

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2019**

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 #19-084
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:

- Veolia

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: Mr. Meringolo of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that Resolution #19-067 is hereby approved for Executive Session. **SECONDED** by: Mr. Piserchia

ROLL CALL VOTE: All in Favor.

Mayor Dorsi opened the public session of the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

RECOGNITION: The Mayor recognized 10 year old Grace Eline for her presence at the State of the Union Address and for her Cancer Fundraising work.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Comm. Rae:

- Reported that year to date, the Police Department have had 424 post and checks and have conducted 750 motor vehicle stops.

Dep. Mayor Piserchia: No report

Comm. Meringolo:

- Thanked CERT and OEM for their work in these past weeks winter storm events.

Mayor Dorsi:

- Reported DPW is still filling potholes during the warmer weather days. Citizens can bring downed tree limbs from the storm to DPW for chipping.
- The Stirling Fire Department will hold its annual Venison Dinner at 6pm on March 2nd. Get there early!

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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: _____ of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #19-085 through #19-090 are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: _____. **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**RESOLUTION 19-085
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 19-086
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 February 13, 2019 Township Committee Meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby approves February 13, 2019 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 19-087
Authorizing Redemption of Outside Lien - #16-0018**

WHEREAS, at the Non Municipal Tax Sale held on 11-18-2016, a lien was sold on Block 12701, Lot 22, also known as 14 Shawnee Path for \$1,143.59; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #16-0018, was sold to Sunshine Certificates VI, LLP, 7900 Miami Lakes Drive West, Miami FL 33016 in the amount of \$1,143.59, and a premium amount of \$72,100; and

WHEREAS, Strnatko, Robert/Michelle the owner, has redeemed Certificate #16-0018 in the amount of \$31,671.04.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tax Collector has shown proof that the redemption calculation is correct, and all redemption monies have been received for redemption.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 19-088
AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO ORATORY LICENSE AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Township and Oratory Prep entered into a License Agreement in

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September 2015 for the use the turf field at Matthew G. Kantor Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, Article 4 of that License Agreement provided that the turf field was reserved for use by Oratory Prep during those times and on those dates set forth on Exhibit "A" to the agreement; and

WHEREAS, Exhibit "A" reserves the field for Oratory Prep's use from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, for the period March 15 through June 1, for the spring seasons; and

WHEREAS, Oratory Prep has asked that the spring dates be changed to March 1 through May 22; and

WHEREAS, Township Recreation Director Lisa Scanlon has recommended that the Township agree to Oratory's request; and

WHEREAS, these new dates are more advantageous to the Township;

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 schedule of Oratory Prep's reserved times during the spring seasons is hereby changed from March 15 through June 1 to March 1 through May 22.
2. In all other respects, the License Agreement with Oratory Prep shall remain unchanged.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 19- 089
AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL PARTICIPATE IN THE GRANT PROGRAM
FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY,
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE, FOR THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE
GRANT PROGRAM FOR EMAA FY 2018**

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill Office of Emergency Management ("OEM") submitted an application to the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of State Police

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(the "Division") to receive funding from the 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill Office of Emergency Management has been awarded State Homeland Security Grant Program Sub-grant CFDA #97.042, award FFY-18-EMPG-EMAA-1430 from the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management. The sub-grant consisting of a total of up to \$20,151.27 including up to \$10,000.00 Federal award and up to \$10,151.27 Local Matching Funds, is for the purpose of enhancing the Township of Long Hill's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism, natural disasters and other catastrophic events and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the sub-grant award incorporates all conditions and representations contained or made in the application of award #FFY18-EMPG-EMAA-1430; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill Office of Emergency Management, designated by the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management has submitted an application for Sub-grant Award that has been required by the said New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management for the sub-grant award period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, in the State of New Jersey that the Township Committee authorizes the Long Hill Office of Emergency Management to participate in the grant program and agrees to accept the \$10,000.00 award for the Long Hill Township "OEM" for emergency management purposes and agrees to the \$10,151.27. in matching funds for EMAA FY 2018.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 19-090
Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes Receivable**

WHEREAS, The Tax Assessor has advised the Tax Collector that the following individual has applied for and received an exemption from taxes under N.J.S.A. 54:04-03.30 as a "100% permanently and totally disabled veteran"; and

WHEREAS, certain 2019 taxes should be cancelled as a result of the exemption effective as detailed below; and

Owner	Property Location	Block	Lot	Amount	Effective Date
Robert B. Lanner or Victoria H. Lanner	14 Stacey Court	11801	16	\$ 7,075.47	01-01-2019

WHEREAS, the total 2019 taxes amount to \$7075.47 as analyzed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the amount of \$7,075.47 from the records for the tax year 2019, and refund the owner \$3,537.74 for the February 1, first quarter already paid by owner.

ORDINANCES:

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
ORDINANCE #432-19**

**AN ORDINANCE MAKING IT AN OFFENSE TO ENGAGE IN ANNOYING
ACTIVITIES 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 3-17 entitled "Annoying Activities" which reads as follows:

"3-17 ANNOYING ACTIVITIES

No person shall engage in any activity which endangers, frightens or annoys persons in any public place. Any person found in violation of this section shall be liable to the penalties set forth in section 1-5 of this Code."

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.

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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, February 27, 2019 will be considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing held at a meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 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: Comm. Meringolo, that Ordinance #432-19 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the March 27, 2019 Meeting.

SECONDED by: Mayor Dorsi, **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor. (Comm. Schuler absent)

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
CAPITAL ORDINANCE #431-19**

Statement of Purpose

Capital Ordinance of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey authorizing acquisitions in, by and for the Township and appropriating therefore the sum of \$98,029.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund.

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 Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey (the "Township"), is hereby authorized to make the following public acquisition in, by and for the Township, including all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefore:

<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED COSTS</u>
Police in car and Body Cameras	\$98,029.00

Section 2. The aggregate sum of \$98,029.00 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund of the Township to the payment of the costs of acquisitions authorized and described in Section 1 hereof.

Section 3. Said acquisition are lawful capital improvements of the Township having a period of usefulness of at least five (5) years. Said improvements and acquisitions shall be made as general improvements, no part of the cost of which shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 4. The capital ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as required by law.

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**OPEN PUBLIC
CLOSE PUBLIC**

MOVED by: Comm. Meringolo, of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, that Ordinance 431-19 is hereby adopted.

SECONDED by: Comm. Rae, **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor (Comm. Schuler absent)

**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."

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

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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.

**OPEN PUBLIC
CLOSE PUBLIC**

MOVED by: Comm. Meringolo, of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, that Ordinance 430-19 is hereby adopted.

SECONDED by: Dep. Mayor Piserchia, **ROLL CALL VOTE: No: Rae, Piserchia, Yes: Dorsi, Meringolo. Tied Vote, the Ordinance Adoption fails. (Comm. Schuler absent)**

DISCUSSION: None

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Annual Egg Hunt Saturday, April 13 at 10am (Rain Date April 20th 10am) At Kantor Park. For Long Hill Residents Ages 8 and under.
- March 2 is the annual venison fundraising dinner at the Stirling Fire Company.
- Stirling Street Fair April 14th

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

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- Bruce Stanwood requested an update on the decision to open a dog park. The Clerk noted the survey question placed on the 2019 renewal was showing a return of a little over 50% in favor of using a dog park. Mr. Stanwood was frustrated with the Committee's lack of action.
- Victor Verlezza confirmed that the sewer rates would be going up again this year and that it would be possible to require a resident rate freeze in the upcoming referendum as well as considering the option of a permanent freeze for senior citizens.

On motion of Comm. Meringolo, seconded by Comm. Rae and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks, RMC/CMR
Approved March 13, 2019