

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

December 10, 2014

Mayor Piserchia read the following statement at 6:00 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.”

No matter shall be commenced or continued after 11:00 PM at any meeting unless a motion is passed by the members present to extend the meeting to a later specified cutoff time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOVED by: Committeeman Schuler of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #14-363 is hereby approved for Executive Session. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Meringolo. **VOICE VOTE:** All in favor

**RESOLUTION 14-363
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:

Personnel:

- DPW hire
- Police interviews update

Property Acquisition:

- Kurz Property update
- Eberle property

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 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.

Mayor Piserchia opened the PUBLIC MEETING at 6:34 PM

All present recited the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Presentation: Lisa Scanlon, Recreation Director presented plaques to the Winter Fun Contest Winners – The Butler Family for Most Artistic, The Morris Family for Most Creative, The Unchester Family for Best Dressed Sculpture and the Allison Karski for Cutest Sculpture. Andrew McAvoy, Most Imaginative Sculpture, and Madeline and Kaitlyn Gully for the Happiest Sculpture.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

The following items are considered to be routine by the Township Committee and will be acted upon in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Committee member so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in the normal sequence of the Agenda.

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MOVED by: Committeeman Meringolo of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that Resolutions #14-350 through #14-362 are hereby approved. **SECOND** by: Deputy Mayor Rae. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mayor Piserchia, Deputy Mayor Rae, Committeeman Schuler and Committeeman Meringolo all voted yes, Committeeman Roshto was absent

**RESOLUTION 14-350
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 24, 2014 Township Committee meeting

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby approves the September 24, 2014 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

**RESOLUTION 14-351
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 14-352
Tax Refund, B. 11509, Lot 34**

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 to the following due to overpayment of 2014 taxes in the amount of \$2,642.39 for Block 11509, Lot 34 to: Vicart Investors, c/o Arthur D'Alessandro, 2 North Finley Ave., Basking Ridge, NJ

**RESOLUTION #14-353
Tax Refund B. 10201, L.6.01**

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 of 2014 Tax in the amount of \$434.42 due to overpayment of 2014 tax for Block 10201 Lot 6.01 to: Daunno Associates Construction LLC, 16 Mount Bethel Rd, POB 127, Warren, NJ 07059

**RESOLUTION 14-354
APPOINTING PROBATIONARY LABORER**

[Cotto]

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

1. Upon the advice and recommendation of Township Administrator Neil Henry and Director of Public Works Thomas Sweeney, that Alderson Cotto be appointed as Probationary Laborer.
2. This appointment shall be effective on or about December 15, 2014 at an hourly probationary rate of \$14.90. Following the probationary period (not to exceed more than six months) the new position title would be Truck Driver/Laborer Class 4 and the rate shall be \$18.75 per hour.

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3. Mr. Cotto will be a member of the Long Hill Public Works Association and a copy of the Agreement shall be provided.

RESOLUTION #14-355
Tax Refund; B. 13204, L. 20

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 of 2014 Tax in the amount of \$4261.74 due to closing overpayment of 2014 4th quarter tax for Block 13204 Lot 20 to: Wayne & Karen Zuchowski, 58 Delaware Ave., Stirling, NJ 07980.

RESOLUTION #14-356
Tax Refund B.10908, L. 20

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 of Tax in the amount of \$1690.24 due to closing overpayment posted to 2015 1st quarter tax for Block 10908, Lot 20 to: A Absolute Escrow Settlement Company, Inc., Attn: J. Cappuccilli, P.O. Box 767, Millburn, NJ 07041.

RESOLUTION 14-357
APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A FLAP (FEDERAL LAND ACCESS PROGRAM) GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE FHWA (FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION) – EFLHD (EASTERN FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY DIVISION) FOR WHITE BRIDGE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO ALLOW MORE ACCESS TO THE FEDERALLY OWNED GREAT SWAMP NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, hereby formally approves the grant application for the White Bridges Road – Great Swamp Access Improvements Project recommended by the Township Engineer;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Engineer is hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the Eastern Federal Lands Planning Division on behalf of the Township of Long Hill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Township Committee and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Long Hill Township and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement which includes a minimum 20% funding match and have approved the execution of the grant agreement.

RESOLUTION 14-358
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 November 26, 2014 Township Committee meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby approves the November 26, 2014 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

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RESOLUTION 14-359

Amendment 2 for Resolution 14-336, approved by the Township Committee
On November 12, 2014 appointing the 2014/2015 Basketball Program Staff

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill upon the advice and recommendation of the Recreation Director that the following be appointed to the 2014/2015 Recreation Basketball program effective December 10, 2014:

ADDITIONS:

Referees/Timers/Scorekeepers

Ryan Palamarik \$ 8.50/hr.
James Tagliaferro \$ 8.75/hr.

**RESOLUTION 14-360
Refund of Unused Deposit**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill upon the advice and recommendation of the Recreation Director that a deposit refund of \$55.00 be issued to John Ravalli, 8 Stephanie Drive, Stirling, NJ 07980 for unused rental time at the Meyersville field.

**RESOLUTION# 14-361
Tax Refund [B. 13509, L. 27]**

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 o to the following due to overpayment of 2014 taxes in the amount of \$1,668.00 on Block 13509, Lot 27 to: Peapack Gladstone Bank, Main Street, Gladstone, NJ 07934

**RESOLUTION 14-362
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO PREPARE SURVEY FOR
MILLINGTON SCHOOLHOUSE**

WHEREAS, the Township has received several grants from the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund for the restoration of the Millington School House, including a \$162,712 grant in 2010 for exterior renovations, and a \$241,038 grant in 2013 for interior work; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund Rules and Regulations provide in Section 5.15 that the Township, as a condition for having received these grants, must execute a Deed of Historic Preservation Easement with the County for a thirty-year term, with a survey attached;

WHEREAS, the terms of the easement deed are not finalized, but, in the meantime, the Township Administrator would like the Township Engineer to begin work on the survey;

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 the Township Engineer is hereby authorized to prepare a survey and a metes and bounds description of the property.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

- NJ Government Energy Aggregation Program (Morris County Cooperative)
Tabled until January 14th, 2015 Township Committee meeting

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- 2015 Capital Budget – Q&A with Dept. Heads
Administrator Henry gave a brief summary to the Township Committee. Each of the following Departments Managers explained the line items requested for both their Capital and the Operating Budget. CFO Ho answered questions as needed.

Recreation	Lisa Scanlon
Dept. of Public Works	Tom Sweeney
Wastewater	Kevin Lynn
Police	Chief Mazzeo
Stirling Fire	Kevin Phillips
Millington Fire	Charles Horvath

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Sidewalk Signs Ordinance – Committeeman Meringolo requested that this be addressed in the first quarter of 2015

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business at this time

Announcements/Correspondence:

- Millington Fire Co., 66th Annual Christmas Party 12/12 6:30 – 8:30 pm and Santa Express in Millington on December 20th
- Kids Holiday Party at Community Center 12/14 1-3 pm
- Firefighter Santa – Stirling Fire Co. December 20th
- Magnetometer Security Device System for the municipal court will be put into effect in January 2015, access to the municipal building will be limited during court sessions.
- NJ Bear Hunting Season 12/8 thru 12/13

Mayor Piserchia thanked everyone for their work in making the Meyersville Tree Lighting Event a success again for the 21st year.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Dennis Sandow – Millington

1. Thanked the Committee, from the Chamber of Commerce for the extension on the sidewalk signs
2. Mr. Sandow doesn't approve of the Committee changing energy companies for the residents. Individual should have the right to change energy companies on their own.
3. Fire trucks should be replaced, 1 every 4 years on a rotating schedule, in 2008 a schedule had been prepared for the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Committeeman Schuler made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Meringolo to adjourn. Voice Vote: All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Reese, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk

Approved January 14, 2015