

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, MORRIS COUNTY, NJ
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR SESSION AGENDA
OCTOBER 23, 2019
7:30 PM OPEN SESSION, CLOSED SESSION 6:45 PM**

A draft of the Township Committee Regular Session Agenda is posted on the Township website at www.longhillnj.us on the Monday preceding the meeting.

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 the Courier News and posted on the Township Website. 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.”

RESOLUTION #19-278

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Contract Negotiations
 - PBA
- Personnel
 - CFO
 - Tax Collector / Clerk
 - Fire Official
- Threatened Litigation
 - Elite Properties/Valley Road

MOVED by: _____ of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that Resolution #19-278 is hereby approved for Executive Session. **SECONDED** by: _____ **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

LIAISON REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 19-279 – 19-285 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.

19-279 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS

19-280 APPROVAL AND RELEASE OF MINUTES

- 19-281 CERTIFYING ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP WITH MILLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION ELIGIBILITY – JOHNATHAN DESMELUK
- 19-282 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BUCKET TRUCK TO BERKELEY HEIGHTS
- 19-283 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH JON RHEINHARDT TO SERVE AS THE TOWNSHIP'S EXPERT DURING PBA INTEREST ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS
- 19-284 APPROVING FIREWORKS – SANTORE/BENEDUCE WEDDING
- 19-285 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF RECREATION DEPOSIT

MOVED by: _____ of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution 19-279 – 19-285 are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: _____. **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

ORDINANCE #449-19 (INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING)

INCREASING PENALTIES FOR FALSE ALARMS AND AMENDING CHAPTER IV OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "GENERAL LICENSING"

NOTICE

The foregoing ordinance having been introduced and passed on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill on October 23, 2019, will be considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing held at a meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 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.

MOVED by: _____, that Ordinance #449-19 be introduced and passed on first reading. **SECONDED** by: _____, **ROLL CALL VOTE**

ORDINANCE # 445-19 (SECOND READING/ADOPTION)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CAPITAL ORDINANCE NO. 439-19 ENTITLED "[AN ORDINANCE] PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS . . . AND APPROPRIATING \$1,012,500 THEREFORE FROM VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE TOWNSHIP" AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE VEHICLE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC HEARING

MOVED by _____ of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, that Ordinance #445-19 is hereby adopted.

SECOND by: _____. **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

DISCUSSION:

- 2019 BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY

Resolution 19-286 AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO FILE CERTIFICATION OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REVIEW OF 2019 BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY

MOVED by: _____ of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution 19-285 are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: _____. **ROLL CALL VOTE**

- TRAIN STATION PARKING FEES

Resolution 19-287 APPROVAL OF 2020 TRAIN STATION PARKING FEES

MOVED by: _____ of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution 19-286 are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: _____. **ROLL CALL VOTE**

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Trex plastic bag program

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Remarks and Statements Pertaining to Any Matter - Comments and remarks will be limited to 3 Minutes

ADJOURNMENT

**RESOLUTION #19-278
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:

- Contract Negotiations
 - PBA
- Personnel
 - CFO
 - Tax Collector / Clerk
 - Fire Prevention Official

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.

**RESOLUTION #19-279
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 #19-280
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 October 9, 2019 Township Committee Meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby approves October 9, 2019 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

**RESOLUTION #19-281
CERTIFYING ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP WITH MILLINGTON 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 **Johnathan Desmeluk** is an active member of the Millington Volunteer Fire Company and are eligible to be a member of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association.

**RESOLUTION #19-282
AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BUCKET TRUCK TO BERKELEY HEIGHTS**

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill has terminated the 1993 Interlocal Services Agreement with Berkeley Heights for shared use of an aerial truck; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Township is selling the truck to Berkeley Heights for the agreed upon value of \$1,750.

RESOLUTION #19-283

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH JON RHEINHARDT TO SERVE AS THE TOWNSHIP'S EXPERT DURING PBA INTEREST ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS

WHEREAS, Long Hill Township PBA Local 322 has filed an interest arbitration petition with the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Township will require the services of a professional expert to assist the Township during these proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Jon Rheinhardt, CMFO, CCFO, QPA, CTC, MPA, has served as the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Wharton, a municipal auditor, Morris County Assistant Treasurer, instructor in municipal finance at Rutgers University and President of the Government Finance Officers' Association of New Jersey, and is highly qualified to assist the Township in this matter;

WHEREAS, a contract for professional services may be awarded without public bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(I); and

WHEREAS, the Township Chief Financial Officer in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 has certified in writing to the Township Committee the availability of adequate funds to pay the maximum amount of this contract;

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 Mayor and Clerk are authorized to sign a professional services agreement with Jon Rheinhardt, CMFO, CCFO, QPA, CTC, MPA, subject to the following terms and conditions:

A. Term: For the duration of the PBA interest arbitration proceedings

B. Compensation: \$150.00 an hour

C. Amount not to exceed: \$6,000.00

2. The Township Clerk, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(I), is directed to publish a notice once in the *Echoes-Sentinel* stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this contract.

3. The Township Clerk shall make copies of this resolution available for public inspection at the Township Hall, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey during regular business hours.

4. This contract shall be charged to budget line item 01-2019-0020-0110-2-00201. The certification of available funds by the Township Chief Financial Officer shall be attached to the original of this resolution and shall be maintained in the files of the Township Clerk.

**RESOLUTION #19-284
APPROVING FIREWORKS –
Santore/Beneduce Wedding**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey upon the advice of the Township Fire Official, that all documents have been reviewed and are in good order, does hereby approve fireworks conducted by Garden State Fireworks, Inc of Millington on December 28, 2019 at the Great Swamp Greenhouses, 553 New Vernon Road, Gillette between 9:00-9:30pm and that all necessary permits have been approved.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION #19-285
AUTHORIZING REFUND OF RECREATION DEPOSIT**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill upon the advice and recommendation of the Recreation Director, does hereby authorize the following refunds:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
Cara Erath-Hall	54 Home Street	\$90.00	Rec. Basketball

**ORDINANCE #449-19
INCREASING PENALTIES FOR FALSE ALARMS AND AMENDING CHAPTER IV OF THE TOWNSHIP
CODE ENTITLED "GENERAL LICENSING"**

WHEREAS, there have been an inordinate number of false alarms; and
WHEREAS, the Fire Official and the Chief of Police have recommended that the current penalties for false alarms be increased;

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 Chapter IV of the Township Code entitled "General Licensing" is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Section 4-1.14 entitled "Penalties for False Alarms" in Section 4-1 entitled "Alarm Systems" is amended to read as follows:

"4-1.14 Penalties for False Alarms

~~The penalties for false alarms shall be as follows:~~

~~a. In any twelve (12) month period, the following penalties shall apply:~~

False Alarm Number	Penalty
One-Four	\$0
Five	\$50
Six and succeeding	\$100 per false alarm

There shall be no penalty for the first false alarm in a calendar year (January 1 to December 31) . For all subsequent false alarms in that same calendar year, the owner of the property at which the device is located shall pay a penalty in accordance with the following schedule:

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial and Institutional</u>
2nd	\$50.00	\$50.00
3rd	\$75.00	\$100.00
4th	\$100.00	\$150.00
5th	\$125.00	\$200.00
6th	\$150.00	\$250.00
7th	\$175.00	\$300.00
8th	\$200.00	\$350.00
9th	\$225.00	\$400.00
10 th and succeeding	\$275.00/incident	\$575.00/incident

A failure to pay penalty within thirty (30) days of billing shall constitute a violation and a summons will be issued to appear in Municipal Court.

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 immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

**ORDINANCE #445-19
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CAPITAL ORDINANCE NO. 439-19 ENTITLED
"[AN ORDINANCE] PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS . . . AND APPROPRIATING
\$1,012,500 THEREFORE FROM VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE TOWNSHIP" AND AUTHORIZING THE
APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS
FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE VEHICLE
FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Capital Ordinance No. 439-19 entitled “[An Ordinance] Providing for Various Improvements in and by the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, New Jersey and appropriating \$1,012,500 Therefor from Various Funds of the Township” was adopted by the Township Committee on June 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Ordinance No. 439-19 provided in relevant part that, “The improvement hereby authorized and the several purposes for the financing of which the appropriation is made as provided in Section 1 of this Ordinance are as follows: ...(b) Police Equipment to include fingerprint system and eticket system”; and

WHEREAS, Chief of Police Ahmed Naga has asked the Township to purchase an administrative vehicle for the Police Department rather than purchasing an eticket system;

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 Capital Ordinance 439-19 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph “(b)” of section 2 is amended to read as follows:
“Section 2. The improvement hereby authorized and the several purposes for the financing of which the appropriation is made as provided in Section 1 of this Ordinance are as follows:(b) Police Equipment to include fingerprint system ~~and eticket system~~ an administrative vehicle for the Department.”

Section 2. In all other respects Capital Ordinance 439-19 shall remain in full force and effect.

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 as required by law.

RESOLUTION #19-286
AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO FILE CERTIFICATION OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REVIEW OF 2019 BEST PRACTICES INVENTORY

WHEREAS, in accordance with the State of New Jersey Fiscal Year Appropriations Act, (PL 2011, c.85), the Division of Local Government Services has distributed the 2019 Best Practices Inventory to municipalities; and **WHEREAS**, a component of the inventory is a public review of the completed inventory by the respective governing body's;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey the inventory has been completed by the Chief Finance Officer on October 18, 2019 and the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to file the necessary certification to the Division of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION #19-287
APPROVAL OF 2020 TRAIN STATION PARKING FEES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the following are the fees for the 2019 Train Station Parking Permits of the Township of Long Hill:

Millington Train Station	Yearly	\$240.00	After July 1 st	\$120.00
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Stirling Train Station	Yearly \$290.00	After July 1 st \$145.00
Gillette Train Station	Yearly \$340.00	After July 1 st \$170.00
Daily (Millington Only)	\$ 5.00	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township shall sell 150 parking permits for Millington Train Station, 65 parking permits for Stirling Train Station and 140 parking permits for the Gillette Train Station. Sale date is scheduled for Monday, **December 2, 2019**.