

**Long Hill Township Committee Minutes
March 9, 2011 Regular Meeting**

The Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, convened in Regular Session at the Municipal Building, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey, on Wednesday, **March 9, 2011** at 7:00 p.m.

Statement of Adequate Notice:

Mayor Harrington read the following statement:

“In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was included in a list of meetings notice which was electronically sent to the Echoes Sentinel, Courier News and Daily Record on January 4, 2011; posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 4, 2011 and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.”

Executive Session:

**RESOLUTION 11-102
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, that the Township Committee of Long Hill Township meet in closed session to discuss the following matters:

Attorney Client Privilege

- None

Collective Bargaining:

- None

Contract Negotiations

- None

Personnel:

- None

Pending or Anticipated Litigation:

- None

Property Acquisition

- Open Space

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that minutes of this executive session meeting will be released to the public in a timely fashion pursuant to the Open Public Records Act and other applicable laws and regulations.

Roll Call:

On roll call the following Committee members were present:

Jerry Aroneo; Michael Mazzucco; Guy Piserchia; Mayor Nanette Harrington;
George Viturera

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Absent: None

Also present: John Pidgeon, Township Attorney; Richard Sheola, Township Administrator/CFO; Christine Gatti, Township Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance:

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamation

Mayor Harrington presented the following Proclamation to the American Red Cross and thanked them for all they do for the community:

“WHEREAS, the American Red Cross fulfills a unique and vital role in our state and community, providing help and hope in the face of emergencies and disaster, and is a true reflection of the humanitarian and volunteer spirit of the American people; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 100 years, Presidents have called on the American people to support the Red Cross and its humanitarian mission; in World War I, President Woodrow Wilson ordered the Red Cross to raise funds to support emergency aid to the military, as mandated by the Red Cross Congressional Charter. At that time, the American Red Cross set a goal of \$125 million and in less than six weeks donations totaled nearly \$146 million – a tribute to the overwhelming generosity of the American public; and

WHEREAS, in 1943, during World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first president to proclaim March as Red Cross Month and called on Americans to “rededicate themselves to the splendid aims and activities of the Red Cross”. President Roosevelt’s call to action nearly 70 years ago started a tradition of designating March as Red Cross Month, a time to recognize and support the valuable work of the American Red Cross by making a financial contribution, donating blood, taking a life-saving class, or volunteering to help the Red Cross Perform its mission; and

WHEREAS, every day, through its network of employees and volunteers the Colonial Crossroads Chapter is there to save the day when disaster strikes or when a neighbor’s house burns down. Last year, the Chapter responded to 21 emergencies affecting over 3,000 individuals. Disaster preparedness presentations were provided to 372 individuals and 18,875 people were trained in critical life-saving skills such as First Aid, CPR, AED use and Lifeguard Training. The Chapter conducted 62 blood drives which generated 1,986 units of donated blood. More than 4,000 rides were provided to ambulatory seniors and in partnership with SAGE Eldercare, Chapter volunteers delivered 4,100 hot meals through the Meals-on-Wheels program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Nanette Harrington and the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey and on behalf of the residents of Long Hill Township, does hereby proclaim **March 2011 as AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH.**”

Christy Hodde, Executive Director of the Red Cross, introduced Red Cross volunteers and thanked the Committee for their support. She thanked Ken Fullagar, Director of the Office of Emergency Management, because his office has been a great partner. She reviewed disaster response details and Red Cross initiatives’.

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A motion was made by Mr. Vitureira and seconded by Mr. Aroneo to approve the Proclamation for the American Red Cross. Vote: All Ayes

Mayor Harrington offered the Committees condolences for former Township Committee member James Soulders. She pointed out that he served on the Township Committee for one term and was an active member of the community.

Presentation: Plant Upgrades, I & I Work and DEP Standards:

Jim Mentone, Wastewater Management Advisory Committee (WMAC) member, introduced WMAC member Wayne Celeste who is also here this evening. Mr. Mentone thanked the Township Committee and public for allowing them to present their plan. He thanked all individuals that were involved in this analysis and pointed out that they are interested in coming back to the Committee in 4-6 weeks. He reviewed the Wastewater discussion at the November 10, 2010 Township Committee meeting. He presented the report submitted by the WMAC. He examined why improvements to the Wastewater Plant are needed, the options available to the township, the WMAC team recommendation and the next steps. The WMAC recommended the hybrid plan which includes tank and plant upgrades + (~15%) I & I Reduction for a cost of approximately \$8.3 MM which would bring the plant into compliance, reduce plant operating costs, provide I & I reduction in most needed areas and eliminate the sewer ban which allows for building.

Mr. Aroneo questioned asbestos concerns and Mr. Mentone stated that the topic did come up but the information is not in the proposal from OMNI Environmental. Mr. Mentone added that he is under the impression the work can be completed without disturbance. Messrs. Piserchia and Mentone reviewed I & I reduction details. Messrs. Aroneo and Mentone reviewed development and zoning in the township. A discussion ensued among the Committee in regards to the township 20 year build out plan, the build out proposal for Valley Road and what is needed for the township. Ms. Harrington added that the build out numbers in this analysis are for capacity planning. The Committee and Mr. Mentone discussed plant and capacity needs for the township.

Donald Butterworth, WMAC member, reviewed the build out number and the ability of the current tank. He reviewed the flow factor. He pointed out that even if the townships build out was the same as it is today the WMAC would have the same recommendation. Mr. Celeste pointed out that the recommended tank is needed today because the township is currently exceeding flow. He added that the DEP will not rate higher and the tank is needed. Mr. Aroneo questioned whether the plant cost is \$4.3 MM and asked the WMAC for the cost breakdown. Mr. Mentone stated he would provide the detail. Mr. Aroneo reviewed the townships options and questioned whether reducing the I & I would be more certain and pointed out that the information would be great. Mr. Vitureira pointed out that OMNI Environmental who are experts recommended the same thing as the WMAC and added that this is the most effective way. He added that asbestos is not an issue and the experts report to the township that this is the most effective way. Mayor Harrington briefly reviewed OMNI's presentation in 2010 and added that it is difficult to reduce the I & I. The township has an immediate need to get out under the sewer ban. She pointed out that the Committee still needs to understand the concern and risk of the asbestos with the construction of the tank. She added that she also heard that the Committee needs to understand the tank upgrade. Mr. Vitureira pointed out that everyone has that report.

Mr. Butterworth stated that the WMAC did not base their recommendation on build out. He added that there is a possibility that the tank may be put over the asbestos area with EPA approval.

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Mr. Aroneo thanked the WMAC. Mayor Harrington stated that it seems the tank cost has doubled. She added that she is still interested in the risk of asbestos. Mr. Vitureira indicated that asbestos is part of the analysis with the location of the tank. Mr. Mentone asked when they can come back before the Committee and Mayor Harrington stated that they should be back in touch and we will get you on an agenda. Mr. Vitureira added that the WMAC is in the process of submitting a permit application and need to know if we are moving forward. He stated that a decision is needed promptly.

Mr. Piserchia indicated that he would like to be comfortable with the location of the tank because he does not want to see added costs and asbestos issues.

Carol Prasa, resident of River Road, reviewed the 1990 sewer expansion project, the history of the asbestos issue and final costs to the township which were several times the original cost. She asked the Committee to please consider this because it is an asbestos site and the health of the community needs to be considered. She reviewed the health dangers which asbestos sites. Mr. Vitureira stated that if Mr. Prasa is correct it will be addressed.

Carl Sundberg, resident of Main Avenue, pointed out that years ago that township used that area as an asbestos dump. He added that asbestos is a problem that needs to be considered and the township should let the engineers do their work and the public should not panic.

Bruce Meringolo, resident of Stirling, questioned how the project would affect taxes. He added that the sewer plant is in the flood plain and questioned how the township will manage the operation during flooding. Mr. Celeste reviewed the budgeting and pointed out that the cost would be debt neutral. Mr. Aroneo stated that the debt neutral scenario is a snapshot in time and the budget would still be increased. Mayor Harrington asked that the WMAC review the concern of the plant flooding. Mr. Celeste indicated that the report does not address plant flooding.

Charles Arentowicz, resident of Heritage Road, reviewed his concerns with asbestos. Mr. Arentowicz and the Committee reviewed flow highs.

Arthur Kurz pointed out that he owned the property across the street from town hall and indicated that this issue needs to move along because it is unrealistic to buy properties in the township when there is a sewer ban.

Marco Santacross, resident of Valley Road, asked the Committee to do what is best for the township. He added that the residents can not afford more taxes.

Mayor Harrington thanked the members of the WMAC for all their time and effort on the matter.

Administrator Report

Bond Sale

Mr. Sheola stated that the township sold a \$3.6 million bond anticipation note yesterday. He reviewed the interest rate for three months. He pointed out that the township needs a small extension. He reviewed bond rating details. He stated that the bond sale will be in July and the 1st payment is in 2012. Messrs. Aroneo and Sheola reviewed bond rating. Mr. Aroneo pointed out that there is a shortage of municipal bonds and yields are lower and he is not in favor of delaying the bond sale and would rather get it done. He added that he is afraid that it will not be only a two week extension. Mr. Sheola pointed out that the auditor guarantees that it will be done. Mr. Piserchia

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agreed with Mr. Aroneo because you can not predict the market. A brief discussion ensued regarding the extension and Mr. Aroneo asked Mr. Sheola to ensure that the extension is no longer than two weeks. Mr. Sheola added that he would and he would also be sure that there are minimal costs.

2011 Budget Update

Mr. Sheola indicated that he has met with everyone on the Township Committee in regards to the proposed budget and a summary sheet will be forwarded to the Finance Sub Committee. He added that he believes everyone will be pleased with the budget because the tax increase will not be higher than last year and the township met the levy cap. He asked that if there are any questions or concerns to please send them to him as soon as possible.

Mr. Aroneo commented that the township cut the garbage service which is an essential service and last year the township cut the school board budgets. The township has been disciplined in our spending and we have not yet cut our government. He asked the Committee if they are interested in cutting the government and whether they think we need all the government we currently have. He reviewed a report provided by Mr. Sheola which list non-essential employees. He questioned whether the township requires town hall hours every day and perhaps the township. He added that perhaps the township can cut additional non-essential services and the Committee can rethink how things are run at town hall. Mr. Vitureira agreed and perhaps the whole structure can be reviewed. Mayor Harrington stated that the Committee has been completing various department reviews and have been shrinking departments. Mr. Aroneo questioned whether town hall services are needed everyday.

Mr. Vitureira reviewed the option of decreasing the open space tax. Mr. Pidgeon pointed out that he has no legal issue with decreasing the tax before the budget was introduced. Mr. Aroneo pointed out that the tax was put into place as a result of a referendum. Mr. Vitureira pointed out that the tax would only be reduced. Mr. Aroneo stated that the tax is needed to fund open space and added that the township is in the middle of a restoration project for Millington Schoolhouse. Mr. Vitureira stated that he is in favor of reducing the tax by 50% which would bring it to 1 cent. Mr. Piserchia stated that he is not in favor of reducing the open space tax. Mayor Harrington indicated that until they fully understand what is before them it is foolish to cut the tax because we are not sure how much is needed; Mr. Mazzucco agreed. Mr. Vitureira questioned how much is in the Open Space Fund; Mr. Sheola stated that he would forward them the information. A discussion ensued among the Committee in regards to essential services at town hall and reviewing different options at town hall. Mayor Harrington briefly reviewed the highlights in the proposed 2011 budget. Mr. Sheola added that he would have a summary at introduction. Mayor Harrington questioned whether there were any additional head counts in the proposed budget. Mr. Sheola pointed out that there are two vacancies to be filled at the Department of Public Works; one would be replaced April 1st and the other July 1st.

Bid for Natural Gas

Mr. Sheola pointed out that this is a follow up for the discussion in January and February. He reviewed the bid for natural gas and the results. Mr. Aroneo reviewed his issues and the history of the discussion. He indicated that the Committee was told that they would see large savings for energy costs. He stated that it seems to be other than aggregating costs and looks like buying options on commodity. He added that the price of gas has come down and the township asked them to aggregate not to cap the price and we are hedging the price. The township can not predict the future costs.

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Mr. Piserchia pointed out that he likes the idea of capping the price and paying a premium. Mr. Aroneo indicated that the township is paying more than we have to for gas and we were told it would aggregate the cost and it has not done that. This program has cost the township money and the approved resolution is different than the product we got. Messrs. Piserchia and Aroneo reviewed the matter.

Mr. Piserchia asked Mr. Sheola to go through the same process with electric service. Mayor Harrington stated that the township has a 15% reduction in gas costs from last year. Mr. Aroneo pointed out that he is not in favor of paying more than it is worth. Mr. Piserchia and Mayor Harrington agreed that they would like to know the cost. Mr. Aroneo reiterated that the approved resolution did not represent the product and questioned whether the Committee would continue. A discussion ensued among the Committee in regards to the cost. Mayor Harrington suggested that Mr. Aroneo do research on electric costs. Mr. Aroneo pointed out that next year when this comes up again for gas the Committee should be given all the facts. Mr. Vitureira stated that he shares his concerns and it will be studied in the future.

Mayor Harrington called for a recess at 9:50 P.M.; the meeting was reconvened at 10:00 P.M.

Mr. Mazzucco did not return to the meeting.

Discussion:

Construction Permit Fee Amendments

Jerry Hoffman, Construction Official reviewed his proposal for an increase in construction fees to cover the cost of the Construction Office. He reviewed the permit cost comparison with other municipalities. Mayor Harrington pointed out that building fees are less and others seem in line. Messrs. Aroneo and Hoffman reviewed Mr. Hoffman's analysis of fees. Mr. Aroneo pointed out that he is not comfortable with increasing permit fees and would rather reduce expenses. Mayor Harrington stated that the department is staffed appropriately and seems that the justification to raise the fees by 5-6% seems fair. Mr. Vitureira indicated that the department should pay for itself. Messrs. Aroneo and Sheola reviewed the construction permit numbers. A discussion ensued among the Committee in regards to the cost of the department and the incoming revenue. Mr. Piserchia pointed out that the fees have not been raised since 2004 and the increase seems reasonable. Mr. Aroneo commented that he does not like to raise fees. Mayor Harrington stated that the Committee needs to see cost and revenue stacked up side by side to warrant an increase in permit fees.

Zoning Permit Draft Ordinance

Mr. Pidgeon reviewed the revamped draft zoning ordinance. He reviewed the simplified ordinance and its conditions. He reviewed the drive of the ordinance which makes enforcement easier. The Committee thanked Mr. Pidgeon. Mr. Pidgeon stated that the ordinance would be on the next agenda for introduction.

Summer Hours

Mr. Sheola reviewed his memo submitted to the Committee which outlines his recommendations for town hall summer hours; 8:30 A.M.-5:30 P.M. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on Fridays. Mayor Harrington pointed out that every time the township discusses summer hours we say that we will work out a schedule for the whole year and so far we have not done that. If the Committee does agree than vacation days will be deducted in terms of hours. Mr. Sheola reviewed the options for night hours. Mayor Harrington stated that evening hours are needed twelve months a year. Mr. Aroneo agreed and commented that people can cover each other. Mr. Piserchia

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that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his/her records:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Administration/Executive
Other Expenses \$ 5,000.00

Communication Advisory Committee
Other Expenses \$ 1,000.00

MIS
Other Expenses \$ 2,000.00

Planning Board
Other Expenses \$ 2,000.00

Zoning Officer
Other Expenses \$ 250.00

Construction Code Official
Other Expenses \$ 1,000.00

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

Fleet Maintenance
Other Expenses \$ 5,000.00

RECREATION

Celebration of Public Events
Other Expenses \$ 3,000.00

**RESOLUTION 11-105
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION FEE REFUND
[DAUNNO]**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill upon the advice and recommendation of the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Administrator, does hereby authorize a refund of \$300.00 due to reimbursement for the hearing fee before the Board of Adjustment to the following:

Richard Daunno
16 Mt. Bethel Road
P.O. Box 127
Warren, NJ 07059

**RESOLUTION 11-106
AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF PROFESSIONAL REVIEW ESCROW – OLIVER**

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WHEREAS, James Oliver of Block: 13501, Lot: 12 and Block: 13514, Lot: 1, in regards to Application No. 06-04Z, has requested that the Professional Review Escrow fees be returned; and

WHEREAS, the Township Planning/Zoning Board Administrator has certified that there are no outstanding invoices and have approved the release of this Professional Review Escrow;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that \$481.51 remains in the account;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill hereby directs the Chief Financial Officer to return the balance of the Professional Review Escrow in the total amount of \$481.51 to James Oliver – 14 Cottontail Trail Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458.

**RESOLUTION 11-107
AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF PROFESSIONAL REVIEW ESCROW – CARFARO**

WHEREAS, Clemente L. Carfaro, Jr. of Block: 12003, Lot: 11, in regards to Application No. 08-10B, has requested that the Professional Review Escrow fees be returned; and

WHEREAS, the Township Planning/Zoning Board Administrator has certified that there are no outstanding invoices and have approved the release of this Professional Review Escrow;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that \$721.69 remains in the account;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill hereby directs the Chief Financial Officer to return the balance of the Professional Review Escrow in the total amount of \$721.69 to Clemente L. Carfaro, Jr. –17 Young Court Chester, NJ 07930.

**RESOLUTION 11-108
2011 1st QUARTER TAX REFUND**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill upon the advice of the Tax Collector does hereby authorizes a refund of 2011 1st quarter taxes because of a duplicate payment due to the sale of a property to the following:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Refund Amount</u>
13908	17	Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service Refund Department P.O. Box 961250 Fort Worth, TX 76161-9887	\$3,457.35

**RESOLUTION 11-109
2011 1st QUARTER TAX REFUND**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill upon the advice of the Tax Collector does hereby authorizes a refund of 2011 1st quarter taxes because of a payment error to the following:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Refund Amount</u>
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11101 21 Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service \$2,267.89
 Refund Department
 P.O. Box 961250
 Fort Worth, TX 76161-9887

**RESOLUTION 11-110
2011 1st QUARTER TAX REFUND**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill upon the advice of the Tax Collector does hereby authorizes a refund of 2011 1st quarter taxes to the following:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Refund Amount</u>
11401	13	Millington Savings Bank 1902 Long Hill Road Millington, NJ 07946	\$10,559.37

**RESOLUTION 11-111
APPROVAL OF 2010 SEWER REFUND**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill upon the advice of the Tax collector does hereby authorizes a refund of the 2010 Sewer Use Charge, due to overpayment, to the following:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Refund Amount</u>
12004	7	Palla, Stephen & Patricia 84 Birchwood Drive Millington, NJ 07946	\$10.88

**RESOLUTION 11-112
APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT
LICENSE [WATCHUNG MOUNTAIN CHAPTER AACA]**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey upon the advice of the Township Clerk, that all documents have been reviewed and are in good order, does hereby authorize the Township Clerk to approve and sign the application and approve License Number S 11-02 for the event to the "Sponsor" Watchung Mountain Chapter AACA, for their Special Event to be held on April 10, 2011 at the Long Hill Township Community Center on Warren Avenue in Stirling; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Police Department has determined that police services are not required for this event.

**RESOLUTION 11-113
APPOINTING FIRE OFFICIAL, FIRE SUBCODE OFFICIAL AND FIRE INSPECTOR**

WHEREAS, the Uniform Fire Safety Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-192 et seq., allows "each municipality to adopt an ordinance providing for local enforcement" N.J.S.A. 52:27D-202; and

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WHEREAS, the applicable DCA regulation provides in N.J.A.C. 5:71-2.3 that:

“(a) Creation of a local agency shall be subject to the following:

1. A local agency shall only be created by ordinance adopted by the municipal governing body.

(b) An ordinance creating one or more local enforcing agencies shall include at least the following provisions:

2. Provisions governing the appointment of a Fire Official”; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill provides by ordinance for local enforcement of the Uniform Fire Safety Act as codified in Chapter XVII of the Township Code entitled “Fire Prevention.”; and

WHEREAS, Section 17-1.5 of the Township Code provides that :

a. Appointment. At its annual reorganizational meeting, the Township Committee shall appoint a certified Fire Official to serve as the chief administrator of the Bureau of Fire Prevention.

b. Certification. No person shall be appointed as Fire Official unless that person is certified pursuant to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:71-4.3.

c. Salary. The salary of the Fire Official shall be set by the Township Committee by ordinance.

d. Term. The Fire Official shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until the appointment of his successor.
; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-126 provides that:

“The appointing authority of any municipality shall appoint a Construction Official and any necessary Subcode Officials to administer and enforce the [uniform construction] code. The appointing authority may by resolution or order as appropriate, set the total number of weekly hours of operation of the Construction Official’s office and the total number of weekly work hours of the Construction Official, commensurate with the compensation paid to the Construction Official. The appointing of authority shall not set the specific work hours of the Construction Official.
. . . .

A . . . subcode official in a non civil service municipality shall be appointed for a term of four years and shall, upon appointment do a second consecutive term
. . . be granted tenure and shall not be removed from office except for just cause after a fair and impartial hearing.

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A . . . subcode official to be eligible for appointment in civil service or non civil service municipalities shall be certified by the state of New Jersey. . . .”; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.4 provides that:

“Subcode Officials shall enforce the provisions of those subcodes for which they are responsible [E]ach Subcode Official shall have exclusive decision-making authority with respect to the technical provisions of the subcode for which he has been appointed the official”; and

WHEREAS, the DCA regulations define "Fire Inspector" as “a person working under the direction of the fire official who is certified by the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs and appointed or designated to enforce the Code by the appointing authority of a local enforcing agency. (N.J.A.C. 5:71-1.4); and

WHEREAS, Section 17-1.6 of the Township Code provides that :

- a. Appointment. At its annual reorganizational meeting, the Township Committee shall appoint a certified person to serve as a Fire Inspector.
- b. Certification. No person shall be appointed as Fire Inspector unless that person is certified pursuant to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:71-4.
- c. Salary. The salary of the Fire Inspector shall be set by the Township Committee by ordinance.
- d. Term. The Fire Inspector shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until the appointment of his successor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:27D-126, the applicable DCA regulations, and Township Code Sections 17-1.5 and 6, that it does hereby appoint the following individuals to the positions indicated:

POSITION	NAME	TERM	SALARY
Fire Official	Gerald Hoffman	March 1, 2011 to 2012 Township Committee Reorganizational meeting	\$5,000

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Fire Inspector	Thomas Delia	March 1, 2011 to 2012 Township Committee Reorganization meeting	\$2,500
Fire Subcode Official	Gerald Hoffman	March 1, 2011 to February 28, 2015	(included in Fire Official salary)

**RESOLUTION 11-115
APPROVE CONFERENCE REQUEST – CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee approved Resolution 08-375 which requires Township Committee approval of all overnight conference requests; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has received a request through the Township Administrator by the Construction Official to attend the New Jersey Safety Conference; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Long Hill Township Committee hereby approves the request of the Construction Official to attend the New Jersey Safety Conference.

**RESOLUTION 11-116
AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO THE
CONTRACT WITH DeMAIO ELECTRICAL COMPANY**

WHEREAS, a purchase order was prepared in the name of DeMaio Electrical Company under a locally bid contract for the Rehabilitation of 5 Pump Stations.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adjust the contract to reflect design and installation of junction boxes at the Union Avenue, Heritage, Centennial and Chimney Rock Pump Station Buildings

Change Order #	Description	Amount	Net Amount of Contract
2	Design and Installation of Junction Boxes	\$18,870.00	\$950,631.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Change Order Number 2 as described in the preamble is hereby approved.
2. The change order shall be credited to C-04-55-247-000-B. The Chief Financial Officer has determined that a Certification of Available Funds is not necessary.

**RESOLUTION 11-117
AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 TO THE
CONTRACT WITH DeMAIO ELECTRICAL COMPANY**

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WHEREAS, a purchase order was prepared in the name of DeMaio Electrical Company under a locally bid contract for the Rehabilitation of 5 Pump Stations.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adjust the contract to reflect relocation of generator at the Skyline Pump Station Building

Change Order #	Description	Amount	Net Amount of Contract
3	Relocation of Generator at Skyline PS	\$2,336.00	\$952,967.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Change Order Number 3 as described in the preamble is hereby approved.
2. The change order shall be credited to C-04-55-247-000-B. The Chief Financial Officer has determined that a Certification of Available Funds is not necessary.

Old Business:

Emergency Dispatch Services

Mr. Sheola updated the Committee on the transfer of emergency dispatch services.

Carlton Road Speed Limit

Mr. Sheola pointed out that the Police Chief and Township Engineer are scheduled to meet regarding Carlton Road.

Community Day

Mr. Sheola briefly reviewed the meeting details with members from the Community Day Committee in regards to the expenses of 2010 Community Day. He reviewed their recommendation which includes \$2,500.00 to each agency that participated in the event [Millington and Stirling Fire Departments and CERT] and \$500.00 to the First Aid Squad. He added that \$3,588.00 will remain in the Community Day account. He stated that going forward a decision has to be made on how the costs will be captured. The Committee agreed to the disbursement recommendation.

Lisa Scanlon, Community Day Committee member, reviewed anticipated revenue to be added to the Community Day account.

New Business:

Township Vehicle

Mr. Aroneo pointed out that at the last meeting he was under the impression that the Township Committee authorized giving the Stirling Firehouse the command vehicle which was formally used by the Construction Department. The Committee briefly reviewed the matter; Mayor Harrington questioned whether the township can sell the vehicle to the Stirling Fire Department for \$1.00 and Mr. Pidegon confirmed that the township could.

A motion was made by Mr. Aroneo and seconded by Mayor Harrington to sell the white Durango vehicle previously used by our Fire Official to the Stirling Volunteer Fire Department for \$1.00 which is no longer needed for township use. Roll Call Vote; All Ayes

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Mayor Harrington and Mr. Sheola briefly reviewed the capital budget.

2010 Flood

Mr. Aroneo stated that there was an article in the Star Ledger that quoted Ken Fullagar, Director of the Office of Emergency Management, as saying that the March 2010 flood made it impossible to reach all residents. He pointed out that he was Mayor in 2010 and at no time was he notified that the township could not reach all residents. He stated that if the township can not reach all residents then we need to notify them and give them time to evacuate. He added that he was told that everything was under control and if we can not reach them all then a plan needs to be put into place. Mr. Aroneo and Mr. Fullagar reviewed the 2010 flood details and Mr. Aroneo's concerns. Mr. Fullagar pointed out that the township could not get the police and ambulances to all homes which he added is not acceptable. Mr. Aroneo stated that he would like the residents notified if they can not be reached. A discussion ensued among the Committee in regards to this matter.

**A motion was made by Mr. Vituriera and seconded by Mr. Piserchia to end the discussion.
Vote: All Ayes**

Developers Presentation

Mayor Harrington stated that both she and Mr. Mazzucco were contacted by a developer who is interested in developing the Kurz property (across the street from town hall). She pointed out that the developer is interested in meeting with both she and Mr. Mazzucco although she is happy to invite the developer to a Township Committee meeting. Mr. Aroneo pointed out that any member is free to meet with who they wish. He stated that he is not in favor with meeting with them in executive session and the Committee agreed that a presentation would be done in public. Mayor Harrington stated that it is an informal meeting at this time.

Public Comment

Dennis Sandow, resident of Millington, reviewed his concerns with the budget and the open space tax which he agrees with Mr. Vituriera and should be reduced. He reviewed the proposed budget and pointed out that the largest expense in the budget which is the Police Department. He reviewed the construction permit matter and his dealings with construction permits. He added that he is not in favor of raising construction fees. He stated that there may be more money than the township knows about in the Community Day account and reviewed the donation made by the Chamber of Commerce. He reviewed the Sewer Ordinance.

Carl, Sundberg, resident of Main Avenue, questioned why the hydrology engineers report on the flood wall was not on this agenda and Mayor Harrington pointed out that it would be on the next agenda. Messrs. Aroneo and Sundberg reviewed past discussions in regards to flooding. Mayor Harrington pointed out that there should be a decision made in regards to the flood wall in the next month or so. She added that all the Committee members have to be sure they have all the information they need in order to make a decision.

Mr. Aroneo exited the meeting because of a conflict with the remaining item – Highland Avenue.

Highland Avenue Update

Mayor Harrington reviewed the e-mail response from the Township Engineer in regards to Highland Avenue. She reviewed the plans for paving and the building of curbing to avoid flooding. She added that the Zoning Officer continues to visit and report on the site. Mr. Piserchia stated that it is unfortunate what is has been going on with this project. Messrs. Vituriera and Piserchia briefly reviewed the matter.

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Passaic River

Mayor Harrington stated that she has been in contact with the Morris County Mosquito Commission and they will be assisting the township with disengaging the Passaic River in the township.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Vitureira and seconded by Mr. Piserchia to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 p.m. Vote: All Ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Gatti
Township Clerk

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