



**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, MORRIS COUNTY, NJ
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR SESSION AGENDA
Wednesday, February 9, 2022
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.gov on the Monday preceding the meeting.

The February 9th, 2022, Township Committee Meeting will be conducted in person in Long Hill Township Municipal Court located at 915 Valley Road, Gillette.

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1. STATEMENT OF PRESIDING OFFICER

"In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting specifically, the time, date and public call in information were included in the meeting that was electronically sent to the Echoes Sentinel and posted on the Township Website. The agenda and public handouts for this meeting can be viewed online at www.longhillnj.gov. A public comment period will be held in the order it is listed on the meeting agenda.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

22-045 EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Personnel – Salary Analysis
- Privacy – Court Room
- Attorney Client Privilege - EMS Fees
- Anticipated Litigation - Detention Basin
- Contract Negotiation –Sewer Fee 1716 Long Hill Road
- Land Acquisition - 10801/6.01

MOVED by: _____ of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution 22-045 is hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: _____. **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

3. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

4. PROCLAMATION / PRESENTATIONS

- Raymond Lavender – Eagle Scout Project

5. ORDINANCE(S):

**ORDINANCE 485-22 (SECOND READING / ADOPTION)
SALARIES AND WAGES**

PUBLIC HEARING

MOVED by: _____, that Ordinance 485-22 be introduced and passed on first reading.
SECONDED by: _____, **ROLL CALL VOTE**

ORDINANCE 486-22 (SECOND READING / ADOPTION)

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 10801, LOT 6.01 ON THE TOWNSHIP TAX MAPS USING OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND MONEY

PUBLIC HEARING

MOVED by: _____, that Ordinance 486-22 be introduced and passed on first reading.
SECONDED by: _____, **ROLL CALL VOTE**

6. CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 22-046 – 22-059 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.

- 22-046 APPROVAL AND RELEASE OF MINUTES
- 22-047 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS
- 22-048 AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF OUTSIDE LIEN - #19-0027
- 22-049 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1
- 22-050 APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE LONG HILL BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION [OPENING DAY PARADE]
- 22-051 APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE LONG HILL BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION [TWISTERS TOURNAMENT]
- 22-052 APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE LONG HILL BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION [CHAMPIONSHIP DAY]
- 22-053 APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE AND SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT [HOME FOR GOOD DOG RESCUE]
- 22-054 APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE COMPUSCORE SERVICES [SPRING DISTANCE CLASSIC–SWAMP DEVIL 5K & 15K]
- 22-055 AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF OUTSIDE LIEN - #21-00004
- 22-056 AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT BLOCK PARTY- ESSEX STREET
- 22-057 APPOINTING ADDITIONAL 2022 BASKETBALL PROGRAM STAFF
- 22-058 CERTIFYING ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP WITH MILLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION ELIGIBILITY – LUIS RAMIREZ-GIRALDO

22-059 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 491 VALLEY ROAD, GILLETTE AND KNOWN AS BLOCK 10801, LOT 6.01 ON THE TOWNSHIP TAX MAPS

MOVED by: _____ of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution 22-046 through 22-059 are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: _____. **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

7. **LIAISON REPORTS:**

8. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

9. **DISCUSSION:**

- HPAC Display Cabinet
- Fire Truck Funding

10. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

12. **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Remarks and Statements Pertaining to Any Matter - Comments and remarks will be limited to 3 Minutes

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

RESOLUTION 22-045
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:

- Personnel – Salary Analysis, Board Members
- Privacy – Court Room
- Attorney Client Privilege - EMS Fees
- Anticipated Litigation - Detention Basin
- Contract Negotiation –Sewer Fee 1716 Long Hill Road
- Land Acquisition - 10801/6.01

ORDINANCE 485-22
SALARIES AND WAGES ORDINANCE

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: Salary and wage amendments

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 salaries and wages of the following employees of the Township shall be as follows:

<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
Township Administrator	\$75,000 - \$ 150,000 180,000
Executive Administrative Assistant	\$52,500 - \$ 75,000 82,500
Municipal Clerk/Registrar	\$45,000 - \$ 85,000 93,500
Administrative Assistant	\$33,000 - \$ 52,500 57,750
Administrative Assistant [Part Time]	\$ 20.00 - \$ 30.00 33.00/hr.
Chief Financial Officer [Part Time]	\$1,000 - \$ 50,000 55,000
Asst. to the CFO [Part Time]	\$20,000 - \$ 40,000 48,000
Accts. Payable Manager	\$25,000 - \$ 60,000 66,000
Clerical [Part Time]	\$15.00 - \$ 24.00 27.00/hr.
Tax Collector [Full Time]	\$60,000 - \$ 70,000 77,000
Tax Assessor [Part Time]	\$20,000 - \$ 40,000 44,000
Assistant Treasurer	\$45,000 - \$ 75,000 82,500
Qualified Purchasing Agent [Part Time]	\$5,000 - \$ 7,500 8,250
Executive Producer Long Hill TV	\$25.00 – \$ 35.00 38.50/hr.
Community Services Program Manager	\$25,000 - \$ 40,000 44,000
Board of Health	
Animal Control Officer [Part Time]	\$35.00 - \$ 60.00 66.00
Court	
Municipal Court Judge	\$19,000 - \$ 35,000 43,750
Court Administrator	\$40,000 - \$ 75,000 93,750
Planning and Development	
Construction Code Official [Part Time]	\$30,000 - \$ 45,000 49,000
Building Sub Code Official [Part Time]	\$ 35.00 - \$ 45.00 49.50/hr.
Fire Sub Code Official [Part Time]	\$ 35.00 - \$ 45.00 49.50/hr.
Fire Prevention/Fire Official [Part Time]	\$ 22.50 - \$ 40.00 44.00/hr.
Plumbing Sub Code Official [Part Time]	\$35.00 - \$ 45.00 54.00/hr.

Electrical Sub-code Official [Part Time]	\$ 35.00 - \$ 45.00 49.50/hr.
Technical Assistant to the Construction Official	\$50,000 - \$ 60,000 66,000
Technical Assistant to the Construction Official [Part Time]	\$ 18.00 - \$ 30.00 33.00/hr.
Planning & Zoning Coordinator/Zoning Officer	\$40,000 - \$ 85,000 93,500
Planning & Zoning Secretary [Part Time]	\$ 20.00 - \$ 30.00 33.00/hr.
Code/Zoning Enforcement Officer [Part Time]	\$25.00 - \$ 40.00 44.00/hr.

Recreation

Recreation Director	\$30,000 - \$ 70,000 84,000
Administrative Assistant [Part Time]	\$ 20.00 - \$ 30.00 33.00/hr.
Recreation Assistant [Full Time]	\$35,000 - \$ 55,000 66,000

Seasonal/ [Part Time] Positions

Summer Recreation Site Director	\$ 22.00 - \$ 35.00 38.50/hr.
Summer Recreation Site Supervisor	\$ 17.00 - \$ 27.00 29.70/hr
Summer Recreation Assistant	\$ 15.00 - \$ 25.00 27.50/hr.
Summer Recreation Counselor	\$ 8.25 - \$ 15.00 13.00 - 16.50/hr.
Lake Director	\$ 20.00 - \$ 35.00 38.50/hr.
Assistant Lake Director	\$ 15.00 - \$ 25.00 27.50/hr.
Head Lifeguard	\$ 12.00 - 18.00 13.00 – 19.80/hr.
Life Guard	\$ 9.00 — 15.00 13.00 – 16.50/hr.
Score Keeper/Time Keeper/Referees	\$ 8.25 — 15.00 13.00 – 16.50/hr.
Basketball Director	\$ 18.00 - \$ 28.00 30.80/hr.
Basketball Staff Supervisor	\$ 12.00 — 25.00 13.00 – 27.50/hr.

Police Department

Chief of Police	\$125,000 – 180,000 216,000
Police Officers	per Collective Bargaining Contract
Police Department Secretary	\$ 36,000 - \$ 60,000 72,000
Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police	\$ 52,500 - \$ 75,000 82,500
PD Administrative Assistant [Part Time]	\$ 33,000 - \$ 52,000 57,200
School Crossing Guard [Part Time]	\$ 12.00 — 26.0 13.00 – 28.60/hr.
Police Matron	\$ 12.00 — 28.00 13.00-30/80/hr.
Court Security Officer [Part Time]	\$ 20.00 - \$ 30.00 33.00/hr.

Office of Emergency Management

Emergency Management Coordinator [Part Time]	\$1,000 – 10,000 12,000
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Department of Public Works/Roads

Director of Public Works /Superintendent of Roads	\$85,000 - \$ 125,000 150,000
DPW employees	per Collective Bargaining Contract
Part Time Laborer	\$ 9.50 — 25.00 13.00 – 27.50/hr.

Senior Services

Senior Citizens Bus Driver	\$ 15.00 — 25.00 13.00 – 37.00/hr.
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Mileage reimbursement based on current IRS Standard

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. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law, unless the effective date is delayed pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:9-165*.

ORDINANCE 486-22

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 10801, LOT 6.01 ON THE

TOWNSHIP TAX MAPS USING OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND MONEY

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: *to authorize the purchase of the Eberle property located at 491 Valley Road, Gillette, and known as block 10801, lot 6.01 on the Township tax maps using Township open space trust funds and capital improvement funds.*

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wishes to purchase property known as Block 10801, Lot 6.01 on the Township Tax Maps using a portion of the property for open space and the remaining portion for other public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township has a duly adopted "Municipal Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Trust Fund" which can be used for that portion of the property that will be used for Open Space purposes; and

WHEREAS, the owners of that property and the Township have agreed to a purchase price of \$890,000; and

WHEREAS, there will be additional soft costs including engineering, legal and closing costs

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

Section 1. The purchase of the property described in the preamble is hereby authorized.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated \$915,000 (which also covers costs of acquisition and other soft costs), of which \$457,500 will be taken from the Township Open Space Trust Fund and \$457,500 from the Capital Improvement Fund for purchasing said property.

Section 3. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a purchase contract in form acceptable to the Township Attorney and the Township Administrator.

Section 4. The Township Attorney is authorized to order title insurance, a survey and anything else required by law or necessary to close on the property and to protect the Township's interests.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

**RESOLUTION 22-046
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 Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2022;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby approves January 19, 2022 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

**RESOLUTION 22-047
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 22-048
AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF OUTSIDE LIEN - #19-0027**

WHEREAS, funds have been remitted by SANFORD N. WEISS to redeem tax sale certificate #19-0027 for Block 14203 Lot 12, 161 LUPINE WAY held by PRO CAP 8, LLC US BANK AS CUSTODIAN assessed in the name WEISS/STOCKWELL, SANFORD N/KIMBERLY and the Township Committee must approve the distribution of these funds.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has shown proof that the redemption calculation is correct, and all redemption monies have been received for redemption.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Treasurer is authorized to remit payment of \$65,268.96 plus a premium of \$10,000.00 for a total of \$75,268.96 to the lienholder:

Make Redemption check payable to:
PROCAP 8 US BANK TAX LIEN SERV
50 SO. 16TH ST. STE 2050
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102

**RESOLUTION 22-049
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO
N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has previously issued a tax sale certificate to FIG CUST FIGNJ19LLC & SEC PTY which certificate is dated October 28, 2021 covering premises commonly known and referred to as Block 12203 Lot 32.01, 133 River Rd., which bears certificate number 21-00005.

WHEREAS, the purchaser of the aforesaid tax sale certificate has indicated to the Tax Collector that they have lost or otherwise misplaced the original tax sale certificate and have duly filed the appropriate Affidavit of Loss with the Tax Collector, a copy of which is attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector is authorized, upon receipt of the appropriately executed and notarized Loss Affidavit and the payment of a fee of \$100 per certificate, to issue an appropriate duplicate tax sale certificate to the purchaser and that said duplicate certificate shall be stamped or otherwise have imprinted upon it the word "Duplicate" as required by law.

**RESOLUTION 22-050
APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE
LONG HILL BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION [OPENING DAY PARADE]**

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 Clerk, Chief of Police and Director of DPW, that all documents have been reviewed and are in good order, does hereby authorize the Township Clerk to approve and sign the application and approve the license S-22-02 for the "Sponsor" Long Hill Baseball & Softball Association, for their Special Event to be held on April 9, 2022 with parade starting on Bay Street and down Poplar Street to the baseball and softball fields from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**RESOLUTION 22-051
APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE
LONG HILL BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION [TWISTERS TOURNAMENT]**

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 Clerk, Chief of Police and Director of DPW, that all documents have been reviewed and are in good order, does hereby authorize the Township Clerk to approve and sign the application and approve the license S-22-03 for the "Sponsor" Long Hill Baseball &

Softball Association, for their Special Event to be held June 24th - June 26th, 2022 at 99 Poplar Street from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

**RESOLUTION 22-052
APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE
LONG HILL BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION [CHAMPIONSHIP DAY]**

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 Clerk, Chief of Police and Director of DPW, that all documents have been reviewed and are in good order, does hereby authorize the Township Clerk to approve and sign the application and approve the license S-22-04 for the “Sponsor” Long Hill Baseball & Softball Association, for their Special Event to be held June 4th, 2022 at baseball and softball fields from 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM

**RESOLUTION 22-053
APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE AND SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT
[HOME FOR GOOD DOG RESCUE]**

WHEREAS, 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 Clerk, Chief of Police and Director of DPW, that all documents have been reviewed and are in good order, does hereby authorize the Township Clerk to approve and sign the application and approve the license S-22-05 for the “Sponsor” Home for Good Dog Rescue, for their Special Event, “Taste of Italy” to be held on March 26, 2022 at Long Hill Township Community Center from 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM

WHEREAS, in addition to the Special Event Permit, Home for Good Dog Rescue has submitted an Alcoholic Beverage Control Application to the State of New Jersey for the “Taste of Italy” event to be held on March 26, 2022 at the Long Hill Community Center; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has reviewed the application and has no objection to the granting of a special permit to be issued to the applicant to sell alcoholic beverages at the affair to be held on the date and premises noted, subject to, however, the following conditions:

1. The consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be restricted to the area as outlined in the site plan supplied with the application. No alcoholic beverages shall be possessed or consumed in any area not designated on this site plan.
2. No person under the age of 21 shall be served alcoholic beverages. Home for Good Dog Rescue staff and volunteer retired police officers shall be responsible for verifying the ages of those patrons who wish to consume alcoholic beverages, check identification to verify age, issue wristbands, and monitor the area to prevent "hand off's."
3. No person assumed to be under the influence of alcohol shall be served, permitted to walk, or allowed to drive from the Long Hill Community Center or the designated area.
4. Alcoholic beverages shall only be served and/or consumed between the hours of 6:00pm and 11:00pm on March 26, 2022

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 Township Committee, the licensing authority of the municipality, has no objection to the granting of a special permit and consents thereto with the special conditions as outlined by the Chief of Police.

2. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized to approve the municipal certification on the application and submit to NJ ABC electronically.

**RESOLUTION 22-054
APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE COMPUSCORE SERVICES [SPRING DISTANCE CLASSIC-
SWAMP DEVIL 5K & 15K]**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey approve Resolution 20-068 Approving Special Event License Compu Score Services for a Spring Distance Classic, Swamp Devil 5k & 15k; and

WHEREAS, the event was cancelled due to COVID-19; and

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 Clerk, that all documents have been reviewed and are in good order, does hereby authorize the Township Clerk to approve and sign the revised application and approve a new special event permit for S-22-06 for the "Sponsor" CompuScore Service., for their Special Event to be held on March 20, 2022 starting on Lord Stirling Road in Basking Ridge from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**RESOLUTION 22-055
AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF OUTSIDE LIEN - #21-00004**

WHEREAS, funds have been remitted by PRIORITY SEARCH SERVICES to redeem tax sale certificate #21-00004 for Block 11805 Lot 9.36, 38 GREENWOOD DR held by BALA PARTNERS, LLC assessed in the name RIEPEL, THOMAS and the Township Committee must approve the distribution of these funds.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has shown proof that the redemption calculation is correct, and all redemption monies have been received for redemption.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Treasurer is authorized to remit payment of \$547.06 plus a premium of \$2,000.00 for a total of \$2,547.06 to the lienholder:

Make Redemption check payable to:

BALA PARTNERS, LLC
PO BOX 303
POTTERSVILLE, NJ 07979

**RESOLUTION 22-056
AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT BLOCK PARTY- ESSEX STREET**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby approve the request for a block party for Essex St in Stirling, between Main St and Warren Ave on Saturday, June 4, 2022, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., as noted in an email received on January 27, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee does hereby approve the request for the road closure(s) with the provision that barricades are obtained from the Department of Public Works.

**RESOLUTION 22-057
APPOINTING ADDITIONAL 2022 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 2022 Recreation Basketball program effective January 8, 2022:

Referee/Timer/Scorekeeper	Salary/Hour
Laviola, Dominick	\$ 13.00

RESOLUTION 22-058
CERTIFYING ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP WITH MILLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION ELIGIBILITY – LUIS RAMIREZ-GIRALDO

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby certify that **Luis Ramirez-Giraldo** 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 22-059
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 491 VALLEY ROAD, GILLETTE AND KNOWN AS BLOCK 10801, LOT 6.01 ON THE TOWNSHIP TAX MAPS

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wishes to purchase property located at 491 Valley Road, Gillette (Block 10801, Lot6.01) commonly known as the “Eberle property” for public purposes, including a portion of the property to be used for recreation and open space purposes; and

WHEREAS, simultaneously herewith, the Township Committee is adopting Ordinance 486-22 authorizing the purchase of the property using Open Space Trust Fund and Capital Improvement Fund money; and

WHEREAS, the Township has negotiated a purchase price of \$890,000 with the owner of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee finds it is in the best interest of the Township to purchase the Eberle property; and

WHEREAS, the Township retained Michael D. Weaver, PG, LSRP, from Atlantic Environmental Consulting Services, LLC to review all of the environmental tests that were performed by the seller and to perform any additional tests that he felt were necessary in order to protect the interests of the Township; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weaver, in a January 27, 2022 email, stated that “There does not appear to be any remaining environmental concerns for this property”;

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

1. The purchase of the Eberle property as described in the preamble using \$457,500 of Township Open Space Trust Fund money and \$457,500 from the Township Capital Improvement Fund is hereby authorized.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the contract for sale of real estate on behalf of the Township.
3. The Township Attorney is authorized to take all steps necessary to obtain title to the property on behalf of the Township.
