

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 26, 2017**

Mayor Schuler read the following statement:

**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 January 12th, 2017 edition, and electronically sent to the Courier News and posted in the January 6, 2017 edition. The notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 4, 2017 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**

**RESOLUTION #17-128  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Attorney Client

- Ecolsciences Study – Parthenon – Land Diversion

Personnel

- Administrator Search

**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.

**MOVED** by: Committeeman Piserchia of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that Resolution #17-128 is hereby approved for Executive Session. **SECONDED** by: Deputy Mayor Rae.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in Favor

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Mayor Schuler opened the meeting at 7:43 PM.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Committeeman Dorsi, Committeeman Meringolo, Committeeman Piserchia, Deputy Mayor Rae and Mayor Schuler were present.

**PROCLAMATION:** Mayor Schuler read the Arbor day proclamation into the record.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT:**

**MOTION TO APPOINTMENT:**

Historian: Samuel Cornish  
Archivist: Phoebe Cornish Sharp  
**3 year terms to expire 12/31/2019**

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**On motion by Committeeman Meringolo, seconded by Committeeman Piserchia that the Township Committee does hereby appoint those persons named to the 2017 Boards and Committees. ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor.**

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**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.*

**MOVED** by: Committeeman Meringolo of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #17-129 through #17-141 are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Deputy Mayor Rae.  
**ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor with Mayor Schuler abstaining from Resolution 17-137**

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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
RESOLUTION 17-129  
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.

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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
RESOLUTION 17-130  
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 April 12, 2017 Township Committee Meeting.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee hereby approves the April 12, 2017 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
RESOLUTION 17-131  
APPOINTMENT - NOVOTNY**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill upon the advice and recommendation of Police Chief Michael Mazzeo, that Richard Novotny is hereby appointed as a Probationary Police Officer at an annual salary of \$45,000.00, effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
RESOLUTION 17-132  
CERTIFYING JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP WITH THE STIRLING  
VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

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**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby certify that **JONATHAN FESSOCK** is a Junior Member of the Stirling Volunteer Fire Company, No. 1.

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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
RESOLUTION 17-133  
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 are active members of the Stirling Volunteer Fire Company and are eligible to be a member of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association:

Tyler J. Harris  
Darren L. Calleo, Jr.  
Marinete M. Doyle

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**Township of Long Hill  
Resolution 17-134  
Authorizing Redemption of Outside Lien - #16-0009**

**WHEREAS**, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on 11-18-16, a lien was sold on Block 11601, Lot 28, also known as 1336 Valley Road for \$196.78; and,

**WHEREAS**, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #16-0009, was sold to Defined Capital, LLC (Lien Holder) for \$196.78 and a \$700.00 premium; and

**WHEREAS**, Premium Title Service Inc (redeeming party) has effected redemption of Certificate #16-0009 in the amount of \$2,816.60

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has shown proof that the redemption calculation is correct, all subsequent payment affidavit, if any, has been filed, and redemption monies has been received for redemption refund;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$2,816.60, payable to Defined Capital, LLC (Lien Holder) for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #16-0009

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$700.00 (premium) to the aforementioned lien holder.

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**Resolution 17-135  
Authorizing Redemption of Outside Lien - #16-0016**

**WHEREAS**, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on 11-18-16, a lien was sold on Block 12203, Lot 32.01, also known as 133 River Road for \$540.03; and,

**WHEREAS**, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #16-0016, was sold to MTAG as Custodian For Caz Creek NJ II LLC (Lien Holder) for \$540.03 and a \$2,200.00 premium; and

**WHEREAS**, Lereta LLC (redeeming party) has effected redemption of Certificate #16-0016 in the amount of \$1,103.27

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has shown proof that the redemption calculation is correct, all subsequent payment affidavit, if any, has been filed, and redemption monies has been received for redemption refund;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,103.27, payable to MTAG as Custodian For Caz Creek NJ II LLC (Lien Holder) for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #16-0016

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$2,200.00 (premium) to the aforementioned lien holder.

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**Township of Long Hill  
Resolution 17-136  
Authorizing Redemption of Outside Lien - #16-0015**

**WHEREAS**, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on 11-18-16, a lien was sold on Block 12101, Lot 3.15, also known as 31 Cooper Lane for \$411.03; and,

**WHEREAS**, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #16-0015, was sold to MTAG as Custodian For Caz Creek NJ II LLC (Lien Holder) for \$411.03 and a \$1,900.00 premium; and

**WHEREAS**, Ryou Aengcho (redeeming party) has effected redemption of Certificate #16-0015 in the amount of \$1,686.81

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has shown proof that the redemption calculation is correct, all subsequent payment affidavit, if any, has been filed, and redemption monies has been received for redemption refund;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,686.81, payable to MTAG as Custodian For Caz Creek NJ II LLC (Lien Holder) for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #16-0015

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,900.00 (premium) to the aforementioned lien holder.

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**RESOLUTION 17-137  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROWS**

**WHEREAS**, Township Engineer recommended the release of 70% of the \$145,726.80 existing cash bond related to Block 10515 Lot 3 – 1071 Valley Road,

**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**

The Uncommon Thread – Performance Bond (70% partial release)	\$102,008.76
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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
RESOLUTION 17-138  
AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT BLOCK PARTY  
Nottingham Way/Dogwood Terrace**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, with the approval of the Long Hill Police Department and the Department of Public Works authorizes the Skyline Ridge Civic Association in Millington to hold a block party on Saturday, May 27, 2017, from 12:00 NOON until 11:59 PM in accordance with request letter dated April 16, 2017. The request includes blocking off a portion of Nottingham Way and Dogwood Terrace.

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**RESOLUTION #17-139  
ACCEPTING RESIGNATION - Pfeiffer**

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee hereby accepts the resignation effective May 12, 2017 from William Pfeiffer, Long Hill Township Building Sub-Code Official. We wish Mr. Pfeiffer the best of luck in his retirement.

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**RESOLUTION #17-140  
ACCEPTING RESIGNATION - Henry**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee hereby accepts the resignation effective May 8, 2017 from Neil Henry, Long Hill Township Administrator. We wish Mr. Henry the best of luck in his new position.

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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
RESOLUTION 17-141  
APPROVE CONFERENCE REQUEST  
Wastewater Department**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee approved Resolution 08-375 which requires Township Committee approval of all overnight conference requests; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has received a request by the DPW, Wastewater Superintendent to attend the New Jersey Environmental Association Conference on May 10 – May 11, 2017; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by**, the Long Hill Township Committee hereby approves the request of the Wastewater Superintendent for Kevin Lynn to attend the NJWEA Conference as outlined in his memo.

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**COMMENDATIONS/SWEARING IN:** Chief Mazzeo awarded Commendations to Lieutenant Naga and Detective Bauer for their investigative and cooperative efforts in the arrest of two individuals who committed an armed robbery.

Officer Richard Novotny was sworn in and congratulated by friends and family.

**PRESENTATION:** Elizabeth Jewitt and Tim Stys gave a brief presentation followed by a brief question and answer period on the Watchung Hills Regional High School 2017 budget. The school is focusing its efforts on upgrading its technology.

**COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:**

- Committeeman Meringolo – Reported that the HPAC committee would like to come before the Committee in a future meeting to discuss a project which would consist of taking photographs of the exterior of the Township’s historic buildings before they are modified in order to preserve a visual history. He thanked Kelly Roshto for her services.
- Committeeman Piserchia – Congratulated everyone on a successful Street Fair. He noted that the paving of Somerset Street has to be completed before the annual bike race. He had received a series of complaints on the state of Valley Road. It is scheduled to be paved in the summer. The Girl Scouts are hosting “Bark in the Park” on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 12:30.

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- Committeeman Dorsi – Thanked the Millington and Stirling Fire Departments for their participation in the Little League Opening Day Parade. DPW is selling mulch for \$100 a truckload or you can pick it up yourself for free. The Garbage Bag program will start May 1<sup>st</sup>. Bags are \$6.00 and can be put out with your regular garbage. Another load of Styrofoam has been recycled as well as 853 fluorescent lightbulbs. The draining of the lake has begun. Seedlings can be picked up on April 29<sup>th</sup>, five per family.
- Deputy Mayor Rae – No report.
- Mayor Schuler – No report.

**ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE SECOND READING/ ADOPTION:**

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL  
ORDINANCE # 397-17**

**AN ORDINANCE INCREASING ESCROW DEPOSIT FOR COMPLETENESS REVIEW AND AMENDING SECTION 180 OF THE TOWNSHIP LAND USE ORDINANCE ENTITLED “APPLICATION FEES, ESCROW DEPOSITS, GUARANTEES, DEVELOPMENT FEES AND IMPROVEMENTS”**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board has recommended that the escrow deposit for completeness reviews be increased in order to prevent time delays by the Board’s professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee agrees with the Planning Board’s recommendation;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that Section 180 of the Township Land Use Ordinance (1996), as amended and supplemented, is hereby further amended as follows:

**Section 1.** Section 182 entitled “Schedule of Fee and Escrow Deposits” is amended by increasing the escrow deposit for “Completeness Review” (Item #1 in the schedule) from \$675 to \$1,800.

**Section 2.** In all other respects, the schedule of fees and escrow deposits set forth in section 182 is unchanged.

**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 immediately upon final passage and publication

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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, March 22, 2017 will be considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing held at a meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 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.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC  
CLOSED TO PUBLIC**

**MOVED** by: Deputy Mayor Rae that Ordinance #397-17 is hereby adopted

**SECONDED** by: Committeeman Piserchia, **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in Favor.

**ORDINANCE SECOND READING/ ADOPTION:**

**LONG HILL TOWNSHIP  
ORDINANCE 398-17**

**AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF MERCER STREET**

**WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A.* 40:67-1 authorizes the governing body to make ordinances to vacate any public street, highway, lane or alley, or any part thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee finds that the public interest will best be served by abandoning, vacating, releasing and extinguishing any and all public rights which the Township may have in that portion of Mercer Street described below in Section 1 below; and

**WHEREAS**, that portion of Mercer Street being vacated by this ordinance is a "paper street" which has never been accepted or opened by the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee referred this proposed street vacation to the Planning Board for its review; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board has no objection to the vacation;

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



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**Section 1.** The public right is hereby released and extinguished in that portion of Mercer Street beginning at the easterly sideline Warren Avenue and then proceeding in an easterly direction to its terminus at the western boundary of Lot 17, in Block 11401.

**Section 2.** In accordance with the requirements of *N.J.S.A. 40:67-1*, this ordinance expressly reserves and excepts from vacation all rights and privileges now possessed by public utilities, as defined in *N.J.S.A. 48:2-13*, and by any cable television company, as defined in the Cable Television Act (*N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq.*) as well as the Township of Long Hill to maintain, repair and replace their existing facilities in, adjacent to, over or under the portion of Mercer Street to be vacated.

**Section 3.** In accordance with the requirements of *N.J.S.A. 40:49-6* this ordinance after being introduced and having passed on first reading shall be published at least once not less than ten (10) days instead of one (1) week prior to the time fixed for further consideration for final passage. At least one week prior to such time fixed for further consideration for final passage, a copy of this ordinance, together with a notice of the introduction thereof, and the time and place when and where the ordinance will be further considered for final passage, shall be mailed to every person whose lands may be affected by the ordinance so far as the same may be ascertained directed to his or her last known post office address. Failure to mail the notice herein provided for shall not invalidate this ordinance.

**Section 5.** Within sixty (60) days after this Ordinance becomes effective, the Township Clerk shall file a copy of this Ordinance, certified by her under the seal of the Township to be a true copy of this Ordinance, together with a copy of the proof of publication thereof in the Morris County Clerk's office, to be recorded in a book entitled "Vacations."

**Section 6.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

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**OPEN TO PUBLIC  
CLOSED TO PUBLIC**

**MOVED** by: Deputy Mayor Rae that Ordinance #398-17 is hereby adopted.

**SECONDED** by: Committeeman Piserchia

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Committeeman Dorsi, Committeeman Piserchia, Deputy Mayor Rae  
Nays: Mayor Schuler  
Abstain: Committeeman Meringolo

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**DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:**

- Verizon – Network Node Antennae – Bill Flanagan of Verizon gave a brief presentation about the placement of these antennae which would alleviate some open spots in the wireless network. The Committee directed Attorney Pidgeon to create a resolution for the next meeting allowing the two nodes to be installed on New Vernon Rd. but requiring Verizon to come back before the Committee for any additional antennae placement.
- New Residential Trash Bag Program – The program will begin May 1<sup>st</sup>. Bags are available at the Administration office at town hall for \$6.00 per bag with no limit to the number of bags purchased.
- Little League Field Use/Insurance – After some discussion of the use of the fields by the Little League for tournaments in which very few Long Hill Children participated, the Committee instructed Attorney Pidgeon to draft a letter to the Little League requesting proof of event insurance as well as directing them to apply for a Special Event License in the Clerk's Office for each of their upcoming tournaments.

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**OLD BUSINESS:** Administrator Henry reported that the State Comptroller's Office had approved the RFB for the sale of the Wastewater facility. The next step would be to advertise in the Echoes, Star Ledger and on the NJLOM site. The sidewalk project on Main, Central and Northfield would begin shortly. Chief Mazzeo would be handling the police coverage to insure pedestrian safety.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Committeeman Piserchia has been approached by JCP&L about having the Township participate in a pilot program testing electric vehicle charging stations. The station would be placed in a designated location and used for a year. At the end of the year if the program was going to continue the Township would keep the charging station.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: None**

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

- John Murray, Millington reported that he had attended the PRISM Open House and it had not been a very good presentation. He is greatly concerned about the Asbestos and environmental issues on that site and would not like to see residential units built there.
- Kieran Pillion, Jr., Long Hill Rd. agreed with Mr. Murray and wanted to make the Committee aware of a New York Times article which followed the story of municipalities that had sold off their utilities much to their regret.
- Tom O'Leary, Millington raised concern over PRISM selling off the TIFA site without the new buyer taking title to the Superfund site portion leaving the mess in the towns hands.
- John Bangs, Millington, noted that River Road, on paper, runs through the TIFA site and thought the Committee should make sure the title was correctly transferred with the various sales of the site. He cautioned the Committee to use great forethought in developing this area.

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- Dennis Sandow rebutted Mr. Banks regarding River Road and was sure the deeds in previous sales correctly handled the vacation of the road which ran through the site.

On motion of Committeeman Piserchia, seconded by Committeeman Dorsi, all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks, RMC, CMR  
Township Clerk

Approved May 10, 2017