Long Hill Township Committee Minutes July 12, 2012 Special 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, **July 12, 2012** at 7:15 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 sent to the Echoes Sentinel, Courier News and the Daily Record on July 10, 2012 and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building. 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."

Roll Call:

On roll call the following Committee members were present:

Jerry Aroneo; Guy Piserchia; Cornel Schuler; Mayor Michael Mazzucco

Absent: Guy Roshto

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

Resolution:

Mr. Pidgeon reviewed the resolution before the Committee.

A discussion ensued among the Committee and Mr. Pidgeon regarding the resolution, COAH regulations and COAH cases. Mr. Pidgeon pointed out that the township has done everything in their power to protect our COAH funding.

On motion of Mr. Aroneo, seconded by Mayor Mazzucco, that the following resolution was introduced and approved:

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

RESOLUTION 12- 254 REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUNDS ON EMERGENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING MECHANISMS NOT INCLUDED IN MUNICIPAL FAIR SHARE PLAN, IN THE FORM OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE SPENDING PLAN PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 5:97-8.11

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C 5:97-8.11 provides that:

(a) A municipality may request authorization for expenditure of affordable housing trust funds on emergent affordable housing mechanisms not included in the municipal Fair Share Plan, in the form of an amendment to the spending plan.

(b) In addition to the requirements for approval of a spending plan or amendment to an approved spending plan set forth at N.J.A.C. 5:96-5, the resolution submitted by the municipality shall include a certification that the affordable housing opportunity addresses the Council's criteria set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:97-6, and the municipality shall submit information regarding the proposed mechanism in a format to be provided by the Council.

(c) The municipality shall submit an amendment to its Fair Share Plan to include the mechanism at the earlier of two years after the Council's approval of the spending plan amendment or the next planned amendment to the Fair Share Plan resulting from plan evaluation review pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:96-10.

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill wishes to request authorization from COAH to expend affordable housing trust funds on emergent affordable housing mechanisms not included in the municipal Fair Share Plan, in the form of an amendment to the spending plan, as set forth in the attached Amended Spending Plan prepared by Township Planner Kevin O'Brien;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, hereby endorse the Amended Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan, prepared by Township Planner Kevin O'Brien and dated July 12, 2012, a copy of which is attached hereto and which is incorporated herein by reference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee of Township of Long Hill, pursuant to the requirements of <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 5:97-8.11, hereby certify that the affordable housing opportunity addresses the Council's criteria set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:97-6, and the municipality shall submit information regarding the proposed mechanism in a format to be provided by the Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file with the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing a certified copy of this resolution with the Amended Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township shall submit an amendment to its Fair Share Plan to include the mechanism at the earlier of two years after the Council's approval of the spending plan amendment or the next planned amendment to the Fair Share Plan resulting from plan evaluation review pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:96-10.

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Meeting Open to the Public

There were no members of the public that wished to be heard during this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Mazzucco and seconded by Mr. Schuler to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Vote: All Ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Gatti Township Clerk

Approved: September 26, 2012