy of \$51,536,369.89 at a tax rate of \$3.347, which is between the mandated estimated range proposed by the Local Government Services. Approval will enable the Township to meet its financial obligations, maintain the tax collection rate, provide uniformity for tax payments, and save the unnecessary cost of interest expenses in borrowing.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes that:

1. The Tax Collector of the Township of Little Falls is hereby authorized and directed to prepare, and issue estimated tax bills for the Township of Little Falls for the third quarter installment of 2024.
2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2024 is hereby set at \$51,536,369.89. The estimated tax rate for 2024 is hereby set at \$3.347.
3. In accordance with the law, the third quarter installment of 2024 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 12th. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a **certified copy** of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Little Falls.

**PROPOSED CALCULATION OF 2024 ESTIMATED TAX RATE
TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS**

ACTUAL 2023 TAX LEVY AND RATE

2024 ESTIMATED RANGE FOR TAX LEVY
(PERCENTAGE OF 2023 LEVY)

	<u>LEVY</u>	<u>TAX RATE</u>		<u>95.00%</u>	<u>105.00%</u>
MUNICIPAL	\$14,404,333.27	\$0.931	MUNICIPAL	\$13,684,116.61	\$15,124,549.93
MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	651,432.00	0.042	MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	618,860.40	684,003.60
MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE	77,044.00	0.004	MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE	73,191.80	80,896.20
DISTRICT SCHOOL	16,423,952.00	1.061	DISTRICT SCHOOL	15,602,754.40	17,245,149.60
REGIONAL HIGH S CHOO	8,269,642.00	0.534	REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	7,856,159.90	8,683,124.10
COUNTY	10,753,422.46	0.695	COUNTY	10,215,751.34	11,291,093.58
COUNTY OPEN SPACE	208,513.45	0.014	COUNTY OPEN SPACE	198,087.78	218,939.12
TOTALS	\$50,788,339.18	\$3.282	TOTALS	\$48,248,922.23	\$53,327,756.13

2024 ESTIMATED TAX RATE

2024 NET VALUE TAXABLE = 1,539,406,000

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION:
DIFFERENCE:

TAX RATE:

ESTIMATED/ACTUAL

MUNICIPAL	\$14,288,399.89	\$0.928	(ADOPTED BUDGET/WITHIN 105% RANGE)
MUNICIPAL LIBRARY	724,409.00	0.047	(ADOPTED BUDGET WITHIN 105% RANGE)
MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE	76,919.00	0.005	(ADOPTED BUDGET WITHIN 105% RANGE)
DISTRICT SCHOOL	17,092,092.00	1.11	(ADOPTED BUDGET WITHIN 105% RANGE)
REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	8,012,550.00	0.520	(ADOPTED BUDGET WITHIN 105% RANGE)
COUNTY & COUNTY OPEN SPACE	11,342,000.00	0.737	(ESTIMATED; WITHIN 105% RANGE)
TOTALS	\$51,536,369.89	\$3.347	+ \$0.065

Meeting of May 20, 2024

Affordability Assistance Grant – 405 Main Street Unit 233

**RESOLUTION [C] 24-05-20 - #3
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE RENTER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED 405 MAIN ST, UNIT 233, LITTLE FALLS, NJ 07424**

WHEREAS, Phylcia Cameron [will rent/rents] property located at 405 Main St, Unit 233, 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 \$1,098.00. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** on this 20th day of May, 2024, by the Township Council of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that:

1. 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 233, Little Falls, NJ 07424.

Affordability Assistance Grant – 405 Main Street Unit 340

**RESOLUTION [D] 24-05-20 - #4
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE RENTER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED 405 MAIN ST, UNIT 340, LITTLE FALLS, NJ 07424**

WHEREAS, Musa Abdallah [will rent/rents] property located at 405 Main St, Unit 340, 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 20th day of May, 2024, by the Township Council of Little Falls, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that:

1. 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 340, Little Falls, NJ 07424.

Authorizing Tax Appeal Settlements

RESOLUTION [E] 24-05-20 - #5

WHEREAS, appeals of the real property tax assessments of the following properties have been filed in the Tax Court of New Jersey ('Tax Appeals'):

PROPERTY OWNER	BLOCK	LOT	ADDRESS
SL 101 East Main Street LLC	122	19	101 E Main Street
Quick Quality Restaurants	186	21.01 8.04	655 Route 46 East

;and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls have been advised as to proposed settlements for the above Tax Appeals, and as to the merits thereof, by legal counsel, the Township Appraiser, and the Township Tax Assessor, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed Tax Appeal settlement components are set forth in the Scheduled 'A' attached hereto and made part hereof, and;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township to settle the subject Tax Appeals in accordance with the settlement proposals set forth in Schedule 'A.'

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls, that the proposed settlements of the aforesaid Tax Appeals be approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, with respect to the same, the Mayor, Township Administrator, Township Tax Attorney, Township Tax Assessor, Tax Collector Treasurer and/or any other appropriate Township official is hereby authorized to perform any act necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth in this Resolution.

EXHIBIT A

PROPERTY OWNER	YEAR	ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT ASSESSMENT
SL 101 East Main Street LLC	2019	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000-withdraw
	2020	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000-withdraw
	2021	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000-withdraw
	2022	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000-withdraw
	2023	\$8,500,000	\$7,800,000
Quick Quality Restaurants	2024	\$8,500,000	\$7,800,000
	2024	\$1,906,000	\$1,373,200

Approving Bylaws of LF Fire Association

RESOLUTION [F] 24-05-20 - #6

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BYLAWS OF THE LITTLE FALLS FIRE ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the Little Falls Fire Association recently met to review and amend its Bylaws; and **WHEREAS**, Township Code Section 3-7.8 B. requires that the bylaws of the Little Falls Fire Association be approved by the Mayor and the Governing Body and kept on file in the office of the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Little Falls Fire Association has presented their Bylaws for approval by the Mayor and Governing Body;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Little Falls hereby approve said Bylaws of the Little Falls Fire Association.

Modernization of Open Public Records Act

RESOLUTION [G] 24-05-20 - #6

CALLING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT (OPRA) AND THE SWIFT PASSAGE OF S-2930/A-4045

WHEREAS, in the 2002 "lame duck" session the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) was approved to make government records, "readily accessible for inspection, copying, or examination by the citizens of this State, with certain exceptions, for the protection of the public interest" while protecting "a citizen's right to a reasonable expectation of privacy"; and

WHEREAS, as local leaders we reaffirm our support and commitment to open and transparent government and public access to records, at the same time, we strongly support necessary reforms; and

WHEREAS, in the twenty years since the enactment of OPRA and with the advent of new technologies, we have witnessed unintended consequences and, in some cases, abuses of OPRA that place an unfair burden on local governments and taxpayers; and

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WHEREAS, municipal staff and budgets are increasingly utilized to accommodate the requestors and commercial entities who inundate municipalities with public records requests to the extent that in some instances, additional personnel are hired primarily to handle such requests; and

WHEREAS, OPRA has become broadly construed in favor of access and the requestor who prevails in any proceeding in appealing a denial of access of records is permitted to collect exorbitant attorney's fees, which impacts the taxpayers and municipalities who must pay these fees; and

WHEREAS, municipalities have seen outside businesses and interests who abuse OPRA for marketing and commercial gains while utilizing municipal employees paid by the taxpayers for this benefit; and

WHEREAS, due to court decisions over the years, reasonable expectations of privacy have been diminished when it comes to the balance of transparency and OPRA perpetuates for-profit data-mining, unsolicited marketing, and uncontrolled publications of records on internet search engines specifically designed to circumvent and bypass what few protective measures currently exist under OPRA, all while allowing the requestor to remain cloaked in anonymity, should they choose to exercise that option; and

WHEREAS, when commercial entities are constantly emailing OPRA requests looking for the latest lists of dogs licensed that month, inground pool permits issued, solar roof permits issued, etc., it causes our residents to not want to license their dogs, comply with permits, or interact with the municipality because they don't want to lose their privacy and/or have their information tracked and monetized for commercial purposes; and

WHEREAS, reforms to modernize OPRA are long overdue, among them: the need to address requests by commercial entities that utilize public records and the services of local government employees to generate profits, mandatory prevailing attorney fees, which created a cottage industry, and to add language so that such fees are based on facts and circumstances and not an automatic granting; and

WHEREAS, Senators Sarlo and Bucco and Assemblyman Danielsen and Assemblywoman Flynn have introduced S-2930/A-4045, which makes commonsense reforms that do not hinder residents or journalists from using OPRA to access public records, but will protect citizens' personal information from disclosure, addresses the burdensome commercial requests and provide discretion when awarding prevailing attorney fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the governing body of the *(insert name of municipality)* in the County of *(insert name of County)* respectfully request the adoption of much-needed reforms to modernize and strengthen the legislative intent of the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) and urges the swift passage of S-2930/A-4045; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as local leaders, we reaffirm our support and commitment to open and transparent government and public access to records but at the same time, we strongly support necessary reforms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, *(insert name of State Senator)*, *(insert name of Assembly representatives)*, Governor Murphy, and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

Bill List

RESOLUTION [H]24-05-20- #8

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 Hablitz, 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. 1493- It was moved by Councilmember Patel, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, to table Ordinance No. 1493.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1494- The public hearing on Ordinance No. 1494, "2024 LITTLE FALLS SALARY ORDINANCE," be and it was opened.

As no comments from the public were received, the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1494 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Patel, that Ordinance No. 1494 be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1495- It was moved by Councilmember Patel, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, to table Ordinance No. 1495.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1496- The public hearing on Ordinance No. 1496, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, SECTION 33, CANNABIS," be and it was opened.

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As no comments from the public were received, the public hearing on Ordinance No. 1496 be and it was closed.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

It was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, that Ordinance No. 1496 be and it was adopted.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

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 Patel, 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.

At this time, Chief Prall reported on the results of the Distracted Driving Campaign conducted in April. Chief Prall announced the Police Department also received a Click It or Ticket Grant in which targeted enforcement will run May 20th through June 2nd. Chief Prall then described aspects of the Senior Citizen Police Academy run by Community Policing from September 25 to October 23rd. Per Council President SGOBBA, Chief Prall explained the violation for use of a cell phone while driving, and further elaborated upon other activities which constitute distracted driving. Lastly, Chief Prall highlighted the roll out of the Safe Place Program in June in recognition of Pride Month.

At this time, Mayor Damiano announced the municipality will be transiting from a top-level domain “.com” to a “.gov” top-level domain moving forward. The name of the website will have to be changed due to the “.gov” registry requirements.

No one coming forward to be heard, it was moved by Councilmember Murphy, 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.

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 8:06 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