

## **Long Hill Township Committee Minutes October 26, 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, **October 26, 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. Mazzucco to approve Resolution 11-324. Vote: All Ayes

### **RESOLUTION 11-324 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:

#### Personnel:

- Public Works Employee Disciplinary Action
- Tax Clerk
- Police Retirement
- ~~Fire Companies~~

#### Contract Negotiations:

- None

#### Attorney Client Privilege:

- None

#### Collective Bargaining:

- 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.

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## **Pledge of Allegiance:**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Roll Call:**

On roll call the following Committee members were present:

Jerry Aroneo; Guy Piserchia; Mayor Nanette Harrington

Absent: Michael Mazzucco; George Vitureira

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

## **Administrator Report:**

### Proposed Marathon

Mr. Sheola reviewed the request from the Garden State Marathon, Superhero Events, LLC for a proposed marathon in October 2012. He briefly commented on the meeting with Chatham Township, Harding Township and Morris Township. Mr. Piserchia stated that White Bridge Road is currently not in the best condition and questioned whether they are insured. Mr. Sheola indicated that they are insured and will be required to submit the required documentation.

### Goal Setting 2012/2013

Mr. Sheola stated that the Township completed Goal Setting meetings and reports in 2009-2010 and made good progress with their goals and questioned whether the Township Committee is interested in doing it again. He added that the consultant is willing to do it for the same price. Mr. Aroneo commented that he is not interested because each Committee member has their own goals and agenda. He added that this service is expensive and is something we can do on our own. He stated that he does not want a false set of guidance and added that our goals should be decided upon as we go along. A brief discussion ensued among the Committee and Mr. Sheola regarding the history and process. The consensus of the Committee was not to proceed with Goal Setting for 2012/2013.

### Highland Avenue Reconstruction Update

Mr. Aroneo recued himself from the discussion.

Mr. Sheola updated the Committee on the Highland Avenue project. Mr. Piserchia questioned whether there have been any recent resident complaints. Mr. Sheola commented that there were some complaints during Hurricane Irene.

## **Correspondence:**

### New Jersey State Volunteer Recognition Ceremony [Office of the Governor]

Mayor Harrington announced that the state recognized the volunteers for their efforts during Hurricane Irene. She stated that Ken Fullagar, OEM Director, Rosann Stovar, member of Long Hill First Aid Squad, Kevin Philips, Assistant Chief of the Stirling Fire Department and Lisa Scanlon, CERT member attended the event. She thanked all the wonderful volunteers in the township.

## **Discussion/Action Items**

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### Warren Blue Ridge Sportsmen, Inc. [Hunting Club]

Mr. Sheola stated that the township has met with the President of Warren Blue Ridge Sportsmen Inc. and briefly reviewed their agreements with other towns in regards to deer management and questioned whether the township was interested.

Joe Nappe, President of Warren Blue Ridge Sportsmen Inc., reviewed the program and the background of the 36 member private club. He reviewed the membership and guidelines for the club which was provided to the township. He stated that they do not charge for services and just ask that he township supply corn feed. He commented that a portion of the food is donated to food kitchens. He reviewed the cost savings to the township due to the high deer population.

Mr. Aroneo stated that his first concern is for the safety of the residents. He questioned whether they have a proposed area for hunting in the township. Mr. Nappe stated that the location would be discussed with the township. Mr. Aroneo added that if the township is going to authorize hunting that perhaps it would be appropriate to authorize township residents to hunt along side them. He questioned whether they could join the club. Mr. Nappe commented that the club already has 43 members and it has never been done before. A discussion ensued among the Committee and Mr. Nappe regarding the insurance requirements and the guidelines of the club for enrollment. Mr. Aroneo commented that he spoke with hunters in the township and they are interested in being part of the club and being able to hunt on township property. Mr. Piserchia added that local hunters will be affected if the township approves their club only to hunt on township property.

Mr. Aroneo asked Daniel Hedden, Police Chief, his thoughts on the proposal. Chief Hedden commented that the first task is to determine whether there is an over population of deer in the township. He reviewed vehicle accidents that are caused by deer. He added that if the Committee would like to move forward on this review he would like to go over the map because safety is a major concern.

Mayor Harrington opened the meeting to the public.

Jim Lands, resident of Warren Township, commented that he has had a lot of complaints due to hunters trespassing on his property. Mr. Aroneo suggested that if someone has hunters trespassing on their property to contact the police.

Rich (last name inaudible), resident of Gillette, stated that he supports hunting, but believes residents should have opportunity to enjoy it as well.

Mayor Harrington questioned how the Committee would like to proceed. Mr. Aroneo stated that eh would like to explore and see more details on the proposal and perhaps allow our residents to participate. Mayor Harrington commented that she agrees with the principle and agrees that we should allow our residents to participate and the details need to be worked out. Mr. Piserchia asked Mr. Nappe is he prefers to have the hunting club exclusive and Mr. Neppe stated that those who hunt with them must be a member of the club due to insurance reasons. Mr. Piserchia commented that it seems that it is a priority that local residents be involved. Mr. Neppe indicated that he could offer the township guidance on what is needed to allow residents to hunt. Mr. Aroneo stated that he would like Mr. Neppe to open up their club to Long Hill Township residents for only specified dates. Mr. Neppe indicated that the club would have to review increasing the number of members from 42 to 50 and they would consider it. Mr. Aroneo commented that the township is open to discussing the matter in further detail.

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### Township Professionals Request for Proposals [RFP]

Mr. Sheola stated that he would like to know if the Committee would like for him to solicit RFP's. Mr. Aroneo commented that he has not interest in replacing and questioned what would be involved. Mr. Sheola briefly reviewed the process. Mr. Aroneo stated that there seems to be no harm in soliciting professional. Mayor Harrington commented that it makes sense to solicit RFP's on a five year basis. Messrs. Aroneo and Piserchia agreed.

Richard Diegnan, resident of Gillette, commented that it makes sense to have competition and allow other professionals to submit proposals. He added that he wants to the township to get the best deal.

Dennis Sandow, Library Trustee, stated that the Library has changed their auditor and it has worked out great.

Karl Schlegel, resident of Stirling, indicated that he thinks it is a good idea to solicit proposals.

Marco Santacross, resident of Valley Road, briefly discussed his thoughts on flooding in the township and articles in the local paper.

Mayor Harrington questioned whether the Administrator should solicit proposals for all professionals. Mr. Aroneo suggested that all be solicited except the Township Engineer. Mr. Sheola stated that he would send a list of the professionals to the Committee. Mr. Aroneo commented that this is a good policy.

### **Public Hearing: Application to the NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection**

Mr. Sheola stated that he has supplied copies of the completed grant application to the Township Committee which will be submitted to the state. He indicated that the township has thirteen applicants. He reviewed the requested funding and soft costs.

Mayor Harrington opened the meeting to the Committee for discussion. Mr. Piserchia questioned how the remaining funding is ascertained for the buy-outs for the property. Mr. Sheola indicated that ideally FEMA would pay 75% and DEP pays 25%. He reviewed grant opportunities. Mr. Piserchia questioned what the responsibility of the township is if the grant is approved or if the grant is not approved. Mr. Pidgeon reviewed the sample resolution provided by the state which he believes is clear that the liability of the township is open ended. Mr. Piserchia commented that he does not doubt that the applicants have serious flooding issues, but the township is talking about a lot of money. He added that the proposed flood wall has an \$875,000 local match and would protect 150 homes and several businesses and he can not see making a decision before making a final decision on the flood wall. He added that it is very important for the township to be prudent. Mr. Sheola reviewed the figures in the resolution and the proposed matching share of \$2,213,081. He reviewed the breakdown of costs in the grant application. Mayor Harrington questioned what the township is committing to. A discussion ensued among the Committee in regards to the language in the sample resolution supplied by the state and what the responsibility would be of the township. Mr. Aroneo commented that the township can not take the place of FEMA for funding and suggested that the resolution be revised to limit our obligation. He added that the township does not even have enough funds to fulfill the supposed obligation. Mr. Pidgeon suggested putting zero as our obligation. The Committee briefly reviewed the language in the sample resolution and Mayor Harrington

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recommended that the language be changed to indicate that the township will dedicate the FEMA funding portion and reviewed her concerns with the open ended resolution. Mr. Aroneo agreed and stated that the resolution should state that we will seek available funding. Mr. Pidgeon reviewed the language and indicated that the Committee may delete number 3 which put limiters on number 2 and state that the township will seek additional funds through FEMA and the county. He commented that the Committee may also add additional language to number 2 to be clear that the township will seek its matching share and is not committing any of its own funds; the Committee agreed to the language.

Mayor Harrington opened the meeting to the public.

Lynne Tenten, resident of Madison Street, reviewed her past application to Blue Acres which was denied.

Karl Schlegel, resident of Mercer Street, reviewed his concerns with the language in the sample resolution and pointed out that he wants to be sure the township is covered. He reviewed his suggested language for the resolution and his concerns with asbestos or toxin clean up.

Mr. Pidgeon reviewed the process of purchasing properties which typically include environmental studies.

Tony Cassera, resident of Mercer Street, questioned how the acquisition cost was calculated; Mr. Sheola reviewed the calculation. Mr. Cassera questioned if the resident has to sell and accept the offer. Mr. Sheola commented that the resident is not required to take the buy-out.

Mr. Tenten pointed out that she was under the impression that any funds received from FEMA would be deducted from amount offered for the buy-out; Mayor Harrington pointed out that she believes that the resident may produce invoices and receipts to prove the work was completed and added that she was not certain.

Gene LaBonia, resident of Cedar Street, reviewed his concerns with the township not yet applying to FEMA. Mr. Sheola briefly reviewed the residents that may and may not be protected by the flood wall. Mr. Piserchia added that FEMA can not move forward until a decision is made on the proposed flood wall. Mr. Aroneo commented that they can apply to FEMA anytime.

Guy Roshto, resident of Millington, questioned the meaning of the language in the resolution and whether the township is obligated to buy out residents. Mayor Harrington commented that the Committee is struggling with the open check book language in the sample resolution. Mr. Roshto questioned whether the township can put a cap amount. Mr. Pidgeon pointed out that the problem is solved if the township states that they are not committing to any contribution.

Mr. Piserchia stated that he believes that Blue Acres has a total of a \$31-\$32 million trust for this grant and 113 towns along with Passaic. Mr. Aroneo commented that he believes that it is important to apply; Mr. Piserchia agreed.

Mr. Schlegel reiterated his concerns with the language in the resolution and pointed out that he wants to ensure that the township is not liable. He added that something may be missed by drafting the resolution on the fly. Mr. Aroneo commented that the township is revising the resolution so we have no risk; Mr. Pidgeon agreed. Mr. Aroneo added that at this time the township is only applying for grant funding which is non contributory. Mr. Schlegel pointed out

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that once the township takes title of the property any issues with the property become ours and suggested that the resolution require environmental inspection of the property. Mr. Pidgeon commented that the Green Acres program requires appraisals and environmental studies. Messrs. Pidgeon and Schlegel reviewed the matter. Messrs. Aroneo and Schlegel reviewed the possibility of asbestos on the properties. Mr. Aroneo reiterated that the grant application is the first step. Mr. Aroneo questioned whether the state can force the township to buy or clean up an environmental issue on a property; Mr. Pidgeon stated that they could not.

Paul Mascia, resident of Warren Avenue, commented that since the township is changing the resolution he is concerned that the state will reject it. He agreed with Mr. Piserchia's that the money would be better spent towards the flood wall. Mr. Aroneo reviewed the program which he understood had no obligation and the resolution should be revised as discussed. Mr. Piserchia commented that he will rely on legal counsel that we have no obligation and that it is clear in the resolution.

Mike Tenten, resident of Madison Street, agreed with Mr. Mascia and reviewed the flooding on Madison Street which is awful. He questioned what would happen if the grant did not work out.

Mr. Aroneo proposed that the township go ahead with application to see what they offer the township. He added that the township does not have the funding to do this personally and if this falls through the township has legislators that can assist us and there would be further discussions.

Carl Sundberg, resident of Main Avenue, commented that he does not accept that the township will reapply when Mr. Tenten's home is floating away. Mr. Aroneo indicated that this is the initial application and he did not mention reapplying.

Louise Winglet, resident of Cottage Place West, questioned the procedure and whether the township is committing. Mr. Aroneo stated that the plan is not to commit local funds.

Mayor Harrington pointed out that it seems no Committee Member wants to pass the sample resolution provided by the state. Mr. Schlegel commented on the resolution being reworked. Mayor Harrington stated that she will allow public comments prior to the vote on the resolution.

Mayor Harrington closed the public hearing. The Committee thanked the residents for their comments.

Mr. Pidgeon reviewed the revisions to the sample resolution which includes amending number 2 and input "will seek" and from "FEMA and/or Morris County" and add an additional sentence that reads "The Township is not committing any of its own funds \*including, but not limited to Township open space trust funds to this project"; he added that deleting number 3.

Mr. Pidgeon read the revised resolution for the Committee and public.

Mr. Piserchia commented on whether the Committee would like to add the environmental issue concern to the resolution and Mr. Pidgeon commented that in state history they have always done environmental studies.

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Mr. Roshto questioned whether we are certain we are not picking up costs and Mr. Pidgeon stated that the township is not committed to any costs. Mr. Aroneo added that was not the intention of the grant.

Mr. Schlegel reiterated his concerns with the language in the resolution and made recommendations to add language for environmental studies.

Mayor Harrington reviewed the language and commented that the Committee seems to be comfortable that protection is given. Mr. Piserchia stated that he would like to add the environmental language to the resolution. Mayor Harrington pointed out that it seems redundant and the township is decreasing our chances. Mr. Piserchia commented that since the Township Attorney is comfortable with it he is comfortable. Mr. Pidgeon briefly reviewed the Green Acres grant process and regulations.

On motion of Mr. Aroneo, seconded by Mr. Piserchia, that Resolution 11-331 is introduced and approved as revised.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

**RESOLUTION 11-331  
GREEN ACRES/BLUE ACRES ENABLING RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Long Hill desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$2,175,019 from the State to fund the following project(s): Blue Acres Flood Area Acquisitions at a cost of \$4,388,100 (*project cost*);

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the governing body resolves that Richard J. Sheola, or the successor to the office of Township Administrator, is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such a loan and/or such a grant,
- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
- (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above named applicant; and

**WHEREAS**, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above named project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE** Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill:

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1. That the Township Administrator of the above named body or board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known as Blue Acres Flood Area Acquisition;
2. That the applicant will seek its matching share of the project from FEMA and/or Morris County in the amount of \$2,213,081. The Township is not committing any of its own funds (including, but not limited to Township open space trust funds) to this project;
3. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Ordinance Introduction:**

**ORDINANCE #291-11 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SPEED LIMIT ON A PORTION OF CARLTON ROAD AND SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER VII OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "TRAFFIC"**

Mr. Pidgeon reviewed the typo in the ordinance.

Chief Hedden reviewed the need for the ordinance and the speed study that was conducted.

Mayor Harrington read Ordinance #291-11 by title for first reading. The ordinance was introduced by Mr. Piserchia; second by Mr. Aroneo.

Roll Call Vote for Introduction:

Ayes: Mr. Piserchia and Mayor Harrington

Nays: Mr. Aroneo

Ordinance introduced. Mayor Harrington stated that the public hearing of this ordinance is scheduled for December 14, 2011.

**ORDINANCE #291-11  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SPEED LIMIT ON A PORTION OF CARLTON ROAD AND  
SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER VII OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED  
"TRAFFIC"**

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** *To lower the speed limit to 40 mph on the northern portion of Carlton Road.*

**WHEREAS**, the Township Police Department has recommended lowering the speed limit on the northern portion of Carlton Road to 40 miles per hour from the statutory speed limit of 50 miles per hour; and

**WHEREAS**, after an investigation of the circumstances, Township Engineer Paul Ferriero concluded in an August 3, 2011 report that lowering the speed limit appears to be in the



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interest of safety and the expedition of traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 39:4-8 and 39:4-197 (as amended by P.L.2008, c. 110) allow a municipality, without the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation to alter the speed limitations on local roads; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 39:4-98 which sets forth statutory speed limits provides that:

“Whenever it shall be determined upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that any speed hereinbefore set forth is greater . . . than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist . . . , municipal . . . authorities, with reference to highways under their jurisdiction, may by ordinance, in the case of municipal authorities, . . . subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation, except as otherwise provided in R.S.39:4-8, designate a reasonable and safe speed limit thereat which, . . . shall be prima facie lawful at all times . . . , when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected . . . .”;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, New Jersey, that Chapter VII of the Township Code entitled “Traffic” is supplemented and amended as follows:

**Section 1.** The speed limit on that portion of Carlton Road from White Bridge Road to a point 3,100 feet south of White Bridge Road is hereby lowered to 40 miles per hour.

**Section 2.** Section 7-33 of the Township Code, entitled “Speed Limits”, is supplemented and amended by adding Carlton Road in alphabetical order as follows:

**“7-33 Speed Limits**

The speed limits for both directions of traffic along the streets described below are established as follows:

<b>Name of Street</b>	<b>Direction</b>	<b>Speed</b>	<b>Location</b>
Carlton Road	Both	40 mph.	From the intersection with White Bridge Rd. to a point 3,100 ft south of White Bridge Rd.

**Section 3.** The effectiveness of this ordinance is contingent upon signs being erected as required by law.

**Section 4.** Any and all other ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent

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with any of the terms hereof are hereby repealed to such extent as they are so in conflict or inconsistent.

**Section 5.** In case any article, section or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect any other article, section or provision of this ordinance except insofar as the article, section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

**Section 6.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

**Resolutions:**

**Consent Agenda Resolutions:**

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

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

**RESOLUTION 11-325  
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 11-326  
APPROVAL AND RELEASE OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES AND APPROVAL OF  
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES (AS REDACTED)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby approve and release the Township Committee Minutes of the September 7, 2011 and September 21, 2011 Meetings.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee hereby approves the September 7, 2011 and September 21, 2011 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

**RESOLUTION 11-327  
APPROVAL OF 2011 SEWER REFUND [GILMORE]**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill upon the advice of the Tax Collector does hereby authorize a refund on the 2011 Sewer Use Charge in the amount of \$373.51 due to overpayment on Block: 13901, Lot: 77 to Kenneth & Martha Gilmore, 82 Hickory Tavern Road, Gillette, NJ 07933.

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**RESOLUTION 11-328  
APPROVAL OF 2011 SEWER REFUNDS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill on the advice of the Tax Collector does hereby authorize the following refunds of 2011 Sewer Well Use Charge to the following:

<b>BLOCK</b>	<b>LOT</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
11609	5	Stephanie Robel 1364 Valley Road Stirling, NJ 07980	\$15.00
13403	23	Gallic, Robert/Teresa 287 Gates Avenue Gillette, NJ 07933	\$8.76
12303	7.01	Nelson, Thomas 14 Meadowview Road Millington, NJ 07946	\$8.85
11002	1	Eline, Daniel/Aubrey 433 Mountain Avenue Gillette, NJ 07933	\$24.33
10515	8.01	Hudson, Patricia G 24 Metzler Place Stirling, NJ 07980	\$20.00
13004	9	Maren, Leo III 369 Chestnut Street Stirling, NJ 07980	\$70.00

**RESOLUTION 11-329  
APPROVAL OF 2011 SEWER ADJUSTMENTS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill on the advice of the Tax Collector does hereby authorize the following adjustments to the 2011 Sewer Billing due to water usage, sprinkler systems, senior deduction or billing error by NJAW:

<b>BLOCK</b>	<b>LOT</b>	<b>ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>CREDIT</b>	<b>DEBIT</b>	<b>NAME</b>
13906	13	senior deduction	-15.00		Morgan, B.
10106	2	sprinkler/pool	-100.21		Bernardon

**RESOLUTION 11-329  
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TOWNSHIP TO ACCEPT A  
SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2011 OF DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELAND SECURITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT  
PROGRAM FUNDING AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO  
AMEND THE BUDGET AND CERTIFY THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

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**WHEREAS**, the Township of Long Hill, Office of Emergency Management has been awarded State Homeland Security Grant Program Subgrant CFDA #97.042, Award #2010-P110-1430 from the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management. The Subgrant, consisting of a total amount of \$10,000.00, including \$5,000.00 Federal Award and \$5,000.00 Local Matching Funds, is for the purpose of enhancing Long Hill Township's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism, natural disasters and other catastrophic events and emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the subgrant award incorporates all conditions and representations contained or made in application and notice of award #2011-EP-EO-0047; and

**WHEREAS**, the Long Hill Township Office of Emergency Management, designated by the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management, has submitted an Application for Subgrant Award that has been required by the said New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management; and

**WHEREAS**, the Application for Subgrant Award calls for a match in the amount of \$5,000.00 which the Long Hill Township Office of Emergency Management adequately satisfies through the 2011 Long Hill Township approved budget for Division salaries and wages and fringe benefits.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Long Hill Township Committee accepts the award of the FFY10 Homeland Security Emergency Management Performance Grant Program Subgrant in the amount of \$5,000.00 Federal Funds from the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is requested to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2011 in the sum of \$5,000.00, which is now available from the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management in the like amount of \$5,000.00 from the aforementioned grant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the like sum of \$5,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption FFY11 Homeland Security Emergency Management Performance Grant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Long Hill Township Administrator, the Long Hill Township Chief Fiscal Officer and the Long Hill Township Director of Emergency Management are authorized to sign the appropriate subgrant award documents; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management; the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; the Long Hill Township Administrator; the Long Hill Township Chief Financial Officer; the Long Hill Township Office of Emergency Management.

### **Old Business**

#### **Valley Mall Update**

Mayor Harrington indicated that the property owner stated that they are close to an agreement with the new tenant.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Piserchia stated that the public convinced him to be concerned about the possible environmental issues at the proposed flood wall location so he requested that the Planning Board Administrator provide a report on properties who have applied for variances near the site. He added that once he receives the report he will forward it to the Committee. He stated that back in 2007 the Flood Mitigation Committee was formed and nothing has been discussed since 2008 and

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questioned who was on the Committee. Mr. Aroneo reviewed the history of the Flood Mitigation Committee.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Lands questioned the location of the proposed flood wall and reviewed the location of his property. Mr. Piserchia commented that the DEP would never allow dredging in the Passaic River. Mr. Aroneo added that debris may be removed from the river. Mr. Lands questioned how the proposed wall would affect his property. Mr. Aroneo stated that Warren Township Officials were contacted regarding the proposed flood wall and there was no response until recently they asked us to stop work.

Mike Lenney, resident of Stirling, reviewed his concerns with asbestos on bought out properties. Mr. Pidgeon stated that it can be the property owner's responsibility. Mr. Aroneo commented that asbestos can be left if it is not disturbed.

### **Executive Session**

Mr. Sheola stated that there was one item the Committee needed to discuss during executive session and the Committee may act when they return.

A motion was made by Mr. Piserchia; seconded by Mr. Aroneo to reconvene to Executive Session at 11:05 p.m.

### **Regular Open Session**

The Township Committee reconvened to Regular Session at 11:25 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Aroneo and seconded by Mr. Piserchia to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 p.m. Vote: All Ayes

Respectfully submitted,

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Christine A. Gatti  
Township Clerk

Approved: December 14, 2011