

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2017**

Mayor Schuler 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 posted in the January 12th, 2017 edition, and electronically sent to the Courier News and posted in the January 6, 2017 edition. The notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 4, 2017 and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. 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 #17-069
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:

Attorney Client

- Affordable Housing

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: Committeeman Meringolo of the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that Resolution #17-069 is hereby approved for Executive Session. **SECONDED** by: Deputy Mayor Rae

ROLL CALL VOTE: All in Favor

Mayor Schuler opened the meeting at 7:35 PM.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Schuler, Deputy Mayor Rae, Committeeman Dorsi, Committeeman Meringolo and Committeeman Piserchia were present.

PRESENTATION: Girl Scout Troop 5669 gave a presentation as part of earning their “Inside Government” badge. The girls spoke and presented posters presenting the idea of having a community swimming pool or water park in the park area on Valley Road. They presented different positive aspects of having the pool or water park in the community such as using less gasoline driving to another park, gaining revenue, and attracting new residents to the town.

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COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Committeeman Dorsi

- DPW are putting brine on the roads in preparation for the snow. Reminder – no parking on roads until they are plowed. Homeowners – do not put your snow in the roads. Please stay off the roads unless absolutely necessary.
- The aluminum collections earn \$250 per load which goes to the St. Barnabas Burn Unit – Keep on recycling!

Deputy Mayor Rae – No report

Committeeman Piserchia

- The newly formed Traffic Advisory Committee is looking for resident participants. Please contact Neil Henry for information. There will be two residents on the committee. The Committee will receive any traffic complaints, review and come up with a solution, meet with the public on possible solution and present to the Township Committee.
- OEM representatives Shayne Daly and Linda Olmstead met with Rob Walton from JCP&L regarding limbs endangering wires on Whitebridge. Please report any limbs in danger of taking down wires to JCP&L.

Committeeman Meringolo

- The newest edition of the newsletter has been completed and should be distributed in the second week of March. It will feature articles on the possibility of selling the wastewater facility and the ongoing Land Diversion.

Mayor Schuler – No report.

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: **Committeeman Meringolo** of the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #17-070 through #17-075 are hereby approved. **SECONDED** by: Committeeman Piserchia. **ROLL CALL VOTE: All In Favor**

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 17-070
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.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 17-071
APPROVAL AND RELEASE OF MINUTES**

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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 25, 2017 Township Committee Meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby approves the January 25, 2017 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 17-072
BANNER APPROVAL FOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
[Stirling Street Fair]**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey that by recommendation of the Township Clerk, based on the approval of the Morris County Freeholders and JCP & L that the Township Committee does hereby approve a banner to be hung across Valley Road, County Route 512 for 2 weeks, starting April 9, 2017 for the Stirling Street Fair until April 23, 2017.

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RESOLUTION 17-073**

**AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TAX ASSESSOR TO PETITION THE MORRIS COUNTY
BOARD OF TAXATION TO APPROVE AN ANNUAL REASSESSMENT
FOR THE 2018 TAX YEAR**

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill has implemented an annual reassessment program; and

WHEREAS, this approach has allowed the Township to proactively adjust property values each year based upon market conditions, which should result in a reduction of tax appeals; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee, in accordance with the recommendation of Township Tax Assessor Brett Trout, has determined that it is in the Township's best interests to pursue a property reassessment for the 2018 tax year to appropriately adjust property values to better reflect market values;

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 it does hereby authorize Township Tax Assessor Brett Trout to petition the Morris County Board of Taxation to approve a real property reassessment for the 2018 tax year.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 17-074
In Grade Advancement - Gelino**

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 Michael Mazzeo,

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does hereby approve the grade advancement of Sergeant Christopher Gelino to Sergeant II, effective February 10, 2017 at an annual salary of \$ 115,138.38.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this advancement is consistent with the current PBA 322 Superior Officer's Collective Bargaining Agreement.

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
RESOLUTION 17-075
APPROVE CONFERENCE REQUEST
TCTANJ Spring Conference**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee approved Resolution 08-375 which requires Township Committee approval of all overnight conference requests; and
WHEREAS, the Township Committee has received a request by the Tax Collector to attend the Tax Collectors & Treasurers Association of New Jersey (TCTANJ) Spring Conference – May 16 – 18, 2017; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by, the Long Hill Township Committee hereby approves the request of the Tax Collector, Leonard Ho, to attend the TCTANJ Spring Conference.

Township Committee Appointment:
Board of Adjustment – Jonathan Rosenberg

MOTION TO APPOINTMENT:

On motion by Committeeman Meringolo, seconded by Committeeman Piserchia, that the Township Committee does hereby appoint Jonathan Rosenberg to the Board of Adjustment.
ROLL CALL VOTE: All in favor.

Mayor Schuler opened the meeting to the public. He noted that while the public was welcome to comment on the Land Diversion – these comments would not be part of the public record that was sent to the DEP. The public was encouraged to send any comments to the DEP and copy the Clerk's office before February 22, 2017 about the Land Diversion.

1. Joe Mangieri, Millington, wanted to know what studies had been done to determine what, if any, additional studies had been done to evaluate the recreation needs of the community. Mayor Schuler reported that the Recreation Advisory Committee had done significant work in its determination of needed space when they put together the draft of the revised Recreation Element of the Master Plan.

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2. Gary Gianakis received clarification from the Committee on the values of the land swap, the price when the Township took eminent domain, and the taxes owed on the property. He cautioned the Committee to consider the motivations of all parties involved in the Land Diversion.
3. Linda Tamalonis questioned who would really benefit from the Land Diversion, who would be responsible for maintaining the road at the light, the profits currently being made from the turf field and the problem of possible increases in traffic on Valley Road from the new park area.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION:

**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
ORDINANCE #393-17**

**CONCERNING PARKING REGULATIONS ON SOMERSET STREET AND AMENDING
CHAPTER VII OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "TRAFFIC"**

Statement of Purpose: To amend the traffic code by adding the south side as well as the dead-end portion of Somerset Street east of Main Avenue to the list of streets where parking is prohibited at all times.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, New Jersey that Chapter VII of the Township Code entitled "Traffic" is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Section 7-14 entitled "Parking Prohibited at All Times on Certain Streets" is supplemented and amended by adding the south side and the dead-end portion of Somerset Street east of Main Avenue, in alphabetical order, as follows:

7-14 PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALLTIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS.

No person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any streets or parts thereof described.

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Location</u>
Somerset Street	South (and the dead-end portion)	East of Main Avenue

Section 2. The effectiveness of this ordinance is contingent upon signs being

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erected as required by law.

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.

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 February 8, 2017 and then considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing held at a meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. on March 8, 2017 at the Municipal Building, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey, when and where or at any 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.

Deborah Brooks, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

MOVED by: Committeeman Piserchia, that Ordinance #393-17 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the March 8, 2017 Meeting.

SECONDED by: Deputy Mayor Rae

ROLL CALL VOTE – All in favor.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

- 150th Banners – The Committee decided to sell the banners to the public. Administrator Henry would set a price between \$5 and \$50 and set a date in the future which would be advertised on our website and TV station so people could come in and purchase the banners.
- Clean – up Ordinance – As per the Committee, this ordinance will be introduced at the next meeting.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Committeeman Meringolo requested Administrator Henry get some mock-ups made for the Estelle K. Wilhelm Commemorative Plaque. Ms. Wilhelm donated over \$200,000 for the Cantor Field lighting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Administrator Henry:

- The Conditions draft report from Remington & Vernick Engineers was given to the Committee and the valuation is due around mid February.
- The Millington Schoolhouse Phase III contract has been signed and work should begin shortly.
- Two RFP's were received for the Valley Road Redevelopment project. Committeeman Meringolo, Committeeman Piserchia and Administrator Henry will meet with the two developers to review the proposals.
- The Planning Board has approved and the Board of Adjustment is expected to approve an increase in the pre-hearing completeness review escrow from \$675.00 to \$1,800. Once the BOA has approved the increase, a resolution will be put on the Township Committee agenda.
- The energy audit was completed at the municipal building and will continue for the PD and old town hall and results should be back in about eight weeks.
- The budget committee is moving forward and Administrator Henry is hoping to introduce it to the Committee at the next meeting.
- Administrator Henry is waiting to hear back from MIDCO regarding using the sale of permit stickers for extra garbage pick up.
- The water main replacement project is going smoothly.
- Morris County wants a plan drawn up for the removal or repositioning of the median outside the rescue squad.

Announcements/Correspondence:

- Due to the upcoming storm both zones 4 & 5 will have garbage collection on Friday or Saturday. Please have the garbage out by Friday morning.
- There are scholarships available to RVCC for those who would like to become certified Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counselors. Contact information is available at the Clerk's office.

Committeeman Dorsi noted there were drainage/icy road problems on Crosshill road and the bottom of Oaks Road. Crosshill road is a top Capital improvement project for this year. Committeeman Piserchia noted there are funds available for this type of project through the states TTF funding.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Dennis Sandow reminded the public to watch the TV for garbage schedule updates and commended the Echoes Editor Alex Parker-Magyar for noting it was the 25th anniversary of renaming Passaic Township.

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ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, Committeeman Meringolo made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Dorsi to adjourn. Voice Vote: All in favor. The Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brooks, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk

Approved 2-22-2017