

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
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Mayor Dorsi 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 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."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**RESOLUTION #19-058
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:

Contracts:

- PBA Negotiations
- Sewer Discussion

Litigation:

- Mt. Laurel

Property Acquisition:

- County Open Space (Don Richardson)

Potential Litigation:

- DEP/Sewer Treatment Plant

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: Comm. Rae of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that Resolution #19-058 is hereby approved for Executive Session. **SECONDED** by: Comm. Meringolo

ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor.

Mayor Dorsi opened the public session of the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Piserchia, Deputy Mayor Dorsi, Committeeman Meringolo, Committeeman Rae, and Committeeman Schuler were present. Also present were Administrator Malool, Attorney Pidgeon and Clerk Brooks.

PRESENTATION: Shade Tree Commission – Tree Survey – Susan Jeans and John Linson: Mr. Linson reviewed the results of the Windshield Tree Survey and answered some questions from the Committee. Ms. Jeans stated the Shade Tree Commission will be focusing on working with DPW and JCP&L's Rob Walton to remove the most dangerous trees first.

LIAISON REPORTS:

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Comm. Rae: Reviewed the January Police report and noted that Community Policing had met with local church leaders on the 17th to strengthen local relationships.

Dep. Mayor Piserchia: No report

Comm. Schuler: No report

Comm. Meringolo: Thanked OEM for their storm preparation for the “storm that wasn’t”. He will be attending the State Legislative Committee meeting on Friday. There will be an emphasis on new liquor license categories.

Mayor Dorsi: Thanked the DPW for their good winter prep work on the roads.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

- Ciel Energy Company has sent letters out to the residents offering the home energy audit program that was approved in 2018. Residents pay a nominal fee to have their homes inspected and receive a report of energy deficiencies. The resident may choose to have Ciel correct the issues, not correct the issues at all or have their own contractors do the work. They are under no obligation to Ciel.
- The Recycle Coach link is on the website and the APP is available for your phone. This program offers a plethora of information on recycling schedules, emergency notices, and the dos and don’ts of recycling.
- Recreation’s two yoga programs are full! Discount tickets to various events around the state are being offered at a discount. See the Recreation web site.
- Ms. Malool is still researching the possibility of hiring a Grant Writer and will come back to the Committee with additional information at a future meeting.

APPOINTMENT:

The Mayor appointed Terry Caruthers as the new Chairman of the Environmental Commission as Chairman Alexandra Hennessy has stepped down. He also appointed Matthew Dionisio to the vacated seat for an unexpired three year term until 12/31/20.

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: Comm. Schuler of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #19-059 through #19-066 are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Comm. Meringolo . **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor.

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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 19-060
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 January 9, 2019 Township Committee Meeting.

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

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION #18-061
In Grade Advancement – Sutton**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey upon the advice and recommendation of Police Chief Ahmed Naga, does hereby approve the grade advancement of Officer Ronald Sutton to Officer Grade VIII, effective January 28, 2019 at an annual salary of \$62,784.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this advancement is consistent with the current PBA 3 22 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 19-062
RESOLUTION TERMINATING 2002 INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
CHATHAM BOROUGH FOR SEWER CAMERA**

WHEREAS, as authorized by Resolution #02-332 adopted September 11, 2002, the Township entered into an interlocal services agreement with Chatham Borough for the joint use of a sewer camera; and

WHEREAS, Chatham Borough has informed the Township Administrator that the sewer camera no longer works and has asked the Township to contribute \$50,000 toward the purchase of a new sewer camera; and

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WHEREAS, the 2002 interlocal services agreement provided in relevant part that it would “remain in force and effect until the earlier of a mutually agreed upon termination or the removal of the sewer [camera] from active service by retirement, replacement or disposal; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill does not wish to purchase a new sewer camera and therefore, wishes to terminate the interlocal services agreement with Chatham Borough;

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 2002 interlocal services agreement with Chatham Borough for the joint use of a sewer camera is hereby terminated effective immediately.
2. Neither party to that agreement shall have any further obligations or liabilities to the other party.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 19-063
CERTIFYING JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP WITH THE STIRLING
VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

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

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 19-064
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 **JOSEPH CONANT** 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.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 19-065
Amending RESOLUTION 18-323
Watchung Hills Regional Municipal Alliance Grant
2019-2020**

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WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Long Hill Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill of Morris, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Long Hill Township Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Long Hill Township Committee has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Morris;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill of Morris County of State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Long Hill Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Watchung Hills (Warren, Watchung, Green Brook, Long Hill) Regional Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2019-2020 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$9,537.00
Cash Match	\$2,394.25
In-Kind	\$7,152.75

2. The Long Hill Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

3. The Township Committee accepts subsequent award of this grant.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 19-066
Authorizing Redemption of Outside Lien - #170007**

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on 12-15-17, a lien was sold on Block 12904, Lot 3, also known as 38 Clover Hill Rd. for \$2,759.91; and,

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WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #17-0007, was sold to US Bank Cust BV002 TRST & CRDTRS (Lien Holder) for \$2,759.94 and a \$46,100.00 premium; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Delino (redeeming party) has effected redemption of Certificate #17-0007 in the amount of \$29,614.76

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 \$29,614.76, payable to US Bank Cust BV002 TRST & CRDTRS (Lien Holder) for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #17-0007;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$46,100.00 (premium) to the aforementioned lien holder.

ORDINANCES:

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING:

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
ORDINANCE # 430-19**

**AN ORDINANCE MAKING IT AN OFFENSE TO INTERFERE WITH LAWFUL
BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER III
OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “POLICE REGULATIONS”**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that Chapter III of the Township Code entitled “Police Regulations” is hereby supplemented and amended as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby created a new section 3-16 entitled “Interference with Lawful Business Enterprise” which reads as follows:

“3-16 INTERFERENCE WITH LAWFUL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

It shall be unlawful for any purpose to, without lawful purpose, unduly interfere with the business operations of any lawful business enterprise conducted upon its property or at its principal place of business, or to cause any undue expenditure of such business enterprise’s resources thereat, within the Township of Long Hill. Any person found in violation of this section shall be liable to the penalties set forth in section 1-5 of this Code.”

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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.

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, January 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, February 27th, 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: Deputy Mayor Piserchia, that Ordinance #430-19 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the February 27, 2019 Meeting.

SECONDED by: Comm. Meringolo, **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All ayes.

DISCUSSION:

- Display of Harrow at Town Hall – Comm. Rae reported that HPAC had requested a harrow that was designed and patented in Long Hill be placed in residence in the lobby between the Town Hall and Library Building. It would be surround by plexi-glass or some other barrier. The Committee will look at the actual space to see how it would fit and discuss further at an upcoming meeting.
- Police Department Body Cameras- Police Chief Naga requested \$98,000 in funding for new Police Body and Car cameras. After some discussion the Committee agreed and directed a Capital Ordinance to be introduced at the next meeting.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: None.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Please remember to license your dogs before January 31st. Rabies Certificates need to be valid through October 31, 2019.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

- Charles Arentowicz – Congratulated Mayor Dorsi and Dep. Mayor Piserchia on being Mayor and Dep. Mayor for the upcoming year. He was concerned that the Township receive the best possible value for the potential sale of the wastewater system if the Town was going forward with another referendum to sell the plant. He was concerned with the large difference between the valuation price of the plant and the offer price in the first referendum. He recommended removing the requirement of the buyer to sewer the Town up to 95% as this was not practical.
- Maria McCoy, Gillette, stated she was against a second referendum and felt the Committee should listen to the will of the people when they voted the referendum down two years ago.
- Todd Sylvestry was concerned about the safety of citizens at the Gillette Train Station at night as well as concerned about the ice covering Milton Ave. The Mayor suggested the possibility of looking at solar lighting for the station.
- Roy Russen voiced concern about the icing on Milton Avenue, the high price of the police body and car cameras and also thought there should be lighting at Gillette Train Station.
- Tom Grosskopf thanked the Committee for reconsidering the lighting at Gillette Train Station and showed the Committee photos of ice covered Milton Ave. The Mayor stated that Milton Avenue is do for repaving in 2019 and before the paving the Director of DPW would meet with the Township Engineer to address the issue. Mr. Grosskopf also noted that recycling parameters are changing and was concerned with the increasing cost associated with these new parameters.

On motion of Comm. Meringolo, seconded by Comm. Rae and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks, RMC/CMR
Approved February 13, 2019