

Long Hill Township Committee Minutes September 7, 2011 Regular Meeting

The Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, convened in Regular Session at the Municipal Building, 915 Valley Road, Gillette, New Jersey, on Wednesday, **September 7, 2011** at 7:00 p.m.

Statement of Adequate Notice:

Mayor Harrington read the following statement:

“In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was included in a list of meetings notice which was electronically sent to the Echoes Sentinel, Courier News and Daily Record on January 4, 2011; posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 4, 2011 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:

A motion was made by Mr. Vitureira and seconded by Mr. Mazzucco to approve Resolution 11-284. Vote: All Ayes

RESOLUTION 11-284 EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, that the Township Committee of Long Hill Township meet in closed session to discuss the following matters:

Personnel:

- Administrator Evaluation
- Tax Clerk
- Engineer Appointment
- Fire Companies
- Building Sub Code Official

Attorney Client Privilege:

- None

Collective Bargaining:

- None

Contract Negotiations:

- Sports Programs

Pending or Anticipated Litigation:

- None

Property Acquisition:

- Open Space

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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.

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Pledge of Allegiance:

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

On roll call the following Committee members were present:

Jerry Aroneo; Guy Piserchia; Mayor Nanette Harrington; Michael Mazzucco;
George Viturera

Absent: None

Also present: John Pidgeon, Township Attorney; Richard Sheola, Township
Administrator/CFO; Christine Gatti, Township Clerk

Mayor Harrington stated that she would be taking items out of order.

Discussion/Action Items

Hurricane Irene/Storm Recovery Report

Mayor Harrington thanked Ken Fullagar, Director of the Office of Emergency Management, Shayne Daly, Deputy Director, the Police, First Aid, Fire Companies, CERT Volunteers, Medical Reserve Corp and the Department of Public Works for all their assistance and support through this emergency. She pointed out that our biggest frustration was the lack of response from JCP&L and it was abysmal. She added that she has reached out to State Elected Officials as well as the Governors Office. She reviewed the details of the phone conference with JCP&L. She thanked Joe Fullagar, representative from JCP&L, for all his efforts. She also thanked all the residents for their patience and cooperation.

Mr. Fullagar provided an overview dated August 27, 2011:

- “1. Hurricane Irene hit our area with heavy rains and wind. The Water Gauge at Millington Passaic River reached an all time record of 10.2 feet. This storm was much worse than previous once since it included very high winds which tore down trees and branches bringing down poles, power lines and blocking roads.
2. JCP&L reported 1028 residents of Long Hill Township reported a loss of power during the period of the storm. All residents in the township were restored to power with the last group being restored on Monday afternoon September 5.
3. An Emergency Proclamation was issued by the office of Emergency Management on August 28, 2011 and was rescinded on September 7, 2011.
4. The Police Headquarters building was once again flooded out causing the evacuation of the building. The Office of Emergency Management was moved to its alternate location at the Department of Public Works.
5. Communications with Long Hill Township Residents.
 - Used LHTV Screens
 - Used LHTV Ticker Tape for Emergency Information
 - Used Morris County Geo Cast (reverse 911) to call affected residents

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- Used USA on Watch for updates and outage information
 - Long Hill Township Website
 - Telephone only 1 line very limited
6. A total of 18 County and Township Roads were flooded and barricaded. They were Carlton Rd, White Bridge Rd, Pleasant Plains Rd, New Vernon Rd, Passaic Ave, Mercer St, Somerset St., Main Ave, Warren Ave, Somerset St, Morristown Rd, Madison Ave, Mountain Ave, Valley Rd, Bungalow Ter., Poplar Drive, Cedar St and Laurel Dr.
7. A total of 29 County and Township Roads were closed or partially closed due to trees and power lines that were down. They were: Long Hill Rd (3 locations), Carlton Rd, High St, Mountain Ave, Church St, Daugherty Ave, River Rd, Preston Rd (2 locations), Valley Rd/Norwood, Long Hill/Taff, Plainfield Rd, Meadowview Rd, Blue Star Dr, Gillette Rd, Old Forge Rd, Delaware Ave, Lacey Dr, St. Joseph Dr, New Vernon Rd, North Field Rd, Cross Hill Rd, Oaks Rd, Chestnut St, Dogwood Dr, White Bridge Rd, Hickory Tavern Rd, Meyersville Rd, Fawnridge Rd, Forest Dr.
8. Communications with Government Agencies/Utilities.
- New Jersey State Emergency Management
 - Morris County Emergency Management
 - Long Hill Emergency Operating Center Staff
 - Jersey Central Power & Light Company
 - Verizon Telephone Company
 - American Red Cross
 - Bernards Township Health Department
 - New Jersey Water
9. CERT and MRC Activations – Total CERT/MRC Personnel used = 54 Members
- Assisted American Red Cross with Regional Shelter Site Morristown
 - Assisted Police at the following locations with barricades
 - High Street & Winding Way
 - Long Hill R & Taff
 - Meadow View & Midvale
 - Long Hill Rd & Central
 - Long Hill & Mountain Ave
 - Passaic Ave & Valley Rd
 - Poplar Dr & Valley Rd
10. Emergency Operations Center Staffing
- Starting Sunday Operational 12 hours per day till Friday Afternoon.
11. Departments involved with response and recovery efforts
- Long Hill Township Police Department
 - Millington fire Department
 - Stirling Fire Department
 - Long Hill Township Department of Public Works
 - Long Hill First Aid Squad
 - Long Hill Township Office of Emergency Management
 - Emergency Management Team
 - Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
 - Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

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- USA on Watch – Neighborhood Watch
- Bernards Township Health Department
- American Red Cross”

Mr. Vitureira thanked Mr. Fullagar. Messrs. Vitureira and Fullagar discussed reverse 911. A discussion ensued among the Committee and Mr. Fullagar regarding reaching out to residents during an emergency. Mr. Fullagar stated that he is working on a solution to be able to reach all residents during an emergency. Mayor Harrington pointed out that they will be planning a “lessons learned” meeting and they will work with the Communications Advisory Committee to be able to reach residents by cell phone.

Mr. Piserchia questioned the best way to get information for FEMA; Mr. Fullagar indicated that FEMA wants to be contacted directly and the information is available on the website. He requested that residents let him know if they are applying for FEMA flooding so we have it for our records. Mr. Aroneo thanked Mr. Fullagar, the Police, Fire, DPW and CERT for all their assistance. Mr. Mazzucco reiterated the Committees appreciation.

Mayor Harrington and Mr. Fullagar reviewed the power outage issue.

Michael Tenten, resident of Madison Avenue, questioned what FEMA will do. Mr. Fullagar suggested that if there is any damage to apply for FEMA funding. He briefly reviewed the process.

Mark Ierubino, President of Mark’s Auto Service, voiced his support for the proposed flood wall.

Felix Ruiz, resident of Laurel Avenue, pointed out that he was without power for four days and added that the proposed flood wall pumps would be without power as well. He voiced his opposition to the flood wall and the erroneous information presented by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Olga Neville, Main Avenue, thanked Mr. Fullagar for a great job. She pointed out that vehicles are causing a tidal wave on Main Avenue when they are going around the barricades. She commented that the township has to do something about this. She voiced her support of the proposed flood wall which she pointed out will benefit a lot of businesses in Stirling.

Daniel Hedden, Police Chief, commented that the wakes are caused by vehicles and the Police Department does not have the personnel to staff at the barricades. He added that the barricades were only left open for local residents. Mr. Aroneo and Chief Hedden reviewed the matter.

A discussion ensued among the Committee and Mr. Fullagar in regards to FEMA funding and claims.

Mr. Tenten commented that he is concerned that he does not have any value in his house due to the flooding. He added that he wants to know what the township is going to do for him because he needs assistance.

Mr. Aroneo stated that in the Governors budget there are funds allotted for buying properties but the funds have not been released yet. He added that he is committed to assisting the residents. Mayor Harrington commented that both she and Mr. Fullagar have attended meetings and the state wants to know what the township is going to do about the proposed flood wall. She stated that she wants to get to the point where the Committee has enough information in order to make a decision about the proposed flood wall. Messrs. Aroneo, Fullagar and Tenten briefly reviewed state and federal

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funding options. Mr. Fullagar pointed out that he has spoken with both FEMA and the DEP and they indicated that they will not release funding with the proposed flood wall on the table.

Mayor Harrington asked whether the Committee was ready to make a decision on the proposed flood wall; the Committee agreed that they were ready to make a decision. Mayor Harrington stated that the proposed flood wall is scheduled to be discussed at the next meeting. The Committee briefly reviewed the matter. Mr. Pidgeon suggested that the Committee consider the funding for the flood wall. Mayor Harrington added that all the flood wall information is on the township website and anyone can request copies of Committee meetings that pertain to the matter. Mr. Sheola indicated that he would see that the information is all in one spot on the website.

Anthony Prasa, resident of River Road, commented that flood walls do not work and added that it is very difficult to engineer flooding. He suggested the township follow the Governors Plan. He questioned why the township doesn't have a commission who can work together to help the flooding.

Bill Smullen, resident of Millington, voiced his opposition to the proposed flood wall. He pointed out that if the flood wall is working we will create problems up stream.

Lynn Bott, resident of Millington, commented that she also owns a business on Valley Road that had flooding. She echoed Ms. Neville's statement. She voiced her support for the proposed flood wall which she said would help a lot of residents.

Joseph Cilino, resident of Millington, pointed out that the proposed flood wall will not solve the problem and pointed out that the experts have had failed projects. He asked that the Committee look at the proposal from every angle. He reviewed the recent storm details and asked that all questions and answers from the Army Corp be posted on the website because it is important that the information is out there for the public. Mr. Aroneo stated that the information will be posted on the website. Mr. Cilino added that the Army Corp said that the wall will only work 60% of the time.

Carol Prasa, resident of River Road, asked that when the website be updated to post the Army Corps proposal. She briefly reviewed the proposal which had inaccurate facts; she urged the Committee and public to read the report. She indicated that the reports from the Army Corp state that the water levels will be elevated due to the flood wall which is unacceptable. She added that the township should not deliberately affect people's homes who reside upstream. She indicated that many Army Corps projects have turned into problems and suggested that the township follow the Governors 15 Point Plan because it is safer, cheaper and is the only full proof solution.

Charles Arentowicz, resident of Heritage Road, stated that there is asbestos by the proposed flood wall. He added that a decision should not be made on the flood wall until the township hears back on the asbestos issue.

Phyllis Fast, resident of Gillette, commented that she did not see the flood wall failing in other areas. She reviewed the media reports in Bound Brook. She added that she believes in what the experts are saying in regards to the proposed flood wall.

David Welch, resident of Gillette and Stirling Business Owner, commented that he has worked with Environmental Groups his whole life. He voiced his support for the proposed flood wall and added that he believes it will help.

Carol Cilino, resident of Millington, echoed the pointed made by Mr. Cilino.

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Bonnie Robustelli, resident of Bungalow Terrace, stated that they need relief from the township because the flooding is very severe. She added that she hopes Blue Acres funding would help.

Paul Wermuth, resident of Stirling, reiterated that the flooding comes from the river and is backing up into the community. He voiced his support of the proposed flood wall and suggested that the Committee make a plan to make it a better place to live.

Carol Grey, resident of River Road, stated that the county was supposed to remove the fallen trees in the river and they never came. Mayor Harrington pointed out that the county did start the project and have been experiencing difficulties due to the wet weather in August. She added that they will continue as planned. Ms. Grey indicated that dredging and the Governors Plan should be done before the township puts in the wall. She stated that she is terrified that the wall will add more water to her property.

Jeff Kinkly, resident of River Road, thanked all involved for their assistance during the emergency. He asked the Committee if they regard the Army Corp as honest. He added that it seems that they create work for themselves. Mr. Vitoreira indicated that it is not only the Army Corp who endorses the proposed flood wall project; it is also the State Engineer and Township Engineer.

George Bott, resident of Millington and local business owner, stated that the water comes from the river and the township has to listen to the experts. He pointed out that this issue is fixable and asked the Committee to make a decision.

Carl Sundberg, resident of Main Avenue, indicated that he could see the water approaching from the river. He reviewed the problems in the township.

Mayor Harrington thanked the public for their comments.

Mayor called for a recess at 9:25 P.M.; the meeting reconvened at 9:35 P.M.

Administrator Report:

Donation Towards Hicks Tract

Mr. Sheola pointed out the township received a donation and thanked the donator.

Mr. Aroneo requested that the township consider the Bond Ordinance at this time.

Ordinance Public Hearing / Consideration of Adoption:

ORDINANCE #287A-11 - BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$350,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY

Mr. Sheola reviewed the ordinance. Mr. Aroneo pointed out that they are removing the fire ground radios from the bond ordinance because they are not required for the transfer to the county. Mr. Aroneo agreed and added that he would like to strip down the bonding and keep the costs separate. He commented that he is in favor of paying in cash. Mr. Sheola indicated that there may be money this year or in 2012 budget to pay for the radios.

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Dennis Lockwood, Former Millington Fire Chief, pointed out that the fire ground radios were purchased five years ago and they were refurbished. He added that some are failing for various issues. He commented that this is a safety matter and fire ground radios are essential.

Mr. Aroneo commented that he does not object to funding the radios and this is a discussion on how they will be purchased. A discussion ensued among the Committee and Mr. Lockwood regarding the need for the radios and the cost. Mr. Vitureira suggested the township phase in the radios and Mr. Lockwood pointed out that they need at least fourteen for the trucks and reviewed his concerns with the failure rate of the radios.

Mayor Harrington tasked Mr. Sheola to inform the Committee on how the township can purchase the radios this year or perhaps some this year and some next year; the Committee agreed.

Mayor Harrington opened the public hearing. No one wished to be heard therefore Mayor Harrington closed the public hearing

A motion was made by Mr. Piserchia and seconded by Mr. Aroneo to adopt Ordinance 287A-11.
Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

ORDINANCE #287A-11

BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$350,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), **AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by The Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, New Jersey. For the said several improvements or purposes stated in said Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriations made for said improvements or purposes, said sums being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefore and amounting in the aggregate to \$350,000 including the aggregate sum of \$50,000 as the several down payments for said improvements or purposes required by law and more particularly described in said Section 3 and now available therefore by virtue of provision in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Township for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

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Section 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes and to meet the part of said \$350,000 appropriations not provided for by application hereunder of said down payments, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$300,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$300,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued, the appropriation made for and estimated cost of each such purpose, and the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each such purpose, are respectively as follows:

IMPROVEMENT OR PURPOSE	APPROPRIATION AND ESTIMATED COST	ESTIMATED MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF BONDS AND NOTES
(a) Acquisition by purchase of new and additional communication equipment including, without limitation, radios and other equipment, for use by the First Aid Squad of the Township, the Police Department of the Township, the Office of Emergency Management of the Township, the Millington Fire Company and the Stirling Fire Company in order to effectuate a transition to the Morris County Communications System, together with all attachments, accessories and appurtenances necessary therefore or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the specifications therefore on file or to be filed in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby approved.	\$350,000	\$300,000
Totals	\$350,000	\$300,000

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefore, as above stated, is the amount of the said down payment for said purpose.

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Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The said purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and each is a property or improvement which the Township may lawfully acquire or make as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of said purposes within the limitations of said Local Bond Law and taking into consideration the respective amounts of the said obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 15.53 years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by said Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in said Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$300,000, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) Amounts not exceeding \$70,000 in the aggregate for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations, engineering costs and other items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 40A:2-20 of said Local Bond Law may be included as part of the costs of said improvements and are included in the foregoing estimate thereof.

Section 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer, provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all

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matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 40A:2-8 of said Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the dates of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body of the Township at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, interest rate and maturities of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 6. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 7. The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the Township Clerk and are available for public inspection.

Section 8. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by said Local Bond Law.

**ORDINANCE #287-11 - BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$400,000, AND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$354,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR
VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE
TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY**

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A motion was made by Mr. Piserchia; seconded by Mr. Vitureira to reject Ordinance 287-11.
Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

Administrator Report [continued]:

2012 Parking Permits

Mr. Sheola pointed out that he sees no need to increase the fees for the 2012 parking permits and a resolution will be on the next agenda for consideration. He added that he also suggests that the same amount of permits be sold.

2012 Township Holidays & Committee Meeting Dates

Mr. Sheola indicated that it is that time of year and the calendar is being drafted. Messrs. Aroneo and Sheola reviewed the holiday schedule. The Committee briefly reviewed the dates and the consensus was that they had no issues with the dates as proposed.

Mr. Piserchia pointed out that he just heard from the Stirling Fire Chief and they need 21 radios plus Millington's 14 radios equals 35 fire ground radios; the total cost would be approximately \$30,000 instead of \$50,000. Mayor Harrington added that she would like to not have to pay for the configuration. Mr. Sheola indicated that he would figure it out.

Bulk Pick-Up Comparison

Mr. Sheola stated that Mr. Aroneo requested a bulk pick-up comparison due to all the flooded items. He indicated that it would cost approximately \$1,525 a day plus tipping fees for the outside vendor to pick up bulk. It would cost approximately \$2,000 a day for the Department of Public Works (DPW) to pick it up (using FEMA rates).

Mayor Harrington commented that if FEMA is reimbursing the township either way then the hauler should pick it up since DPW is so busy.

Messrs. Aroneo and Sheola reviewed the matter of bulk pick-up. Mr. Mazzucco suggested going with the cheapest option and commented that he thought Mr. Sweeney indicated it would be cheaper. Mayor Harrington suggested that since FEMA is going to fund it why not have the outside vendor handle it. Mr. Vitureira stated that using the outside vendor is the cheapest choice. Mr. Aroneo recommended that the decision be left to Mr. Sweeney. He added that it seems we are all in favor of an extra bulk pick-up day. The Committee agreed to allow Mr. Sweeney the authority to make the call.

Resolutions:

Consent Agenda Resolutions:

Mr. Sheola pointed out that Resolution 11-292 appointing the Recreation Director [Scanlon] should state a salary of \$25,750.00.

On motion of Mr. Vitureira, seconded by Mr. Mazzucco, that the following Consent Agenda Resolutions were introduced and approved as revised:

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

RESOLUTION 11-285

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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 11-286
AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF PROFESSIONAL
REVIEW ESCROW – RAVALLI**

WHEREAS, John and Raffaella Ravalli of Block: 14205, Lot: 5.12, in regards to Application No. 11-04Z, has requested that the Professional Review Escrow fees be returned; and

WHEREAS, the Township Planning/Zoning Board Administrator has certified that there are no outstanding invoices and have approved the release of this Professional Review Escrow; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that \$375.00 remains in the account;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill hereby directs the Chief Financial Officer to return the balance of the Professional Review Escrow in the total amount of \$375.00 to John and Raffaella Ravalli – 8 Stephanie Drive Stirling, NJ 07980.

**RESOLUTION 11-287
INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE
HICKS TRACT DONATION**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40 A:4-87 provides that the Director of Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget or any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2011 in the sum of \$750.00, which is now available as a Revenue from receipt of a private donation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the like sum of \$750.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption title Buildings & Grounds – Hicks Tract Donation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is a result of funds received from a private donation the amount of \$750.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two certified copies of this Resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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**RESOLUTION 11-288
AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT BLOCK PARTY-
MAGNA/PRESTON DRIVE**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, authorize the residents of Magna and Preston Drive to hold a block party on Sunday, September 18, 2011 from 3:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. in accordance with request letter dated August 17, 2011.

**RESOLUTION 11-289
AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT BLOCK PARTY-
LUPINE WAY**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, authorize the residents of Lupine Way to hold a block party on Saturday, September 24, 2011 (rain date – October 2, 2011) from 12:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. in accordance with request letter dated August 23, 2011.

**RESOLUTION 11-290
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 the following 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:

Adam B. Hackett

**RESOLUTION 11-291
ACCEPTING RESIGNATION - SABATELLA**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee hereby accepts the resignation of Michael Sabatella, Co-Recreation Director, effective September 2, 2011 and thanks him for his contributions to Long Hill Recreation.

**RESOLUTION 11-292
APPOINTING RECREATION DIRECTOR – SCANLON**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill upon the advice and recommendation of Richard J. Sheola, Township Administrator and Michael Mazzucco, Recreation Advisory Committee Liaison, does hereby appoint Lisa Scanlon Recreation Director retro-active to September 5, 2011 at a rate of \$25,750 per annum for a 25 hour work week, to be funded in the 2011 Municipal Operating Budget "Recreation – Salaries & Wages" 1-01-28-370-371-105.

**RESOLUTION 11-293
APPROVING IN-GRADE ADVANCEMENT - NAGA**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, upon the advice and recommendation of Police Chief Daniel Hedden, does

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hereby approve the advancement of Acting Sergeant Ahmed Naga to Sergeant Grade III, effective September 9, 2011 at an annual salary of \$96,387.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this advancement is consistent with the P.B.A. Superior Officer's Association Collective Bargaining Agreement.

**RESOLUTION 11-294
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH MORRIS COUNTY
COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill authorizes the Township Administrator to enter into a Renewal Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Morris County Cooperative pricing Council, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" for the conduct of certain functions relating to the purchase of work materials and supplies for their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the "Renewal" Cooperative Pricing Council Resolution of Long Hill Township; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15(5), the Township Committee of Long Hill is hereby authorized to enter into a "Renewal" Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency or any other contracting unit with the County of Morris or adjoining counties for the purpose of work, materials and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency entering into contracts on behalf of the Township of Long Hill shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contract Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et-seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Renewal Cooperative Pricing Council resolution shall be effective October 1, 2011 and such membership shall be for the duration of five (5) years, expiring on September 30, 2016, unless the Lead Agency and the Division of Local Government Services, elects to withdraw.

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 Township Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the Renewal Cooperative Pricing Council Agreement.

**RESOLUTION 11-295
ACCEPTING RESIGNATION - RISSO**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee hereby accepts the resignation of John Risso, Building Sub-Code Official, effective August 31, 2011.

Old Business

Valley Mall Update

Mayor Harrington indicated that the property owner is still in negotiation and there is nothing new to report.

Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement

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Mr. Pidgeon stated that he did receive a proposed ordinance which was forwarded to the Communications Advisory Committee for review; once it has been reviewed it will come before the Committee for consideration.

Public Comment

Dennis Sandow, resident of Millington, thanked the township for picking up flood bulk items. He pointed out that Comcast Cable was out for six days in his area. He stated that those without cable have to apply by phone or mail for a refund within thirty days and perhaps the township can put a blurb regarding that in the ordinance because it should be automatic.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Vitoreira and seconded by Mr. Piserchia to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m. Vote: All Ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Gatti
Township Clerk

Approved: October 26, 2011