

Long Hill Township Committee Minutes May 23, 2012 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 23, 2012** at 7:00 p.m.

Statement of Adequate Notice:

Mayor Mazzucco 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, 2012; posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 4, 2012 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.”

A motion was made by Mayor Mazzucco, seconded by Mr. Roshto to approve Resolution 12-209 Vote: All Ayes

Executive Session:

RESOLUTION 12-209 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:

- Township Administrator Recruitment
- Personnel Manual

Contract Negotiations:

- Non-Union Salary Adjustments

Attorney Client Privilege:

- COAH

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; Guy Roshto; Cornel Schuler; Mayor Michael Mazzucco

Absent: None

Also present: John Pidgeon, Township Attorney; Christine Gatti, Township Clerk

Township Committee Liaison Reports / Department Reports:

Mr. Schuler reviewed upcoming Recreation activities.

Mr. Schuler stated that the Waste Water Management me and advised that they are working on a presentation for us for the next meeting. They are working on upgrades and essentially splitting apart the previous proposal.

Mr. Roshto said that the township just found out today that the Comcast grant has been approved by the legal counsel for BPU and it will now go for final approval from BPU. While speaking with Christian McDonald from the Morris County Mosquito Commission I asked if he could speak with us. He will be here at our first meeting in June.

Mr. Piserchia said the Shade Tree Commission had met and expressed their concern with tree removal and would like the ability to see development permits in advance of tree removals. Perhaps this should be added to a future agenda for discussion.

Mr. Aroneo said the Township Committee has retained Banisch Associates to assist with a plan to encumber the housing trust fund money prior to the July 17th date. They are working to implement some of the recommendations for upgrades on the Lounsberry's Site and other expenditures. The Planning Board at last night's meeting completed a review and update of the Valley Road element of the Master Plan. That will be on an agenda for adoption. The Planning Board is also looking at a sign ordinance as we requested. They will recommend that we look at all the municipal signs to upgrade some of the worn and faded signs and uniformity throughout the Township on traffic signage.

Mr. Shuler asked when Banisch will be coming back with some suggestions. Mr. Aroneo believed there would be a report for our first meeting in June. Mr. Banisch has talked about a group home type purchase.

Mr. Pidgeon said the cap on purchase price has to be an existing ranch house. The maximum price is around \$500,000 and the town would have to come up with \$250,000. The program is already in place and if it is done quickly we can enter into a memorandum of understanding with the housing and mortgage planning. That memorandum should hopefully encumber the money.

Mayor Mazzucco asked if that gave us a substantial line of credit?

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Mr. Pidgeon said it would give us the number in a group home – 46 which is a fair number for an existing single family home.

Mayor Mazzucco was open to looking at that as an option but felt we should fix the current facility. He suggested that Banisch look into the current housing resources.

Mr. Piserchia pointed out that something came up after the Planning Board meeting. We received an email from one of the members who had taken a picture of a sign that was completely blank. We sent it to Tom Sweeney, DPW Director, and he was going to contact the county and ask them to replace it. The question in front of us is do we want to wait or whether we want to remove this kind of sign or replace them. What the Planning Board would like us to do when this ordinance comes in front of us is to put some kind of plan together and go out and assess all the signs.

Mr. Pidgeon advised that we did not have a lot of control over the county unless the use has been abandoned. Private signs become non-conforming uses the same way a building does. Towns used to have time limits whereby you had two years to comply with the ordinance but that is not really enforceable.

Mr. Aroneo said he thought that some of the signs on county roads may have been installed by the township. The township does the no parking whereas the county does routes, etc.

Mr. Roshto thought the question was “do we want to repair them or remove them”. Mr. Schuler thought a reassessment was in order. Mr. Aroneo recommended sending a memorandum to the Police Chief and to DPW to say that we are aware of signage that may be outdated or blank and ask that DPW contact the county and ask them to remove or replace them.

Mr. Pidgeon said it depended on if it were a traffic sign. Under State law you cannot enforce traffic regulations unless there are signs in accordance with Manual Uniform Traffic Control. If the township owns the signs we can take them down.

Mr. Aroneo said the way the ordinance is written a business owner could purchase the sign and donate it to the town.

Mayor Mazzucco asked that Ms. Gatti write a note to the Police Department and DPW to work together and if a sign is not needed then remove/replace it.

Discussion:

Remaining Recommended Planning Board Items

Mr. Roshto noted that in January we had agreed as a committee that we would look at clearing out our backlog of Ordinances that were sent to the Planning Board. We have worked on the Building Height Ordinance, Valley Road Ordinance, Meyersville Hamlet Ordinance and adopted the Technical Review Check List Ordinance. We have sent three back with recommendations and we have two left. We have to work on the Development Fee Ordinance and the Tree Ordinance. Tonight, I would like to talk about the Development Fee Ordinance related to COAH. Before we do that I want to mention the Tree Ordinance. In February the Planning Board had a lengthy discussion and the summary of it was that they recognized that the Tree Ordinance should come back to the Planning Board for further review. It is two and a half years old and many things have changed. I would recommend that we do what we have done in the

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past and provide some feedback on what we would like, if anything, to give the Planning Board guidance. Mr. Roshto asked that Mr. Pidgeon talk a little about the Fee Ordinance.

Mr. Pidgeon said that on the Development Fee Ordinance we are not at the max. Several years ago the Committee decided not to pursue it for two reasons. One is was that COAH was in a state of chaos and the second reason was that in light of the economy the Committee did not want to impose additional fees on any potential businesses. We do have the right to raise it. Mr. Aroneo said they did not want to collect the money and have it sit there without any use for it. Mr. Pidgeon pointed out that even if you adopted it right now before it can be implemented you would need COAH's approval. Right now they are not approving anything. My advice would be to wait for three months and see where we are.

Mayor Mazzucco thought we should wait for three months. We can follow up on this in October.

Mr. Roshto suggested we give it back to the Planning Board and have them deal with it when COAH changes.

Mr. Aroneo, in reference to the Tree Ordinance, felt that we have thoroughly examined this topic. Mr. Aroneo provided a brief history of the proposed draft ordinance. He commented that the Committee was not in favor of the draft ordinance as submitted by the Planning Board. We then drafted an ordinance that we felt was more appropriate and sent it back to the Planning Board.

Mr. Pidgeon said the Committee had him excise out most of the provisions that did not had to do with sub-divisions or site plan applications. It then went back to the Planning Board which they adopted. The ordinance that the Planning Board sent us is legal but I would like to clarify the role of the Planning Board and the Township Committee because in the Resolution that the Planning Board sent back to us it was not entirely clear on two points. One, in general, the fact that something is in the Master Plan does not mean that the Township Committee has to adopt an ordinance implementing that provision. The current state of the law is that if the Township Committee adopts an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance it has to be consistent with the Master Plan; there is no affirmative duty to actually adopt an ordinance. He reviewed case law on the matter. Legally, the Planning Board has no role in the Tree Ordinance except for those portions that have to deal with sub-divisions, site plans and other development applications. I am not saying that you cannot seek the Planning Boards assistance with the drafting of the ordinance.

Mr. Aroneo reviewed the history of the ordinance. It was a policy decision not to adopt the ordinance. I do not think we need to hear the whole thing again.

Mr. Piserchia pointed out that this was a new Committee. You may recall that the Planning Board that proposed that ordinance and sent to us passed with either eight one or nine nothing. A lot of work went into that and Mr. Pidgeon refers to that in a letter that he had sent to the Planning Board. While I agree with the way Mr. Pidgeon characterized what the then Committee did but they rejected the ordinance only because the majority of them philosophically disagreed with it. The majority was three with two strongly supporting it and obviously I was one of them. The Shade Tree Commission and the Environmental Commission as well as the Planning Board strongly supported the Tree Ordinance. They were not married to the idea that it had to be what it said. They were open to the idea that it could be massaged. He stated that he would like to send it back to the Planning Board with comments or suggestions from this Committee.

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Mr. Aroneo said he had not been in favor of it because he felt it was an infringement on property owner's rights. The reasons that it was sent here was to prevent clear cutting which had happened once or twice.

Mr. Piserchia said Long Hill Township has the right to restrict what happens on private property.

Mr. Aroneo agreed but said we had no obligation to restrict the property.

Mr. Piserchia pointed out that to his knowledge every town surrounding us adopted tree ordinances. Chatham, as it was told to me "cannot move a twig" without going to the town. That is not what was proposed here. What Mr. Roshto is asking is can we send this back to the Planning Board.

Mr. Roshto said that we now have a third option. We could send it to the Shade Tree Commission and ask for their help. I am hearing extremes on the Committee. One is we do not want any kind of coordinates that affects private property owners trees. There is another perspective that I would bring here. When I read the Ordinance I found it difficult to see how it could be enforced and that was troubling. So I would say that if we are going to give some direction we would want to make sure that we have practical solutions.

Mr. Piserchia agreed. I do not know how other towns enforce it and perhaps we can ask to look into that. It is a point that needs to be clarified.

Mayor Mazzucco said he was all for no tree rules. I am against clear cutting.

Mr. Schuler opined that a balance was needed. To come into a neighborhood and just completely change the look is not the proper answer either. We do have ordinances so that people do not build up to the neighbor's property so we do have rules designed to protect the neighborhood. I am not opposed to any tree ordinance but I think it is difficult finding the line.

Mr. Piserchia said this was not just aesthetics. There are environmental issues as well. I do not think anyone is objecting to letting this Committee review this.

Mayor Mazzucco suggested that Mr. Schuler and Mr. Roshto review the minutes.

Mr. Roshto said he had seen the ordinance already. If it comes back as is I would vote it down. I think reading that ordinance may be helpful but we really need to start from square one, if we start at all.

Mr. Pidgeon commented to be clear that he is not taking a position but it may make sense since the Planning Board and the Township Committee were in agreement to adopt it. The major clear cutting was part of a subdivision and there was no ordinance in place.

Mr. Roshto said that he wanted to hear the direction of the Committee. If we can agree on some things that we want to guide the Planning Board on then send it back to them. If we can not then we will not send it back.

Mr. Piserchia felt the Planning Board had to give compelling reasons why someone who owns a property, what he or she does on that property, may infringe upon the rights of their neighbor.

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Therefore, you are talking about the property rights of somebody who does not own the property that has been affected.

Mr. Aroneo said he could agree with that but one thing, you are saying that one person's rights outweigh another's.

Mr. Roshto said he did not want to be told what I can or cannot do on my property and added that he finds that offensive. I could come to town hall and pay \$5.00 for a permit to cut down a tree. My point is that a permit is a tool to manage our tree stock in town. I am not opposed to it but I just do not want someone to tell me I could not have the permit because I cut three trees down already. I think it is a reasonable thing to do and is much less aggressive than surrounding towns.

Mayor Mazzucco stated that we need to give the Planning Board a direction telling that we need to see an ordinance that has clear protection against clear cutting. Regarding the residential, give me three degrees of an ordinance 1) nothing, 2) medium, 3) high. Give us 3 different scenarios for the residential.

Mr. Piserchia said they have to address the comments on enforcement. They will need to do some research as to how it will work.

The Committee briefly discussed Chatham Township's Ordinance requirements and fees.

Mr. Roshto had two things to ask. Put into the Ordinance was a comment related to invasive species. Would we like to see that in the Ordinance coming back to us? Mr. Aroneo said no. The other one is the section where they talk about big trees. When this Ordinance becomes activated it will not allow you to cut big trees. That I find a little offensive. Mr. Aroneo said if we compensated them then he was in favor of it. If we do not then I am against it.

Mr. Piserchia said he would like this to go back to the Planning Board and have them review it as well as review comments from the Shade Tree Commission.

Mr. Schuler thought that the Planning Board should have a sense of what might get accepted and what might not be acceptable. Mr. Aroneo stated that he felt we should give them the proper direction.

Mr. Roshto said his position and agreed that the Planning Board needed direction from the Committee. The Committee reviewed the matter and the consensus of the Committee was to authorize Mr. Roshto to send a memorandum to the Planning Board in order to give them direction on what was an acceptable tree ordinance draft. Mr. Roshto said he would follow up with the Planning Board.

Road Re-Surfacing Project

James Mangin, CFO, stated that the budget had been passed four weeks ago. Typically, after the budget is adopted we start getting into the capital plan. Right now we are trying to put together all the components of the capital plan. There is one part we need to move on and that is the road resurfacing project. Last year we got a DOT grant for Main and Central Avenue which is \$175,000 for Phase I. This year we received a DOT grant for Phase II in the amount of \$195,000. The concern is that with the DOT grants we have eighteen months to complete the project. Last year's grant has to be completed by August and we need to move on that. We need an ordinance to create the spending authorizations so we can do the project. I am looking

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for direction to go to Bond Council. We have funds in fund balance because the grant itself is \$370,000. The Engineer is estimating that the project would cost about \$550,000. Tom Sweeney, DPW Director, wanted to bring up the fact that there are other roads that we might want to consider doing at the same time. We are looking for direction on the scope of the project. The Engineer's estimate on Phase I was \$238,000 and Phase II was \$278,000. We have the funds but we need an ordinance to do the project. When asked how much was budgeted this year Mr. Mangin said the capital budget has no road program. Last year was the grant of \$175,000. This year the grant was not put into the budget. Typically you would not put it in the budget but you would do an ordinance. That is the problem; we are looking for how much we want to put into the ordinance. The Capital Improvement Fund only has \$47,000 in it. The Budget adds another \$141,000 to it. I am still trying to decipher what the \$141,000 was intended for. From what I can see, it appears that \$36,500 was intended for roads, which sounds to me like a down payment. We could avoid bonding if we could fund it from fund balance. I am not sure what the plan is for the fund balance. I do not know the 2012 Capital Plan. Typically the capital plan is a five year plan. Your capital budget is usually the current year of your five year plan. Even that is not an authorization.

Mr. Aroneo asked how much needed to be authorized just on Main. Mr. Mangin advised that the Engineer estimate is about \$550,000 and of that we have \$370,000 in committed grants. One option would be to fund the balance using fund balance. Mr. Sweeney does want to speak about other roads which may make sense to do in conjunction with Main and Central. Last year \$175,000 was put into the Budget which was the amount of the DOT grant.

Mr. Sweeney said \$230,000 was the number for last year. This year I have \$500,000 because we added White Bridge Road. I had met with the former CFO and Administrator before he left and we went over my budget. Mr. Aroneo did not agree with the \$500,000 being in the budget.

Mr. Sweeney said that would change things. We want to do is fund the Main Ave project and hopefully do \$500,000 for the others and get one contractor to do the roads.

Mr. Piserchia referred to the Road Reconstruction Program that had been in place for several years, and last year because of budget constraints, none of these roads were on the list.

Mr. Sweeney pointed out that it was not just last year. What we are using is a budgetary number of \$230,000 for road resurfacing. We have a road survey for all the roads in town. They are rated on a scale from 1 (worse) to 5 (best). We try to address the worst first but we are falling behind and prices of asphalt keeps going up. From last year to this year it is a \$40,000 rise to pave the roads, not counting White Bridge Road.

Mr. Aroneo thought White Bridge Road was something we have to talk about as a Committee. We have to decide if we even want to pave the road. Possibly there are other alternatives. Other roads have been dedicated to the Federal Government in that area and I think if we can dedicate it we should. It services five residents and most of the use of that road is to get to and from the Great Swamp. If they do not accept it possibly they could give some assistance in paving the road. If it were just our residents and that was the main purpose of the road then I would say let it go to a stone road.

Mr. Roshto said the last time we had this discussion I went and drove the road. We should either reduce the speed limit or fix the very significant pot holes. I know that this is one of the worst roads in town but we can not just keep filling potholes only because they just keep coming back.

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A discussion ensued regarding the condition of White Bridge Road.

Mr. Aroneo's stated that his position was that since White Bridge Road was a less traveled road that there was a possibility that we have grounds for an appeal to the Federal Government for funding. He added that he would like to examine that before authorizing repaving.

Mayor Mazzucco stated that he would look into it. Mr. Roshto pointed out that there had been suggestions to do it in pieces

Mr. Sweeney said the engineer suggested doing it in pieces. My suggestion was to pave the whole road. As to the potholes, in filling them you are shoveling up more and more blacktop. We were at the bird sanctuary three days straight. You keep pulling up sheets of blacktop and filling it. It is more than filling the pothole. He added that it is a more traveled road than you think. Maybe we should have the police put their counters out to get a sense of the travel on the road. When I am doing pavement management I am not looking at who is living on the road but looking at the quality of the road, how it is traveled and how many times I am there filling potholes.

Mr. Roshto stated that one of the things they were looking at is the value and benefit to the residents of our town and the perception of people from out of town. A lot of people look at White Bridge Road as a federal access to the great swamp. When they drive one of our main roads that has deteriorated to a category 1 or 2 it is a different story. I think we have to figure out how to solve that instead of taking the entire budget and putting it on White Bridge Road. That is our struggle.

Mr. Sweeney agreed. If the Federal Government wants to take over that road then I am all for that. I just know the situation now and I cannot keep up with it. It is a long stretch of road. I am limited on man power and we have a million things going on at once. It had been milled and paved in 1997 and there was a grant for \$100,000. That was fifteen years ago. We did Northfield Road in 2007 and I have a problem already. Some roads are good for 20-30 years. He reviewed the condition of White Bridge Road and his concerns and pointed out that if we go a couple of more years without paving it will get worse.

Mr. Schuler asked if were forced to trim it down to fixing what was absolutely needed what would your ball park figure be. I know it is not ideal doing it in sections but there might be some sections that we might get more time out of. Mr. Aroneo said there were also logical reasons for doing that. As per the recommendation of our Engineer we would repair the areas that are not as bad as some other areas. Mr. Sweeney stated that they had done four samples and we ranged from 8 inch thick to 11 inches thick. That is a very stable road underneath. It is the top layer that is a problem. Fifteen years in that area is good.

Mr. Mangin suggested talking about monies available. That might shape the scope of where you want to go. When you hear \$230,000 budget I want you to understand that there is no budget for road paving. The only budget was last years' Municipal Budget totaling \$175,000 which was the grant. That \$175,000 in the Municipal Budget gets moved into the grant fund. Next we have to come up with an ordinance for spending authorization. In the Ordinance that grant and another grant can be sited. Again, \$175,000 last year (Main & Central), \$195,000 this year for Main & Central. There is \$579,000 in Capital Fund Balance which we could use toward whatever capital projects. Anything other than that, we would have to bond for. We need to know how far we want to go right now with the road projects.

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Mr. Aroneo asked if he was being told that between last year and this year we have \$265,000 budget for Main & Central. Mr. Mangin said it was not budgeted but was committed in grants which are reimbursement grants. You would need \$180,000 for Main & Central which could be funded through Capital Fund Balance.

Mr. Mangin said there is not an annual allotment for road repaving. It is part of the Capital Budget. If it is the intent of the governing body to not bond or to try and limit your new debt as much as possible, then what will happen is the bulk will fall onto Capital Fund balance. I am assuming that we will have other capital needs during the year. I am sure the Fire Department will ask for some type of capital expenditure. My problem is, as it stands now, we are not looking to bond or borrow. That \$579,000 in fund balance is all that we have right now. What I would like to do is to go through the entire Capital fund to see what else can be canceled. Last year we went out for a bond sale and we basically liquated all of our notes and got into serial bonds. The advantage to that is that anything that we cancel from this point would be backed by serial bonds which means anything that is canceled now goes back to Capital Fund balance which would then be available for a new project. That is what I would like to do. I have started to do that but I cannot complete it until we get the audit by the end of June. I have to make sure that my numbers jive with the audit as it is the official number. That is an idea for capital going forward. Tonight we need direction.

Mayor Mazzucco asked if everyone was in agreement that the \$180,000 comes from Capital for Main & Central. This will leave the Capital Fund balance as \$29,000 until reimbursed at the end of the year.

Mr. Mangin said the idea was not to limit or increase our debt. I would recommend that we do bond on a short term note for the grant balance. You would temporarily increase your debt. It would show as a bond anticipation which would be due on December 31st. At the same time there would also be a reserve for debt service which would offset it. It probably would net out.

Mr. Aroneo said he did have questions about this. Issuing debt in the exact amount that is rolling off this year I might be in favor of but I don not want to increase our debt. Mayor Mazzucco commented that he was worried if we actually really need to do a capital improvement in a short term emergency.

Mr. Pidgeon said in an emergency situation we could actually issue emergency notes. We could adopt a bond ordinance and not borrow. You have to authorize borrowing by resolution.

Mayor Mazzucco said the \$180,000 would be out of our pockets (out of Capital Fund) the balance will go on the short term and be paid back in one year.

Mr. Roshto stated that he was concerned that we might be tying our hands if we do not bond the money.

Mr. Aroneo felt there was more flexibility doing this. If we authorize this debt right now and next time a \$500,000 project it could be funded for the remainder of this year it will be easier to fund it because we will look at the fund balance.

Mr. Pidgeon said that you could also make the bond ordinance for a specific purpose.

Mr. Aroneo was in favor in pay-as-you-go which means to make the tough decision now.

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Mayor Mazzucco said he was trying to get a consensus.

Mr. Roshto thought we need to consider our infrastructure. For a long time we have been neglecting it and we need to seriously be talking about it. I think we can also be within our means and be pragmatic about some of these roads that I know I would like to feel good about.

Mr. Aroneo said we could make all of the roads smooth but then when our credit rating comes about we will be downgraded another notch which happened last year. One of the ways we can repair that is to issue less debt and that starts here. If we do not pay the band off then it has to get into long term debt at some point.

Mr. Mangin said his job was to give the options. If you were to fund the entire amount through Capital fund balance we will be looking at the rest of the capital to see what can be canceled. At the end of July we do a resolution to cancel balances and for the sake of argument say there is \$400,000 worth of cancelations. We just add that back to fund balance. Our fund balance would have only temporarily dipped down. That is an option and will happen anyway. The only reason that you may not want to go with Mr. Aroneo's suggestion is if we run into a cash management problem. In this case, if we get the reimbursement before the end of the year, that is not a major problem. We could borrow the money from ourselves as long as we know we can pay it back before the end of the year.

A discussion regarding among the Committee and Mr. Mangin regarding Main & Central funds, monies the Township has contributed, grants applied for and received etc. and distribution of the same. A discussion also ensued regarding the roads needing resurfacing.

Mr. Mangin recommended that we get the road project out of the way and then look at everything involved in capital. Look at all the needs of the various departments of the township. There is no way we will be able to cover all of the capital needs with our existing Capital Fund balance. You are either going to have to commit to bonding or prioritize your list as to what can be done. The best way to have that discussion is with all of the information, including what I am able to cancel as fund balance goes. This way when you make a decision as to what roads, fire equipment, etc. you will have all the information in front of you. It will probably take at least two meetings to get that information to you. Typically, this is about the time we would be doing the Capital Plan once the budget is out of the way.

Mr. Piserchia asked when the roads should be paved and was advised that summer is best. He asked Mr. Mangin if he would have an idea of the monies we could get back. Mr. Mangin said he had to wait for the auditors to complete their job.

Mr. Schuler made a motion to authorize bond for \$370,000, the amount of the grant for the sole purpose to hold us over until we get the grant money back. Mr. Roshto said he would like to have the \$230,000 for other roads. He felt Main Avenue had to be treated as the grant and a separate thing and not included in the roads budget. What would our Capital Fund be with this approach? He was the funds would still be there.

Mayor Mazzucco asked Mr. Roshto if he was in favor of what has been proposed. Mr. Roshto said he was in favor only because I see no other solution.

Mayor Mazzucco was in agreement

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Roll Call: Opposed - Mr. Aroneo
In Favor: Mr. Piserchia, Mr. Roshto, Mr. Schuler, Mayor Mazzucco

Mr. Mangin stated that just to clarify. The Bond Ordinance would be the total amount of the project which is \$550,000 and authorizing a debt up to \$375,000. When the project is completed it is entirely possible that we will not need to issue debt on it. If that happens we would then do another resolution before the end of the year canceling the debt on the project. My point is we can address Mr. Aroneo's concerns by the end of the year.

Mr. Pidgeon said they could come back with an ordinance at the next meeting for introduction and the second reading would be the following meeting.

Mayor Mazzucco said the \$230,000 this year for roads is premature to talk about because we do not know what other capital items we have. I think Mr. Sweeney needs something done as time is running out.

Mr. Piserchia commented that he understood that we did not have to issue debt in order to do this by the end of August. He added that we have some time.

Mayor Mazzucco asked Mr. Mangin to speed up the process for the capital items and asked that he call the auditor tomorrow. Possibly they will have that segment done. Maybe it might be possible to get this through the second meeting in June.

Mr. Aroneo referred to the memo sent by Mr. Sweeney and questioned the inlet replacement for the seven roads is almost \$456,000. Is that for all the roads listed? Is there any list of priority? Mr. Sweeney advised that most of them were #1. Mr. Aroneo asked Mr. Sweeney to prioritize the list and the cost for each.

Resolutions:

Consent Agenda Resolutions:

Mayor Mazzucco stated that the Committee will be pulling Resolutions 12-212 and 12-213 as per the request of the Tax Collector.

Hearing no comments Mayor Mazzucco made a motion to approve Resolutions 12-210 through 12-221 excluding 12-212 and 12-213; seconded by Mr. Piserchia.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

**RESOLUTION 12-210
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 12-211
AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS**

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WHEREAS, there are outstanding checks appearing on various bank statements which have been outstanding at least six months; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Long Hill is desirous of canceling said outstanding checks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that the following checks be voided and the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to cancel said outstanding checks:

<u>Magistrate Account (PNC Bank):</u>		
#305	06-02-11	\$8.00
#310	06-17-11	\$182.00
#324	08-12-11	\$180.00
#336	10-14-11	\$26.00
Total		\$396.00

**RESOLUTION 12-214
AUTHORIZING REFUND FOR
TAX TITLE LIEN CERTIFICATE [BLOCK: 13004, LOT: 1.01]**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill upon the advice and recommendation of the Tax Collector, does hereby authorize a refund check which represents the redemption of Tax Title Lien #1235 for Block: 13004 Lot: 1.01 dated 12/6/2011 in the amount of \$1,329.53 to FWDSL & Associates, LP, 290 US Highway 22, Green Brook, NJ 08812.

**RESOLUTION 12-215
AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF
PROFESSIONAL REVIEW ESCROW – DREYER**

WHEREAS, Glenn Dreyer of Block: 13604, Lot: 3, in regards to Application No. 10-03Z, 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 \$109.19 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 \$109.19 to Glenn F. Dreyer – 32 Valley View Road Chatham, NJ 07928.

**RESOLUTION 12-216
EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR
COMPUTER CONSULTING SERVICES [ATON COMPUTING]**

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill awarded a contract to ATON Computing in Somerville, NJ on July 14, 2010 for Computer Consulting Services by Resolution 10-244 at the base bid amount of \$115/hr; and

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WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby wishes to extend the contract for the second time for one year pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-15; and

WHEREAS, ATON Computing has agreed to adhere to the same terms, conditions and bid amount of \$115/hr as indicated in the contact as per letter dated May 17, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has filed a certification of availability of funds in the office of the Township Clerk, as required by the Local Budget Law;

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

1. The computer consulting services contract is hereby extended for one year to ATON Computing, One East High Street, Somerville, NJ 08876 with the contract expiring July 13, 2013.
2. The contract is estimated to be in the amount of \$50,000.00

**RESOLUTION 12-217
RE-APPOINTING TOWNSHIP ENGINEER - FERRIERO**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, in accordance with the provisions of NJSA 40A:9-140, that Paul Ferriero is hereby reappointed as Township Engineer for a three (3) year term, from June 11, 2012 to June 10, 2015.

**RESOLUTION 12-218
APPOINT 2012 STIRLING LAKE STAFF**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill upon the recommendations of the Recreation Director and Lake Director does hereby appoint the Stirling Lake Staff effective May 26, 2012 and ending September 3, 2012 as per the attached listing:

Employee	Position	Rate of Pay/Hour
Erica Stanch	Lake Director	\$18.00
Alexandra Scott	Head Lifeguard	10.75
Lauren Kopecki	Lifeguard	9.25
Ryan Lavorerio	Lifeguard	8.25
Benjamin Betines	Lifeguard	8.25
Patrick McGrath	Lifeguard	8.25
Natalie Delia	Lifeguard	8.25
James Campbell	Lifeguard	8.25
Daniel Carlin	Lifeguard	8.25
Jared Goetz	Lifeguard	8.25
Peter Flint	Lifeguard	8.25
Amanda Karski	Lifeguard	8.25
Dennis Taylor	Lifeguard	8.25
Andrew Hanrahan	Lifeguard	8.25
Justin Alto	Lifeguard	8.25
Carl Bentzlin	Lifeguard	8.25
Stephen Delia, Jr.	Lifeguard	8.00

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Leanne Block	Lifeguard	8.00
Tyler Swenson	Lifeguard	8.00
Natalie Harris	Lifeguard	8.00
Ryan Benson	Lifeguard	8.00
Garrett Blakeslee	Substitute Lifeguard	8.00
Samuel Aldous	Substitute Lifeguard	8.00

**RESOLUTION 12-219
CERTIFYING JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP WITH STIRLING
VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby certify that Justin D. Alto is a Junior Member of the Stirling Volunteer Fire Company.

**RESOLUTION 12-220
APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE & FIREWORKS –
LONG HILL TOWNSHIP LITTLE LEAGUE**

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 12-08 contingent upon receiving the applicable insurance certificate for the “Family Picnic/Championship Day” to the “Sponsor” Long Hill Township Little League, for their Special Event to be held on June 9, 2012 at the Little League Complex on Poplar Drive; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee hereby authorizes the Long Hill Township Little League to conduct their annual fireworks on June 9, 2012 at the Long Hill Township League Complex during the event contingent that all necessary permits are approved;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Little League is not responsible for funding police services for this event as per Township Code 4-6.5A.

**RESOLUTION 12-221
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF DUTY WEAPONS
TO RETIRING POLICE OFFICER**

WHEREAS, Richard Allen was hired by the Long Hill Township Police Department on December 2, 1986 after, and

WHEREAS, Richard Allen retired from the Police Department on April 30, 2012 as a Sergeant of Police; and

WHEREAS, in the past the Police Department has presented retired members with their department firearm for their loyalty and honor to the Police Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that it hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute the state permit to purchase the service weapon to Sergeant Richard Allen for a nominal consideration.

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Old Business

Mr. Piserchia stated that he sent a letter to the county asking them to replant the tree on the north side of Carlton Road. He added that he thought the Township Engineer would be coming back to us as we asked him to do some work on Riverside in regards to the proposed turf fields. He was advised that the Committee had not heard back from the Township Engineer regarding the matter.

Mr. Roshto asked the status on the pathway that we were going to create between Gillette School and Riverside Park. Mr. Aroneo thought there was a grant for it for next year. They agreed that would ask the Township Engineer for an update.

Meeting Open to the Public

Mayor Mazzucco opened the meeting to public. No one wished to be heard.

Executive Session

Mayor Mazzucco pointed out that the Committee will be going back into executive session and commented that they are not planning on coming back out.

A motion was made by Mayor Mazzucco; seconded by Mr. Schuler to reconvene to Executive Session at 10:00 p.m.

Regular Open Session

The Township Committee reconvened to Regular Session at 10:15 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Schuler and seconded by Mr. Aroneo to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 p.m. Vote: All Ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Gatti
Township Clerk
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Approved: August 15, 2012