



TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, MORRIS COUNTY, NJ
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 23, 2022
7:30 PM OPEN SESSION, CLOSED SESSION 6:45 PM

Clerk Phillips read the following statement:

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

22-060 EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Contract Negotiations - Chimney Rock, Emergency Services, NJAW
- Attorney Client Privilege – Cell Towers

MOVED by: Committeeman Rae of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution 22-060 is hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Lavender. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Committeeman Lavender; yes, Committee Rae; yes, Committeeman Verlezza; yes, Deputy Mayor Piserchia; absent, Mayor Dorsi; yes.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Dorsi **opened the public session** of the meeting at 7:31 pm.

All present recited the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

ROLL CALL: Committeeman Lavender, Committee Rae, Committeeman Verlezza and Mayor Dorsi. Also present were Attorney Pidgeon, Administrator Malool and Clerk Phillips. Deputy Mayor Piserchia was absent.

Mayor Dorsi asked for a **Motion to Recess** for the Township Committee to hold the **Board of Health Meeting, MOVED:** Committeeman Rae; **SECOND:** Committeeman Lavender, **ROLL CALL:** All in favor

The Township Committee meeting resumed at 7:40pm

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 22-061 – 22-069 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.

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| 22-061 | APPROVAL AND RELEASE OF MINUTES |
| 22-062 | APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS |
| 22-063 | CERTIFYING ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP WITH STIRLING VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION ELIGIBILITY – CHRISTIAN CIULLO III |

- 22-064 AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROWS
- 22-065 ACCEPTING RESIGNATION – NUZZO
- 22-066 GRANTING PERMISSION FOR THE USE OF STIRLING LAKE FOR THE POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL TROUT FISHING DERBY AND APPROVING THE TOWNSHIP'S SUPPORT TO CO-SPONSOR THE DERBY
- 22-067 APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE AND SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT [STIRLING FIRE COMPANY - [ANNUAL VENISON DINNER]
- 22-068 APPROVAL OF THE 2022 FEE SCHEDULE FOR STIRLING LAKE
- 22-069 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET

MOVED by: Committeeman Rae of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution 22-061 through 22-069 are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Lavender. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Committeeman Lavender; yes, Committee Rae; yes, Committeeman Verlezza; yes, Deputy Mayor Piserchia; absent, Mayor Dorsi; yes.

DISCUSSION:

- **Stirling Fire Truck** – Craig Tuma and Al Gallo, members of the Stirling Fire Company spoke about replacement of the ladder truck and apparatus for Stirling Fire Company.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- **Committeeman Lavender** gave update on recreation programs.
- **Committeeman Verlezza** gave police statistics and asked for residents not to report police issues on social media.
- **Mayor Dorsi** spoke about DPW being prepared for snow and thanked the fire companies.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- **Administrator Malool** reported that the lights at Kantor Park project has been delayed. Also reported that you will be able to pay for construction permits with a credit card soon. NJAW started water main replacement, reminder to sign up for Recycle Coach and renew your dog license. Lastly, the display cabinet requested by HPAC came down in price and shipping to \$5,700.

DISCUSSION:

- **Ladder Truck financing** - Administrator Malool gave an update from CFO Randy Bahr discussing the difference between financing and buying Millington Fire Truck. The Township Committee decided buy instead of financing and will introduce a bond ordinance on the March 9, 2022 meeting.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

ACCEPTING RESIGNATION

Historic Preservation Advisory Committee - Nick Ferrara

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT

Historic Preservation Advisory Committee

Lori Falzarano Rozmerski - (3 yr unexpired term) December 31, 2023

Fred Hunt - (3 yr unexpired term) December 31, 2023

Carol Prasa, Chairperson of HPAC, thanked the Township Committee for appointing the new appointments, Lori Falzarano Rozmerski and Fred Hunt. Ms. Prasa also thanked Nick Ferrera for his time on HPAC. Ms. Prasa also clarified classifications of members on HPAC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- March 26th Stirling Fire Department Venison Dinner
- Mayor Dorsi congratulated O'Bagel for being ranked 6th bagel shop in New Jersey.

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

- **Craig Tuma** – asked about the process in purchasing the Stirling vehicles and asking for a commitment by April 30th to avoid price increase. Administrator Malool spoke about the allocating money in the budget for 2022. The Township Committee agreed to include the vehicles in the bond ordinance with Millington Fire Truck.
- **Richard Kortmann** – was following up on storm water management issue on his property and asked about studies from the Township Engineer.
- **Frank Liberto, 589 Heritage Road** – asked for an update on radio system. Mayor Dorsi spoke about having a meeting next week regarding the outstanding issue.
- **Tom Grosskopf** – spoke about public input in ordinances before second reading and adoption. Gave ideas for the park that will be proposed across the street.
- **Mark DiGiovanni– 580 Heritage Road** – reiterated Mr. Libertos' comments about radio system. Asked the Township Committee for clear and meaningful timelines. Committeeman Rae clarified some misconceptions regarding the issue at hand.
- **Bindiganavale Ramapsad- 579 Heritage Road** – asked that the Township Committee be transparent about the flood wall issue. Mayor Dorsi clarified.
- **Charles Arentowicz** – spoke about reallocating money for a firetruck from the recent land acquisition and the approval from the Planning Board approving a building at fifty-nine feet high.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Committeeman Rae and seconded by Committeeman Verlezza, and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:51pm

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Phillips

Megan Phillips

Approved: March 9, 2022

**RESOLUTION 22-060
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 - Chimney Rock, Emergency Services, NJAW
- Attorney Client Privilege – Cell Towers

**RESOLUTION 22-061
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 February 9, 2022;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby approves February 9, 2022 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

**RESOLUTION 22-062
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 22-063
CERTIFYING ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP WITH STIRLING VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR NEW
JERSEY STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION ELIGIBILITY – CHRISTIAN CIULLO III**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby certify that **Christian J. Ciullo III** is an active member of the Stirling Volunteer Fire Company and are eligible to be a member of the New Jersey State Firemen’s Association.

**RESOLUTION 22-064
AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF ESCROWS**

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Coordinator, Board Engineer, Board Attorney, Township Planner have certified that there are no outstanding invoices and have approved the release of the following escrows.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, in the State of New Jersey, that appropriate municipal officials be and are hereby authorized to release the following escrows plus any applicable interest as per N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.1.

Developer’s Escrow

Thomas Lagona (Acct. 21070)	\$297.92
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**RESOLUTION 22-065
ACCEPTING RESIGNATION – NUZZO**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee hereby accepts the resignation of Oreste Nuzzo from Department of Public Works, effective February 25, 2022.

RESOLUTION 22-066
GRANTING PERMISSION FOR THE USE OF STIRLING LAKE FOR THE POLICEMEN'S
BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL TROUT FISHING DERBY AND APPROVING THE
TOWNSHIP'S SUPPORT TO CO-SPONSOR THE DERBY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby grant permission for the Policemen's Benevolent Association to hold their Annual Trout Fishing Derby at Stirling Lake on Saturday, April 16th, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and approving the Township's support to Co-Sponsor the derby and Special Event Permit 22-07.

RESOLUTION 22-067
APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT AND SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT
STIRLING FIRE COMPANY - [ANNUAL VENISON DINNER]

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 application and approve the license S-22-08 for the "Sponsor" Stirling Fire Co., for their Special Event to be held on March 26, 2022 at the Stirling Fire House from 5:00 – 11:00 PM.

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. Stirling Fire Company 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 Stirling Fire House 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 22-068
APPROVAL OF THE 2022 FEE SCHEDULE FOR STIRLING LAKE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, to establish the 2021 fee schedule for Stirling Lake as follows:

Badge Type	By 5/31	After 5/31	8/1-Labor Day Only
Resident Family	299.00	329.00	210.00
Resident Adult (18yrs. & older)	125.00	138.00	88.00

Resident Student (13 - 17 yrs.)	90.00	99.00	63.00
Resident Child (12 yrs. & under)	70.00	77.00	49.00
Resident Senior (62 years & older)	50.00	55.00	35.00
Non-Resident Family	525.00	578.00	368.00
Non-Resident Adult (18yrs. & older)	215.00	237.00	151.00
Non-Resident Student (13 - 17 yrs.)	145.00	160.00	102.00
Non-Resident Child (12 yrs. & under)	110.00	121.00	77.00
Non-Resident Senior (62 years & older)	80.00	88.00	56.00
		\$70 (Available to Members Only)	
Guest Pass Book of 10 (adult/child) Available at Town Hall only			
Guest Pass at gate and residents without membership (adult/child)		\$10 each	

Membership Category information

- A. Resident/Non-Resident Family Membership includes up to 6 members of the same family who permanently reside at the same address. The names of the immediate family members must be included on Membership application. Family Membership requires at least one (1) member be an adult (18 yrs. or older), with a limit of two (2) adults. (*Full-time college students under the age of 25 home for the summer can be added onto the family membership without it counting toward the limit of two (2) adults.)
- B. Non-immediate family member permitted to purchase other membership in accordance with fee schedule.
- C. Decision as to the number and type of family badges must be made at the time of original purchase.
- D. *An Adult Badge must be purchased in order to purchase a Child Badge (12 and under).
- E. Any false information submitted will result in rejection of Lake application and loss of Lake privileges.

LONG HILL RESIDENT DAILY PASS: LONG HILL TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS CAN PURCHASE DAILY PASSES (\$10 EACH) AT THE LAKE WITHOUT BEING ACCOMPANIED BY A MEMBER. A current photo ID must be presented showing Long Hill address. All supervision/age requirements will still be enforced. NOTE: Guest Pass Fees are doubled on Family Fun Day, and Guest Pass Books are not valid on Family Fun Day.

RESOLUTION 22-069 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, 40A:4-19 Local Budget Act provides that where any contracts, commitments, or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2022 budget, temporary appropriations be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 increase to the 2022 temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his/her records:

2022 Increase to the Temporary Budget

GENERAL ADMIN

SALARY & WAGES	0.00
OTHER EXPENSES	0.00

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MUNICIPAL CLERK

SALARY & WAGES	0.00
OTHER EXPENSES	0.00

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	OTHER EXPENSES	25,000.00
FINANCE	-	
	SALARY & WAGES	5,000.00
	OTHER EXPENSES	0.00
TAX COLLECTION		
	OTHER EXPENSES	0.00
TAX ASSESSOR		
	SALARIES & WAGES	0.00
PROSECUTOR		
	OTHER EXPENSES	0.00
PLANNING	-	
	SALARY & WAGES	1,000.00
	OTHER EXPENSES	0.00
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BD OF ADJUSTMENT	-	
	SALARY & WAGES	1,000.00
	OTHER EXPENSES	1,000.00
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ZONING	-	
	SALARY & WAGES	8,000.00
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LEGAL	-	
	OTHER EXPENSES	0.00
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ENGINEERING	-	
	OTHER EXPENSES	0.00
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GENERAL INSURANCE	-	
	OTHER EXPENSES	75,000.00
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POLICE	-	
	SALARY & WAGES	0.00
	OTHER EXPENSES	0.00
RADIO & COMMUNICATIONS		
	OTHER EXPENSES	1,000.00
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MUNICIPAL COURT	-	
	SALARY & WAGES	5,000.00
FIRE PREVENT. INSPECTOR	-	
	SALARY & WAGES	2,000.00
	OTHER EXPENSES	15,000.00
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	-	
	SALARY & WAGES	0.00
STREETS & ROADS	-	

SALARY & WAGES		0.00
OTHER EXPENSES		12,000.00
SANITARY LANDFILL & RECYCLING		
OTHER EXPENSES		0.00
-		
HEALTH	-	
OTHER EXPENSES		0.00
-		
-		
PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS		-
SALARY & WAGES		8,000.00
OTHER EXPENSES	-	6,000.00
STIRLING LAKE		10,000.00
CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS		
OTHER EXPENSES		1,500.00
CONSTRUCTION	-	
SALARY & WAGES		0.00
OTHER EXPENSES		0.00
ELECTRICITY	-	
OTHER EXPENSES		15,000.00
-		
NATURAL GAS	-	
OTHER EXPENSES		2,000.00
-		
TELEPHONE	-	
OTHER EXPENSES		2,000.00
GASOLINE		
OTHER EXPENSES		10,000.00
-		
HEATING FUEL	-	
OTHER EXPENSES		2,000.00
-		
WATER	-	
OTHER EXPENSES		0.00
-		
STREET LIGHTING	-	
OTHER EXPENSES		0.00
-		
SOCIAL SECURITY- FICA		-
OTHER EXPENSES		0.00
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PERS - PENSION	-	
OTHER EXPENSES		55,044.00
PFRS - PENSION	-	
OTHER EXPENSES		469,532.00
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DCRP	-	
OTHER EXPENSES		3,000.00
LIBRARY		

OTHER EXPENSES 80,000.00
