

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

Monday, September 23, 2024

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

Absent: None.

Township Employees present: Police Chief Bryan 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 Hablitz, that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 26, 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.

It was moved by Councilmember Patel, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the Minutes and the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of September 9, 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

AFFORDABLE HOUSING MANDATES - The Mayor reported on Resolution J and discussed a class action lawsuit regarding the Fairshare Housing Act. The Mayor recommended the Council adopt a Resolution opposing Assembly Bill #4 regarding the Fairshare Housing Act as it imposes unrealistic obligations to the municipality. The Mayor did not believe it would be beneficial to join the class action suit at this time but recommended to continue to monitor the situation. The Mayor then explained the concept of Fairshare Housing per the Council President's request.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS –

Councilmember VANCHERI reported on the Transportation Committee and provided an update on changing the speed limits on selected roads to 25 m.p.h.. Councilmember VANCHERI then reported on improvements to several crosswalks in the Township. Councilmember VANCHERI announced the Italian American Heritage flag raising will take place on October 7th at 7:00 P.M. and Little Falls Biz will hold the Fall Festival at the Ties. Lastly, Councilmember Vancheri discussed parking on Main Street.

Councilmember HABLITZ reported on Library events including a Halloween costume exchange, a Poetry reading and Open Mic night, and National Library Card Month. Councilmember HABLITZ then discussed Farmers Market events and provided an update on the annual 5K Spooky Sprint.

Councilmember PATEL reported the Health Department page on the Township website has been updated with links to resources. Councilmember PATEL then announced a presentation on Taking Care of Yourself will be held on 9/24 and eye screenings will be held on 10/10.

Councilmember MURPHY announced in honor of Domestic Violence Prevention Month, ribbons will be placed on telephone poles, a flag raising will take place on 10/1 and the Municipal Building will be lit in purple.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Council President SGOBBA announced a program on natural healing techniques for arthritis will be held at the Civic Center on 9/27.

Chief Prall announced the Senior Citizen Police Academy starts this week with 21 residents signed up. Chief Prall also noted that increased enforcement will take place during October for Pedestrian Safety month.

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ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Mr. Wenzel had nothing to report.

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 Vancheri, 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.

No one having come forward to be heard, it was moved by Councilmember Hablitz, 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.

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 August 2024

MUNICIPAL CLERKS REPORT
Month of August 2024

ABC LICENSES		
OTHER LICENSES		
Business Licenses	\$965.00	
Pre-paid Business Licenses		
Raffle Licenses	\$180.00	
		\$1145.00
REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS		
Fees & Permits	\$296.00	
Marriage Licenses-LF	\$24.00	
Marriage Licenses-NJ	\$200.00	
		\$520.00
MRNA		
Street Maps		
Zoning Maps		
Zoning Ordinances		
Document Copies		
Garage Sales	\$15.00	
Misc. Fees & Refunds:	\$1105.00	
TOTAL MRNA		<u>\$1120.00</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ACCOUNT		<u>\$2785.00</u>
TOTAL TO TREASURER		<u>\$2785.00</u>

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

MUNICIPAL CLERK’S DOG/CAT LICENSE REPORT
Month of August 2024

Dog Licenses issued 08/01/2024 thru 08/31/2024	
Nos. 41 to 97 = 57 Licenses	
Amount due Little Falls	\$396.60
Amount due State	\$68.40
Total Cash Received	\$465.00
Cat Licenses issued 08/01/2024 thru 08/31/2024	
Nos. 1 to 2 = 2 Licenses	
Total Cash Received	\$16.00
Total to Treas.	<u>\$481.00</u>

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Tax Collector's Report – August 2024

Little Falls Township Cash Receipts Totals from 08/01/24 to 08/31/24									
Code	Description	Count	Arrears/Other	2023	2024	2025	Interest	Total	
PIL	PILOT	103	0.00	0.00	270,912.14	13,019.56	39.77	283,971.47	
	PAYMENT	103	0.00	0.00	270,912.14	13,019.56	39.77	283,971.47	
	PILOT(Tax)								
	Payments								
001	Tax Payment	3916	0.00	21,563.72	12,424,143.88	153,966.25	9,707.43	12,609,381.28	
012	Subsequent Tax	5	0.00	0.00	6,655.78	0.00	86.53	6,742.31	
	Tax Payments	3921		21,563.72	12,430,799.66	153,966.25	9,793.96	12,616,123.59	
COS	Cost of Sale	4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	151.20	151.20	
	Misc Payments	4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	151.20	151.20	
001	Tax Payment	10	0.00	0.00	36,177.26	0.00	0.00	36,177.26	
	Tax NSF	10	0.00	0.00	36,177.26	0.00	0.00	36,177.26	
	Payments Total:	4028	0.00	21,563.72	12,701,711.80	166,985.81	9,984.93	12,900,246.26	
	Cas O/S Total:	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	NSF Reversals Total:	10	0.00	0.00	37,177.26	0.00	0.00	36,177.26	
	Total:	4038	0.00	21,563.72	12,655,534.54	166,985.81	9,984.93	12,864,069.00	
	Total Cash:	0.00							
	Total Check:	12,844,502.03							
	Total Credit:	19,566.97							

Recreation Report – Month of August 2024

Recreation Center – August 2024				
Program	Facility	# Classes	Hours	Participants
Tai Chi/Tai Chi Beginners	Gym	9	9	10
QiGong	Gym	4	4	10
Zumba Gold	Gym	8	8	15
Gentle Yoga/Fit Over 50	Gym	5	10	12
Fit 4 U	Gym	3	3	10
LFFPA Cheerleading	Gym/Multi	10	33	100
DiBuono Basketball Camp	Gym	5	5	25
Zumba Tone	Multi	12	212	15
Vinyasa Yoga	Multi	5	5	12
Robotics	Multi	3	6	7
Weekly Totals		55	86	206

Civic Center Report – Month of August 2024

Month of August 2024			
Meeting Group	# of Meetings	Hours	Participants
EMS	4	96	16
Senior Group	9	45	181
Concert (rain in)	1	4	40
Cert	1	2	12
Stamp Club	1	2	12
LF ABC	1	2	8
Arts & Crafts	4	8	40
LFFPA (Football)	1	2	18
Total	22	161	327

Police Department Report – Month of August 2024

OPERATION DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT

Type of Arrest	Total
Total Calls for Service	4227
Total Operation Reports Generated	251
Total Investigation Reports Generated	59
Total Arrests	23

Arrest Summary

Type of Arrest	Total
Driving While Intoxicated (39:4-50)	8
Outstanding ATC/ACS Warrant	9
Hindering/False Info to Police (2C:29-3B(4))	1
Shoplifting (2C:20-11)	3
Simple Assault (2C:12-1A(1))	1
Receiving Stolen Property (2C:20-7a)	1

Patrol Bureau Time & Attendance

Type of Hours	Total
Vacation	113.5
Holiday	365
Compensatory	156.25
Sick	50
Personal time	39
Credit time	184
Administrative	24
PBA Day	0
Schedule Transition	0
Bereavement	0
Overtime due to Training	56.6
Overtime hours to maintain minimum staffing level	9.5
Overtime due to incident/weather/other event	54

TRAFFIC SAFETY SECTION

Type of Hours	Total
TRAFFIC STUDIES	7
SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT DETAILS	164
RADAR DETAILS	126
MOTOR VEHICLES COMPLAINTS	11
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	845
SUMMONS ISSUED	502
MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH REPORTS	52
SAFETY STICK VIOLATIONS ISSUED	66

Communications Bureau Time & Attendance

Type of Hours	Total
Vacation	40
Holiday	78.5
Compensatory	20
Sick	24
Personal time	12
Credit time	51.5
Scheduled Transition	0
Bereavement	0
OT Covered by Full Time	235
OT Covered by Per Diem	52
OT Covered by Supervisor	264
OT Due to Training	3
Overtime due to incident/weather/other event	0

Communications Bureau Calls for Service

Type of Hours	Total
9-1-1	231
NON-EMERGENCY	588
WALK IN	23
RADIO	1663
MDT	1729
TOTAL CFS	4234

LITTLE FALLS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT NEW JERSEY CRASH STATISTICAL REPORT From Date: 08/01/2024 To Date: 08/31/2024						
ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION						
REPORTABLE ACCIDENT	NON-REPORTABLE	SR1	HIT & RUN	TOTAL CRASH REPORTS		
33	5	0	5	38		
6- TIME OF THE ACCIDENT 8 – KILLED 9 - INJURED						
0001-0600	0601-1200	1201-1800	1801-2359	INTERSECTION	FATALITIES	INJURIES
1	12	22	3	2	0	5
5 – DAY OF THE WEEK						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7	5	3	1	10	8	4

LITTLE FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT Operations Division Monthly Report					
CODE	CALL FOR SERVICE	TOTALS	CODE	CALL FOR SERVICE	TOTALS
0510	BURGLARY	2	6310	TRAFFIC ENFORCE/STOP	845
0610	THEFT	12	6335	TRAFFIC HAZARD	15
0614	BURGLARY TO MOTOR VEHICLE	1	6336	DISABLED MV	19
0619	THEFT ALL OTHERS	1	6510	PARKING ENFORCEMENT	106
0710	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2	6608	ESCORTS	1
0800	SIMPLE ASSAULT	2	6610	MOTORIST ASSIST	2
1110	BAD CHECKS	1	6614	TRAFFIC POST	2
1120	CREDIT CARDS	1	6615	TRAFFIC COUNTER DEPLOYMENT/RADAR SIGN	2
1130	FRAUD ALL OTHERS	8	6616	TRAFFIC STUDY	7
1341	RECOVER STOLEN PROPERTY NOT FOR LOCAL THEFTS	1	7003	PROPERTY CHECK/AREA CHECK	1364
1440	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF ALL	4	7004	VACANT HOME CHECK	39
1445	PROPERTY DAMAGE REPORT	10	7008	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	77
2111	DWI – ALCOHOL/UNDER INFL	7	7010	NOTIFICATIONS	3
2415	DISPUTE	14	7014	OTH PUB SERV/WELFARE CHK	19
2420	DISORDERLY CONDUCT/HARASSMENT	4	7015	ASSIST CITIZEN	6
2450	NOISE COMPLAINT	11	7025	EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSON(EDP)	3
2485	ALARM ALL OTHERS	4	7028	DOCTOR DUTY TO WARN-EDP	1
2640	MUNICIPAL ORD VIOLATIONS/OTHER OFFENSES	2	7050	PROPERTY CHECK SCHOOL FACILITIES	124
2656	THREATS	3	7055	BAR/TAVERN CHECK	57
2657	HARASSMENT	4	7085	CHILD CUSTODY EXCHANGE	4
2660	TRESPASSING	4	7504	ASSISTING-OTHER POLICE DP	15
2665	FIREWORKS	1	7505	ASSIT OTHER PD-ALCO TEST	1
4014	OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS GENERAL POLICE	6	7506	ASSISTING – OTHER AGENCIES	1
4018	STREET LIGHTS-OUT/REPAIRS	1	7509	FLOODING	9
4020	SUSPICIOUS AUTO GENERAL POLICE	8	7510	UTILITIES PROBLEM	5
4021	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	10	7512	WATER LEAK	1
4022	SUSPICIOUS PERSON GENERAL POLICE	7	8010	WARRANTS—LOCAL	4
4024	WATER LEAKS-MAINS/HYDRANT GENERAL POLICE	3	8110	WARRANTS – OTHER AGENCIES	3
4026	DOWN-WIRES/POLES/TREES/LIMBS	6	9002	ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES	1
4028	OTHER NON-CRIMINAL INV GENERAL POLICE	17	9003	COMMUNITY POLICING	17
4040	PATROL INVESTIGATION	16	9005	M.V. PURSUITS/HIGH SPEED	1
4051	ALARM BURGLARY OR HOLD UP RESIDENCE	23	9006	SICK DAY	7
4052	ALARM BURGLARY OR HOLD UP NON RESIDENCE	17	9008	COURT	3
4100	ALARMS (FIRE ALARMS)	9	9010	IN SERVICE TRAINING	66
4143	FIRE-VEHICLE FIRE	1	9011	MISC MAINTENANCE RADIOS ETC	1
4152	FIRE-WIRES/TRANSFORMER/ELECTRICAL	2	9012	OTHER MAINTENANCE	2

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CODE	CALL FOR SERVICE	TOTALS	CODE	CALL FOR SERVICE	TOTALS
4157	FUMES-ODOR OF GAS	2	9020	POLICE INFORMATION	1
4159	SMOKE CONDITION	1	9021	TRAINING	1
4170	ASSIST-POLICE DEPARTMENT	2	9027	FIREARMS APPLICATION	6
4175	MEETING	50	9029	CIVIL MATTER	3
4208	FIRE-WATER/ICE RESCUE	2	9030	SPECIAL DETAIL ASSIGNMENT	54
4481	MEDICAL-OTHER	1	9034	REPOSSESSION	4
5004	FOUND ARTICLES	3	9052	TRO/FRO INFORMATION & SERVICE	10
5008	LOST ARTICLES	3	9071	DIRECTED PATROL	6
5016	MISSING PERSON	1	911	911 HANG UP/CHK WELFARE	76
5506	LOST/FOUND/STRAY ANIMALS	2	9110	PRO-ACTIVE PATROL	247
5510	ANIMAL COMPLAINTS ALL	2	9112	FOOT PATROL	13
5517	DISPOSAL OF INURED ANIMAL	2	9115	FOLLOW-UP	150
6006	MV ACCIDENT W/INJURY	2	9118	CHILDSEAT INSPECTION	1
6008	MV ACCIDENT NO INJURIES	49	9110	911 TRANSFER TO OTHER	26
6015	MV CRASH HIT & RUN	1	9120	HANDICAPPED PARKING PERMIT	1
6305	SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT TRAFFIC	164	9137	EVIDENCE DUTIES	2
6306	RADAR	126	9192	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	36
6308	TRAFFIC MV COMPLAINT	11	9991	CAMERA REVIEW DETAIL	6
			9998	DAILY ASSIGNMENTS	102

Investigations & Services Division Monthly Report- August 2024

DETECTIVE BUREAU

Criminal Case Management:

8	Cases Referred for Follow-Up Investigation
37	Open and Active Investigations
12	Cases Closed
23	Assist Own Agency

Criminal Complaints/Warrants Served:

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

Juvenile:

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

Narcotics:

0	Arrests made by division for drug related offenses.
0	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:

1	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.
0	IA Investigation(s) was conducted and closed.
0	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:

18	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
1	Crossing Guard Applicant	0	Solicitor Applicant
0	ABC Background/Applicant		

Megan's Law (Sex-Offender) Registration:

0	New Registrations
1	Address Verification and Re-Registrations
0	Transferred to other agency

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

Notable Detective Cases:

Investigations

24-17096: Detective Racanelli conducted a three-month long theft investigation of a cell phone which was delivered to "The Citizen" apartment complex (405 Main Street, Little Falls). On August 22, 2024, an arrest warrant was generated then executed by members of the Investigative and Services Division for the actor of the theft, identified as Juan Alberto Soriano of Teaneck, NJ. The incident remains open/active pending further CDW search warrant information.

Detective Time Off and Overtime:

Time Off:

34	Compensatory
80	Vacation/Holiday
8	Personal
23	Sick
0	Other (Bereavement)
145	Total

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Overtime:

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

RECORDS BUREAU:

Discovery and OPRA

5	Discovery cases processed for defense attorneys, public defender, and prosecutors.
47	OPRA requests processed.
1174	Pages of reports were facilitated and forwarded to the Township Clerk’s Office for OPRA requests.

\$2,070.00	Total deposited by the Records Bureau.
\$0.00	Discovery
\$1,725.00	Firearms
\$345.00	Accident & Incident Reports
\$0.00	Fingerprints

Firearms:

10	Applications for Firearms Permits
6	Firearms Purchaser ID Cards were issued
13	Handgun Purchase Permits were issued
2	Permit to Carry Handguns Issued
10	Firearm Investigations Completed
3	Applications Withdrawn by Applicant/Denied

TRAINING

Outside Training:

ICS 200 at Teterboro: Det./Sgt. Moncato (16 hours)
 High Performance Leadership at MCPA: Sgt. Strothers, Sgt. Fleck (8 hours)
 Trauma Management at PCPA: Sgt. Emperio (16 hours)
 Crash II at PCPA: Cpl. Pinnola (80 hours)
 Child Predator @ PCFA: Det. Kania, Det. Racanelli (4 hours)

Department Training:

Power DMS –Emotionally Disturbed Persons: Department-wide
 Power DMS – Monthly Leadership: Department Supervisors

COMMUNITY POLICING:

Detail Type	Total
Community Function Appearances	
School Function Appearances	0
School Arrivals	0
School Dismissals	0
School Walk Throughs	0
Vacant House Checks	28
Car Seat Installations	0
Cell Block Inspections	19

Additional Community Policing & Crime Prevention
 Planning and recruiting individuals for the Senior Police Academy beginning in October.

Construction Report – August 2024

Uniform Construction Code

Permits Issued – 46
 Inspections -156
 Total Value of Construction – \$362,366
 Certificate of Occupancy - \$0
 Permit Fees Collected - \$15,226.00
 Permit Fees Waived - \$75.00
 Penalties - \$0.00
 Total Fees Collected - \$15,226.00

Zoning

Total Zoning Fees - \$5,610.00

Property Maintenance

Certificates of Compliance Fees –\$2,840.00
 Inspections – 51
 Roll-off permits – \$80.00
 Complaints – 2
 LEAD Insp. – \$800.00
 Violations Issued – 11
 Total Fees Collected - \$3,720.00
Monthly Revenue \$24,556.00

YTD 2024 Revenue \$290,553.20

Finance Department Report

BUDGET STATUS REPORT					
YEAR TO DATE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS					
TEMPORARY BUDGET JANUARY 1, 2024 – AUGUST 31, 2024					
ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	ACTIVITY	EMCUMBERED	BALANCE
01-201-20-100-100	ADMINISTRATION S&W	200,000.00	124,955.99	-	75,044.01
01-201-20-100-200	ADMINISTRATION O/E	80,500.00	53,711.91	6,590.00	20,198.09
01-201-20-110-100	MAYOR & COUNCIL S&W	23,000.00	24,186.07	-	(1,186.07)
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	224,480.37	-	80,819.63
01-201-20-120-200	CLERK O/E	80,500.00	58,714.87	9,903.47	11,881.66
01-201-20-130-100	FINANCIAL ADM. S&W	168,973.00	170,796.13	-	(1,823.13)
01-201-20-130-200	FINANCIAL ADM. O/E	75,000.00	38,540.43	3,443.20	33,016.37
01-201-20-135-200	FINANCIAL ADMIN. AUDIT	58,000.00	30,950.00	-	27,050.00
01-201-20-145-100	REVENUE ADMIN.S&W	110,685.00	73,790.18	-	36,894.82

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ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	ACTIVITY	EMCUMBERED	BALANCE
01-201-20-145-200	REVENUE ADMIN.-O/E	39,500.00	9,343.85	2,911.73	27,244.42
01-201-20-150-100	ASSESSMENTS S&W	63,281.00	42,187.27	-	21,093.73
01-201-20-150-200	ASSESSMENT OF TAXES O/E	22,150.00	4,464.00	-	17,686.00
01-201-20-155-200	LEGAL SERVICES O/E	175,000.00	91,465.32	46,396.80	37,137.88
01-201-20-165-200	ENGINEERING O/E	50,000.00	37,573.89	3,597.70	8,828.41
01-201-21-180-100	PLANNING BOARD S&W	5,507.00	3,671.37	-	1,835.63
01-201-21-180-200	PLANNING BOARD O/E	26,500.00	3,674.39	1,003.00	21,822.61
01-201-22-195-100	CONST.CODE OFF. S&W	323,103.00	207,551.88	-	115,551.12
01-201-22-195-200	CONST.CODE OFF. O/E	42,200.00	34,953.36	1,884.92	5,361.72
01-201-22-196-100	PLUMBING INSP. S&W	25,479.00	17,636.67	-	7,842.33
01-201-22-197-100	ELECTRIC INSP. S&W	26,750.00	18,214.80	-	8,535.20
01-201-23-210-200	INSURANCE O/E	677,000.00	610,835.25	-	66,164.75
01-201-23-220-200	LIABILITY INSURANCE	1,750,000.00	1,250,105.81	3,920.00	495,974.19
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	3,199,453.14	-	1,690,103.86
01-201-25-240-200	POLICE O/E	266,600.00	186,428.65	65,444.98	14,726.37
01-201-25-245-200	ACQ. OF POLICE CARS	110,000.00	61,736.16	47,840.95	422.89
01-201-25-250-100	POLICE S&W DISPATCH	493,253.00	387,089.77	-	106,163.23
01-201-25-252-100	EMERG. MGMT. S&W	15,000.00	9,499.96	-	5,500.04
01-201-25-252-200	EMERG. MGMT. O/E	20,000.00	9,875.19	6,481.20	3,643.61
01-201-25-260-100	EMS/AMBULANCE COORD. S&W	653,107.00	420,586.52	-	232,520.48
01-201-25-260-200	EMS OTHER EXPENSE	116,450.00	73,406.15	11,018.32	32,025.53
01-201-25-265-200	AID TO FIRE O/E	167,240.00	74,428.57	4,525.73	88,285.70
01-201-25-266-273	FIRE HYDRANT SERV.	215,000.00	174,591.66	-	40,408.34
01-201-25-267-100	FIRE PREVENTION S&W	93,079.00	79,851.34	-	13,227.66
01-201-25-267-200	FIRE PREVENTION O/E	9,700.00	8,856.92	200.05	643.03
01-201-25-275-100	PROSECUTOR S&W	22,279.00	24,053.08	-	(1,774.08)
01-201-26-290-100	DPW S&W	1,003,358.00	748,809.36	-	254,548.64
01-201-26-290-200	DPW O/E	210,000.00	166,983.08	17,510.52	25,506.40
01-201-26-300-200	SHADE TREE COMM. O/E	23,370.00	444.99	-	22,925.01
01-201-26-305-100	SOLID WASTE S&W	95,000.00	30,367.59	-	64,632.41
01-201-26-305-200	SOLID WASTE O/E	696,000.00	617,114.09	3,771.50	75,114.41
01-201-26-310-200	BLDGS & GROUNDS O/E	113,800.00	93,827.17	11,479.58	8,493.25
01-201-26-315-100	VEHICLE MAINT. S&W	110,000.00	62,677.08	-	47,322.92
01-201-26-315-200	VEHICLE MAINT. O/E	120,000.00	85,216.30	24,777.66	10,006.04
01-201-26-325-200	COMMUNITY SERVICES ACT	10,000.00	2,356.44	-	7,643.56
01-201-27-330-200	BOARD OF HEALTH O/E	1,025.00	339.85	438.00	247.15
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	4,344.18	-	1,655.82
01-201-27-365-000	SENIOR TRANSPORTATION	2,900.00	1,100.00	-	1,800.00
01-201-28-370-100	RECREATION S&W	289,785.00	177,232.16	-	112,552.84
01-201-28-370-200	RECREATION O/E	198,780.00	155,301.10	3,250.47	40,228.43
01-201-29-390-100	LIBRARY S&W	-	13,757.38	-	(13,757.38)
01-201-29-390-200	MAINT. PUBLIC LIBRARY	729,409.00	533,299.37	-	196,109.63
01-201-30-420-200	CELEB. OF PUBLIC EVENTS	10,000.00	6,558.70	-	3,441.30
01-201-31-435-200	STREET LIGHTING	95,000.00	72,674.97	9,795.01	12,530.02
01-201-31-440-200	TELEPHONE/IT	120,000.00	63,345.73	17,663.85	38,990.42
01-201-31-445-200	WATER	35,000.00	18,167.79	-	16,832.21
01-201-31-446-200	GAS & ELECTRIC	275,000.00	207,885.04	31,874.20	35,240.76
01-201-31-447-200	DIESEL	50,000.00	2,883.90	-	47,116.10
01-201-31-456-200	RECYCLING TAX APPROPRIATION	16,000.00	10,873.20	-	5,126.80
01-201-31-457-200	SECOND RIVER JOINT	4,500.00	4,000.00	-	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	94,434.69	4,571.58	25,993.73
01-201-31-461-200	CITY OF CLIFTON	127,000.00	60,151.50	-	66,848.50
01-201-31-462-200	PASSAIC VALLEY SEWER COMM.	1,088,000.00	815,344.45	-	272,655.55
01-201-31-465-200	LANDFILL/SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	600,000.00	328,048.56	-	271,951.44
01-201-36-471-200	PERS	509,962.00	509,962.00	-	-
01-201-36-472-200	FICA	400,000.00	281,382.80	-	118,617.20
01-201-36-475-200	PFRS	1,388,484.00	1,384,484.00	-	-
01-201-36-476-200	LOSAP	105,000.00	-	-	105,000.00
01-201-36-477-200	DCRP	20,000.00	9,872.04	-	10,217.96
01-201-36-478-200	PEN.VOL. FIRE WIDOWS	5,000.00	3,333.28	1,666.72	-
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	122,382.73	-	30,524.27
01-201-43-490-200	MUNICIPAL COURT O/E	34,350.00	12,509.00	1,560.71	20,280.29
01-201-43-495-200	PUBLIC DEFENDER	5,500.00	4,800.00	-	700.00
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	52,516.16	10,484.10	21,999.74
01-201-45-920-200	BOND PRINCIPAL	1,636,000.00	701,000.00	-	935,000.00
01-201-45-925-200	NOTE PRINCIPAL	168,667.00	-	-	168,667.00
01-201-45-930-200	INTEREST ON BONDS	532,257.00	348,018.66	-	184,238.34
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	15,790,243.35	354,005.95	8,203,571.09

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Health Department Report- August 2024

Health Educator Little Falls Monthly Report – August 2024

- 8/1: Meeting with NJ Department of Health liaisons and CHD division heads to discuss partnership opportunities
- 8/1: Recording vaping podcast with Clifton Against Substance Abuse President, Tom Whittles
- 8/5: Coordinated Eye Screening at Clifton City Hall; 18 in attendance, including 12 Clifton residents and 6 residents from other municipalities (**no Little Falls residents in attendance**)
- 8/5: Updated and submitted updated West Nile Virus press release for Little Falls
- 8/8: Coordinated Stroke Screening in collaboration with Hackensack Meridian Mountainside Medical Center; 3 in attendance (**no Little Falls residents in attendance**)
- 8/8: Created and issued press release for upcoming Little Falls Alzheimer's presentation being held in collaboration with Alzheimer's NJ on 9/26 at the Civic Center
- 8/19 & 8/26: Attended Strengthening Team meeting to discuss upcoming Health Education, Infection Diseases and Social Services projects and collaborations
- 8/19: Coordinated Men's Health Mental Health Screening in collaboration with Hackensack Meridian Mountainside Medical Center; 3 in attendance (**no Little Falls residents in attendance**)
- 8/22: Meeting with various divisions to begin CHD brochure revisions
- 8/26: Meeting with Health Education and Social Services teams to solidify updated evaluation process and SOPs to be used to evaluate future programs/screenings
- 8/29: Meeting with Community Food Bank of New Jersey representatives to discuss possible collaboration on diaper drive
- 8/30: Meeting with Deputy Director from NJ Division of Consumer Affairs to discuss their recent press release issued regarding increased fines for vaping violations
- 8/30: Viewed *Mayors Wellness Campaign* webinar

Health Educator Kimberly Finkler – August 2024

This month I started a new journey with the Health Department as a Health Educator. Therefore, on **August 12th** I attended the Little Falls Council Meeting. During the Council Meeting, I gave updates on upcoming events with the Health Department and highlighted the different ways that we communicate with residents in Little Falls. One recommendation that was mentioned was having physical copies of flyers for residents that may not have access to social media. I fulfilled this recommendation by distributing flyers to local businesses on Main Street in Little Falls on **August 14th**. The flyer that was distributed was the Men's Mental Health Flyer. This flyer included details on registration for residents to sign-up for a mental health screening.

At the end of this month, I reached out to council members, Anthony Sgobba and Jayna Patel, to follow-up coordinating the WISE Program at the Little Falls Civic Center. This program would be available to Senior Residents in Little Falls. It would give them knowledge and tools on how to age healthily. Therefore, we are hoping to have this set sometime for the fall. Other projects for the upcoming fall season include working on and distributing an evaluation for Little Falls programs and screenings. On **August 26th** the Health Education Team and I worked on updating our existing evaluation to reflect important data that we would want to collect regarding programs and screenings. Lastly, we are looking forward to having a good turnout for the Alzheimer's Presentation on **September 26th, 2024**, at the Little Falls Public Library. We had a great turnout for residents at the Clifton Library and were hoping the same for Little Falls.

Little Falls Monthly Report – August 2024

Throughout the month, my colleagues and I dropped off flyers for our upcoming events to Little Falls town hall and library! We do have an upcoming event at the Civic Center in Little Falls on Thursday, September 26, at 10:30; this will be the Alzheimer's Presentation, which aims to educate residents on normal age-related memory changes and abnormal changes associated with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. I also have been sending the Little Falls council, mayor, and school nurses updates with COVID and Respiratory Illnesses and Vector-borne illnesses occurring throughout the state.

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	
Retail Food Establishment Plan Review					
Date	Establishment Name	Address	Approved or Denied	Comments	
Environmental Complaint Investigations					
Date	Complaint Address	Complaint Type	Municipality Attached	Comments	
8/16/2024	110 Kingwood Dr.	STAGNANT WATER	STAGNANT POOL	ABATED	
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	Addr 1	Result
AMERICAN LEGION POST #121 (VAN NESS)	2	55 VAN NESS AVE	Satisfactory
BAGEL BISTRO GRILL	2	123 NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE	Satisfactory
GRAB AND GO	1	150 CLOVE ROAD	Satisfactory
JOJO'S PIZZA RESTAURANT	2	104 MAIN STREET	Satisfactory

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Bus_Name	Risk_type	Addr 1	Result
JOY WOK	2	113 NEWARK POMPTON TURNPIKE	Conditionally Satisfactory
LITTLE FALLS BEVERAGE & BAR	1	315 MAIN STREET	Satisfactory
OH MY SUSHI	2&4	5 PATERSON AVE	Satisfactory
PIZZA & SANDWICH EXPRESS	2	59 MAIN STREET	Conditionally Satisfactory
THE OLIVE BISTRO	2	66 E. MAIN STREET	Satisfactory
THE SHACK	2	160 PATERSON AVE	Satisfactory
TIJUANA FALLS TAQUERIA	2	27 NEWARK POMPTON TPKE	Satisfactory

LITTLE FALLS ANIMAL CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT AUGUST 2024						
DATE	ACO	DISPATCHED	COMPLETED	NATURE OF CALL	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
8/5/24	LEON	7:20 am	7:55 am	INJURED WILDLIFE	I received a call from Little Falls Police stating that there was an injured deer that was struck by a car. I arrived on scene. The deer was in excruciating pain and could not open its eyes, but still breathing, euthanize the deer in the field and remove the body.	111 Francisco
8/15/24	PAYNE	3:50	4:00	STRAY OTHER	FOUND PARAKEET. CALLER BROUGHT TO PATERSON BIRD STORE	
8/16/24	PAYNE	5:00	5:45	INJURED WILDLIFE	INJURED DEER. GONE ON ARRIVAL	
8/28/24	PAYNE	5:15	5:45	INJURED WILDLIFE	RACCOON STUCK IN DUMPSTER	

CASES INVESTIGATED BY NURSING STAFF PER CDC GUIDELINES (ADULT/CHILDREN THAT REQUIRED HOSPITALIZATION INVESTIGATED) JULY/AUGUST			1
Age Range	# cases	Deaths	
UNKNOWN			
0-9	4		
10-19	2		
20-29	4		
30-39	7		
40-49	8		
50-59	5		
60-69	9		
70-79	7		
80-89	6		
90+	0		
Total	52		0

Gender	#	Deaths
Male	22	0
Female	30	0
Unknown	0	
Total	52	0
PCR		15
ANTIGEN		37
TOTAL CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES		52

CDRSS STATISTICS REPORT DATE FOR REPORT FROM 8/1/24-8/31/24	
DISEASE NAME	COUNT
BABESIOSIS	1*
CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS	1*
CYCLOSPORIASIS	1*
HEPATITIS C	1*
LYME DISEASE	2*
NON-COVID COMMUNICABLE DISEASE AUGUST 2024 CASE TOTAL	6

APPLICATIONS

RAFFLE, ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TRICKY TRAY, 11/2/24, 6:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M., 237 LONG HILL ROAD, LITTLE FALLS

RAFFLE, ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH, MERCHANDISE RAFFLE, 11/2/24, 6:00P.M.-11:00 P.M., 237 LONG HILL ROAD, LITTLE FALLS

CORRESPONDENCE

REQUEST FROM RESIDENT FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD A BLOCK PARTY ON REINERS ROAD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024 FROM 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

RESOLUTIONS

2024 Tax Refunds on Several Properties Due to Disabled Veteran Exemptions

**RESOLUTION [A] 24-09-23 - #1
REFUND OF 2024 TAXES DUE TO 100% DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTIONS**

WHEREAS, the following properties in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey have overpaid real estate taxes in 2024 due to Tax Assessor approving 100% disabled veteran exemptions; and

WHEREAS the Tax Assessor granted the 100% disabled veteran exemptions this year in 2024 and

WHEREAS the Tax Collector is now requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amounts overpaid listed below for the pro-ratio of 2024 taxes from their exemption date(s) that the taxpayers paid while being exempt; 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 refunds be made by the Township Treasurer:

Tax Year & Qtr.	Block Lot/Q	Taxpayer/ Location	Payee	Reason	Amount
2024/3	40/50	Edmund & Eliz Pomponio 130 Donato Dr	Edmund & Eliz Pomponio 130 Donato Dr Little Falls NJ 07424	EX	\$1,675.88
2024/3	81/11	Juan C Trujillo 40 Zeliff Ave	Juan C. Trujillo 40 Zeliff Ave Little Falls NJ 07424	EX	1,081.19

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2024/1	125/11	Nicolina Politz 13 Hopson Ave	Nicolina Politz 13 Hopson Ave Little Falls NJ 07424	EX	<u>3,079.98</u>
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Total Refunds = \$5,837.05

2024 Tax Refund Due to 2024 County Board Judgement

**RESOLUTION [B] 24-09-23 - #2
REFUND OF 2024 1ST & 2ND QTR TAXES DUE
2024 COUNTY BOARD JUDGEMENT**

WHEREAS, the following property in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey has overpaid real estate taxes in 2024 due to County Board Judgement; and

WHEREAS the Tax Collector is requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amount 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 refund be made by the Township Treasurer:

<u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u>	<u>Block Lot/Q</u>	<u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>	<u>Pavee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024/1	93/1	JSL Properties LLC 1 Center Ave	JSL Properties LLC 3 University Plz Ste 207 Hackensack NJ 07601	OP/CBJ	\$ 920.64
2024/2	93/1	JSL Properties LLC 1 Center Ave	JSL Properties LLC 3 University Plz Ste 207 Hackensack NJ 07601		<u>5,948.62</u>

Total Refund = \$6,869.26

2023 Tax Refund Due to State Tax Court Judgement

RESOLUTION [C] 24-09-23 - #3

WHEREAS, the following property in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey known as Block 93 lot 1, JSL Properties LLC @ 1 Center Ave, has overpaid real estate taxes in the Year 2023 due to State Court Tax Judgement; and

WHEREAS, the Judgement was entered on August 26, 2024; and Stipulation of Settlement states no interest is to be paid on the refund paid by **90 days from August 26, 2024, which would be on or before November 26, 2024**; and

WHEREAS, Year 2023 assessed value was \$725,000 and Judgement reduced the assessed value to \$150,000 with a difference of 547,100 with tax rate of \$3.282 totaling \$18,841.96 refund; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amount 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 refund be made by the Treasurer:

<u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u>	<u>Block Lot/Q</u>	<u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>	<u>Pavee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2023/1-4	93/1	JSL Properties LLC 1 Center Ave	Spiotti & Associates, PC 612 Godwin Avenue Midland Park, NJ 07432	\$18,841.96

Total Refund = \$18,841.96

2022 Tax Refund Due to State Tax Court Judgement

RESOLUTION [D] 24-09-23 - #4

WHEREAS, the following property in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey known as Block 93 lot 1, JSL Properties LLC @ 1 Center Ave, has overpaid real estate taxes in the Year 2022 due to State Court Tax Judgement; and

WHEREAS, the Judgement was entered on August 26, 2024; and Stipulation of Settlement states no interest is to be paid on the refund paid by **90 days from August 26, 2024, which would be on or before November 26, 2024**; and

WHEREAS, Year 2022 assessed value was \$725,000 and Judgement reduced the assessed value to \$150,900 with a difference of 547,100 with tax rate of \$3.286 totaling \$18,844.93 refund; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is requesting that the Township Council direct the Treasurer to refund said amount 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 refund be made by the Treasurer:

<u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u>	<u>Block Lot/Q</u>	<u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>	<u>Pavee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022/1-4	93/1	JSL Properties LLC 1 Center Ave	Spiotti & Associates, PC 612 Godwin Avenue Midland Park, NJ 07432	\$18,864.93

Total Refund = \$18,864.93

Cancellation of Taxes Due to 100% Disabled Veteran BL 81 L 11

**RESOLUTION [E] 24-09-23 - #5
CANCEL TAXES DUE TO 100% DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION**

WHEREAS, the following property in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey was granted 100% Disabled Veteran Exemption in the Year 2024 by our Tax Assessor; and

WHEREAS the Council shall authorize the Tax Collector to cancel the below taxes; 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 taxes be canceled by the Tax Collector:

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<u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u>	<u>Block Lot/Q</u>	<u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>	<u>Exempt Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024/3	81/11	Trujillo, Juan C 40 Zelif Ave	July 18, 2024	\$1,081.19
2024/4	81/11	Trujillo, Juan C 40 Zelif Ave		1,364.63
2025/1	81/11	Trujillo, Juan C 40 Zelif Ave		1,344.47
2025/2	81/11	Trujillo, Juan C 40 Zelif Ave		<u>1,344.46</u>
TOTAL CANCELTION =				\$5,134.75

Cancellation of Taxes Due to 100% Disabled Veteran BL 40 L 50

**RESOLUTION [F] 24-09-23 - #6
CANCEL TAXES DUE TO 100% DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION**

WHEREAS, the following property in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey was granted 100% Disabled Veteran Exemption in the Year 2024 by our Tax Assessor; and

WHEREAS the Council shall authorize the Tax Collector to cancel the below taxes; 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 taxes be canceled by the Tax Collector:

<u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u>	<u>Block Lot/Q</u>	<u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>	<u>Exempt Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024/3	40/50	Pomponio, Edmund R & Elizabeth 130 Donato Dr	July 13, 2024	\$1,675.88
2024/4	40/50	Pomponio, Edmund R & Elizabeth 130 Donato Dr		1,957.40
2025/1	40/50	Pomponio, Edmund R & Elizabeth 130 Donato Dr		1,927.54
2025/2	40/50	Pomponio, Edmund R & Elizabeth 130 Donato Dr		<u>1,927.54</u>
TOTAL CANCELTION =				\$7,488.36

Cancellation of Taxes Due to 100% Disabled Veteran BL 125 L 11

**RESOLUTION [G] 24-09-23 - #7
CANCEL TAXES DUE TO 100% DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION**

WHEREAS, the following property in the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey was granted 100% Disabled Veteran Exemption in the Year 2024 by our Tax Assessor; and

WHEREAS the Council shall authorize the Tax Collector to cancel the below taxes; 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 taxes be canceled by the Tax Collector:

<u>Tax Year & Qtr.</u>	<u>Block Lot/Q</u>	<u>Taxpayer/ Location</u>	<u>Exempt Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024/1	125/11	Politz, Nicolina 13 Hopson Ave	March 22, 2024	\$305.05
2024/2	125/11	Politz, Nicolina 13 Hopson Ave		2,774.93
2024/3	125/11	Politz, Nicolina 13 Hopson Ave		2,859.48
2024/4	125/11	Politz, Nicolina 13 Hopson Ave		2,859.48
2025/1	125/11	Politz, Nicolina 13 Hopson Ave		2,817.21
2025/2	125/11	Politz, Nicolina 13 Hopson Ave		<u>2,817.20</u>
TOTAL CANCELTION =				\$14,433.35

Plenary Consumption License for July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
PASSAIC COUNTY NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION [H] 24-09-23 - #8**

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>
1605-33-007-013	JJF Spirits, LLC 109 Newark Pompton Tpke.	\$2,200.00

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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; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has been granted 12.39 relief from the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the 2023-2024 license term for the license, which is in pocket;

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, 2023 and expire on June 30, 2024.

Plenary Consumption License for July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS PASSAIC COUNTY NEW JERSEY RESOLUTION [I] 24-09-23 - #9

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>
1605-33-007-013	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; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has been granted 12.39 relief from the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the 2024-2025 license term for the license, which is in pocket;

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, 2024 and expire on June 30, 2025.

Opposing Assembly Bill No.4/Senate Bill No. 50

RESOLUTION [J] 24-09-23 - #10

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 4/SENATE BILL NO. 50, WHICH PROPOSES TO OVERHAUL THE FAIR HOUSING ACT (“FHA”) IN A WAY THAT IMPOSES UNREALISTIC OBLIGATIONS WITH UNREALISTIC DEADLINES BASED UPON ONEROUS STANDARDS

Mount Laurel II

WHEREAS, in 1983, the Supreme Court decided a landmark case, commonly referred to as Mount Laurel II; and

WHEREAS, Mount Laurel II and its progeny generated substantial litigation culminating in the enactment of the New Jersey Fair Housing Act in 1985 (“FHA”); and

The Fair Housing Act of 1985

WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted the FHA to restore home rule, to bring the fair share numbers back to reality and to reduce the burdens of Mount Laurel compliance; and

WHEREAS, more specifically, the FHA sought to restore home rule by imposing a moratorium on the builder’s remedy and by providing an administrative process that municipalities could voluntarily pursue wherein they would be insulated from developers seeking builder’s remedies to try to compel them to capitulate their zoning demands; and

WHEREAS, the FHA sought to bring the fair share numbers back to reality by among other things defining the prospective need as the need “based on development and growth which is reasonably likely to occur” and by calling for the fair share to be adjusted to a number lower than the fair share formula generated if the municipality lacked sufficient land to satisfy the obligation generated by the fair share formula; and

WHEREAS, the FHA sought to reduce the burdens on municipalities by prohibiting any requirement for municipalities to expend their own resources to comply; and

The New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing

WHEREAS, the FHA created COAH and conferred “primary jurisdiction” on COAH to administer the FHA and to implement the affordable housing policies of our State; and

WHEREAS, all acknowledge – even Fair Share Housing Center (“FSHC”) – that COAH functioned just fine in Rounds 1 and 2; and

WHEREAS, COAH did not adopt valid regulations for Round 3 despite multiple efforts to do so and made no efforts to cure the bottleneck the third time COAH voted 3-3 on Round 3 regulations; and

Mount Laurel IV

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Supreme Court issued a decision, commonly referred to as Mount Laurel IV, in response to a motion to transfer the responsibilities of COAH back to the courts in light of COAH’s failure to adopt valid regulations; and

WHEREAS, in Mount Laurel IV, the Supreme Court returned the task of implementing the doctrine back to the Courts because COAH had failed to do its job and made no effort to cure the roadblock when it voted 3-3 on the third iteration of Round 3 regulations; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Court emphasized that it preferred the administrative remedy created by the FHA to a judicial one and hoped that COAH would be effective so that towns could comply once again through the administrative process created by the FHA; and

WHEREAS, the Court process proved to be far more expensive than the COAH process and was ill-suited for resolving comprehensive planning disputes over affordable housing matters; and

WHEREAS, the Round 3 process was a disaster with judges pressing municipalities to comply before even establishing the obligations with which they must comply; and

WHEREAS, ultimately, on March 8, 2018, after a 41-day trial in Mercer County, Judge Jacobson issued an opinion in which she set forth a fair share methodology; and

WHEREAS, in that trial and in various other instances throughout the state, FSHC took the position that the Statewide obligation should exceed 300,000 to be addressed between 2015 and 2025; and

WHEREAS, municipalities, through Dr. Robert Powell, presented evidence that, in a best case scenario, the State could only absorb less than 40,000 affordable housing units and thus argued that FSHC’s calculations was not grounded in reality whatsoever; and

WHEREAS, the Court, having been constrained by the Supreme Court to prescriptively utilize a formula from 1993, ultimately concluded that the Statewide obligation to be constructed between 2015-2025 was roughly 153,000 units; and

The 354 Settlements with FSHC

WHEREAS, FSHC reports that it entered 354 settlements in Round 3, and

WHEREAS, many municipalities are reeling under the burden of satisfying their obligations under those settlements entered between 2015 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, many of those Round 3 settlements will result in development during the Round 4 period; and

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WHEREAS, Round 4 is set to begin on July 1, 2025 and there is no comprehensive analysis on the impacts of the 354 Round 3 settlements and over-zoning described above; and

WHEREAS, indeed, the A4/S50 Bill fails to consider the impact from affordable housing projects that were approved during the Third Round, but are still not yet under construction, as said projects, as well as additional future projects, will impact legitimate public concerns like infrastructure, the environment, schools, traffic, parking and open space; and

WHEREAS, the Round 3 process destroyed the balance achieved by the Fair Housing Act in 1985; and

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WHEREAS, on December 19, 2023, against the above backdrop, the Housing Committee of the Assembly (a) unveiled, the Legislation (A-4) – a detailed 69-page bill that the Chairwoman of the Housing Committee announced had been worked on for a long time; and (b) scheduled the bill for a vote at a hearing scheduled less than 24 hours later; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2023, the Administrative Office of the Courts wrote to the Legislature and made clear that it could not structure the bill in the manner set forth in the proposed legislation; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the foregoing, on December 20, 2023, the Housing Committee voted the bill out of the Committee and announced that the bill needed to be ready for signing by the Governor before the end of the lame duck session on January 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the perception that the Legislature designed was to adopt the bill before the public had an opportunity to review it and provide meaningful comment was as real as it was unmistakable; and

WHEREAS, consequently, the Legislature did not ram the bill through in the lame duck session; and

WHEREAS, instead, on January 29, 2024, the Housing Committee of the Assembly met to consider a new version of A-4 and voted to release it out of the Committee; and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2024, as a result of comments, letters and resolutions challenging this new version of A-4, the Appropriations Committee of the Assembly announced a number of changes to the Bill; and

WHEREAS, one witness likened the summary presented to the public at the February 8, 2024 Appropriations meeting to that of an auctioneer; and

WHEREAS, the Appropriations Committee voted the bill out of the Committee at its February 8, 2024 meeting before the public had an opportunity to even see the changes, much less process their significance and comment on them; and

WHEREAS, the bill has improved marginally as it has evolved from its initial version in December of 2023 to the current version voted out of the Appropriations Committee of the Assembly on February 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, despite elimination of just some of the gross excesses of the prior version of the bill, the current bill released after the February 8, 2024 Appropriations Committee meeting is still severely flawed; and

WHEREAS, the bill still creates a judicial entity made up of 3-7 retired Mount Laurel judges called “The Program”, which, unlike COAH, is not comprised of an equal number of municipal and housing representatives, and is not made up of an equal number of Republicans and Democrats, thereby depriving the citizens of our State of the carefully crafted COAH Board that included a diversity of interests and that was the centerpiece of the FHA adopted in 1985; and

WHEREAS, the Bill still does not require the promulgation of affordable housing obligations, or the adoption of substantive regulations, in a way that utilizes an open and transparent process that COAH used and that gave all interested parties an opportunity to comment and receive COAH’s response to their comments; and

WHEREAS, as detailed below, the bill created a patently unreasonable responsibility on municipalities by imposing an obligation on the to create a realistic opportunity for satisfaction of a fair share than is itself unrealistic; and

WHEREAS, the current version still details the methodology to be used for determining the fair share numbers of municipalities in Round 4 and in subsequent rounds; and

WHEREAS, the current version still presumes that 40 percent of all new households will qualify as low or moderate; and

WHEREAS, the current version still calls for the determination of the prospective need by subtracting the number of households reported in the 2010 Decennial Census from the number of households reported in the 2020 Decennial Census and multiplying that figure by 40 percent; and

WHEREAS, we calculate the statewide need number to be 84,690 based upon the formula set forth in the bill; and

WHEREAS, the current version of the Bill calls for 84,690 to be adjusted by the number of conversions and demolitions; and

WHEREAS, the statewide fair share would be increased from 84,690 to 96,780, if we assume the same number of demolitions and conversions used by Judge Jacobson in her formula for Round 3 that will apply in Round 4; and

WHEREAS, we can estimate the obligation of each municipality if we assume that the same percentage of the regional need in Round 3 for each municipality applies in Round 4; and

WHEREAS, we have widely distributed our estimates and invited input after acknowledging that we have done the best we can to formulate estimates in very limited time; and

WHEREAS, other than an analysis of the allocation factors by an expert for the American Planning Association (Creigh Rahenkamp) who identified problems with the allocation factors, nobody has accepted our invitation to review and comment on our rough estimates; and

WHEREAS, to the contrary, the Executive Director of Fair Share Housing Center testified that he did not have a calculation of the fair share numbers; and

WHEREAS, more importantly, no committee of the Assembly or Senate has identified the fair share obligations municipalities should expect based upon the formula set forth in the bill; and

WHEREAS, the 96,780 fair share number estimated for Round 4 compares to the roughly 211,000 COs issued between 2010 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, the 96,780 fair share number divided by 211,000 COs equals roughly 46 percent (45.867 percent to be more precise); and

WHEREAS, all municipalities should be able to cure any violations of the prohibition against exclusionary zoning with inclusionary zoning; and

WHEREAS, traditional inclusionary zoning ordinances generally require no more than 20 percent of the units to be affordable; and

WHEREAS, it is mathematically impossible to satisfy a 46 percent problem with a 20 percent solution and, therefore, the number generated by the statutory formula is patently excessive; and

WHEREAS, while this mathematical error conceptually may have existed at COAH, COAH utilized its discretion to reduce the statewide number to roughly 5,000 units per year in Rounds 1-2 (or lower for prospective need in its attempted regulations in 2014); and

WHEREAS, in addition, COAH’s Round 2 regulations had flexible standards, Regional Contribution Agreements (RCAs), an achievable bonus structure, waivers and other flexible standards to further mitigate the problem; and

WHEREAS, had COAH not mitigated the problem, it is likely that the regulations would have been challenged by municipalities; and

WHEREAS, as detailed below, the Bill still fails to account for the enormous burdens on municipalities to comply with their Round 3 obligations before imposing very substantial additional burdens on those 354 municipalities for Round 4; and

WHEREAS, a representative of FSHC testified that it has entered into 354 settlements and that it would furnish those settlements to the Housing Committee, which it has failed to do; and

WHEREAS, we have pressed FSHC to advise how much development will take place in Round 4 as a result of municipalities implementing the 354 settlements reached in Round 3; and

WHEREAS, Adam Gordon on behalf of FSHC has indicated he doesn’t know the answer to this question and no committee of the Assembly or Senate has even hinted at what the answer might be; and

WHEREAS, the Bill require municipalities to create a realistic opportunity for satisfaction of a fair share without taking into account how many affordable units can realistically be achieved through traditional inclusionary zoning (where generally one out of every five units must be affordable); and

WHEREAS, we also sought to ascertain how many affordable units could be realistically achieved through traditional inclusionary zoning by urging the Legislature to do a market study since the strength of the housing market will determine the number of market units that can reasonably be anticipated that are essential to generating one affordable unit for every four market units constructed; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has not furnished a market study in response to our repeated emphasis on the need for one to ascertain how many affordable units could be realistically achieved through traditional inclusionary zoning; and

WHEREAS, as explained below, the bill dilutes the protections to which a municipality is currently entitled as it seeks to comply voluntarily and even after it secures approval of its affordable housing plan; and

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WHEREAS, current laws preserve a municipality’s immunity in the absence of proof that the municipality is “determined to be constitutionally noncompliant”, the proposed bill does not give municipalities seeking to comply voluntarily the same measure of protection the Supreme Court deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, A4/S50 subjects municipalities to litigation not only as they seek approval of their Housing Element and Fair Share Plans, but also even after they secure approval of those plans; and

WHEREAS, more specifically, A4/S50 provides municipalities a “compliance certification” if the municipality secures approval of its affordable housing plan; however, that certification does not prevent an interested party from “alleging that, despite the issuance of compliance certification, a municipality’s fair share obligation, fair share plan, housing element, or ordinances implementing the fair share plan or housing element are in violation of the Mount Laurel doctrine”; and

WHEREAS, the Bill suffers from a myriad of different flaws; and

WHEREAS, under current laws, a municipality would have a right to rely on the fair share number that COAH provides; however, under the new bill a municipality would only have a presumption of validity that the number the DCA provides to the municipality is appropriate and FSHC, a deep pocketed developer or any other interested party could seek to overcome that presumption through litigation; and

WHEREAS, the A4/S50 Bill replaces a straightforward system by which a municipality could secure bonus credits up to a 25 percent cap with a highly complicated system for securing bonuses with many conditions attached to various forms of bonus; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature previously capped the fair share of any municipality down to 1,000 recognition that any obligation above 1,000 would be “onerous”; A4/S50 applies the 1,000-unit cap only to a component of the municipality’s fair share – the prospective need – and authorizes the imposition of an obligation that is onerous; and

WHEREAS, the A4/S50 Bill creates unfair requirements and ambiguity when it comes to the Vacant Land Adjustment process, which would lead to municipalities that lack sufficient vacant land being required to produce more affordable housing units than is practical; and

WHEREAS, the A4/S50 Bill includes many other provisions and changes to the FHA that are impractical and devoid of any consideration of the burdens created by the statute; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the facts set forth above, a bill that boasts of its effectiveness in reducing costs and litigation will clearly have the exact opposite effect; and

WHEREAS, in addition to all the concerns expressed above, a bill that so radically changes the affordable housing laws of our state still needs considerable work; and

WHEREAS, indeed, as the following facts demonstrate, the Legislature has yet to do the most fundamental due diligence before enacting a statute with such broad ramifications;

1. The Legislature has not and cannot inform the public of the fair share obligations the bill, if enacted, would impose on the public;
2. The Legislature has not and cannot inform the public of the obligations that municipalities will satisfy in Round 4 from the 354 settlements achieved in Round 3 before heaping substantial additional burdens on them for Round 4;
3. The Legislature has not and cannot inform the public of the number of affordable units that can realistically be achieved through traditional inclusionary zoning while imposing obligations on municipalities to create a realistic opportunity for a fair share that far exceeds any number a municipality can realistically achieve through inclusionary zoning; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the pronounced lack of due diligence, the bill will likely force taxes to increase dramatically and will foster serious overdevelopment creating unreasonable burdens on our schools, public services, roads, sewer and water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature clearly can and should upgrade the affordable housing policies of our State; however, the current version of A4 is not the answer and the most fundamental diligence can and should be exercised before adopting such a bill.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that for all of the above reasons, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, objects to and opposes Assembly Bill No. 4/ Senate Bill No. 50, and requests that the bill be tabled, re-written and re-introduced in a way that imposes achievable obligations and facilitates the ability of the municipality to satisfy its obligations.

Bill List

RESOLUTION [K] 24-09-23 - #11

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 Patel, 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. 1501 - It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that there be introduced and the meeting of October 7, 2024, set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
ORDINANCE NO. 1501
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
TO AMEND CHAPTER 3 (ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT)
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS**

WHEREAS, there is a need for additional personnel to assist the Little Falls Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Little Falls Police Chief and Township Administrator have reviewed staffing levels and have determined that the most cost-effective means is to retain the services of Special Law Enforcement Officers Class III (SLEO III); and

WHEREAS, SLEO III are retired police officers who can handle many administrative and ministerial tasks to alleviate the pressure of placing current active police officers in such roles and instead have them attend to public safety matters directly; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to support the request of the Police Chief and Administrator by including a SLEO III designation within the Township Ordinances as none exists currently; 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 3, Administration of Government, of the Code of the Township of Little Falls, is hereby amended as follows (underlined is additions and ~~struck through~~ are deletions):

§3-7.7 (S) SPECIAL POLICE

- (6) Requirements for special law enforcement officers (Class II). Upon appointment, each Township Class II special law enforcement officer shall:
 - (a) Be a Class II officer as prescribed by the State Police Training Commission.

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(b) Be authorized to exercise full powers similar to those of a permanent, regularly appointed, full-time officer in performing routine traffic detail, spectator control, court officer and sergeant at arms duties, issue summonses for disorderly persons and petty disorderly persons offences, violations of municipal ordinances and violations of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

(c) Be authorized to use firearms only after the officer has been fully certified as successfully completing training as prescribed by the State Police Training Commission. An officer so trained may only carry a firearm while engaged in the actual performance of the officer's official duties.

(7) Requirements for special law enforcement officers (Class III). Upon appointment, each Township Class III special law enforcement officer shall:

(a) Be a retired officer who has previously served as a duly qualified, full time law enforcement officer in any municipality, county, agency of this state, bi-state agency, or federal agency, and must be living in New Jersey.

(b) Be retired from that agency in good standing (necessary to have a letter of good standing issued by the agency from which officer retired, listing the date and type of retirement. A copy will be submitted to the Police Training Commission)

(c) Be less than 65 years of age for appointment.

(d) Pass a psychological exam.

(e) Pass a medical exam and have doctor complete Medical Certification Form (Form PTC 8A).

(f) Pass a Drug Test pursuant to Attorney General's Law Enforcement Drug Testing Policy.

(g) Have an updated background investigation.

(h) Complete the Basic Course for Police Officer if retired more than 3 years, but a waiver for Physical Conditioning and Defensive Tactics will be granted.

(8) Powers and duties. The powers and duties of Township special police officers shall be in accordance with those prescribed in statute. Those powers and duties shall cease at the expiration of the term of each special police officer.

(9) Rules and regulations. All special police officers shall, at all times subsequent to their appointment, be subject to the rules and regulations of the division and to all orders and directions promulgated by the Chief or higher authority.

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. 1502 - It was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Patel, that there be introduced and the meeting of October 7, 2024, set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
ORDINANCE NO. 1502**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND CHAPTER 7 (ON-STREET REGULATIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS

WHEREAS, a municipal may enact ordinances to designate parking restrictions of roadways under municipal control,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to update and amend the Municipal Code to include additional areas to prohibit or restrict parking in order to ensure the consistent flow of traffic, reduction of motor vehicle offenses, and prevention of automotive and pedestrian accidents; 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 7, On-Street Regulations, of the Code of the Township of Little Falls, is hereby amended and supplemented as follows (~~strike through~~ is deleted and underlined is added):

§7-11 (B) Parking time limited on certain streets.

Main Street	a. North	3 hrs.	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	<u>Beginning 105 feet from the westerly curbline of Maple Street to a point 45 feet east of the easterly curbline of Paterson Avenue</u>
	b. South	<u>2 hrs.</u>	<u>7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.</u>	<u>In all marked spaces</u>
	c. South	3 hrs.	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	<u>Beginning 33 feet from the easterly curbline of Stevens Avenue to a point 132 feet therefrom</u>
	d. North	<u>2 hrs.</u>	<u>7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.</u>	<u>In all marked spaces</u>
		3 hrs.	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	<u>Beginning at a point 50 feet west from the west curbline of Paterson Avenue and from said point extending westerly 130 feet west</u>
	e. North	<u>3 hrs.</u>	<u>8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.</u>	<u>Beginning at a point 325 feet west from the west curbline of Paterson Avenue and from said point extending westerly 120 feet west</u>
		[Amended 4-17-2023 by Ord. No. 1451]		

§7-31 Safety Sticks

A. Purpose. The Township has deployed safety sticks technology at various locations to monitor parking activity and enforce parking regulations on public roadways where parking is only allowed in marked spaces and in certain no-parking zones such as fire hydrants, bus stops, crosswalks, and loading zones.

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. Township Police Department shall have the authority to place such signs as deemed necessary to advise the public of the aforementioned parking restrictions.
5. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty days after final passage and publication in accordance with law.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1503 - It was moved by Councilmember Patel, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that there be introduced and the meeting of October 7, 2024, set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
ORDINANCE NO. 1503**

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE LITTLE FALLS TOWNSHIP MAIN STREET STREETScape PROJECT FROM VAN NESS AVENUE TO PECKMAN BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 16 BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$644,137.00 AND THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE FUNDED BY A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls, County of Passaic, New Jersey, as follows:

- Section 1. The Township of Little Falls, New Jersey (the "Township") is hereby authorized to commence with the Main Street Streetscape Project from Van Ness Avenue to Peckman Bridge Improvement Project 16. Said improvement shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.
- Section 2. The sum of \$644,137 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the improvement authorized and described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be funded by a grant in the sum of \$644,137 from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation.
- Section 3. Said improvement is a lawful capital improvement of the County having a period of usefulness of at least five (5) years. Said improvement shall be made as a general improvement, no part of the cost of which shall be assessed against property specially benefited.
- Section 4. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this capital ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Township Clerk of the Township and is available for public inspection.
- Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

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

The Council President declared the motion passed.

Ordinance No. 1504 - It was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Hablitz, that there be introduced and the meeting of October 7, 2024, set as the date for the public hearing of the following:

**TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS
ORDINANCE NO. 1504**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE FALLS, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO RELEASE, EXTINGUISH AND VACATE THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC IN A PORTION OF PAPER STREETS (AMITY STREET AND CROSS STREET)

WHEREAS, there exists within the Amity Park area of the Township of Little Falls various unimproved paper streets and/or portions of unimproved paper streets known as: (1) Amity Street between Haines Place and Cross Street and (2) Cross Street between Amity Street and Hughes Place, all as shown on the Official Tax Map of the Township of Little Falls (collectively known as "Streets to be Vacated") as delineated on the attached Exhibit "A" hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Streets to be Vacated serve no public purpose as streets and would require unwarranted and significant expenditures of public monies to plan, construct and maintain by the Township of Little Falls, and need to be vacated; and

WHEREAS, the entirety of the Streets to be Vacated are neither open to the public for the purposes of vehicular traffic nor publicly maintained as a street; therefore, this vacation ordinance is not subject to review by the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation with regard to the traffic regulations thereon pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-8; and

WHEREAS, the land occupied by the Streets to be Vacated are currently and have been for many years used for active public recreation in Amity Park including as ball fields and monuments; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:67-1(b) and N.J.S.A. 40:67-19 empowers the governing body of a municipality to make, amend, repeal and enforce ordinances to vacate any public street, including the vacation of any portion of any public street, and to vacate any street, or any part thereof, dedicated to public use but not accepted by the municipality, whether or not the same, or any part, has been actually opened or improved; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Little Falls has considered evidence and concluded that the Streets to be Vacated are not needed by the general public as a public thoroughfare and lend themselves to higher and better uses as active public recreation and monuments and for use by the general public, and that the public interest will best be served by abandoning, vacating, releasing and extinguishing any and all public rights which the Township may have in and to the Streets to be Vacated;

WHEREAS, title to the Streets to be Vacated shall be apportioned to adjacent property owners, if any, in accordance with law; and

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

- 1. Subject to the conditions set forth herein, the rights of the public in and to the Street to be Vacated, as more particularly delineated in Exhibit "A" hereto, are hereby released, extinguished and vacated.
- 2. Title to the Streets to be Vacated shall be apportioned to adjacent property owners as listed on Exhibit "B" hereto, if any, in accordance with law.
- 3. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-1(b), all public easements, rights and interests to the Streets to be Vacated, as more particularly delineated in Exhibit "A" hereto, are hereby vacated, released and extinguished except for said easements and rights specifically set forth herein and except for all rights and privileges now possessed by public utilities, as defined in N.J.S.A. 48:2-13, and by any Cable Television Company, as defined in the "Cable Television Act," N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1, et seq., to maintain, repair and replace their existing facilities in, adjacent to, over or under the street, or any part thereof, to be vacated.
- 4. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-21, the Township Clerk shall within 60 days after this ordinance becomes effective file a copy of this ordinance, certified by her, under the seal of the Township of Little Falls, to be a true copy of such ordinance, together with a copy of proof of publication, if publication be required, in the office where conveyances of lands are recorded in Passaic County and such certified copy shall be recorded in a book with proper index to be provided for the purpose and entitled "Vacations."
- 5. After introduction, this Ordinance shall be referred to the Planning Board of the Township of Little Falls for review and comment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26, -32, and -33, since vacation of a public street or portion thereof constitutes a change to the official map of the Township of Little Falls, Passaic County and the closing of public streets, albeit paper unimproved streets.
- 6. At least seven (7) days prior to the time fixed for the consideration of this Ordinance for final passage, a copy of this Ordinance, together with a notice of its introduction and the time and place when and where the Ordinance will be further considered for final passage, shall be given by the Township Clerk to the owners of all real property whose lands may be affected by this Ordinance or any assessment which may be made in pursuance thereof, so far as the same may be ascertained, directed to his last known post-office address. At least ten (10) days prior to the time fixed for the consideration of this Ordinance for final passage, a copy of this Ordinance, together with a notice of its introduction and the time and place when and where the Ordinance will be further considered

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for final passage, shall be published at least once in a newspaper published and circulated in the Township of Little Falls. This is the notice required by N.J.S.A. 40:67-19 and N.J.S.A. 40:49-6.

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 upon final publication in accordance with law.

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

Thomas Barone- 26 Viewmont Terrace, commented on overnight parking. Council President SGOBBA agreed overnight parking was suspended during one of the hurricanes and that a lot of residents do not like to use their driveways. Mayor Damiano noted his belief overnight parking was suspended around the time of Hurricane Sandy and continued to be suspended annually by resolution at the Reorganization Meeting. The Mayor discussed the older homes that have driveways that do not fit the number of drivers in the household. The Mayor did not disagree with Mr. Barone that there are often driveways with one car in it and several out front, however, it would be difficult to enforce the prohibition on overnight parking in many sections of the Township. Council President SGOBBA noted Mr. Barone's comments will be taken into consideration.

No one further having coming forward to be heard, it was moved by Councilmember Vancheri, seconded by Councilmember Murphy, 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.

At this time, the Mayor announced the newest addition to the Hometown Hero program.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Murphy, seconded by Councilmember Vancheri, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 7:31 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