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**TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
REGULAR SESSION AGENDA
Wednesday, April 11, 2012
7:00 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION; 7:30 PM OPEN SESSION**

ADEQUATE NOTICE – Mayor’s Statement re: Adequate Notice of Meeting.

“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, 2012; posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 4, 2012 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.”

Please note: to help facilitate an orderly meeting and to permit the opportunity for anyone who wishes to be heard, speakers are asked to limit their comments to 3 minutes.

The Township Committee will return to Executive Session at 10PM in order to continue the discussion items listed in Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF LONG HILL TOWNSHIP WILL MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM 7:00 P.M. UNTIL 7:30 P.M.

**RESOLUTION 12-159
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:

- Township Administrator Recruitment
- Building Sub Code Official
- Construction Assistant
- Personnel Manual

Contract Negotiations:

- None

Attorney Client Privilege:

- Zoning

Collective Bargaining:

- None

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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OPEN REGULAR SESSION

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – The meeting will be called to order at ____p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

2012 Budget Public Hearing and Consideration of Adoption:

Resolution 12-160 – Budget To Be Read By Title

MOVED by: _____ by the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #12-160 is hereby approved. **SECOND** by: _____.

ROLL CALL VOTE

**RESOLUTION 12-160
2012 BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY AT PUBLIC HEARING**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget be read by title only at the time of public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised has been posted in the Municipal Building, the local public library, and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requesting them; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the budget shall be read by title only.

Public Hearing on 2012 Budget:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2012 BUDGET

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2012 BUDGET

Resolution 12-161 – Adoption of 2011 Budget

MOVED by: _____ by the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #12-161 is hereby approved. **SECOND** by: _____.

ROLL CALL VOTE

**RESOLUTION 12-161
ADOPTION OF 2012 BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$14,671,848.00 for municipal purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED that the summary of revenues and appropriations are approved as attached.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Passaic River Basin Flood Preparedness Workshop [County of Passaic]
2. Municipal Aid for Main Avenue/Central Avenue Phase II [Department of Transportation]
3. Draft Sewer Service Area Map [Morris County]
4. School Update [Watchung Hills Regional High School]

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

1. Division Avenue Property
2. 2012 Municipal Alliance Funding
3. Draft Building Height Ordinance
4. Draft Meyersville Ordinance

ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING / CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION:

**ORDINANCE #301-12
CALENDAR YEAR 2012 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2012 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$368,979.45 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2011 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Long Hill shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$368,979.45, and that the CY 2011 municipal budget for the Township of Long Hill be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT

CLOSE TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT

MOVED by: _____, that Ordinance #301-12 be passed on final reading and adopted. **SECONDED** by: _____

ROLL CALL VOTE

RESOLUTIONS:

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: _____ by the Township Committee of Long Hill Township, that Resolution #12-162 through #12-170 are hereby approved.

SECOND by: _____.

ROLL CALL VOTE

**RESOLUTION 12-162
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 12-163
AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF
PROFESSIONAL REVIEW ESCROW – MASON**

WHEREAS, Frances Ann Mason of Block: 11604, Lot: 15, in regards to Application No. 11-01P, 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;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that \$680.70 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 \$680.70 to Frances Ann Mason – P.O. Box 141 Stirling, NJ.

**RESOLUTION 12-164
APPOINTING MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE - BRIDE**

WHEREAS, the term of the Township Municipal Court Judge expires on May 3, 2012;
and

WHEREAS, the judge has continues to serve the Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, the governing body wishes to re-appoint James Bride as the Judge of the Municipal Court of the Township of Long Hill;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, New Jersey that James Bride is hereby re-appointed Municipal Court Judge pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:12-4 and in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

Term: Three (3) years commencing May 4, 2012 and ending May 3, 2015, and until a successor is appointed and qualified.

Salary: the Judge's current salary shall be \$27,157.

**RESOLUTION 12-165
AUTHORIZING LEASE WITH LONG HILL TOWNSHIP LITTLE LEAGUE**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14 provides that:

“Any . . . municipality may lease any real property [and] [I]n the case of a lease to a public body, the lease may be upon such terms and conditions and for nominal or other consideration as the governing body of the . . . municipality shall approve by ordinance or resolution.”

WHEREAS, there is an existing long term lease between Long Hill Township (the “Township”) and the Long Hill Township Little League (the “Little League”) that cannot be located; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of Township boys and girls participate in the Little League's baseball and softball leagues; and

WHEREAS, the Little League is run by Township residents who serve as volunteer managers, coaches and members of the board of directors; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that continuation of the lease with the Little League is in the best interest of the Township and its residents;

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 proposed lease with the Long Hill Township Little League for a term of fifty (50) years, with 4 five-year options is hereby approved and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute that lease on behalf of the Township.

**RESOLUTION 12-166
APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE [KOINONIA ACADEMY]**

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 License Number S -12-04 for a "KA 5K Run" to the "Sponsor" Koinonia Academy, for their Special Event to be held from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on April 28, 2012 at the Copper Springs Beach/DMA and Tennis Club and surrounding streets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee does hereby authorize any street closures necessary for the 5K Run as long as the plan is acceptable to the Police Chief;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Koinonia Academy is responsible for police service costs for this event and has posted the required escrow deposit with the Township Clerk in the amount of \$1,322.30 as estimated by the Police Department.

**RESOLUTION 12-167
APPROVING USE OF HICKS TRACT – GIRL SCOUTS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby grant permission for the Girl Scouts of Long Hill to use the Hicks Tract to hold their campout on June 2nd through June 3rd as per correspondence dated March 25, 2012, subject to meeting all the requirements of the receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement, Certificate of Insurance and Fire Permit.

**RESOLUTION 12-168
AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT BLOCK PARTY-
SKYLINE RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL PICNIC**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, authorize the Skyline Ridge Civic Association to hold a block party/annual picnic on Saturday, May 19, 2012 (rain date May 20, 2012) from 3:00 P.M. until dark in accordance with request letter dated March 29, 2012.

**RESOLUTION 12-169
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:

Daniel B. Burke

**RESOLUTION 12-170
ACCEPTING RESIGNATION - GHETTI**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee hereby accepts the resignation of Donna Ghetti, who has been employed by the township since January 2011, effective Friday, April 13, 2012.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council on Affordable Housing Update

NEW BUSINESS

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT

At this point in the meeting, the Township Committee welcomes comments from any member of the public. To help facilitate an orderly meeting and to permit the opportunity for anyone who wishes to be heard, speakers are asked to limit their comments to 3 minutes. If reading from a prepared statement, please provide a copy and email a copy to the Clerk's Office after making your comments so it may be properly reflected in the minutes.

MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT