

TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
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Mayor Piserchia read the following statement at 6:40 PM:

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 Courier News and posted in the January 9, 2014 edition. Electronic notice was also sent to the Echoes Sentinel and posted in the January 16, 2014 edition, and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 7, 2014 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

MOVED by Committeeman Rae of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township that Resolution #14-295 is hereby approved for Executive Session. **SECONDED** by Committeeman Meringolo. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor

RESOLUTION 14-295
EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, that the Township Committee of Long Hill Township met in closed session to discuss the following matters:

Attorney Client:

- Rehabilitation of Skyline Drive Pump Station

Matter of Individual Privacy

- Honorarium

Pending Litigation:

- Indoor Soccer

Property Acquisition:

- Kurz Property update

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.

The **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING** began at 7:30 PM

All present sited the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

ROLL CALL: Mayor Piserchia, Deputy Mayor Rae, Committeeman Meringolo, Committeeman Roshto and Committeeman Schuler were all present.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

The following items are considered to be routine by the Township Committee and will be acted upon in one motion.

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MOVED by Committeeman Schuler of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that Resolution #14-287 through #14-290, and 14-292, 14-293 and 14-297 are hereby approved. **SECOND** by: Committeeman Meringolo. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor

**RESOLUTION 14-287
CERTIFYING ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP WITH STIRLING VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR
NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION ELIGIBILITY**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby certify that the following is an active member of the Stirling Volunteer Fire Company and is eligible to be a member of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association:

Joseph C. Giere

**RESOLUTION 14-288
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 14-289
APPROVAL AND RELEASE OF MINUTES**

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 10, 2014 Township Committee Meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby approves the September 10, 2014 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

**RESOLUTION 14-290
AMENDMENT #2 FOR CONTRACT FOR REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES
LONG HILL TOWNSHIP FLOOD ACQUISITION PROGRAM
GREEN ACRES PROJECT #1430-12-009**

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 Administrator solicited proposals for Real Estate Appraisal services; and Robert F. Heffernan Associates submitted a proposal for the ten residential properties in this program.
2. At this time, the Township would like to increase the residential properties from the revised proposal from nine to ten and include the property at Block 10401, Lot 1.
3. The Finance Officer has certified sufficient funds are available under Long Hill Open Space Trust for the amended amount of \$6,500.00 for this project.

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**RESOLUTION# 14-292
AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROWS**

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Administrator, Board Engineer, Board Attorney, Township Planner have certified that there are no outstanding invoices and have approved the release of the following escrows.

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, that appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to release the following escrows as per N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.1.

Developer's Escrow

Anthony & Kathryn Bontomase App#12-01Z	\$410.55
Michael Gurval App#14-05P	\$1,347.55

**RESOLUTION 14-293
2014 SEWER ADJUSTMENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill on the advice of the Tax Collector does hereby authorize the following adjustments to the 2014 sewer billing due to water usage sprinkler systems or billing errors by NJAW.

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>ADJUSTMENT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>
11511	31	usage error	\$455.50	
11604	20	water main break	\$794.69	
11801	13	sprinkler system	\$264.19	

**RESOLUTION 14-297
READOPTING NJDEP SEWER BAN EXEMPTION CRITERIA**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee adopted Resolution 00-321 on September 13, 2000 imposing a voluntary sewer ban throughout the Township; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 00-321 adopted by reference the sewer connection ban exemption criteria contained in *N.J.A.C. 7:14A-22.22*; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the Township Committee has revised the exemption criteria and created several programs to allow residents with low anticipated flows to connect to the system without adversely affecting the integrity of the ban; and

WHEREAS, no one anticipated that the ban would last for fourteen years; and

WHEREAS, the Township is in the midst of a \$2,420,000 project to improve the wastewater treatment system, with the ultimate goal of lifting the ban; and

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WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township and its residents to revert to the NJDEP exemption criteria until the ban is eventually able to be lifted;

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. Effective immediately, the Township hereby re-adopts the sewer connection ban exemption criteria contained in N.J.A.C. 7:14A-22.22, as supplemented and amended.
2. Any and all other resolutions or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with any of the terms hereof are hereby repealed to such extent as they are so in conflict or inconsistent.
3. The Township Clerk is directed to serve copies of this resolution on the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment by sending a copy of it to the Township Planning & Zoning Administrator.
4. The Township Clerk is directed to continue publishing notices of the sewer ban at 6-month intervals as required by Resolution 00-321.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS: There were no liaison reports at this time

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

- Sidewalks – update from Tom Sweeney

Mr. Sweeney addressed the Committee with his findings of the areas of complaint based upon the previous Township Committee Meeting. Northfield and Main Central are blacktopped sidewalks which have not been replaced for 40 years. DPW will begin replacing after the 2015 Capital Budget is approved. The elevated sidewalk areas along Long Hill Road will need engineering and bid specs and in the interim the DPW will meet with the police department to place barricades for safety and schedule some patching were applicable. A discussion ensued with regards to funding for the various sidewalk projects. Mr. Sweeney will continue to look for grants for the various sidewalk projects and approach the county regarding funding contribution, since many of the troublesome areas are on county roads.

Mayor Piserchia opened this discussion to the public for this topic only. One homeowner noted that there was really no safe passage on Long Hill Road. The following is a summary of suggestions from the public:

1. Police to escort the children in the dangerous areas from 8:10 – 8:20 AM
2. Taft Drive and George Road should have barricades until the repairs are made
3. The Township should continue to enforce homeowners to keep the bushes trimmed off the sidewalks and should enforce the snow removal and de-icing of the sidewalks.
4. Continue to keep the sidewalks replacements in the 6 year capital plan
5. Ordinance language should be re-considered due to daylight savings hours, time frame verbiage should be changed to “24 hours to comply with complaint.”

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- 2015 Holiday schedule was given a verbal approval by the Committee for the purpose of printing the 2015 Calendar publication. A resolution will be included in the 2015 Re-org agenda for official approval.

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ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCES DISCUSSION:

**ORDINANCE # 336-14
CONCERNING SIDEWALK SALES AND SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER III
OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "POLICE REGULATIONS"**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To expand the dates on which late summer sidewalk sales are permitted and to reflect the new date of the Annual Street Fair.

This Ordinance was carried from the September 10th meeting. After a brief discussion, the Committee decided to table this version and re-write the ordinance.

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION:

**ORDINANCE 340-14
TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL,
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
INCREASING THE NUMBER OF CLASS IV MEMBERS ON THE TOWNSHIP PLANNING
BOARD AND AMENDING SECTION 171 OF THE TOWNSHIP LAND USE CODE ENTITLED
"PLANNING BOARD"**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: to increase the number of regular Class IV members of the Planning Board to 9 with no alternates.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Land Use Law ("MLUL") provides that:

"The governing body may, by ordinance, create a planning board of seven or nine members" (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-23);

WHEREAS, the MLUL goes on to provide that:

"The members of Class IV shall hold no other municipal office, position or employment, except that in the case of nine-member boards, one such member may be a member of the zoning board of adjustment or historic preservation commission. No member of the board of education may be a Class IV member of the planning board, except that in the case of a nine-member board, one Class IV member may be a member of the board of education. If there be a municipal environmental commission, the member of the environmental commission who is also a member of the planning board, as required by section 1 of P.L.1968, c.245 (C.40:56A-1), shall be a Class IV planning board member, unless there be among the Class IV or alternate members of the planning board both a member of the zoning board of adjustment or historic preservation commission and a member of the board of education, in which case the member common to the planning board and municipal environmental commission shall be deemed a Class II member of the planning board. . . ." (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-23); and

WHEREAS, although N.J.S.A. 40:56A-1 requires that if there is an environmental commission, one member of it shall be a member of the planning board, William Cox points out in his treatise on *New Jersey Zoning & Land Use Administration* that:

"Although both N.J.S. 40:56A-1 and N.J.S. 45:55D-23 on their face make environmental

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commissioner membership on the planning board mandatory, the court held those statutes permissive in this regard, requiring only that if a member of the environmental commission was appointed to the planning board, it would be as a Class IV member, with certain exceptions.”; and

WHEREAS, the MLUL permits, but does not require, the appointment of alternate members of the Planning Board (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-23.1); and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee feels that the Planning Board will function more efficiently with nine regular members and no alternates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, New Jersey that Section 170 of the Township Land Use Code is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Subsection 171.1 entitled “Establishment and Composition [of Planning Board] is hereby amended to read as follows:

171.1 Establishment and Composition

There is hereby established pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq., in the Township of Long Hill, a Planning Board of nine (9) members consisting of the following four (4) classes:

- a. Class I. The Mayor or the Mayor's designee in the absence of the Mayor.
- b. Class II. One (1) of the officials of the municipality other than a member of the Township Committee to be appointed by the Mayor, provided that if there is an Environmental Commission, the member of the Environmental Commission who is also a member of the Planning Board as required by N.J.S.A. 40:56A-1 shall be deemed to be the Class II Planning Board member if there are both a member of the Board of Adjustment and a member of the Board of Education among the Class IV members.
- c. Class III. A member of the Township Committee to be appointed by it.
- d. Class IV. Six (6) other citizens of the municipality to be appointed by the Mayor. The members of Class IV shall hold no other municipal office, position or employment, except that in the case of nine-member boards, one such member may be a member of the zoning board of adjustment or historic preservation commission. No member of the board of education may be a Class IV member of the planning board, except that in the case of a nine-member board, one Class IV member may be a member of the board of education. If there be a municipal environmental commission, the member of the environmental commission who is also a member of the planning board, as required by section 1 of P.L.1968, c. 245 (C.40:56A-1), shall be a Class IV planning board member, unless there be among the Class IV or alternate members of the planning board both a member of the zoning board of adjustment or historic preservation commission and a member of the board of education, in which case the member common to the planning board and municipal environmental commission shall be deemed a Class II member of the planning board. For the purpose of this section, membership on a municipal board or commission whose function is advisory in nature, and the establishment of which is

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discretionary and not required by statute, shall not be considered the holding of municipal office.

~~e. — Alternate Members. Alternate members shall be appointed by the Mayor and shall meet the qualifications of Class IV members. Alternate members shall be designated at the time of appointment by the Mayor as "Alternate No. 1" and "Alternate No. 2." The terms of the alternate members shall be for two (2) years, except that the terms of the alternate members shall be such that the term of not more than one (1) alternate member shall expire in any one (1) year; provided, however, that in no instance shall the terms of the alternate members first appointed exceed two (2) years. A vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of term shall be filled by the appointing authority for the unexpired term only.~~

~~— An alternate member may, after public hearing if the member requests one, be removed by the Township Committee for cause.~~

~~— Alternate members may participate in discussions of the proceedings but may not vote except in the absence or disqualification of a regular member of any class. A vote shall not be delayed in order that a regular member may vote instead of an alternate member. In the event that a choice must be made as to which alternate member is to vote, Alternate No. 1 shall vote.~~

Section 2. The initial terms of the two new Class IV members first appointed under this ordinance shall be so determined that to the greatest practicable extent the expiration of the six Class IV members shall be distributed evenly over the next four years. Thereafter, the Class IV term of each such member shall be four years.

Section 3. Any and all other ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with any of the terms hereof are hereby repealed to such extent as they are so in conflict or inconsistent.

Section 4. 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 5. This ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2015.

NOTICE

The foregoing ordinance having been introduced and passed on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 will be considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing held at a meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at the Municipal Building, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey when and where or at such time and place to which said meeting may be adjourned, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

Cathy Reese, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk

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MOVED by Committeeman Meringolo of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, that Ordinance #340-14 is hereby approved on first reading. The Open Public meeting for final approval is scheduled for October 29, 2014. **SECOND** by: Mayor Piserchia. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Committeeman Meringolo, yes; Deputy Mayor Rae, yes; Committeeman Roshto, abstained; Committeeman Schuler, no; Mayor Piserchia, yes. Ordinance is approved on first reading

ORDINANCE #339-14
CORRECTIONS TO CHAPTER XVII OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “FIRE PREVENTION”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey that Chapter XVII of the Township Code entitled “Fire Prevention”, subsection 17-1.4A entitled “Non Life Hazard Uses” is hereby amended as follows:

“17-1.4A Non Life Hazard Uses.

In addition to the registrations required by the Uniform Fire Code, the following non life hazard uses shall register with the Bureau of Fire Prevention. These uses shall be inspected once per year and pay an annual fee. The fee is not to be used for life hazard uses as defined in the

Uniform Fire Code.

A. Assembly.

A-1	Eating establishment under 50	<u>\$50.00</u>
A-2	Take-out food service (no seating)	<u>\$50.00</u>
A-3	Church or synagogue	\$25
A-4	Recreation centers, multi-purpose rooms, etc. fewer than 100 50	\$50
A-5	Courtrooms, libraries, fraternal organizations, condominium centers fewer than 100 50	\$50
A-6	Senior citizen centers fewer than 200 50	\$50

B. Business/Professional.

B-1	Professional use 1 & 2 story less than 5,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$50.00
B-2	1 & 2 story more than 5,000 sq. ft. less than 10,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$50
B-3	1 & 2 story more than 10,000 sq. ft.	\$75
B-4	3 to 5 story less than 5,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$100
B-5	3 to 5 story more than 5,000 sq. ft. less than 10,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$150
B-6	3 to 5 story over 10,000 sq. ft.	

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per floor \$200

C. Retail (mercantile)

M-1	1 & 2 story less than 5,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$125
M-2	1 & 2 story more than 5,000 sq. ft. less than 10,000	\$150
M-3	1 & 2 story more than 10,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$175
M-4	3 to 5 story less than 5,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$200
M-5	3 to 5 story more than 5,000 sq. ft. less than 10,000 sq. ft.	\$225
M-6	3 to 5 story over 10,000 sq. ft.	\$250

M with the exception of hardware store 3,000 sq. ft., retail store over 12,000 sq. ft. are life hazard uses.

D. Manufacturing (factory)

F-1	1 & 2 story less than 5,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$75
F-2	1 & 2 story more than 5,000 sq. ft. less than 10,000 sq. ft. per floor	100
F-3	1 & 2 story more than 10,000 sq. ft.	\$150
F-4	3 to 5 story less than 5,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$175
F-5	3 to 5 story more than 5,000 sq. ft. less than 10,000 sq. ft.	\$200
F-6	3 to 5 story over 10,000 sq. ft.	\$250

F exception life hazard uses.

E. Storage S-1 (moderate hazard S-1, low hazard S-2)

S-1	1 & 2 story less than 5,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$50
S-2	1 & 2 story more than 5,000 sq. ft. less than 10,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$100
S-3	1 & 2 story more than 10,000 sq. ft.	\$150
S-4	3 to 5 story less than 5,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$175
S-5	3 to 5 story more than 5,000 sq. ft. less than 10,000 sq. ft.	\$200
S-6	3 to 5 story over 10,000 sq. ft.	\$250

S exception life hazard uses.

F. Residential (LEA listed with multi-family BHT)BHI

Fee is for each building

Res-1	R-1	1 to 6 units	\$25
Res-2	R-2	7 to 12 units	\$50

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Res-3 R-3	13 to 20 units	\$75
Res-4 R-4	21 to 50 units	\$100
Res-5 R-5	for each additional unit	\$2" \$2.00

Section 2. Any and all other ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with any of the terms hereof are hereby repealed to such extent as they are so in conflict or inconsistent.

Section 3. 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 4. This ordinance shall take effect on January 1, ~~2007~~ **2015** and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

The foregoing ordinance having been introduced and passed on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 will be considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing held at a meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at the Municipal Building, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey when and where or at such time and place to which said meeting may be adjourned, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

Cathy Reese, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk

MOVED by Committeeman Meringolo of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, that Ordinance #339-14 as amended for the effective date, is hereby approved on first reading. The Open Public meeting for final approval is scheduled for October 29, 2014. **SECOND** by: Committeeman Schuler. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor

ORDINANCES PUBLIC HEARING/CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION

**ORDINANCE 337-14
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND
EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL FOR THE YEAR 2014**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. The salaries and wages of the following employees of the Township shall be as follows:

Administrative and Executive

<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
Township Administrator	\$75,000 - \$150,000

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Executive Administrative Assistant	\$52,500 - \$75,000
Municipal Clerk/Registrar	\$45,000 - \$75,000
Administrative Assistant	\$33,000 - \$52,500
Chief Financial Officer	\$50,000 - \$100,000
Asst. to the CFO [Part Time]	\$20.00 - \$30.00/hr
Accts. Payable Manager	\$25,000 - \$60,000
Clerical [Part Time]	\$ 7.25 - \$ 20.00/hr
Tax Collector	\$40,000 - \$78,000
Tax Assessor [Part Time]	\$20,000 - \$40,000
Payroll Manager	\$ 25.00 - \$ 45.00/hr

Court

Municipal Court Judge	\$19,000 - \$35,000
Court Administrator	\$40,000 - \$63,000

Planning and Development

Construction Code Official [Part Time]	\$30,000 - \$45,000
Building Sub Code Official [Part Time]	\$10,000 - \$20,000
Fire Sub Code Official [Part Time]	\$ 35.00 - \$45.00/hr
Fire Prevention/Fire Official [Part Time]	\$ 22.50 - \$40.00/hr
Plumbing Sub Code Official [Part Time]	\$10,000 - \$22,500
Electrical Sub-code Official [Part Time]	\$10,000 - \$23,000
Technical Assistant to the Construction Official [Part Time]	\$ 18.00 - \$30.00/hr
Planning & Zoning Administrator	\$40,000 - \$80,000
Planning & Zoning Secretary [Part Time]	\$ 20.00 - \$30.00/hr
Code/Zoning Enforcement Officer	\$45,000 - \$64,000

Recreation

Recreation Director	\$30,000 - \$60,000
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Seasonal/ [Part Time] Positions

Summer Recreation Site Director	\$ 22.00 - \$ 35.00/hr
Summer Recreation Site Supervisor	\$ 17.00 - \$ 27.00/hr
Summer Recreation Assistant	\$ 15.00 - \$ 22.00/hr
Summer Recreation Counselor	\$ 7.25 - \$ 15.00/hr
Lake Director	\$ 20.00 - \$ 35.00/hr

Assistant Lake Director	\$ 15.00 - \$ 25.00/hr
Head Lifeguard	\$ 12.00 - \$ 18.00/hr
Life Guard	\$ 8.00 - \$ 15.00/hr
Score Keeper/Time Keeper/Referees	\$ 7.25 - \$ 12.00/hr
Basketball Director	\$ 18.00 - \$ 28.00/hr
Basketball Staff Supervisor	\$ 12.00 - \$ 20.00/hr

Police Department

Chief of Police	\$125,000 - \$150,000
Police Officers	per Collective Bargaining Contract
Police Department Secretary	\$ 36,000 - \$ 55,000
PD Administrative Assistant [Part Time]	\$ 33,000 - \$ 52,000
School Crossing Guard [Part Time]	\$ 12.00 - \$ 23.50/hr

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Police Matron \$ 12.00 - \$ 28.00/hr

Office of Emergency Management

Emergency Management Coordinator [Part Time] \$ 10,000 - \$20,000

Department of Public Works/Roads

Director of Public Works /Superintendent of Roads \$85,000 - \$110,000
DPW employees per Collective Bargaining Contract
Part Time Laborer \$ 9.50 - \$20.00/hr

Wastewater Control

Wastewater Superintendent \$58,000 - \$85,000
Wastewater Employees per Collective Bargaining Contract

Senior Services

Senior Citizens Bus Driver \$ 15.00 - \$ 25.00/hr

Mileage reimbursement based on current IRS Standard

Section 2. Any and all other ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with any of the terms hereof are hereby repealed to such extent as they are so in conflict or inconsistent.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law, unless the effective date is delayed pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A.* 40A:9-165.

NOTICE

The foregoing Ordinance having been introduced and passed on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris on August 20, 2014 and then considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing held at a meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. on September 24, 2014 at the Municipal Building, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey, when and where or at any such time and place to which said meeting may be adjourned, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

Cathy Reese, RMC
Township Clerk

Mayor Piserchia opened the PUBLIC HEARING for this ordinances and as there were no public comments, Mayor Piserchia closed PUBLIC HEARING and requested a motion for final adoption

MOVED by Committeeman Schuler of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, that Ordinance #337-14 be approved for final adoption. **SECOND by:** Deputy Mayor Rae
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 14-294
APPROVAL OF TAX MAP INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill has received a proposal from the County of Morris for Digital Property Tax Map Preparation and Maintenance; and

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WHEREAS, the length of this agreement shall be effective for a period of two (2) calendar years following the completion of Tasks 1 & 2 of the attached agreement, termination on December 31 of the final year, **subject to termination if not appropriated in the budget for the effective two calendar years.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that the aforesaid agreement with the terms set forth in the attached agreement is accepted and that the Mayor and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said agreement.

MOVED by Committeeman Roshto of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, that Resolution #14-294 be hereby approved as **amended** by Atty. Pidgeon. **SECOND** by: Deputy Mayor Rae. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Committeeman Meringolo, yes; Deputy Mayor Rae, yes; Committeeman Roshto, yes; Committeeman Schuler, no; Mayor Piserchia, yes.

RESOLUTION 14-296

A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ADOPT A STATE APPROVED ANNUAL REASSESSMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the State Constitution mandates that all real property shall be assessed at the "same standard of value." (Article VIII, Section 1, Par. 1); and

WHEREAS, State law requires the Assessor to establish the standard of property value to be the "full and fair value" or "true value" as of October 1 of the pretax year (N.J.S.A. 54:4-23); and

WHEREAS, a revaluation or reassessment may be needed when properties in a municipality are not being assessed at the same rate of true market value; and

WHEREAS, the last revaluation of the Township was conducted in 2001 and went on the books for the 2002 tax year; and

WHEREAS, current ratio of assessed value to market value in the Township is 78.69%; and

WHEREAS, Township Assessor Brett Trout in a July 14, 2014 memorandum and during a September 10, 2014 presentation to the Township Committee noted that "in light of the fluctuating market conditions over the past thirteen years, it would be advantageous for the Township to consider the options at this point in time for re-establishing equitable assessments"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trout, after outlining the differences between a revaluation and an annual reassessment program, recommended that "the Township . . . perform an initial reassessment program during 2015 that would go on the books for the 2016 tax year. And then, in order to protect the investment in the initial reassessment, continue from that point moving forward with an annual reassessment program"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trout went on to say that he would be "willing to perform the initial reassessment at a cost of \$150,000 in 2015, [and] to perform the annual reassessment moving forward at a cost of \$25,000 per year beginning in 2016"; and

WHEREAS, a number of neighboring towns, including Bernards Township, Warren Township, Watchung, Bernardsville and Peapack-Gladstone have successful State approved annual reassessment programs; and

WHEREAS, an annual reassessment program has financial advantages, as well as creating a more equitable tax base, and provides the capability to address fluctuating market trends resulting in fewer appeals and fewer tax appeal refunds; and

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WHEREAS, Somerset County Tax Administrator Robert Vance, in a recent report compared the two options and concluded that “a review of the data presented above leads to a rather obvious conclusion that conducting an annual reassessment program is undeniably and vastly superior to relying upon periodic revaluations”; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that it would be in the best interest of the Township and its residents to adopt a State approved annual reassessment program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey that is the intention of the Township Committee to authorize a town wide reassessment during 2015, which would take effect during the 2016 tax year, and to continue thereafter with an annual reassessment program in accordance with Division of taxation regulations.

A discussion ensued, and Atty. Pidgeon advised that this was essential a Resolution of Intent. Assessor Trent was also present to answer questions.

The Mayor opened the floor to the public with regards to this resolution. Mr. Arentowicz of Millington was for the annual re-assessment program and Mr. Blocker of Stirling was against it.

MOVED by Committeeman Roshto of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, that Resolution #14-296 is hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Deputy Mayor Rae. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Committeeman Meringolo, no; Committeeman Roshto, yes; Deputy Mayor Rae, yes; Committeeman Schuler, no, and Mayor Piserchia yes. **Resolution 14-296 was approved.**

ORDINANCES INTRODUCTION:

**ORDINANCE 341-14
TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL,
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**AUTHORIZING THE CONVERSION OF MATTHEW G. KANTOR MEMORIAL PARK FIELD
#1 FROM A GRASS ATHLETIC FIELD TO A SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD INCLUDING
FENCING AND LIGHTS AND APPROPRIATING \$1,200,000 FROM THE TOWNSHIP OPEN
SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: to authorize the installation of a turf field at Matthew G. Kantor Memorial Field using Township Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust funds.

MOVED by: Mayor Piserchia of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Ordinance #341-14 is hereby approved on first reading. The Open Public meeting for final approval is scheduled for October 29, 2014. **SECONDED** by Committeeman Meringolo. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Committeeman Meringolo, yes; Deputy Mayor Rae, no; Committeeman Roshto, no; Committeeman Schuler, no; Mayor Piserchia, yes. **Ordinance was not approved.**

A Discussion ensued.

Committeeman Schuler recommended that the Township use \$300,000 from the Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, with \$300,00 from the Township's Capital Budget, with the \$300,000 already committed donations and raise an additional \$300,000 thru fundraising.

Committeeman Roshto objected to using 90% of the balance from the Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for one project, but recommended raising

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\$200,000 in donations before using the trust fund; \$600,000 from the Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, and fundraising an additional \$400,000 before breaking ground on the project. Committeeman Roshto would also like to see some of the Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund used for developing paths within the Township, which he said could solve the safety issue for some of the children on the badly damaged sidewalks discussed earlier in the meeting.

The Mayor opened the public comment portion of the meeting for this topic only.

Charles Arentowicz – Millington

Remarked that he was in favor of a turf field and additional recreational fields for the township. He recommended taking \$600,000 from the Trust Fund with private donations for the balance of the monies needed. He commented that other townships have raised money for their turf fields, i.e., Watchung Hills Regional High School and New Providence.

Gino Masitti- Stirling

Agreed with Committeeman Roshto's suggestion, but was concerned about the field lighting in relation to the surrounding neighbors

Bob Block – Stirling

Agrees with the recreation element which suggests the need for 3 recreation fields and he would agree to fundraising for a turf field, but **doesn't** want the Matthew G. Kanto Field turfed.

Jerry Aroneo -agrees with the development of the property across the street (Kurz) as long as it accommodates another recreation field which should be turfed. Mr. Aroneo does not agree with the ordinance verbiage having the Parks and Recreation Director as a township employee to be involved in fundraising. Watchung Hills Soccer Association contract verbiage should state no exchange of field time for their \$100,000 donation.

Lisa Scanlon – Recreation Director – clarify that she is not a fund raiser and would not consider fundraising as an employee of the Township. Commitment letter from the Watchung Hills Soccer Assoc. was given to the Committee over a year ago.

Dr. Gasslebirdie – Coach since 2008

The existing fields are not available until April 28th and their season starts early March. He encouraged the Committee to act within this year to complete a turfed field.

Deputy Mayor Rae wants to recognize the generosity of Mr. Wilhelm's estate gift of \$205,000, but does not believe that the recognition should be anywhere in MGK park. Keep dedication as Matthew G. Kantor Memorial Park singular with no others included.

Committeeman Schuler agrees that the lighting should be at the existing field 1 at Matthew G. Kantor Memorial Park, believes we should set up a 501c for the donations now and have some type of plan in place and would like to allocate funds for the specs. Committeeman Meringolo agreed with Committeeman Schuler's suggestion and supports turfing MGK field.

Deputy Mayor Rae and Committeeman Roshto supports bonding entire amount needed for developing recreation and turfing on the Kurz property.

Committeeman Meringolo made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Schuler to spend \$47,000.00 for specifications, with lights for turfing Matthew G. Kantor Field 1. After a brief discussion the motion was withdrawn. The Committee decided to wait until the October 14th Kurz property condemnation hearing.

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OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: The 2014 6-year Capital Plan listed Phase II for \$1million for the continuation of the Wastewater Project. Mr. Henry asked for approval to apply for the NJ Infrastructure Trust Grant and prepare the LOI for the Oct 10th deadline. Mayor Piserchia made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rae to approve the application. Voice Vote: All in favor

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Remarks and Statements Pertaining to Any Matter

Dennis Sandow thanked the DPW and Police Dept. for all their work on the Stirling Street Fair and requested adding a discussion to the agenda for October 15th regarding the problem with skateboarders during the event.

Announcements/Correspondence:

- The Recreation Advisory Committee Needs Members
- Oct 19 Halloween parade at Matthew G. Kantor Park

ADJOURNMENT Committeeman Schuler made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rae to adjourn. Voice Vote: All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Reese, RMC
Township Clerk

Approved 12/10/2014