

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
December 31, 2013**

**Mayor Piserchia opened the meeting at and read the following:**

**STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE**

"In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was electronically sent to the Echoes Sentinel and posted in the December 12, 2013 edition, and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on December 5, 2013 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."

Mayor Piserchia opened the Public Meeting at 8:00 AM

All present recited the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Piserchia, Committeeman. Schuler and Committeeman Rae were present. Committeeman Roshto and Committeeman Meringolo were absent

There were no COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

There were no DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

**MOVED** by: Committeeman Rae by the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #13-368 through #13-382 are hereby approved. **SECOND** by: Committeeman Schuler. **ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor**

**RESOLUTION 13-368**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill upon the advice and the recommendation of the Tax Collector for monies collected at the Tax Sale on November 26, 2013, does hereby authorize a refund on Block 10503 Lot 3 in the amount of \$553.00 for 2012 Sewer and \$700.00 for premium paid to: Pro Capital III, LLC., 1000 Haddonfield-Berlin Road, Suite 203, Voorhees, NJ 08043.

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**RESOLUTION 13-369**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill upon the recommendation and advice of the Tax collector for monies collected at the Tax Sale On November 26, 2013, does hereby authorize a refund on Block 13502 Lot 4 in the amount of \$870.33 for 2012 Sewer and \$1500.00 in premium paid to: FWDSL, 290 US Highway 22, Green Brook, NJ 08812.

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**RESOLUTION #13-370**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that the Mayor and the Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the refunding bond and release for Block 11202/Lot 23, in the matter of the Estate of Estelle K. Wilhelm.

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**RESOLUTION 13-371  
TAX LIEN REDEMPTION B. 10908/ I. 4.09**

**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 the Redemption of Tax Title Lien # 1238 for Block 110908 Lot 4.09 dated 12/06/2011 in the amount of \$15800.96 and refund of premium paid in the amount of \$12000.00 to: Phoenix Funding, Inc., 2 Liberty Place-TLSG, 50 South 16<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 19, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

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**RESOLUTION 13-372**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby relieve the Tax Collector from the collection of taxes for the year 2013 first and second quarters on Block 14701 Lot 35.01; and

**WHEREAS:** This parcel has been granted Farmland Assessment for 2013 but did not appear in the 2013 duplicate correctly; and

**WHEREAS:** The Tax Assessor will issue an Omitted Assessment for the Q Farm taxes of 2013 in 2014.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Tax Collector be relieved from the collection of taxes totaling \$1515.27 for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter taxes of 2013.

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**RESOLUTION 13-373**

**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 due to the granting of a Veteran's Deduction for the year 2013 to the following:

Block	Lot	Refund to:	Amount
13903	8	Alice J. Britt 94 Longview Terr. Gillette, NJ 07933	\$250.00
13905	15	Edward L. Wilson 211 Hickory Tavern road Gillette, NJ 07933	\$250.00

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**RESOLUTION #13-374**

**RESOLVED:** That the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill upon the advice of the Tax Collector does hereby authorize a refund for overpayment of 2013 Taxes for the following parcels:

BLOCK	LOT	NAME	AMOUNT
13402	1	Kendra Okonski & Julian Morris 701 Long Hill Rd Gillette, NJ 07933	\$1424.20

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**RESOLUTION 13-375  
AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF ROAD OPENING BOND  
15 Basking Ridge Road**

**WHEREAS**, All Saints Episcopal Church of 15 Basking Ridge Road, Millington, NJ applied for Road Opening Permit in July 2013 with a cash bond; and

**WHEREAS**, the engineering inspector has determined that all work is completed and in accordance with Township standards; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate at this time the cash bond be returned to All Saints Episcopal Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that \$2,900.00 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 Road Opening Bond in the amount of \$2,900.00 to All Saints Episcopal Church, 15 Basking Ridge Road, Millington, NJ 07946

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**RESOLUTION 13-376  
AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF  
PROFESSIONAL REVIEW ESCROW – A.R. at Millington, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, A.R. at Millington, LLC, Block: 12301, Lot: 1, in regards to Application No. 12-04P, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that \$591.68 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 \$591.68 to AR at Millington, LLC, 1430 Highway 206, Suite 100, Bedminster, NJ 07921.

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**RESOLUTION 13-377  
APPROVING SPECIAL PERMIT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIR [Stirling Fire Dept]**

**WHEREAS**, the Stirling Fire Company has submitted an Alcoholic Beverage Control Application for a Special Permit for a Social Affair to be held on February 1, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. to be held at the Stirling Volunteer Fire Co. #1, 321 Somerset Street, Stirling, New Jersey 07980; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police has reviewed the application and has no objection to the granting of a special permit to be issued to the applicant to sell alcoholic beverages at the affair to be held on the date and premises noted, subject to, however, the following conditions:

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1. The following individual will be the **only** persons permitted to serve alcoholic beverages:  
Joseph Cerami, Albert Pepe, Kevin Phillips and Craig Tuma.  
Address on file in Police Headquarters.
2. No one under the age of 21 shall be served alcoholic beverages. The Stirling Volunteer Fire Company #1 or it's designee shall be responsible for verifying the ages of those patrons who wish to consume alcoholic beverages, by issuing colored wrist bands to identify those patrons.
3. No person assumed to be under the influence of an alcoholic beverage shall be served or allowed to walk or drive from the Stirling Volunteer Fire Co. #1 Headquarters.
4. The consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be restricted to the interior of the Stirling Fire Co. #1 Headquarters. No alcoholic beverages are to be carried or consumed in the parking lot area.
5. Alcoholic beverages shall only be served and/or consumed between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 11:59 p.m. on February 1, 2014.

**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. The Township Committee, the licensing authority of the municipality, has no objection to the granting of a special permit and consents thereto with the special conditions as outlined by the Chief of Police.
  2. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized to sign the municipal certification on the application and forward it to the applicant.
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**RESOLUTION # 13-378  
TAX LIEN REDEMPTION**

**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 check due to the Redemption of Tax Title Lien #1269 for

Block 13508 Lot 07 dated 11/27/2012 in the amount of \$1871.13 to: Ridgeback Ventures, LLC, P O Box 503, Mount Freedom, NJ 07970.

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**RESOLUTION 13-379  
AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, there appears to be insufficient funds in the following accounts to meet the demands thereon for the balance of the Current Year; and

**WHEREAS**, there appears to be a surplus in the following accounts, over and above the demand necessary for the balance of the Current Year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that in accordance with the provision R.S. 40A:4-58, part of the surplus in the account heretofore mentioned be and the same is hereby transferred to the account mentioned as being insufficient, to meet the current demands, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to make the following transfers:

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**From:**

3-01-20-100-100-101	Admin & Exec – Salaries & Wages	\$15,686
3-01-25-240-240-101	Police – Salaries & Wages	\$22,000
3-01-31-447-447-001	Salary Adjustment	\$10,427

**Total** **\$48,113**

**To:**

3-01-20-130-130-105	Finance – Salaries & Wages	\$ 5,687
3-01-20-145-145-203	Tax Collection – Other Expenses	\$ 500
3-01-21-180-180-101	Planning Board – Salaries & Wages	\$ 3,979
3-01-21-185-185-101	Zoning Board – Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,117
3-01-21-185-186-101	Zoning Officer – Salaries & Wages	\$ 602
3-01-22-195-195-105	Construction – Salaries & Wages	\$ 7,321
3-01-25-252-252-105	Emergency Mgmt – Salaries & Wages	\$ 180
3-01-25-252-253-101	Municipal Court – Salaries & Wages	\$ 3,884
3-01-26-290-290-101	Streets & Roads – Salaries & Wages	\$10,427
3-01-26-310-310-262	Buildings & Grounds – Other Expenses	\$ 6,650
3-01-27-335-335-105	Environmental Comm – Salaries & Wages	\$ 28
3-01-28-370-371-107	Recreation – Salaries & Wages	\$ 6,889
3-01-30-422-422-105	Senior Citizens – Salaries & Wages	\$ 849

**Total** **\$48,113**

**RESOLUTION 13-380  
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 NO. 13-381**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL ENDORSING THE ADOPTION OF ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 193 SPONSORED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN BETTY LOU DECROCE IN URGING CONGRESS TO DEDICATE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, The New Jersey Department of Transportation estimates that motorists travel more than 200 million miles per day on the approximately 39,000 miles of public roadways in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, according to TRIP, a national non-profit transportation research group, sixty-six percent of New Jersey’s roads are in poor or mediocre condition, and thirty-six percent of New Jersey’s bridges are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete; and

**WHEREAS**, roads and bridges in poor condition cost motorists in the State an estimated \$3.6 billion per year in vehicle repairs and operating costs and \$121 billion a year in fuel costs and time lost in traffic; and

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**WHEREAS**, TRIP estimates that roadway conditions are a significant factor in one-third of the approximately 600 annual traffic-related deaths in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, in the latest Annual Highway Report issued by the Reason Foundation, New Jersey's highway system ranked 46<sup>th</sup> in the nation in overall highway performance, 34<sup>th</sup> in deficient bridges, 45<sup>th</sup> in urban interstate highway congestion, and 48<sup>th</sup> in urban interstate pavement in poor condition, and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years, the State spent eight times the national per mile average on the maintenance of roads and bridges in New Jersey, and although New Jersey already invests more per mile of highway than any other state, its roads and bridges continue to rank among the worst in the country making additional federal investment in the State's roads and bridges crucial to the safety and convenience of those who use them; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey is a key corridor state located between two major metropolitan areas, and the benefits derived from a well-maintained transportation infrastructure not only support commerce and economic activity between those metropolitan areas but also provide significant benefits to the region and the nation as a whole making it imperative that adequate funding be provided by the federal government to support the State's transportation infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey's location in relation to the Port of New York and New Jersey, which handles over 3.3 million containers per year and provides much needed goods and inventory to businesses throughout the region and the nation, demonstrates a critical need for adequate transportation infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to benefiting New Jersey residents, additional federal investment in the State's roads and bridges will make it safer and more reliable to transport goods through the State, extending the impact of such investment to the entire country; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been documented that for every dollar New Jersey sends in taxes to the federal government, the State receives only 61 cents in return; and

**WHEREAS**, this disparity needs to be diminished and adequate funding provided to New Jersey to support the maintenance of the State's highways and improvements to the State's transportation infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, in a struggling economy, investing in improvements to the transportation infrastructure creates much needed jobs in the construction and engineering industries and in every industry that relies on both intrastate and interstate commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, in the best interests of the citizens of this State and the nation for this Township Council to respectfully urge the United States Congress to invest additional dollars in maintaining highways and improving the transportation infrastructure in this State.

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

1. The governing body urges the United States Congress to invest additional federal dollars in maintaining the highways and improving the transportation infrastructure in the State of New Jersey.

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2. That certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, the Members of the New Jersey Congressional Delegation, the Members of the 21<sup>st</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Districts of the New Jersey Senate and General Assembly, all Morris County municipalities and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities for reference and information purposes.
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**RESOLUTION 13-382**

**APPROVAL AND RELEASE OF AMENDED RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby approve and release the amended Township Committee Re-Organization Meeting Minutes of January 2, 2013.

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OLD BUSINESS: There was no Old Business to discuss

NEW BUSINESS: There was no New Business to discuss

**Announcements/Correspondence read by Mayor Piserchia**

- The Township Building will be closed tomorrow for the New Years holiday
- Township Committee Re Organization Meeting January 6, 2014 **6:00 PM**
- Board of Health Re-Organization Meeting January 15, 2014 7:30 PM
- Dog License Renewals are due in January 2014
- Annual Parking passes for the Stirling Station & Millington Station are still available, Gillette Station is sold out.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** There were no remarks from the Public

**ADJOURNMENT** – Committeeman Schuler made a motion, Seconded by; Committeeman Rae to adjourn the Public Meeting and to approve Resolution 13-383 to move to Executive Session. **Roll Call Vote:** All in favor

**RESOLUTION 13-383  
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:

- 2014 Board Appointments

**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.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Cathy Reese, RMC  
Township Clerk