

Long Hill Township Committee Minutes May 11, 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, **May 11, 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:

A motion was made by Mr. Vitureira and seconded by Mr. Piserchia to approve Resolution 11-154.

Vote: All Ayes

RESOLUTION 11-167 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

- Interlocal/Shared Service

Personnel:

- DPW Vacant Position
- Resignation

Pending or Anticipated Litigation:

- Lake

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.

Pledge of Allegiance:

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Roll Call:

On roll call the following Committee members were present:

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

Absent: George Vitureira

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

Discussion:

Construction Code Fees

Mr. Sheola reviewed the proposed schedule of fees suggested by Construction Official Jerry Hoffman. He added that over the last couple of years towns have experienced a drop in revenue and reviewed the history of revenue received in the township. He pointed out that none of our codes have been pulling their weight. Mr. Hoffman stated that he reviewed the fees and this year the office is not covering itself and if the Committee accepts the fee increases it will bring the office in line. He added that the department has cut back as much as they could and is looking to break even. Mr. Aroneo reviewed the option of consolidating the department and positions. He pointed out that the gap has narrowed. Mr. Aroneo indicated that as part of the review the Committee asked that outside firms be considered for inspection positions. He added that he is interested in seeing the results. Mr. Sheola indicated that there are only a small handful of firms. Mr. Hoffman pointed out that many towns had issue with private firms because they were not completing inspections. He added that the Construction Department closed out over 500 permits this year. Messrs. Aroneo and Mazzucco agreed that they would like to see the information. The consensus of the Committee was to have the option of a private firm be examined before the Committee agreed to increase the Construction fees. Mr. Sheola briefly reviewed fees in other municipalities. Mr. Hoffman added that all the residents will be paying if those who get the service do not pay for it. Mayor Harrington and Mr. Hoffman reviewed the proposed increases. Mayor Harrington asked that the towns be contacted that are using private firms for inspections in order to get an idea of their experiences.

Presentation: Solar Power

Karla Dehncke, Director of Sales for Sun Farm Network, pointed out that her firm is New Jersey Based and presented a project introduction and a slide presentation on solar panels. She reviewed how solar panels work, site factors, project examples and locations for solar power. She also reviewed the process for financing solar panels, its incentives and a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

Mr. Aroneo questioned whether after 15 years the township would not want to purchase the panels what would happen and Ms. Dehncke indicated that the company would then remove the panels. She reviewed the PPA contract, the option of extending the contract and the extended warranty. Mr. Piserchia questioned the life expectancy of the solar panels and Ms. Dehncke stated that the life expectancy is 30-40 years and warranted for 5 years. She added that the payback is within 3 years.

Wayne Celeste, resident of Old Farm House Road, questioned whether there was an advantage to combine both township and school properties. Ms. Dehncke pointed out that Somerset County did something similar and she reviewed the advantages and disadvantages.

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Mr. Aroneo questioned what concerns there could be in a flood area of up to 4 feet. Ms. Dehncke stated that would have to be investigated although they do not typically install solar panels in drainage areas.

Joe Cilino, resident of Heritage Road, questioned what happens to power when there is cloudy weather. Ms. Dehncke stated that the lines would be down and the way to protect that is to have a generator. Mr. Cilino and Ms. Dehncke reviewed the projection of kilowatt hours.

Charles Arentowicz, resident of Heritage Road, questioned the agreement arrangement and other available options for funding. Ms. Dehncke reviewed the PPA and direct investment. Mr. Arentowicz and Ms. Dehncke reviewed installation details, the Request for Proposal (RFP) process and commercial projects.

Mr. Mazzuco questioned whether they do residential installation and whether it would be possible to offer the service to residents. Ms. Dehncke pointed out that residents are not offered a PPA and typically aggregate the neighborhood.

Mayor Harrington and Ms. Dehncke review grant and federal funding opportunity and the application process.

Mr. Aroneo and Ms. Dehncke reviewed generation rates and utility pricing.

Larry Fast, resident of Long Hill Road, and Mr. Dehncke reviewed the installation of the panels and the history of installations.

The Committee thanked Ms. Dehncke for the excellent presentation.

Administrator Report

Clean Energy Grant

Mr. Sheola stated that he examined the information again and questioned whether the Committee is interested in moving forward with the grant program. He added that he verified that the township could only do a portion and narrow down to a cost in the \$60,000 range. He indicated that an answer is needed within 30 days. Mr. Aroneo questioned whether the township can just obtain the \$50,000 for energy efficiency projects. Mr. Sheola reviewed the grant details, incentives and required township matching funds. Messrs. Aroneo and Sheola reviewed the grant details and funding and Mr. Aroneo pointed out that the Committee was under the impression that there were no local matching funds required. Mr. Aroneo added that he is not interested in the investment and Mr. Mazzucco agreed and added that he does not like that it was represented as free. Mr. Piserchia indicated that his understanding is that \$20,000 is at not cost to township. Mayor Harrington stated that if the township can get \$20,000 in grant funding with no match then I believe we are interested. Mr. Sheola reviewed the program details and stated that he does not believe the grant funds don't require a local match. The consensus of the Committee was that they were not interested in the grant program at this time, although they would be interested in grant funding if there was no local match involved. Mr. Sheola stated that he would review the details of the grant program.

Discussion [continued]:

Waste Water Treatment Facility Upgrade Project

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Mr. Sheola reviewed the cost for soil sampling which should cost no more than \$12,000 and examined the funding details. He pointed out that he spoke with Wayne Celeste, Waste Water Management Advisory Committee (WMAC) member, and a report will be provided tomorrow. Mr. Aroneo questioned whether the WMAC will come back before the Committee once all the information is together. Mayor Harrington pointed out that the next agenda will include a resolution approving the environmental study. Mr. Aroneo added that the Committee came to the decision to complete the environmental study prior to anything else.

A motion was made by Mr. Piserchia to authorize an expenditure of up to \$15,000 to complete environmental testing at the Waste Water Treatment Plant; seconded by Mr. Mazzucco.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance Public Hearing / Consideration of Adoption:

ORDINANCE #278-11 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A ZONING PERMIT REQUIREMENT AND SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP LAND USE ORDINANCE

Mr. Aroneo made a motion to continue the public hearing of Ordinance 278-11 to the June 8, 2011 meeting; seconded by Mr. Piserchia. Vote: All Ayes

Mayor Harrington pointed out that the township needs to work through the changes.

ORDINANCE #279-11 - AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING SEWER USER RATES AND AMENDING CHAPTER XXII OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "SEWERS"

Mayor Harrington stated that there are a number of proposed changes to the ordinance and questioned whether the Committee would like to carry the public hearing to the May 25th meeting.

Mayor Harrington made a motion to continue the public hearing of Ordinance 279-11 to the May 25, 2011 meeting; seconded by Mr. Piserchia. Vote: All Ayes

ORDINANCE #280-11 - AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$26,000 THEREFOR FROM THE RESERVES FOR SAID EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT IN THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP

Mr. Sheola reviewed the items in the ordinance.

Mayor Harrington read the ordinance by title and opened the public hearing. No one wished to be heard therefore Mayor Harrington closed the public hearing

A motion was made by Mr. Aroneo and seconded by Mr. Mazzucco to adopt Ordinance 280-11.
Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

ORDINANCE #280-11

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS

Section 1. The improvements described in Section 2 of this ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by The Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, New Jersey. For said improvements or purposes stated in said Section 2, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$26,000 from moneys available in the Reserve for Police Equipment, Fire Equipment, First Aid Squad Equipment, DPW Equipment and the Capital Improvement Fund in the General Capital Fund of the Township.

Section 2. The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which said appropriation is made is the purchase of various pieces of equipment in and by the Township, together with all materials necessary therefore or incidental thereto and hereby approved:

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| a) Police Equipment | \$12,567 |
| b) Fire Equipment | \$ 3,910 |
| c) First Aid Squad Equipment | \$ 4,429 |
| d) DPW Equipment | \$ 1,510 |
| e) Technology Equipment | \$ 3,584 |

Section 3. The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services are on file with the Township Clerk and are available for public inspection.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect after publication after final adoption, as provided by law.

Resolutions:

Consent Agenda Resolutions:

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Mr. Sheola pointed out that Resolution 11-176 has been added to the consent agenda for consideration which accepts the resignation of Ms. Ruggiero, Tax Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Piserchia, seconded by Mr. Mazzucco, that the following Consent Agenda Resolutions were introduced and approved:

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

**RESOLUTION 11-168
APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby approve the payment of the bills as presented by the Chief Financial Officer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the bills list be appended to the official minutes.

**RESOLUTION 11-169
AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 TEMPORARY BUDGET**

WHEREAS, 40A:4-19 Local Budget Act provides that where any contracts, commitments, or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2011 budget, temporary appropriations be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2010 budget, less appropriations made for Capital Improvement Fund, Debt services and relief of the poor are as follows:

General - Total General Appropriation	\$	12,182,169.00
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WHEREAS, 25.25% of the total appropriations in the 2010 Budget less appropriations made for Capital Improvement Fund, Debt services and relief of the poor are as follows:

General -	\$	3,197,820.00
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the temporary appropriations be amended and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his/her records:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Admin & Exec Other Expenses		\$5,000.00
MIS Other Expenses		\$ 2,000.00
Engineering ges Other Expenses		\$ 5,000.00 \$ 1,000.00
Planning Board		

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Other Expenses \$ 3,000.00

Construction
Other Expenses \$ 3,000.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Prevention
Salaries & Wages \$6,000.00

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

Fleet Maintenance
Other Expenses \$10,000.00

Buildings & Grounds
Other Expenses \$7,000.00

UTILITIES

Street Lighting \$ 2,000.00
Electricity \$ 20,000.00
Telephone \$ 2,000.00

**RESOLUTION 11-170
AUTHORIZING RECREATION PROGRAM REFUNDS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill upon the advice and recommendation of the Recreation Director, does hereby authorize a refund for the Girls' LAX Team, due to the participant's cancellation prior to the beginning of the program, to the following:

Mr. Patrick Jones
152 Carlton Road
Millington, NJ 07946
Refund Amount: \$142.30

Ms. Laura Fornaro
892 Long Hill Road
Gillette, NJ 07933
Refund Amount: \$142.30

Mr. Mario Parisi
136 St. Joseph Drive
Stirling, NJ 07980
Refund Amount: \$142.30

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**AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF FORMER MAINTENANCE BOND, PERFORMANCE BOND AND
ESCROW AND ACCEPTANCE OF
MAINTENANCE BOND [MURPHY]**

WHEREAS, Daniel Murphy is the owner of 80 Magnolia Drive for Block: 10512, Lot: 5; and

WHEREAS, Township Engineer Paul Ferriero, in a April 25, 2011 memorandum, approved the full release of the performance bond, engineering escrow plus applicable interest and Maintenance Bond posted in early 2006 in exchange for a Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$3,660.00 for a two (2) year period; and

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

1. Performance Bond in the amount of \$8,796.00 plus applicable interest is hereby released subject to the receipt of the Maintenance Bond.
2. The Engineering Escrow Deposit in the amount of \$3,785.00 plus applicable interest as certified by the Finance Department is hereby released subject to the receipt of the Maintenance Bond.
3. The Maintenance Bond posted in 2006 shall be released if, in fact, we still have any cash or bond associated with it.
4. The Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$3,660.00 shall be posted.

**RESOLUTION 11-172
AMENDING 2011 FEE SCHEDULE [AMENDMENT III]**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the following fees for 2011 for licenses and permits for the Township of Long Hill are hereby approved:

Administrative Research Fee	
Supervisory	\$ 30.00/hr
Clerical	\$ 25.00/hr
Alarm Systems	
<i>Permit for a private alarm which either automatically selected a telephone trunk line with the Police Department and then reproduces a prerecorded message or automatically alert a third person. Permit also required for warning device.</i>	
Annual Permit Fee	\$ 50.00
Alcoholic Beverage Control License	
Plenary Retail Consumption	\$ 2,500.00
Plenary Retail Distribution	\$ 1,740.00
Limited Retail Distribution	\$ 63.00
Club	\$ 188.00

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Season Retail Consumption - annual fee is seventy-five percent (75%) of annual renewal fee for retail consumption licenses

Amusement Devices	
Juke Box	\$ 30.00
Video Games	\$ 60.00
Soda Machines	\$ 10.00
Pool Tables	\$ 60.00
Pinball Machines	\$ 60.00
Building Materials - Township Dumpster	
Car	\$ 15.00
Station Wagon	\$ 50.00
Mini Van	\$ 75.00
Small Pick-up truck	\$110.00
Pick-up truck or van	\$150.00
Extra for overload	\$ 40.00
Canvassers, Solicitors and Peddlers Permit	\$ 20.00
Solicitor Digital Photograph	\$ 2.00
Charitable Clothing Bin Application [Yearly]	\$ 25.00
Dog Licenses	
Spayed/Neutered	\$ 17.50
Non-Spayed/Neutered	\$ 20.50
Late Fee after February 1 st	\$ 10.00
Replacement (first one free, thereafter \$5.00)	
Fill/Soil Removal Permit	\$ 50.00
Food and Drink License	
Pharmacy	\$ 65.00
Retail Food Establishment (under 2,000 sq. feet)	\$ 100.00
Retail Food Establishment (2,000 – 5,000 sq. feet)	\$ 135.00
Retail Food Establishment (5,000 – 10,000 sq. feet)	\$ 165.00
Retail Food Establishment (over 10,000 sq. feet)	\$ 400.00
Mobile Retail Food Establishment	\$ 110.00
Temporary Retail Food Establishment	\$ 30.00
Farmers Market	\$ 20.00
Catering	\$ 110.00
Re-Inspection Fee	\$ 100.00
Late Fee (renewals only – after January 31 st)	Double License Fee
Handgun Permit	\$ 2.00
Handgun Identification Card	\$ 5.00
Kennel License	\$ 35.00
Limousine License	\$ 50.00

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Parking Permit:

Millington	Yearly	\$210.00
Yearly after July 1 st		\$105.00
Stirling		\$260.00
Yearly after July 1 st		\$130.00
Gillette	Yearly	\$300.00
Yearly after July 1st		\$150.00
Daily		\$ 5.00
Replacement Permit		\$ 5.00

Parks and Recreation Facilities Use Reservation Fees	Resident	Non-Resident
Soccer Fields, Volleyball Court, Basketball Court	\$25.00/2 Hrs	\$45.00/2 Hrs
Stirling Lake Pavilion	\$30.00/4 Hrs	\$55.00/4 Hrs
Meyersville Field	\$25.00/2 Hrs	\$45.00/2 Hrs

Commercial Use Rates (\$100.00 Deposit required and Insurance)

Soccer Fields, Volleyball Court, Basketball Court	\$60.00/2 Hrs	\$110.00/2Hrs
Meyersville Field	\$60.00/2Hrs	\$110.00/2Hrs

Bocce Ball Courts

Non Resident	\$40.00/2 Hrs.
Resident Commercial	\$50.00/2 Hrs.
Non-Resident Commercial	\$100.00/2 Hrs

Horseshoe Pits

Non Resident	\$40.00/2 Hrs.
Resident Commercial	\$50.00/2 Hrs.
Non-Resident Commercial	\$100.00/2 Hrs

Tennis Courts

Non Resident	\$10.00/1 Hr.
Resident Commercial	\$15.00/1 Hr.
Non-Resident Commercial	\$20.00/1 Hr

Women's Softball League

\$120 per team (season fee)

Photocopies/Copies:

Black & White copies (per copy)	\$ 0.05
Color copies (per copy)	\$ 0.15
[Copies include sizes 8 ½ x 11, 8 ½ x 14 and 11 x 17]	

Large Format Prints

\$5.00/page for 24" X 36"
\$1.00/linear foot over initial 2 feet

DVD ROM	\$ 3.00
CD	\$ 0.50
CD of Full Tax Map (total includes mailing and postage)	\$ 25.00
Land Use Ordinances	\$ 35.00
Zoning Map	\$ 5.00

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Master Plan		\$ 35.00
Duplicate Copy of Tax Bill		\$5.00/first dup. \$25.00 for each additional duplicate copy
Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate		\$100.00
Mulch, Composted Leaves or Wood Chip Delivery [per load]		\$50.00
Public Assembly Permit		\$100.00
Recreation Programs		
Basketball registration (Intramural)		\$65.00
Basketball registration (Traveling Team)		\$200.00
Summer Recreation Program		\$155.00
Field Hockey/Lacrosse Camp	One camp \$65.00/Both camps	\$110.00
Traveling Lacrosse Program - Boys		\$105.00
Traveling Lacrosse Program – Girls		\$ 80.00
Fall Lacrosse Clinic		\$100.00
Girls Lacrosse		\$ 65.00
Field Hockey		\$ 65.00
Yoga	One Night-	\$ 80.00
Yoga	Two Nights -	\$ 135.00
Girls Volleyball		\$ 75.00
Pilates		\$ 55.00
Return Check Fee [per N.J.S.A. 40:5-18(c)]		\$ 20.00
Septic Applications		
New: Plan Review (Includes plan review and installation inspection)		\$ 500.00
Repair: Replacing existing components as is. (No Engineer required)		\$ 75.00
Alteration: Changing components on an existing system. (Engineer required)		\$ 350.00
PERC/Soil Log: Permit to Conduct One Group of Soil Logs and		\$ 100.00

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Permeability Tests [witness per lot, per day]

Sewer Connection Fee	
Existing Homes Prior to December 28, 1983	\$ 630.00
New Homes	\$10,120.00
Dry Line Connection	\$10,120.00
Sewer Connection Agreement Fee	\$30,000.00
Street/Road Opening Permit	\$ 100.00
Swimming and Bath Establishments	\$ 200.00
Tax Lien Redemption Calculation Fee [For 3 rd request in a calendar year]	\$ 50.00
Tire Permits	\$ 2.00
Tree Removal Permit	\$ 25.00
Towing Services and Storage:	
Basic towing of private passenger automobiles and motorcycles:	
Automobile (days between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.)	
First mile or less	\$ 65.00
Each additional loaded mile	\$ 3.50
Automobile (nights, weekends and New Jersey State Holidays)	
First mile or less	\$ 85.00
Each additional loaded mile	\$ 3.50
Basic towing for other than private automobiles: (Days between 8:00 a.m. and 4:40 p.m. Monday-Friday)	
Light Duty (vehicles up to 6,999 lb. GVWR)	\$100.00 per hour, 1 hour minimum
Medium Duty (vehicles up to 20,000 lb. GVWR)	\$150.00 per hour, 1 hour minimum
Heavy Duty (Nights, Weekends and NJ Holidays)	\$250.00 per hour, 1 hour minimum
Light Duty (vehicles up to 6,999 lb. GVWR)	\$150.00 per hour, 1 hour minimum
Medium Duty (vehicles up to 20,000 lb. GVWR)	\$200.00 per hour, 1 hour minimum
Heavy Duty	\$300.00 per hour, 1 hour minimum
Outside Secure Storage Facility	
Private Passenger Automobiles	\$25.00 per day \$35.00 (inside storage)
Trucks up to 24,000 GVWR	\$50.00 per day
Tractor Trailers (Tractor)	\$50.00 per day
Tractor Trailers (Trailer)	\$75.00 per day
Yard Tow (automobile only)	\$ 40.00
Vital Statistics:	
Certified Copies of Birth, Marriage, Death, Domestic Partnership	\$ 10.00

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Corrections of Birth, Marriage, Death, Domestic Partnership \$ 15.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution replaces Resolution 11-129 which was approved by the Township Committee on March 23, 2011.

**RESOLUTION 11-173
CERTIFYING JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP WITH MILLINGTON
VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY [GOETZ / TEIXEIRA]**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby certify that Jared Goetz and Anthony Teixeira are Junior Members of the Millington Volunteer Fire Company.

**RESOLUTION 11-174
AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2011, the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Long Hill.

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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**RESOLUTION 11-175
AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 7 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 a change in the time for completion.

Change Order #	Description	Amount	Net Amount of Contract
7	Extension of Project Time	NC	\$972,931.320

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

**RESOLUTION 11-176
ACCEPTING RESIGNATION - RUGGIERO**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee hereby accepts the resignation of Donna Ruggiero, who has been employed by the township since July 2002, effective May 30, 2011 and wishes her well in her new endeavor.

Old Business

Contamination on South Main Avenue

Mr. Sheola pointed out that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has finished paving 1,500 feet and they are going to add gravel and will do further testing for asbestos. Mayor Harrington questioned why the EPA is doing additional testing and the township needs to understand the purpose. Mr. Mazzucco questioned if the township was paying for all this work and Mr. Sheola stated that the township was not paying anything.

Carlton Road Speed Limit Update

Mr. Sheola stated that there was no further action with the Police Department or Engineering.

Emergency Dispatch Services

Mr. Sheola stated that the Police Chief is waiting on the total price of equipment and should have the cost in about a month or so which will be presented to the Committee with an ordinance for the funding.

Highland Avenue Update

Mr. Aroneo exited the meeting due to the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Mayor Harrington stated that due to the weather the grading has not yet been done. Mr. Sheola reviewed the project details. He stated that the township was asked to do curbing to alleviate the

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flooding and the quote from our Engineer is \$46,000 for asphalt and \$58,000 for Belgium block. Mayor Harrington stated that asphalt gets ripped up and Belgium block seems like a reasonable investment. Mr. Sheola indicated that the reconstruction of the road is township responsibility and it should be done as a continuous project. Mayor Harrington and Mr. Sheola reviewed the grading for the project.

Mr. Piserchia updated the Committee on the discussion at the Planning Board meeting held last evening in regards to big box stores. He pointed out that no member of the Planning Board was in favor of a big box store in the township. He added that residents are interested in open space. He thanked the residents for being involved. He reviewed the meeting details, comments and vision for Valley Road. He asked Mr. Pidgeon if COAH's guidelines for their vision to have residential on Valley Road can be put on hold. Mr. Pidgeon stated that he believes it can be put on hold. He reviewed COAH regulation and added that the township can not move forward on what might happen. Mr. Piserchia stated that there were thoughts that the Committee was all for residential, Mr. Aroneo stated that he was always against the proposed Valley Road Ordinance and the township has no current COAH obligation and we believe we may have credits. Mr. Aroneo reviewed the memo from the Township Clerk and the Planning Board discussion of the ordinance. Mr. Piserchia examined the "Time of Decision" and asked Mr. Pidgeon what the Committee can do to make a maximum size of a building at 30,000 square feet. Mr. Aroneo stated that the Committee can have Mr. Pidgeon draft an ordinance and introduce at the next meeting an only allow up to 30,000 square feet, except for grocery with a maximum of 80,000. Mayor Harrington agreed. Mr. Mazzucco agreed and questioned whether the township should reach out to those who are affected. Mr. Pidgeon stated that the township only has to notify affected property owners.

Mr. Piserchia reviewed the Board of Adjustments conditions and enforcement responsibility. Mr. Pidgeon reviewed violation fines allowable by law. Mayor Harrington stated that it seems that the answer is the township needs to do a better job enforcing zoning.

Mr. Aroneo reviewed his concerns with "Time of Decision" and suggested that Mr. Pidgeon draft a lot coverage ordinance to not include environmentally critical areas. Mr. Pidgeon stated that he will work with Kevin O'Brien, Township Planner to draft an ordinance. Mayor Harrington and Mr. Mazzucco stated they were in favor or having an ordinance drafted.

Public Comment

Thomas Boemio, resident of Passaic Avenue, and Mr. Pidgeon reviewed the issue and history of discussions in regards to the drainage ditch located on Mr. Boemio's property that Mr. Boemio believes to be owned by the township. Mr. Pidgeon pointed out that the township completed a title search on the ditch and no basis was found that the drainage ditch was owned by the township. He added that Mr. Boemio may have a private nuisance complaint against his neighbor with his issues with the drainage ditch. He reiterated that the township has no responsibility over the drainage ditch.

Mr. Boemio reviewed memo from Thomas Sweeney, DPW Director, concerning the pipe on Somerset Street. He asked that the pipe be removed because he believes that the pipe is what causes the flooding on his property. Mr. Pidgeon stated that a reason the pipe work completed on Somerset Street was completed in order to assist Mr. Boemio. A discussion ensued among the Committee and Mr. Boemio in regards to the drainage ditch and pipe. Mr. Boemio stated that the property did clean out the ditch and questioned why the township is tax exempt. The Committee reviewed the matter and reiterated that the township can not do any work on the drainage ditch

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seeing it is not township property. Mr. Boemio requested that the pipe be removed that is on Somerset Street.

Carl Sundberg, resident of Main Avenue, pointed out that he has 350 feet of ditch on his property. He added that he is under the impression that the county handles waterways and stated that they are very understaffed.

Dennis Sandow, resident of Millington, applauded Mr. Piserchia on his comments in regards to code enforcement. He reviewed his concerns with the parking ordinance and enforcement of illegal parking. He pointed out that our ordinances are not consistent with each other and they need to be thought through. He asked the Committee to not have a big box ordinance. He announced that the Arts & Crafts Show will be held next Saturday.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Aroneo and seconded by Mr. Piserchia to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m. Vote: All Ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Gatti
Township Clerk

Approved: June 22, 2011