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, **June 27, 2012** at 7:00 p.m.

## **Statement of Adequate Notice:**

Mayor Mazzucco 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, 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."

A motion was made by Mr. Piserchia, seconded by Mr. Schuler to approve Resolution 12-239 Vote: All Ayes

## **Executive Session:**

## RESOLUTION 12-239 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
- Personnel Manual

## **Contract Negotiations:**

- Land Donation
- Lounsberry Meadow

#### Property Acquisition:

Open Space

## Public Safety:

Policy

**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.

## 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; Guy Roshto; Cornel Schuler; Mayor Michael

Mazzucco

Absent: None

Also present: John Pidgeon, Township Attorney; Christine Gatti, Township Clerk

## <u>Presentation Of Donation To Boy Scout Troop 56</u>

Mayor Mazzucco pointed out that he was proud to present to the Boy Scouts Troop 56 with a check in the amount of \$500.00 from the Clean Community Grant as twenty five scouts and ten parents cleared over five hundred pounds of trash and debris from the river.

## **Township Committee Liaison Reports / Department Reports:**

Mr. Piserchia said that the County Dispatch Communication Committee has not met since last year and there are concerns regarding previous coverage. For some reason it has gotten a little sketchy. There are a few other things such as communication between different emergency services. We would like to reconvene and the people at the meeting will be the Fire Chief's of Stirling and Millington, the Fire Captain, the Police Chief, OEM Director and I. We will address some of the concerns so we have a consensus as to what all the issues are. Once we do that we will invite someone from the County to attend a meeting so we can explain exactly what our concerns are.

Mr. Aroneo said that the Committee was a Mayoral Ad-Hoc Committee that I appointed in 2010. The members should all be invited or else that Committee should be disbanded and then you can create the new membership. There were issues with the Committee where all of the members were not notified of some of the meetings which Mr. Aroneo thought was an insult to some of the members who are sharing their time with us as volunteers. Mr. Aroneo said he could send the original list.

Mr. Piserchia asked that the list be sent to each of us. He said that they would like to meet the week following July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Piserchia said the second thing he would like to review was that the School Board has three seats up for election this year but only two people running. Lisa Scanlon, School Board President, asked if I would make an announcement that we are looking for interested candidates. We are losing someone in July and the School Board will be interviewing for that spot.

Mr. Aroneo stated that he had a few minor things to discuss. One of them is with the Board of Health. In 2010 we asked the Board of Health to post the results of Sanitary Health Inspections online which they have done. One thing I have asked our Health Officer to do is to take it a step further and put some detail in it. He reviewed the matter and reiterated that he would like even more detail then what is posted now. If this Committee has objection to that I would like to know. The Health Officer was of the mindset that maybe we did not need that. But, I would like us to discuss that when we get some information.

He reviewed the Lounsberry agreement which is on the agenda this evening. We have finalized the disposition of the funding that would be taken by the State (Affordable Housing Trust Fund).

We are about to enter into an agreement with Lounsberry where we give the funds to them for certain improvements and bond payment on their solar complex.

He commented that we do have some Planning Board things and I believe we will get some communication from the Planning Board Administrator about. One of the things was that they are behind on the minutes on the Planning Board and the idea was put forth because we were reviewing some of the same items meeting after meeting. It was noticed by one of the members that we were not being productive because some of the minutes were not ready and they could be used as a tool to keep our places where we were. The idea was put forth that we hire a temporary type person for plus or minus fifteen dollars and hour to help with the minutes. That turned into a discussion about a part time employee but at the end of the discussion it was mentioned that the previous job was held by a full time employee. The request was that the Township Committee consider it and in the context of their budget, which is almost completely exhausted, they would ask us to move funds later in the year to help with that. I think a request was for the Township to fund that in some way.

Mr. Piserchia said he had been on the Board of Adjustment several years back and after there was no full time employee we would fall behind. I remember a back log of maybe six months and a summer intern was hired. I agree with you, it is critical and I believe required by law, that the minutes be done. We do not need a full time employee to do minutes so we could get by with allocating a certain amount of money to catch up on the minutes.

Mr. Aroneo thought if they were to take that approach where they have an out sourced program at an hourly wage they could carry themselves for a while longer with the budget that is remaining. So we talked about that, we have approved that on this board when we got back logged. We are behind the Planning Board in where their minutes are coming out. Last night we approved February 28<sup>th</sup> minutes and we are up to the second week of February on this Board.

Mr. Piserchia said it was his recollection that the Planning and Zoning Administrator would welcome someone to do the minutes at this nominal cost. I would agree to hire someone at a nominal fee. Mr. Aroneo said the minutes are pretty detailed. I have heard Mr. Pidgeon use the words skeletal is all that is required. We talked about it last night and there are disc's so I do not think there is a reason for verbatim minutes. Mr. Pidgeon said that on appeals the resolution and the transcript are necessary and the minutes are irrelevant on appeals.

A discussion ensued regarding the content of minutes.

Mr. Aroneo said they may not need a body if we are going to reduce the size of the minutes. Is that what we would recommend or should we recommend hiring someone. Mr. Schuler thought it would be a good conversation to see if we can reduce the size of the minutes.

Mr. Pidgeon said the legal requirement was that each public body shall have reasonably comprehensible minutes of all its meetings showing the time and place, the members present, the subjects considered, actions taken, the vote of each member and any other information required to be shown in the minutes by law.

Mayor Mazzucco said he thought this Committee should ask if they could condense the minutes, hire a summer intern to do them and use the monies remaining in the budget which hopefully would cover the cost incurred. If more money is needed then come back.

Mr. Roshto said TIFA was discussed by the Planning Board. AR Realty is making a proposal of five buildings, four apartments with a mixed use in one of the buildings. The Planning Board asked what the next step was. That would be for this Committee, if we choose, to write a resolution authorizing the Planning Board to do a redevelopment zone study. The question is do we want to do that. AR Realty would be picking up the cost of the study and this does not commit us to anything.

Mr. Aroneo said he was concerned if we allowed the study and the potential applicant pays for the study, based on their presentation, I felt that we were not really in favor of what was being proposed. Everyone had concerns about the size, density, height of buildings and how it fit into the historic character of the Millington area. They then presented the same exact concept plan to the Planning Board. I do not really want to give them that study. They will give us back a study that says that we need what they are presenting. A question was raised regarding the study. Does the study actually bring back a recommendation of what it should look like or is the study simply we think this area needs developing? Mr. Aroneo said both. It shows the area is in need of development and they will make recommendations on what that should be based on all factors.

Mr. Roshto said none of that would be binding. Whoever the entity is that oversees the project, which could be this Committee if we so choose, will enter into a contract with them to do the development and be whatever we agree to in the contract. There is not commitment until the contract is signed.

Mr. Schuler said in fairness they have heard this Committee's opinion as well as the Planning Boards. If they are still willing to go to bat on the study it is their risk.

Mr. Pidgeon said they could go through the normal development application process and go before the Board of Adjustment to seek variances, etc. What this does you basically have an overlay ordinance and there is much more direct involvement by the town in what gets built. Basically you re-write the ordinance for that particular parcel to fit the proposed development. You give maximum heights, density is such, and actually come in with plans for approval. It gives you greater control over the aesthetic without commitment. Whereas if they went to the Board in an area where the use is permitted the zoning ordinance only says so much. It is difficult then to fashion the final product. The Board would have greater control in the case of a variance because conditions can be imposed. It would just give you more control.

Mr. Aroneo suggested, if we all agree, to tell them that the concept plan was not what we had in mind. We would be interested in looking at another concept plan giving us the smallest complex, units, least building heights and impacts, etc.

Mayor Mazzucco was troubled by one point. They did present here and received guidance that night. What troubles me is that they went to the Planning Board with the same concept.

Mr. Piserchia thought Mr. Aroneo made a good point. If we proceed you are almost leading them on and condoning what they planned. There certainly would be nothing wrong with asking them to come back with a new plan.

Mr. Aroneo was asked where the Planning Board had left it. He advised that the Planning Board was going to communicate to this Committee that they would ask us to consider declaring that in need of redevelopment and they are also waiting for response to questions raised by the

Board. (Note: As per Mr. Roshto correspondence re: questions raised was received today via email.)

Mr. Roshto said we could ask for the absolute minimum that they would be able to support and then we would negotiate up from that.

Mr. Roshto made a motion that we authorize the Township Clerk to write a letter to AR Realty to include our concerns as they pertain to height, density, and aesthetics and before we can proceed we ask for modifications in those areas. Mr. Aroneo seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes

Mr. Roshto said the Communication Advisory Committee had received a letter from Clarke, Caton & Hintz asking us to consider a \$5,000 payment for their services in documentation, travel to and from the Millington School House. We had authorized \$2,000. The second half of this story is that they also did work pro bono for us to get the grant up and delivered to the county on time. We went back and negotiated a reduction in the cost to \$2,500 (above the two \$2,000 that was budgeted and paid). He stated that what happened was in the time it took for the builder to complete the project. The delay of three months caused extra documentation and travel. I feel if we did not pay it would damage our relationship. They are a very valuable partner in the development of Millington School House and they have done an excellent job. The Historic Advisory Commission also made this recommendation.

Mr. Aroneo was not happy but felt this was a unique circumstance. Mayor Mazzucco was not in favor.

Mr. Roshto said LEPC, the Emergency Planning Committee met Monday. I listened to all the things that CERT does. He and the Committee would like to publicly thank them for all that they have on done for this community.

## **Discussion / Action Items:**

#### Wastewater Upgrade Update

Wayne Celeste, member of the Wastewater Management Advisory Committee, had some follow up points to make. The Township Committee had requested a breakdown of the costs for the individual items proposed. Mr. Bradley from OMNI Environmental has submitted a cost breakdown which you have copies of. In general terms, the flow equalization tank was \$3,000,000, the pump three and four replacement for \$200,000, the ultra violet improvements was \$700,000, the phosphorus treatment improvements were four hundred, the influent screening upgrades were \$850,000 and the overall I&I, if you recall there was about and \$8,300,000 project proposal. Of that \$3,000,000, was just I&I which accounted for about 15% of the potential problem in town.

Mr. Celeste stated that Mr. Bradley had gone to the NJ DEP to find out what the potential funding mechanism would be in 2013. The program will not be changed much from what it was in 2011. There is a principal forgiveness financing program through NJ Environmental Infrastructure Finance program. They will allow about 20%t of the given project as long as it qualifies to be forgiven up to \$2,000,000. October 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to submit planning documents; to get that done by March 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year we would be required to submit bid ready documents to the DEP to qualify for that funding. In looking at the numbers on an approximate \$9,000,000 project twenty percent of that would be \$1,800.000 which is under the \$2,000,000 cap. There is a potential for basically \$1,800,000 allowance on the project. There

are qualifications. What Mr. Bradley had recommended was that we have a pre-planning session with a representative from the DEP. They would be able to offer more guidance as to our qualifications and level it would qualify for. No commitment is needed at that time. It is just to assure we are on the right path. I think this would be a good opportunity to talk to the DEP and have them review our potential project and see what we qualify for.

Mr. Schuler commented that when Mr. Bradley was here at our last meeting, he thought all of it would likely be covered under this program. It is now sounding a little like he might be nervous because he is looking to get a confirmation from DEP Rep.

Mr. Celeste said at the last meeting the question was "can you look into that" further. Getting a representative from the actual funding group would be more prudent. We then have firm direction.

Mr. Roshto thought he had asked if they would just fund the I&I. Will you have the DEP talk about the entire program? Mr. Celeste said they had broken down the proposal into several sections, all of which contribute to a better running plant. Now we have to determine, using the DEP, which of those will qualify for an environmental improvement.

Mr. Piserchia said he would like to hear what the DEP has to say.

Mr. Schuler thought it could probably happen quicker if they dealt with the Wastewater Group. Our next meeting is the third week of July so it will be a big lapse. In formal discussion would go a lot easier there than here.

Mr. Celeste said they could vet out the details and go through what the different options are and let the DEP Rep. guide us. The only timing pressure would be to try to get something in place before the October first deadline. We also have to back that up. We have to develop the preplanning letter and submittal to the DEP.

Mr. Roshto asked why we could not start that process now for the I&I? This is a common theme that bothers me we hold up everything so that we can do the whole thing and discuss it all. We go on and on.

Mayor Mazzucco said he was in complete agreement with the I&I. We could do it tonight. But if we start throwing in the bigger picture and that is when everything stalls. I agree to go forward with the I&I aspect.

Mr. Schuler asked if we could say to Mr. Bradley from OMNI to start putting in a plan for I&I remediation.

Mr. Roshto said we are coming back to the question of leaving \$1,800,000 on the table is saying to me that we are going to do the whole project. What I thought I had heard from the Committee was that that was not an option.

Mr. Piserchia said that he understood this did not mean we have to do the full project to get the \$1,800,000. We might do I&I for \$3,000,000 and \$600,000. I do not know if you can apply for the monies retroactively.

Mr. Celeste pointed out that he did not think we would be slowing down the process by asking for the DEP's opinion on the multiple portions of the overall project. If we just focus on I&I

reduction we could present that to them. We are looking at \$1,800,000 of I&I reduction. What funding mechanism is in place that the DEP can offer us? Mr. Roshto suggested thinking just I&I. If that was the case I would be saying start filling out the forms.

Mr. Celeste stated that he understood. If that is the direction the Committee would like to give we just need a funding ordinance for the engineering portion of this project to be done so we can issue it out for bid. Again the numbers we have come up with is approximately \$3,000,000 for us to do a fifteen percent potential I&I reduction on the sewer system. We do not know where all the flow is coming from. Mr. Roshto asked if it was a fifteen percent reduction in capacity. Mr. Celeste said the proposals were to try to reduce flow and to get a fifty, twenty five or fifteen percent I&I reduction is affected by how much pipe we are able to look at.

Mr. Roshto said he was not opposed to having them talk to the DEP about all of this, I think where I saw the slowdown was where it was coming back to us and bringing the DEP in for more discussion. A discussion ensued regarding the definition of fifteen percent. Don Butterworth, Wastewater Management Advisory Committee Member, said the calculation was based upon linear pipe – 15%.

Mr. Aroneo was in favor of pursuing the I&I and had no problem meeting with the DEP and the Engineer to move it along.

Mr. Celeste said they needed direction as the next step to have the engineering firm do the preplanning documents that would be bid ready. We will ask if it qualifies for the twenty percent. I will talk with Mr. Bradley of OMNI about bringing forth the funding plan for this.

Mr. Piserchia asked if we also got consensus with some of the infrastructure upgrades for equipment that is falling apart.

Mr. Roshto said he was going to ask that question. UV disinfectant ion system seems to be a good return on investment for us. I was hoping to hear more about that tonight as well as the impellers on the pumps and what the minimal things are to upgrade.

Mr. Celeste said that is what Mr. Bradley attempted to breakdown for us. Pump three and four replacement is \$200,000; UV is \$700,000. Those decisions do have to be made also. They are required infrastructure upgrade to maintain the plant.

Mr. Schuler asked if we should have a funding plan put together for that as well.

The Township Committee discussed what should be included in the proposal. It was suggested to leave it to the Committee to come to a sensible recommendation from highest priority to least.

Mr. Roshto guestioned pump replacement and the alternatives.

Mr. Celeste thought Mr. Bradley and Mario Bonaccorso, Wastewater Superintendent, would be able to come up with a definitive plan of priority for one through three. His interpretation, from what he heard, was the pump replacement was to accommodate the flow tank but it also took care of the problem of the older pumps. Mention was made about impeller replacement if we do not do the tanks, which could be an option.

Mr. Schuler thought that if we could understand the impact of not doing one of the upgrades then we can try to balance once the funding issues are defined with what we can do.

<u>Shade Tree Commission Request Regarding Building Permit Application</u>

Mayor Mazzucco said the Shade Tree Commission was requesting copies of building permit applications in order to be notified if trees were being removed.

Mr. Piserchia said that the Shade Tree Commission does not get to view before a building permit is issued whether trees are removed. I think it is a good idea and understand that you have to balance it between the Board and the Commissions but the Township Committees task is to form these Commissions for this purpose. It is important that they get to review the applications.

Mr. Pidgeon said if you do this it would have to be clear that it is not a fatal flaw if it is not done. For example, the MLUL deals with the Environment Commissions. It says the Planning Board or the Board of Adjustment shall make available to the Environmental Commission and informational copy of every application for development. Failure of the Planning or Zoning Boards to make such information available to the Environmental Commission shall not invalidate any hearing or proceeding. You will have to make it clear that it is a courtesy. There is something in the policy requiring the Construction Office to send copies of all construction permits to the Shade Tree Commission. As to tree cutting in right-of-ways, that is covered in our ordinance.

A discussion ensued regarding the matter and the Shade Tree's request. It was suggested to speak with Dawn Wolfe, Planning/Zoning Administrator, about the time involved for processing the additional work.

Mr. Roshto pointed out that the Shade Tree Commission has authority over-right-of ways but does not have authority over private property. We have asked them to be our representative and oversee Township owned trees in the right-of-way and they should be given the tools to do that. To me, providing any development permit that will affect trees in the right-of-way is something they should have access to.

Mr. Schuler felt it was a zoning enforcement issue. As to providing copies I feel we have to ask Ms. Wolfe what the impact would be.

Phyllis Fast, Shade Tree Commission Representative, said she was here to express their concerns. There have been instances where building permits have been issued that did not have to come before either board. Consequently, street trees have been removed. There is no way for us to know that will happen until they are gone. We were asking to be notified when there is a building permit so that we could take a look to see if there was going to be a problem with the street trees or in the right-of-way.

Mr. Piserchia said he would talk to Ms. Wolfe regarding any extra work load that may be created.

Mayor Mazzucco suggested that if after speaking with Ms. Wolfe, and she has no problem with it, then we should authorize it to happen. Mr. Pidgeon will check regulations as to the number of applications permitted.

Mr. Schuler asked if we could confirm that the Zoning Official is looking into the removal of the trees that are on Township property.

Mr. Aroneo asked Ms. Fast if this particular property had removed trees in the right-of-way. Ms. Fast was not sure but according to some of the Shade Tree Commissioners there were some removed from the right-of-way. Mr. Piserchia said he would follow up on it.

Mr. Pidgeon stated that he found that there was no specific directive. It was then suggested that the applicants should be required to submit an extra copy to the office.

#### Direction for Petition for Rezoning Request

Mayor Mazzucco stated that they had a request from Willow Pond Farm to rezone. People are not farming as much and are using these lands for such things as teaching children how to ride horses and such. I guess this taxpayer is trying to come into compliance and is asking us to change the rules. I am challenged to see the negative aspect to it.

Mr. Schuler said his only worry was spot zoning. He asked whether we will be rezoning all farming for either purpose. Mayor Mazzucco suggested sending this to the Planning Board for their interpretation or recommendation.

Mr. Aroneo noted that the Planning Board is really busy right now as they have a lot of things on the agenda and a lot of things back logged. He would suggest that we send it with direction then perhaps the ordinance could come out of there, if not we could do it here.

Mr. Piserchia referenced the attorney's letter where it indicated you would include horses as part of farming.

Mr. Pidgeon said that was in the "Right to Farm Act" which is administered by the County Agricultural Board and that includes horses. He pointed out that he does not know if this operation qualifies under all the other requirements.

Mr. Aroneo thought the question was do we want to allow horses on farmland or do we want to create a separate farm zone for horses.

Mr. Roshto said if we are talking zoning then it has to go to the Planning Board. He pointed out that our ordinance is for farming but we could add in there "and equine" and we would be done.

Mayor Mazzucco said that if their attorney is right as this is a farm and I think we do not have a choice, we have to allow it. The second point might be the issue; it is not a farm.

Mr. Pidgeon said the "Right to Farm Act" pre-empts local zoning. My suspicion is that he does not qualify for some reason. Mr. Pidgeon said he would look into it.

## **COAH Trust Fund**

Mr. Aroneo pointed out that we had addressed this during liaison reports. Mr. Pidgeon had worked on it with Banish Associates (Planners). What we have is an agreement that will permit us to dedicate the \$403,000 to Lounsberry Meadow for various improvements. There is a provision that allows for us to rescind this agreement if anything should change legislatively or judicially by that time so that we can retain those funds. One of the things I would like to do is to support them is to complete some of their most critical projects. We should do things that are quality of life for the residents.

Mr. Pidgeon said he had drafted the resolution. The Assembly has passed the extension and the senate is voting tomorrow. There is no guarantee that it will not be vetoed. The Assembly plurality was veto proof.

Mayor Mazzucco commented that on just a general note that Resolution 12-253 will be available at town hall tomorrow for review.

Mr. Aroneo said that while we are talking about the agreement, one of the things that I had wanted was for the fees to come out of the COAH Trust Fund. I am not sure we can do that at this time. We have specified the amounts that we are dedicating to Lounsberry for each project but I do not believe that the fees for the Planner were included. They still can come out of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. We could amend some of the line items by a few thousand dollars. What is the consensus of the Committee?

Mr. Pidgeon said if that is what you want to do then the logical place to do it would be in item three, Solar Loan. Mr. Piserchia said he would follow Mr. Pidgeon's advice. Mr. Aroneo said the total of the expense would be approximately \$5,700.00. Mr. Pidgeon stated that we could use the language he suggested and leave it open ended, Solar Debt less professional fees.

A discussion ensued among the Committee and Mr. Pidgeon regarding the history of COAH.

## Ordinance Public Hearing / Consideration Of Adoption:

ORDINANCE #304-12 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MAIN AVENUE AND CENTRAL AVENUE IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP AND APPROPRIATING \$608,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$370,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION

Mayor Mazzucco read the ordinance by title and opened the public hearing. As there were no comments the public portion was closed

A motion was made by Mr. Schuler and seconded by Mr. Roshto to adopt Ordinance 304-12 as amended.

Mr. Aroneo stated that he is in favor of project but not in favor on bonding.

Roll Call Vote as amended:

Ayes: Mr. Piserchia, Mr. Roshto, Mr. Schuler, Mayor Mazzucco

Nay: Mr. Aroneo

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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 improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement to be made or acquired by The Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, New Jersey. For the said improvement or purpose stated in said Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$608,000, said sum being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor and including the sum of \$18,500 as the down payment for said improvement or purpose required by law and now available therefor by virtue of provision in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Township for down payment or for capital improvement purposes and including also (a) the sum of \$219,500 from Capital Fund Balance of the Township and (b) the aggregate sum of \$370,000 received or expected to be received by the Township from the New Jersey Department of Transportation as a grant-in-aid of financing said improvement or purpose.

Section 2. For the financing of said improvement or purpose and to meet the part of said \$608,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment and Capital Fund Balance, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$370,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding \$370,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

- Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is the improvement of Main Avenue and Central Avenue in and by the Township by the surfacing or resurfacing thereof to provide a roadway pavement at least equal in useful life or durability to a roadway pavement of Class B construction (as such term is used or referred to in Section 40A:2-22 of said Local Bond Law), including all storm water drainage facilities, inlets, manholes, curb and sidewalk reconstruction, signage, milling, structures, site work, work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby approved.
- (b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purpose is \$370,000.
- (c) The estimated cost of said purpose is \$608,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor being the amount of the said \$18,500 down payment for said purpose and the amount of the said \$219,500 from Capital Fund Balance.
- Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:
  - (a) The said purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense and 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 benefitted thereby.

- (b) The period of usefulness of said purpose within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is ten (10) 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 \$370,000, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.
- (d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$90,000 for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations 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 cost of said improvement and is included in the foregoing estimate thereof.

Section 5. The funds from time to time received by the Township on account of the grants referred to in Section 1 of this bond ordinance shall be used for financing the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance by application thereof either to direct payment of the costs of said improvement or purpose, or to payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Township authorized by this bond ordinance. Any such funds so received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of such costs shall, be held and applied by the Township as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Township authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 6. 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 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 N.J.S.A. §40A:2-8. 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 7. 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 8. 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 9. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by said Local Bond Law.

## **Resolutions:**

## **Consent Agenda Resolutions:**

Mr. Aroneo would like to pull Resolution 12-245 that pending hiring an Administrator who can make an employment recommendation. Mayor Mazzucco asked if the Committee would agree he could interview the applicant. Mr. Aroneo said he was reluctant to hire someone without them meeting one or two people.

Ms. Gatti suggested adding contingent on Mayor's approval to the Resolution. Mr. Pidgeon thought it would be better to pull it and do it by motion to delegate the authority to the Mayor to interview and hire a temporary part time employee.

Mr. Roshto had a question regarding Resolution 12-248 which is related to the Mayor signing various tank closures seeing he was not sure what that was about. It was decided that the Township Engineer should send the Township Committee the details related to the project. The Committee agreed to pull the Resolution and consider it at the next meeting with the Engineers report.

Mr. Aroneo asked to pull Resolution 12-249 Developer's Agreement for a separate vote.

Mr. Pidgeon's question was as to whether the two new members would like to discuss that whole program in executive session before acting on it unless you feel you are familiar enough to act on it. Both Messrs. Roshto and Schuler commented that they have discussed it before.

Mr. Aroneo said to add it and he would just abstain.

Ms. Gatti asked if we were going to add the tax Resolution 12-254 to the consent agenda for consideration.

A motion made by Mayor Mazzucco to approve 12-240 through 12-254 excluding Resolutions 12-245 and 12-248; seconded by Mr. Aroneo

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Aroneo vote aye with the exception of Resolution 12-249 from which he abstained; Mr. Piserchia – aye, Mr. Roshto – aye, Mr. Schuler – aye, Mayor Mazzucco – aye with the exclusion of the check referred to by Mr. Roshto in Resolution 12-240.

RESOLUTION 12-241
APPROVAL AND RELEASE OF REGULAR SESSION MINUTES AND APPROVAL OF
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES (AS REDACTED)

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby approve and release the Township Committee Minutes of the February 8, 2012 Meeting.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee hereby approves the February 8, 2012 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

## RESOLUTION 12-240 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 12-242 AUTHORIZING TAX REFUND [BLOCK: 12003, LOT: 7]

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill upon the advice and recommendation of the Tax Collector, does hereby authorize a refund check which represents the Redemption of Tax Title Lien #1246 for Block: 12003 Lot: 7 dated 12/6/2011 in the amount of \$2,364.06 and a refund of \$300.00 premium paid at Tax Sale to: FWDSL & Associates, LP, 290 US Highway 22, Green Brook, NJ 08812.

## RESOLUTION 12-243 AUTHORIZING RECREATION REFUND [CALLEO]

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill upon the advice and recommendation of the Recreation Director, does hereby authorize a Summer Camp Registration refund of \$260.00 to the following:

Angela Calleo 40 Lacey Avenue Gillette, NJ 07933

## RESOLUTION 12-244 APPOINTING 2012 SUMMER RECREATION PLAYGROUND PERSONNEL

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill upon the recommendations of the Recreation Director and Summer Camp Director Kelly Wells, that the following be appointed to the 2012 Summer Recreation Playground Personnel effective June 28, 2012:

Counselor Name	Hourly Wage
Kimberly Massa	\$7.50
Luke Smith	\$7.75
Eric Langenauer	\$7.50
Bryan McCracken	\$7.75
Connor Murphy	\$7.50
Steven Klawitter	\$7.75
Jessica Rizzo	\$7.75

Connor Ragsdale \$7.75  Jasmine Letteri \$7.50	
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Rebecca Kinsella \$7.50	
Shannon Butler \$7.75	
Gabriella Gambino \$7.50	
Jacky Mentone \$7.50	
Elizabeth Skrobacz \$7.50	
Lindsay Donegan \$7.50	
JC Rizzi \$7.75	
Tyler Dunster \$7.75	
Mia Ruggiero \$7.50	
Ryan Stetz \$7.75	
Danny Ferrentino \$8.25	
Art Directors	
Erica Spinelli \$10.00	
Erin Caffrey \$10.00	1
Program Directors	
16 11 147 11	
Kelly Wells \$28.50	
Andrew Couch \$18.00	
Shane Porter \$18.00	
Michael Georgiana \$16.00	
Jessica Zigarelli \$15.00	
Counselors in Training (Volunteer)	
Emerson Kuehne	
Susan Chen	
Emily Meltzer	
William Vorrius	
Caroline Sequeria	

## **RESOLUTION 12-246 AUTHORIZING RENEWING OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR 2012-2013**

BE IT RESOLVED that all applications being in good order and the required \$2,500.00 fee having been paid, the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby grant the following Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses for the year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013:

Caralen Corporation NA&J Associates LLC t/a Meyersville Inn t/a Oceana Grill 632 Meyersville Road 1255 Valley Road Gillette, NJ 07933 Gillette, NJ 07933 License No. 1430-33-007-008

License No. 1430-33-012-004

Note: Change of Corporate Structure pending

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the application below is in good order and the required \$250.00 fee having been paid for the inactive license [Pocket license] as per the Special Ruling issued by the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby grant the following Inactive [Pocket] License for the year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.

Truheaven, LLC 664 Valley Road Gillette, NJ 07933 License No. 1430-33-011-007 [Inactive License – Pocket]

## **RESOLUTION 12-247**

# ENDORSING TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT (TE) PROGRAM ALTERNATE MODE OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT APPLICATION NA EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**WHEREAS**, the Long Hill Township Committee hereby endorses and authorizes the submittal of the application to the TE Program 2012 for funds to connect the Gillette School to the existing path into Riverside Park adjacent to the municipal building, thus creating a walking route along Valley Road and will serve as the evacuation route for all students from the school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Long Hill Township Committee recognizes the importance and concerns about pedestrian safety and agree to the maintenance of this project for a least twenty years; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Long Hill Township Committee formally approves the grant application for the above stated project;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application as per recommended by the Township Engineer as identified as TE-2012-Long Hill Township – 00077 from NJDOT Sage to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Long Hill Township;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Long Hill Township and their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

# RESOLUTION 12-249 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT (SEWER ONLY) WITH OWNER OF BLOCK 11002 LOT 4.1 [BODNAR]

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the

County of Morris, State of New Jersey as follows:

 The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Developers' Agreement (sewer only) for block 11002, lot 4.1 which shall be kept on file in the Township Clerk's office.

 Upon compliance with the terms of the Developers' Agreement, the property owners shall be entitled to connect to the Township wastewater treatment system.

# RESOLUTION 12-250 CONSENTING TO THE PROPOSED WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT (WQM) PLAN AMENDMENT ENTITLED: FUTURE WASTEWATER SERVICE AREA MAP FOR MORRIS COUNTY PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE UPPER DELAWARE, UPPER RARITAN AND NORTHEAST WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN (WQMP)

**WHEREAS**, the County of Morris desires to provide for the orderly development of wastewater facilities within Morris County, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requires that proposed wastewater treatment and conveyance facilities and wastewater treatment service areas, as well as related subjects, be in conformance with an approved WQM plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJDEP has established the WQM plan amendment procedure as the method of incorporating changes to the delineation of future wastewater service areas into a WQM plan; and

**WHEREAS**, a proposed WQM plan amendment noticed in the New Jersey Register on June 18, 2012 for the Upper Delaware, Upper Raritan and Northeast WQM plan has been prepared by the County of Morris with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and:

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Committee:

- The Long Hill Township Committee hereby consents to the amendment entitled Future Wastewater Service Area Map for Morris County, Proposed Amendment to the Upper Delaware, Upper Raritan and Northeast Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP), and publicly noticed on June 18, 2012, prepared by the County of Morris with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, for the purpose of its incorporation into the applicable WQM plan(s).
- 2. This consent shall be submitted to the NJDEP in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.4.
- 3. Copies of the consent shall also be sent to the Morris County Department of Planning & Development, PO Box 900, Morristown, NJ 07963-0900 and/or faxed 973-326-0925.

# RESOLUTION 12-251 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2012 GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the Mayor or the successor to the Office of the Mayor to submit and sign the Grant Agreement with the State of New Jersey for a grant in the amount of \$3,000 for the 2012 Green Communities Grant and hereby agrees

to match 50% of the total project amount in compliance with the match requirements of the agreement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the grantee agrees to comply with all applicable federal, State, and municipal laws, rules, and regulations in its performance pursuant to the agreement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution replaces Resolution 12-097 approved on February 8, 2012.

## RESOLUTION 12-252 AUTHORIZING SEWER ADJUSTMENT

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Long Hill Township Committee upon the advice of the Sewer Collector does hereby authorize the Sewer Collector to correct the usage fee adjustment for Block: 12401 Lot: 3 for Timothy Somers and Kim Anderson at 175 Basking Ridge Road, Millington, NJ to reflect Resolution 11-240 credit of \$273.30 not an increase of \$266.31 as per computer adjustment in 2011 which will correctly reflect that the homeowner made a duplicate payment of \$539.61;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the 2011 duplicate payment of \$539.61 be credited to the 2012 Sewer billing.

# RESOLUTION 12-253 AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH LOUNSBERRY MEADOW FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PURPOSES AND APPROPRIATING MONEY FROM THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, Long Hill Township (hereinafter the "Township") has been collecting affordable housing development fees pursuant to Section 185 of the Township Land Use Code, which was approved by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH") by Resolution

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND

WHEREAS, Chapter 46 of the laws of 2008 provided that:

dated June 4, 2007; and

The council shall establish a time by which all development fees collected within a calendar year shall be expended; provided, however, that all fees shall be committed for expenditure within four years from the date of collection. A municipality that fails to commit to expend the balance required in the development fee trust fund by the time set forth in this section shall be required by the council to transfer the remaining unspent balance at the end of the four-year period to the "New Jersey Affordable Housing Trust Fund," established pursuant to section 20 of P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-320), as amended by P.L.2008, C.46 (C.52:27D-329.1 et al.), to be used in the housing region of the transferring municipality for the authorized purposes of that fund. (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-329.2d); and

WHEREAS, the Township has a balance remaining in its Affordable Housing Trust Fund

of \$508,099 of which \$403,747 has to be committed by July 17, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Township has delayed spending its Affordable Housing Trust Funds because of the lack of direction from COAH, which has been unable to adopt third round rules acceptable to the courts since the expiration of the second round rules in 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township now faces a situation where it must commit those funds or risk losing them to the State; and

WHEREAS, bills have been introduced in the Legislature (A-2950 and S-211) to extend the deadline by two years until July 17, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee favorably reported Senate Bill No. 2011 on July 18, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly adopted A-2950 on June 25, 2012; and

WHEREAS, passage of those bills would enable the Township to expend its remaining

Affordable Housing Trust Funds more wisely;

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 Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Lounsberry Meadow in the amount of \$ 403,747.00 for the following Affordable Housing purposes:

<ol> <li>Emergency electric generator – Generator is needed to power elevator, main doors, emergency hall lights in an outage. This amount provides funding for engineering (approx. \$12,000) and generator purchase and installation (approx. \$58,000):</li> </ol>	\$70,000
2. ADA improvements – Roll-in and/or swing-in showers for as many units as possible to replace existing bathtubs & showers. This is estimated at approximately \$6,000/unit installed (\$3,000 per unit & \$3,000 installation). The design and construction of the Lounsberry community predates passage of the ADA. None of the units (including existing handicapped units) will pass ADA today. All units have bathtubs that are significantly problematic for Lounsberry's wheelchair-bound tenants. (approximately 37 units can be replaced for budgeted amount):	\$222,447
<ol> <li>Professional Fees Related to the township's spending plan &amp; Pay Down Solar Loan – All Professional fees related to the townships spending plan and the remaining balance shall be prepayment of a portion of the solar</li> </ol>	

	Total	\$403,747
of their useful life:		\$76,376
reduction in overall operating costs. These units are approaching the	end	
approximately \$25 per year (143 kWh reduction), which will contribute		
(261 kWH reduction); each common area replacement will save		
replaced in tenant space will save occupant approximately \$45 per yea	r	
replacing the older through-the-wall air conditioning units (older units		
areas are fitted with PTAC units. Moderate savings can be achieved b	y	
4. PTAC (packaged thermal air conditioner) units – all units and common		
reduction toward keeping rents as low as possible in 2013 and beyond	.	
reduce the solar loan annual payments, the Board can apply this debt		
expenses, the Lounsberry Board had to raise rents 3% in 2012. If they	can	ΨΟ 1,02 1
income/expenses are basically breaking even. As such, with other		\$34,924
market has become volatile and unstable. Recently the solar project	ait	
to hold the line on rents, which has become difficult since the solar cred		
Lounsberry to hold the line on rents. Debt reduction will permit Lounsb	Ωrrv/	
reductions, such a lower annual payment on the solar loan will permit	JSt	
area electric bill, through savings from the overall operating budget. Co		
loan will benefit tenants indirectly through a reduction in the facility com	mon	

- 2. Any such agreement shall be in form acceptable to the Township attorney.
- 3. Any such agreement shall be subject to ultimate approval by COAH.
- 4. If the State extends the July 17, 2012 deadline before that date, this Resolution shall be *void ab initio*.
- 5. This contract shall be charged to the Township's Affordable Housing
  Trust Fund including all professional fees related to the townships spending plan.
  The certification of available funds by the Township Chief Financial Officer shall be attached to the original of this resolution and shall be maintained in the files of the Township Clerk.

#### **RESOLUTION 12-254**

REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUNDS ON EMERGENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING MECHANISMS NOT INCLUDED IN MUNICIPAL FAIR SHARE PLAN, IN THE FORM OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE SPENDING PLAN

**PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 5:97-8.11** 

**WHEREAS,** N.J.A.C 5:97-8.11 provides that:

- (a) A municipality may request authorization for expenditure of affordable housing trust funds on emergent affordable housing mechanisms not included in the municipal Fair Share Plan, in the form of an amendment to the spending plan.
- (b) In addition to the requirements for approval of a spending plan or amendment to an approved spending plan set forth at N.J.A.C. 5:96-5, the resolution submitted by the municipality shall include a certification that the affordable housing opportunity addresses the Council's criteria set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:97-6, and the municipality shall submit information regarding the proposed mechanism in a format to be provided by the Council.
- (c) The municipality shall submit an amendment to its Fair Share Plan to include the mechanism at the earlier of two years after the Council's approval of the spending plan amendment or the next planned amendment to the Fair Share Plan resulting from plan evaluation review pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:96-10.

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill wishes to request authorization from COAH to expend affordable housing trust funds on emergent affordable housing mechanisms not included in the municipal Fair Share Plan, in the form of an amendment to the spending plan, as set forth in the attached Amended Spending Plan prepared by Township Planner Kevin O'Brien;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, hereby endorse the Amended Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan, prepared by Township Planner Kevin O'Brien and dated July 12, 2012, a copy of which is attached hereto and which is incorporated herein by reference; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of Township of Long Hill, pursuant to the requirements of <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 5:97-8.11, hereby certify that the affordable housing opportunity addresses the Council's criteria set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:97-6, and the municipality shall submit information regarding the proposed mechanism in a format to be provided by the Council.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file with the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing a certified copy of this resolution with the Amended Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan attached.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township shall submit an amendment to its Fair Share Plan to include the mechanism at the earlier of two years after the Council's approval of the spending plan amendment or the next planned amendment to the Fair Share Plan resulting from plan evaluation review pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:96-10.

## **Old Business**

Mr. Piserchia commented that the Committee had asked the Township Engineer to do a study on Riverside Park. He asked if we have received anything about this. He was advised that it would be followed up on.

## **Meeting Open to the Public**

Mayor Mazzucco opened the meeting to public.

Marco Santacross, resident of Valley Road, said there was a piece in the Star Ledger which talked about a town that remodeled their sewer plant and it took three years to do it. He reviewed the article and suggested that the Committee look into it. Mr. Santacross also questioned hospitalization coverage for anyone that was hurt on the job and was assured that the Township carried workmen's compensation. He then questioned benefits for part time workers and asked how the hours were defined.

Ms. Gatti asked if there was going to be a motion regarding the Construction Official and designating the Mayor as the authority for hiring.

Mr. Aroneo made a motion authorize the Mayor to hire a temporary part time Construction Official Assistant at the rate of \$15.00 per hour not to exceed twenty five hours per week. This is a temporary assignment until terminated by the Mayor, the Township Committee or the wew Administrator; seconded by Mr. Piserchia. Vote: All Ayes

Ms. Gatti was asked to schedule the appointment for 1:30 on Friday.

Dan McGuire, member of the Lounsberry Meadow Board extended his thanks to the Township Committee for their vote this evening. He thanked Mr. Aroneo, Ms. Gatti, Mr. Pidgeon and Mr. Bannish for all their work. He questioned the Mayor's signing something until the 16<sup>th</sup> and was advised that it was just to hold off until that date. Mr. Pidgeon said that his suggestion to Mr. Banish was to open an account with ten dollars so that we are ready to wire it over. Mr. Aroneo thanked Mr. McGuire for all his help.

Don Butterworth, Stirling resident, wanted to clarify a little on the Delaware Avenue property that was clear cut. I believe it was cut before the owner even made an application for building. As I recall when it was developed in the 90's when the road was put through all the trees were removed on the entire right of way. He did not cut township trees. He did clear cut the entire five acres plus.

No further comments; Mayor Mazzucco closed the pubic portion for comments.

Mayor Mazzucco said the Committee would be going back to Executive Session. He made a motion to go back into executive session which was seconded by Mr. Piserchia All in Favor

## **Executive Session**

Mayor Mazzucco pointed out that the Committee will be going back into executive session and commented that they may be coming back out.

A motion was made by Mayor Mazzucco; seconded by Mr. Piserchia to reconvene to Executive Session at 9:30 p.m.

## Regular Open Session

The Township Committee reconvened to Regular Session at 10:30 p.m.

## <u>Adjournment</u>

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Mazzucco and seconded by Mr. Aroneo to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 p.m. Vote: All Ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Gatti Township Clerk /mf/

Approved: September 26, 2012