

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

7:00 P.M.

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 & 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.LENJ.COM. ELECTRONIC PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING.

ROLL CALL

EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION OF BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY

DISCUSSION OF STREET SIGN FOR ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF CORDERO

DISCUSSION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING MANDATES (MUNICIPALITIES VS. STATE OF NJ)

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL MATTERS AND AGENDA ITEMS

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ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATOR:

1. TAX REFUND RESOLUTION
2. RESOLUTION CANCELLING 2025 PRELIMINARY TAXES AND REFUNDING 2024 PRO-RATED 3RD QUARTER TAXES DUE TO PROPERTY EXEMPTION
3. RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MOZART AVENUE AND CHERRY STREET
4. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1505 - PRIVATELY-OWNED SALT STORAGE

ACTION ITEMS:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO ISSUE CHECKS IN AN AMOUNT TOTALING \$2,754.64 REPRESENTING TAX REFUNDS IN THE YEAR 2024 ON SEVERAL PROPERTIES DUE TO OVERPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES [A]

RESOLUTION TO CANCEL 2024 PRO-RATED TAXES, CANCEL 2025 PRELIMINARY TAXES AND REFUND 2024 PRO-RATED 3RD QUARTER TAXES DUE TO PROPERTY EXEMPTION TO ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RUSSIAN ORTHODOX GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SINGAC [B]

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER DECREASING THE TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,885.30 FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO MOZART AVENUE AND CHERRY STREET [C]

BILL LIST [D]

APPLICATIONS

NJ STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION APPLICATION, BRIAN E. MISTRETTE, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

NJ STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION APPLICATION, DANIEL I. HUNTER, LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

RAFFLE, OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ANGELS CHURCH, SEVERAL DATES FROM DECEMBER 25, 2024 THROUGH MARCH 11, 2024, 10:00 A.M., 465 MAIN STREET, LITTLE FALLS, NJ

RAFFLE, OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ANGELS CHURCH, DECEMBER 8, 2024, 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M., 237 LONG HILL ROAD, LITTLE FALLS, NJ

CORRESPONDENCE

REQUEST FROM LADY OF THE HIGHWAY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD A CAN SHAKE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025 AND SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025 FROM 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF ROUTE 23 AND MAIN STREET AND MAIN STREET AND UNION BOULEVARD

REQUEST FROM LITTLE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT SINGAC FIRE COMPANY 3 FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD A COIN TOSS ON NOVEMBER 29, 2024 FROM 10:00 A.M. UNTIL DUSK ON MAIN STREET AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 23, WITH A RAIN DATE OF NOVEMBER 30, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1505, AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 218, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS", WITH A SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 9, 2024.

COUNCIL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

LITTLE FALLS HOMETOWN HEROES PROGRAM
RAY MARTIN - EN 3 - U.S. NAVY
STELLA FALCONES - ACTIVE DUTY - U.S. AIR FORCE
JOHN JOSEPH MCNAMARA - CHIEF RADIO OPERATOR - U.S. NAVY

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RESOLUTION [A] 24-11-18 # _____

WHEREAS the following properties in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey have overpaid real estate taxes; and

WHEREAS the Tax Collector is requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amounts overpaid listed below,

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 refunds 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>
2024/4	88.04/1 C201	Lernens Oscar 280 Main St, Unit 201	Lernens Oscar 280 Main St, Unit 201 Little Falls NJ 07424	OP	\$1,765.41
2024/4	226/16	Elkorany, Nor & Dana 64 Harrison St	Visions Federal CU 24 Mckinley Ave Endicott NY 13760	OP	<u>989.23</u>
Total Refunds					\$2,754.64

APPROVED: _____

cc: Finance Dept
Tax Collector

RESOLUTION [B] 24-11-18 # _____

**CANCEL 2024 PRO-RATED TAXES, CANCEL 2025 PRELIMINARY TAXES AND
REFUND 2024 PRO-RATED 3RD QTR TAXES
DUE TO PROPERTY EXEMPTION TO
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RUSSIAN ORTHODOX GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SINGAC**

WHEREAS Saint John the Baptist Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of Singac, NJ (hereafter referred to as "St. John") owns the land and premises commonly known as 18 Weaver Street, Block 35 Lot 17; and

WHEREAS 18 Weaver Street is occupied as a parsonage by St. John in accordance to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.6; and

WHEREAS pursuant to NJSA 54:4-3.6c, a Municipality may by appropriate resolution return all taxes collected on property owned by an association or corporation organized exclusively for charitable or religious purposes which would have been exempt had proper claim in writing been made; and

WHEREAS the property tax exemption attached from July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS upon review of the documents submitted, the Township Tax Assessor, John H. Bang, had approved request on or about August 19, 2024;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, that the property tax exemption applied for by St. John be effective as of July 1, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector hereby authorized to cancel the pro-rate taxes in the total amount of \$4,389.04 on qtrs. 3rd and 4th of 2024 and 2025 Preliminary taxes in the total amount of \$4,353.26; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector hereby authorizes our Township Treasurer to refund the account of St. John for said time in the amount of \$2,179.75; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls that copies of this resolution be provided to the Tax Collector, Treasure and Tax Assessor.

Attachment

Approved:

cc: Tax Collector
Tax Assessor
Finance Dept/Treasurer

RESOLUTION [C] 24-11-18 - # _____

RESOLUTION AWARDING CHANGE ORDER TO DLS CONTRACTING, INC.
FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO MOZART AVENUE AND CHERRY STREET CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Township Council has received a recommendation from the Township Special Project Engineer, Boswell Engineering, regarding the contract for the Improvements to Mozart Avenue and Cherry Street to change contract items as listed in the original specification; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has considered this recommendation in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-1 et seq. and the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has a contract with DLS Contracting, Inc. for Improvements to Mozart Avenue and Cherry Street, which were awarded by public bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council authorizes a change order to DLS Contracting, Inc. decreasing the contract amount in the amount of \$43,885.30, making the revised contract amount \$195,483.70.

APPROVED: _____

cc: Finance Dept.
Engineer
DLS Contracting, Inc.
Project File
Dept.

ORDINANCE NO. 1505

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, AMENDING CHAPTER 218, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS

SECTION I. Purpose:

The purpose of this ordinance is to prevent stored salt and other solid de-icing materials from being exposed to stormwater.

This ordinance establishes requirements for the storage of salt and other solid de-icing materials on properties not owned or operated by the municipality (privately-owned), including residences, in the **Township of Little Falls** to protect the environment, public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

SECTION II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When consistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- A. "De-icing materials" means any granular or solid material such as melting salt or any other granular solid that assists in the melting of snow.
- B. "Impervious surface" means a surface that has been covered with a layer of material so that it is highly resistant to infiltration by water.
- C. "Storm drain inlet" means the point of entry into the storm sewer system.
- D. "Permanent structure" means a permanent building or permanent structure that is anchored to a permanent foundation with an impermeable floor, and that is completely roofed and walled (new structures require a door or other means of sealing the access way from wind driven rainfall).

A fabric frame structure is a permanent structure if it meets the following specifications:

1. Concrete blocks, jersey barriers or other similar material shall be placed around the interior of the structure to protect the side walls during loading and unloading of de-icing materials;

2. The design shall prevent stormwater run-on and run through, and the fabric cannot leak;
 3. The structure shall be erected on an impermeable slab;
 4. The structure cannot be open sided; and
 5. The structure shall have a roll up door or other means of sealing the access way from wind driven rainfall.
- E. "Person" means any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- F. "Resident" means a person who resides on a residential property where de-icing material is stored.

SECTION III. Deicing Material Storage Requirements:

- A. Temporary outdoor storage of de-icing materials in accordance with the requirements below is allowed between October 15th and April 15th:
1. Loose materials shall be placed on a flat, impervious surface in a manner that prevents stormwater run-through;
 2. Loose materials shall be placed at least 50 feet from surface water bodies, storm drain inlets, ditches and/or other stormwater conveyance channels;
 3. Loose materials shall be maintained in a cone-shaped storage pile. If loading or unloading activities alter the cone-shape during daily activities, tracked materials shall be swept back into the storage pile, and the storage pile shall be reshaped into a cone after use;
 4. Loose materials shall be covered as follows:
 - a. The cover shall be waterproof, impermeable, and flexible;
 - b. The cover shall extend to the base of the pile(s);
 - c. The cover shall be free from holes or tears;
 - d. The cover shall be secured and weighed down around the perimeter to prevent removal by wind; and
 - e. Weight shall be placed on the cover(s) in such a way that minimizes the potential of exposure as materials shift and runoff flows down to the base of the pile.

- (1) Sandbags lashed together with rope or cable and placed uniformly over the flexible cover, or poly-cord nets provide a suitable method. Items that can potentially hold water (e.g., old tires) shall not be used;
 5. Containers must be sealed when not in use; and
 6. The site shall be free of all de-icing materials between April 16th and October 14th.
- B. De-icing materials should be stored in a permanent structure if a suitable storage structure is available. For storage of loose de-icing materials in a permanent structure, such storage may be permanent, and thus not restricted to October 15 - April 15.
- C. **All such temporary and/or permanent structures must also comply with all other local ordinances, including building and zoning regulations as per Chapter 280, Zoning.**
- D. The property owner, or owner of the de-icing materials if different, shall designate a person(s) responsible for operations at the site where these materials are stored outdoors, and who shall document that weekly inspections are conducted to ensure that the conditions of this ordinance are met. Inspection records shall be kept on site and made available to the municipality upon request.
1. Residents who operate businesses from their homes that utilize de-icing materials are required to perform weekly inspections.

SECTION IV. Exemptions:

Residents may store de-icing materials outside in a solid-walled, closed container that prevents precipitation from entering and exiting the container, and which prevents the de-icing materials from leaking or spilling out. Under these circumstances, weekly inspections are not necessary, but repair or replacement of damaged or inadequate containers shall occur within 2 weeks.

If containerized (in bags or buckets) de-icing materials are stored within a permanent structure, they are not subject to the storage and inspection requirements in Section III above. Piles of de-icing materials are not exempt, even if stored in a permanent structure.

This ordinance does not apply to facilities where the stormwater discharges from de-icing material storage activities are regulated under another NJPDES permit.

SECTION V. Enforcement:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the **Construction Official or Code Enforcement Officer** during the course of ordinary enforcement duties.

SECTION VI. Violations and Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall have 72 hours to complete corrective action. Repeat violations and/or failure to complete corrective action shall result in fines according to **Chapter 1** of the Township Code.

SECTION VII. Severability:

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase, and finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause or reason shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION VIII. Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

INTRODUCED: _____

PASSED AND ADOPTED: _____

Mayor James Belford Damiano

ATTEST: _____
Township Clerk