

Long Hill Township Committee Minutes August 15, 2012 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, **August 15, 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. Schuler, seconded by Mr. Roshto to approve Resolution 12-255
Vote: All Ayes

Executive Session:

RESOLUTION 12-255 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
- Procedures
- Personnel Manual

Contract Negotiations:

- None

Attorney Client Privilege:

- Zoning Enforcement
- Karen Dietrich Drive

Pending or Anticipated Litigation:

- None

Property Acquisition:

- Open Space

Public Safety

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; Cornel Schuler; Mayor Michael Mazzucco

Absent: Guy Roshto

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

Appointment & Oath Of Office For Police Officer: Thompson

Mayor Mazzucco administered the Oath of Office to Officer Thompson. He noted that Officer Thompson was a graduate of Delaware University and had attended the Cape May County Police Academy. He has done various internships. His enthusiasm and spirit as a new officer will be very welcome in the Department

Appointments To Boards And Commissions For 2012

Township Committee Appointments

Mayor Mazzucco addressed the appointment of Ms. Barbara Komoroski to the Lounsberry Board of Trustees; term ending December of 31, 2012

Mayor Mazzucco made a motion to approve the appointment; seconded by Mr. Aroneo. Vote: All Ayes

Township Committee Liaison Reports / Department Reports:

Mr. Aroneo reported that the 2012 Morris County Open Space Preservation Grant has been filed. Mr. Aroneo pointed out that the 2012 Morris County Open Space application for Block 11505, Lot 25, Block 11507, Lot 1 and Block 11506, Lots 1 & 24 (also known as Stirling Recreation Center - Railroad Avenue & Warren Avenue) has been filed. He indicated that a grant application was also filed in 2011 for the property and the township was not awarded the grant at that time but did receive funding for another property. He clarified his statement made at the June public hearing on the 2012 grant application in reference to the 2011 grant application pertaining to the appraisal report. He stated that an independent county appraiser reviewed our 2011 appraisal report for the property and I said it was consistent, but in fact there were comments made by the independent county appraiser on our appraisal. He reviewed comments in the report and indicated that the report is available in the Township Clerks Office if anyone is interested in reviewing it.

Council on Affordable Housing Update

Mr. Aroneo reported that the current state of COAH is that we are retaining the balance of the funds for now and that are in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, but things seem to change on a daily basis. I don't know where we are right now.

Mr. Pidgeon said we were going to retain the funds in any event. We submitted our certifications and the funds had been committed by the deadline under the statute. As you recall the court, a few weeks ago, held that the State had the right to take the money but they couldn't do so without giving due process rights to the municipalities. Two days later COAH sent out letters to

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three hundred fifty towns saying that they want the money or else proof why you don't have to give it. So the League and the Cherry Hill based non-profit fair housing center went back to Court in Aid of Litigates Court to enforce the previous order. They made a number of arguments and one was the COAH does not validly exist at this point in time because Governor Christi has not appointed new members and over half the terms have expired. Secondly, Shawn Thompson, the Executive Director made the decision himself that he doesn't have that authority and third, that letter did not constitute due process. Now it is back to the drawing board.

Mr. Aroneo said so for now COAH does not exist but we need them to approve our spending plan if we want to proceed with our projects?

Mr. Pidgeon said that was correct. COAH may exist but it probably does not have a quorum even if they wanted to meet. We shall see. We have done everything we can to this point to protect ourselves. David Banish did a good job getting our funds committed.

Mr. Aroneo said that was all he had to report on those two topics.

Discussion / Action Items:

Great Swamp Directional Road Signs

Mayor Mazzucco asked Steve Henry, Deputy Manager of the Refuge, address the Great Swamp directional road signs.

Mr. Henry commented that he appreciated the Township Committee granting time to the Refuge to present their ideas. Maps and photos have been prepared which will give you a better idea of what we are talking about with regards to directional road signs in Long Hill Township. He presented their proposal to the Committee and public which included the possible locations of directional signs which would be twenty four inches by thirty inches with Great Swamp National Wild Life and would be standard brown with white lettering and an arrow pointing in the appropriate direction. He indicated that we are here tonight to discuss the possibility of locating these two signs within the Township to direct traffic from the highway to the Refuge.

Mr. Pidgeon pointed out that the ordinance permits directions signs like this so the public can find public institutions. The only question is whether you want to allow them to have the signs in Township right-of-ways. Then it would be up to the Construction Official to enforce the ordinance.

Mayor Mazzucco asked for comments from the Committee.

Mr. Piserchia indicated that the Great Swamp is a treasure, not just for Long Hill Township, but for the County, State and Country. My only question would be is the aesthetics of the sign. I do not know what is proper but we have a Committee in the Township that you could possibly work with. I think your choice of location off route 78 seems right. I would be in favor of it just with the one suggestion that you work with the Promotion Enhancement Advisory Committee in town that works with the signage.

Mr. Pidgeon stated that the ordinance says that the Construction Official may consult with the approving authority to determine suitable height, area limitations on signs, and shall be guided by the standards as established.

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Mr. Aroneo agreed with Mr. Piserchia's suggestion because they are dealing with a larger project which is analyzing policy issues.

Mr. Henry said they had a standard sign program within the Refuge. There is some flexibility within that. He reviewed examples of signage in other areas.

Mayor Mazzucco commented that if it was the standup sign that he has seen on Meyersville Road he was in favor.

Mr. Henry said that they would be happy to work with Township Officials to nail down exactly the location and design of the signs. We are looking to do this sometime in the near future as we do not want to drag it out any extended period of time as we are working closely with NJDOT to have the signs put up on 78. We do not have an exact date when that will be done but the concern is if the signs are up on 78 and are routing traffic off they would become lost.

Mr. Schuler thought that was a good point. The last thing we want is for people to get lost. That is more of a reason to make sure you get the signs up.

Mr. Aroneo asked if we wanted to look at wooden signs. Would that be something that Promotion and Enhancement might have an opinion on? Should we send it to them and let them know that it is separate from our other project.

Mayor Mazzucco said there was a member of the Promotional Enhancement Committee members present. He asked if this could be done quickly.

Dennis Sandow, Promotion and Enhancement Advisory Committee member, state dthat they would be happy to review the proposal.

Mr. Aroneo thought it was a good idea for them to work with the Promotion Enhancement Committee as long as we make it known that this project is not related to the other overall sign projects so it does not get stuck there.

Messrs. Sandow and Henry reviewed the proposed location of the signs and traffic.

Members of the Committee thanked Mr. Henry for the information.

Mayor Mazzucco requested that the Refuge meet and work with the Performance Enhancement Committee and show them the options and let them decide on the aesthetics.

Mr. Aroneo thought we could say that this Committee in favor of the signs overall. Now, do we want your standard sign or do they want to see some alternative or perhaps a wooden sign

Mr. Henry said they had some discretion in the specific design of the sign. We have standards but within that we do have some flexibility and we would be happy to work with you.

Mayor Mazzucco commented that as a Committee they approve their proposal but would like them to go to the Promotion Enhancement Advisory Committee to let them choose which type of signage that they would like.

The Committee thanked Mr. Henry for his input.

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Ordinance Introduction:

ORDINANCE #305-12 REQUIRING COPIES OF CERTAIN ZONING PERMIT APPLICATIONS TO BE FORWARDED TO THE TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION AND SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING SECTION 106 OF THE TOWNSHIP LAND USE ORDINANCES

Mayor Mazzucco asked for comments regarding Ordinance 305-12 which requires copies of certain zoning permits be forwarded to Township Shade Tree Commission

Mr. Pidgeon reviewed the language. The Committee briefly reviewed the ordinance which allows the Shade Tree Commission the opportunity to comment on zoning applications.

Mr. Aroneo pointed out that the builder is not necessarily obligated to comply with the recommendation. Mr. Pidgeon said that was correct, unless it violates the existing ordinance.

Mayor Mazzucco said that one of the concerns of the Committee at the last meeting was would it add additional work to the Planning and Zoning Departments and we checked with them and they indicated that there was no limit to the number of plans that we can request which was confirmed by Mr. Pidgeon. The applicant will provide all copies.

Mayor Mazzucco asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance 305-12.

Mr. Aroneo moved that Ordinance #305-12 be introduced on first reading and advertised for second reading which is scheduled for the September 12, 2012 meeting, seconded by Mr. Schuler.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

Mayor Mazzucco asked for comment from the Public; seeing none he closed the public comment.

**ORDINANCE #305-12
REQUIRING COPIES OF CERTAIN ZONING PERMIT APPLICATIONS TO BE FORWARDED TO THE TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION AND SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING SECTION 106 OF THE TOWNSHIP LAND USE ORDINANCES**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: *To prevent the illegal cutting of trees by requiring the referral of certain zoning permit applications to the Shade Tree Commission for its review.*

WHEREAS, the Township Shade Tree Commission has requested that copies of all building permit applications be forwarded to the Shade Tree Commission for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, Township ordinances provide that no building permit shall be issued unless the application has first obtained a zoning permit from the Township Zoning Officer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of

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Long Hill in the County of Morris, New Jersey that Section 100 of the Township Land Use Ordinances entitled "Title, Purpose and Scope" be supplemented and amended as follows:

Section 1. Subsection 106.4 in Section 106 entitled "Zoning Permits; Certificates of Compliance" is hereby supplemented and amended by changing the title of that section to "Zoning Permits; Certificates of Compliance; and Referrals to Shade Tree Commission," and that section as re-titled is supplemented and amended to read as follows:

- "106.4 A. *If a zoning permit is required, the property owner or developer may apply for one by submitting an application with the Zoning Officer on the form provided and paying an application fee of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars. The Zoning Officer shall issue a zoning permit only if he or she is satisfied that all requirements of the Township land use ordinances and environmental protection regulations have been satisfied. As part of his or her review, the Zoning Officer may consult with the Township Engineer, the Township Planner or NJDEP.*
- B. *If the proposed construction or development involves a change in the footprint of any building or structure, or, if in the opinion of the Zoning Officer, the proposed development may result in the removal of or damage to any tree(s), the owner or developer shall submit a duplicate copy of the construction permit application, and all supporting documents, to the Zoning Officer for referral to the Township Shade Tree Commission for its review and comment. Failure of the Zoning Officer to make such information available to the Shade Tree Commission shall not invalidate any permit or proceeding. Moreover, the review of any application by the Shade Tree Commission shall not stay or delay the time in which the Zoning Officer or any other Township official has to act pursuant to any applicable statute, regulation or ordinance.*

Section 2. Subsection 104.2 in Section 104 entitled "Construction Permit" is amended by correcting the cross reference in that section from "Section 108" to "Section 106."

Section 3. Any and all other ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with any of the terms hereof are hereby repealed to such extent as they are so in conflict or inconsistent.

Section 4. In case any article, section or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect any other article, section or provision of this ordinance except insofar as the article, section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and

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publication as required by law.

Resolutions:

Consent Agenda Resolutions:

Mayor Mazzucco asked if there was anything anyone wanted to discuss.

Mr. Pidgeon asked that they consider adding a Resolution to the Consent Agenda which would authorize a professional which is below the bid threshold. He added that it authorizes a contract with Conservation Resources Inc., Morristown, NJ to assist the Township in its acquisition of open space and to authorize the contract with them at \$100.00 per hour and not to exceed twenty five hours with the possibility that if the Township is happy with their services that we could extend that contract, hopefully under their proposal which would be for \$5,700 for seventy five hours for one year. This would be like a probationary period with them. He asked that Resolution 12-292 be considered.

Mayor Mazzucco asked for a motion to approve Resolutions 12-268 to 12-292; Mr. Aroneo seconded the motion as amended.

Mr. Schuler had a question regard Resolution 12-273 pertaining to Main Avenue resurfacing. Jim Mangin, CFO, reviewed the resolution for general contracting. He pointed out that the balance of the road work is being done by the Morris County Co-op so it is in affect already been awarded. That is what satisfies our grant agreement where we had to have a contract in place by the end of August.

Mr. Schuler asked if the grants covered all the rest of the expenses. Mr. Mangin said that we were financially responsible for the project but this was what was not going to the co-op.

Mr. Pidgeon asked if you could certify the \$2,500 dollars available for the Environmental Resources from the Open Space Trust Fund. Mr. Mangin said he could.

Roll Call Vote for consent agenda resolutions: All Ayes

**RESOLUTION 12-268
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 12-269
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 May 9, 2012 and May 23, 2012 Meetings.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby approves the May 9, 2012 and May 23, 2012 Executive Session Meeting Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney.

**RESOLUTION 12-270
AUTHORIZING TAX REFUND [BLOCK: 11801, LOT: 10]**

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 #1244 for Block: 11801 Lot: 10 dated 12/6/2011 in the amount of \$1,413.04 to: FNA Jersey Bio, LLC, P.O. Box 1030, Brick, NJ 08723.

**RESOLUTION 12-271
AUTHORIZING TAX REFUND [BLOCK: 12101, LOT: 3.15]**

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 #1245 for Block: 12101 Lot: 3.15 dated 12/6/2011 in the amount of \$924.82 to: FNA Jersey Bio, LLC, P.O. Box 1030, Brick, NJ 08723.

**RESOLUTION 12-272
AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Long Hill Township Committee is in receipt of the 2011 Report of Audit for the period ending December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee formally accepted said audit document on July 18, 2012; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to develop and obtain Mayor and Township Committee approval of an Audit Corrective Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, said plan must be approved and filed within sixty days of formal notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill that the required Audit Corrective Action Plan, having been prepared and submitted by the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby approved and further that said plan document be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk.

**RESOLUTION 12-273
AWARDING CONTRACT FOR MAIN/CENTRAL AVENUE PHASE
1 & 2 RESURFACING CONTRACT "D"**

WHEREAS, the Township of Long Hill received requests from three (3) contractors but only two (2) sealed bids were received for the Main/Central Avenue Phase 1 & 2 Resurfacing Project on July 26, 2012 and

WHEREAS, the bid received are as follows:

Bidder

Base Bid

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CRC General
Contractors, Inc. \$69,829.00

Top Line Construction
Corp., Inc \$95,204.45

WHEREAS, CRC General Contractors, Inc. provided the lowest responsive bid; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by CRC General Contractors, Inc., has been reviewed by the Township Engineer and Township Attorney and found acceptable; and

WHEREAS, James Mangin, Purchasing Agent, recommends the award of the contract to CRC General Contractors, Inc., 41 Hamilton Avenue, Kearny, NJ 07032; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, New Jersey as follows:

1. Award the contract to CRC General Contractors, Inc., 41 Hamilton Avenue, Kearny, NJ 07032.
2. The contract shall be in the amount of \$69,829.00.
3. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract for the project.

**RESOLUTION 12-274
AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 16 TO THE
CONTRACT WITH DeMAIO ELECTRICAL COMPANY**

WHEREAS, a purchase order was prepared in the name of DeMaio Electrical Company under a locally bid contract for the Rehabilitation of 5 Pump Stations; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adjust the contract to reflect emergency service work performed at Skyline Pump station due to pump failures;

Change Order #	Description	Amount	Net Amount of Contract
16	Supply and installation of pressure gauges on ductile iron piping at Skyline Pump Station	\$2,394.45	\$1,026,631.02

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Change Order Number 16 as described in the preamble is hereby approved.
2. The change order shall be charged to C-04-55-247-000-B. The Chief Financial Officer has determined that a Certification of Available Funds is necessary.

**RESOLUTION 12-275
AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 17 TO THE
CONTRACT WITH DeMAIO ELECTRICAL COMPANY**

WHEREAS, a purchase order was prepared in the name of DeMaio Electrical Company under a locally bid contract for the Rehabilitation of 5 Pump Stations; and

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WHEREAS, it is necessary to adjust the contract to reflect emergency service work performed at Skyline Pump station due to pump failures;

Change Order #	Description	Amount	Net Amount of Contract
17	Credit adjustment in contract due to the deletion of police traffic directors and other items (CREDIT)	(\$7,600.00)	\$1,019,031.02

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Change Order Number 17 as described in the preamble is hereby approved.
2. The change order shall be charged to C-04-55-247-000-B. The Chief Financial Officer has determined that a Certification of Available Funds is necessary.

**RESOLUTION 12-276
AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 18 TO THE
CONTRACT WITH DeMAIO ELECTRICAL COMPANY**

WHEREAS, a purchase order was prepared in the name of DeMaio Electrical Company under a locally bid contract for the Rehabilitation of 5 Pump Stations; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adjust the contract to reflect emergency service work performed at Skyline Pump station due to pump failures;

Change Order #	Description	Amount	Net Amount of Contract
18	Supply and installation of second VFD to match first VFD previously installed and complete control and power wiring on first VFD	\$13,474.74	\$1,032,505.76

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Change Order Number 18 as described in the preamble is hereby approved.
2. The change order shall be charged to C-04-55-247-000-B. The Chief Financial Officer has determined that a Certification of Available Funds is necessary.

**RESOLUTION 12-277
AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF
PROFESSIONAL REVIEW ESCROW – MOCARSKI**

WHEREAS, Mario Mocarski of Block: 12203, Lot: 33, in regards to Application No. 09-04Z, 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 \$17.75 remains in the account;

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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 \$17.75 to Mario MocarSKI – 221 River Road Millington, NJ 07946.

**RESOLUTION 12-278
AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF
PROFESSIONAL REVIEW ESCROW – SOROKA**

WHEREAS, Pamela & Mikel Soroka of Block: 13509, Lot: 36, in regards to Application No. 09-06Z, 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 \$240.00 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 \$240.00 to Pamela & Mikel Soroka – 18 Daugherty Avenue Gillette, NJ 07933.

**RESOLUTION 12-279
AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF
PROFESSIONAL REVIEW ESCROW – BULLETT**

WHEREAS, Robert G. Bullett of Block: 12301, Lot: 1, in regards to Application No. 07-38P, 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 \$114.19 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 \$114.19 to Robert G. Bullett – 260 Patriot Hill Drive Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.

**RESOLUTION 12-280
CERTIFICATION OF 2011 LOSAP PARTICIPANT LIST**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill have authorized a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for the Long Hill Volunteer First Aid Squad, Stirling Volunteer Fire Department and the Millington Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Long Hill Volunteer First Aid Squad has certified 30 members eligible for a contribution based on their service during the year 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Stirling Volunteer Fire Department has certified 42 members eligible for a contribution based on their service during the year 2011; and

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WHEREAS, the Millington Volunteer Fire Department has certified 28 members eligible for a contribution based on their service during the year 2011; and

WHEREAS, the maximum contribution for the 2011 service year has been determined to be \$1,265;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, that, pending a mandatory 30 day review, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to pay Lincoln Financial, the LOSAP Trustee, up to the sum of \$119,913 as the Township's contribution for the Long Hill Volunteer First Aid Squad, Stirling Volunteer Fire Department and the Millington Volunteer Fire Department to the Plan for the year 2011.

**RESOLUTION 12-281
APPOINTING SENIOR BUS DRIVER**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey as follows:

WHEREAS, there is a need driver for the Senior Citizens Transportation Bus; and

WHEREAS, John Gatti Sr. has the licenses necessary to drive the Senior Citizen Bus; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED John Gatti Sr. is hereby appointed Driver – Senior Citizens Bus effective August 16, 2012 at the rate of \$18.00 per hour.

**RESOLUTION 12-282
APPOINT 2012 STIRLING LAKE STAFF - AMENDMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill upon the recommendations of the Recreation Director and Lake Director does hereby appoint the Stirling Lake Staff effective May 26, 2012 and ending September 3, 2012 as per the attached listing:

Employee	Position	Rate of Pay/Hour
Erica Stanch	Lake Director	\$18.00
Alexandra Scott	Head Lifeguard	10.75
Lauren Kopecki	Lifeguard	9.25
Ryan Lavorerio	Lifeguard	8.25
Benjamin Betines	Lifeguard	8.25
Patrick McGrath	Lifeguard	8.25
Natalie Delia	Lifeguard	8.25
James Campbell	Lifeguard	8.25
Daniel Carlin	Lifeguard	8.25
Jared Goetz	Lifeguard	8.25
Peter Flint	Lifeguard	8.25
Amanda Karski	Lifeguard	8.25
Dennis Taylor	Lifeguard	8.25
Andrew Hanrahan	Lifeguard	8.25
Justin Alto	Lifeguard	8.25
Carl Bentzlin	Lifeguard	8.25

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Stephen Delia, Jr.	Lifeguard	8.00
Leanne Block	Lifeguard	8.00
Tyler Swenson	Lifeguard	8.00
Natalie Harris	Lifeguard	8.00
Ryan Benson	Lifeguard	8.00
Garrett Blakeslee	Substitute Lifeguard	8.00
Samuel Aldous	Substitute Lifeguard	8.00
Paige Benson	Substitute Lifeguard	8.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution replaces Resolution 12-218 which was approved by the Township Committee on May 23, 2012.

**RESOLUTION 12-283
ACCEPTING RESIGNATION - FLOMERFELT**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee hereby accepts the resignation of Lisa Flomerfelt effective July 30, 2012.

**RESOLUTION 12-284
AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT BLOCK PARTY-
LACKAWANNA BLVD/SUMMIT AVE**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, authorize Lackawanna Boulevard/Summit Avenue to hold a block party on Saturday, September 22, 2012 (rain date September 23, 2012) from 12:00 P.M. until 12:00 A.M. in accordance with the request letter dated August 7, 2012.

**RESOLUTION 12-285
AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT BLOCK PARTY-
GREENWOOD DRIVE AND CIRCLE 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 Greenwood Drive and Circle Drive to hold a block party on Saturday, September 22, 2012 (rain date – September 23, 2012) from 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 P.M in accordance with request letter dated July 25, 2012.

**RESOLUTION 12-286
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:

Thomas R. Rozmerski

**RESOLUTION 12-287
APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE –
SHRINE OF ST. JOSEPH**

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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 12-13 for the "Shrine Fall Fun Festival" to the "Sponsor" Shrine of St. Joseph, for their Special Event to be held on September 22, 2012 at the Shrine of St. Joseph located on Long Hill Road;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Shrine of St. Joseph is not responsible for funding police services for this event as per Township Code 4-6.5A.

**RESOLUTION 12-288
APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE –
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE / STIRLING STREET FAIR**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey 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 12-14 for the "Street Fair" to the "Sponsor" Long Hill Chamber of Commerce, for their Special Event to be held on September 23, 2012 on Main Avenue [between Railroad Avenue and Valley Road]; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby authorize the street closures for the Long Hill Township Chamber of Commerce on September 23, 2012 provided that the closure is acceptable to the Police Chief;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Long Hill Township Chamber of Commerce are not responsible for funding police services for this event as per Township Code 4-6.5A.

**RESOLUTION 12-289
APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE –
LORD STIRLING SCHOOL / GREAT SWAMP DEVIL RUN**

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 12-10 for the "Great Swamp Devil Run" to the "Sponsor" Lord Stirling School, for their Special Event to be held on October 28, 2012 at Lord Stirling School on Lord Stirling Road; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby authorize the street closures for Lord Stirling School on October 28, 2011 provided that the closure is acceptable to the Police Chief;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Lord Stirling School is responsible for police service costs for this event and this approval is contingent upon the submission of an escrow deposit in the amount acceptable by the Police Chief and Township Clerk as per Township Code 4-6.5A.

RESOLUTION 12-290

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AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF 2013 GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MORRIS FOR WATCHUNG HILLS MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

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 to sign the Letter of Agreement with the County of Morris in regards to the 2013 Watchung Hills Municipal Alliance Grant in the amount of \$8,519.00

**RESOLUTION 12-291
AUTHORIZE WATCHUNG HILLS REGIONAL
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2013**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Watchung Hills Municipal Alliance assists with the prevention of alcoholism and drug abuse in the Townships of Long Hill, Warren, Watchung and Green Brook; and

WHEREAS, the Township recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Watchung Hills Municipal Alliance Committee has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Somerset on behalf of the Township of Long Hill;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, County of Morris, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes submission of an application for the Watchung Hills Regional Municipal Alliance grant for calendar year 2013 in the amount of \$25,873.00 and agree to a local match of \$1,500.

**RESOLUTION 12-292
AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH CONSERVATION RESOURCES, INC. TO ASSIST WITH
OPEN SPACE ACQUISITIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill does hereby authorize an agreement with Conservation Resources, Inc. to assist the township with its acquisition of open space and to authorize an agreement with them at \$100/hr not to exceed 25 hours with the possibility that if the township is happy with their services the township can extend that contract hopefully under their proposal which would be for \$5,700 for approximately 75 hours for one year.

Old Business

Mr. Piserchia stated that he believed everyone had received the Engineer's Report regarding the drainage at Riverside pertaining to the turf field. If he understood it correctly what the report says is that it is feasible but it would cost approximately \$25,000 - \$40,000 additional in drainage work in order to make it buildable.

Mr. Aroneo said an above ground retention area that drains into the Passaic River which would require DEP approval is doable.

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Mr. Piserchia said this was minor but he had been quoted in the Echo Sentinel regarding the signage conversation we had at the last meeting and was also approached by a few residents. What it said is that I was concerned about signs in town that are eligible or need to be removed or signs like the Lyons Club which is true. But what it said was that I was against any new signs in town until that is resolved which is not what I said. I said I thought they were two separate issues. I wanted to make sure that I was quoted correctly. Also, he wanted to congratulate our neighbors in Parsippany on their Little League Team which would be representing New Jersey and Morris County. He wished them good luck.

Mr. Schuler pointed out that Tom Sweeney, DPW Director, was in the audience. He asked if we had anything on Wastewater. He asked if Mr. Mangin was ready to discuss the matter. The Wastewater Committee has been discussing the work that we are looking to do at the sewer plant. We may need to authorize a resolution to have OMNI Environmental prepare the ordinance for us for introduction at the September 12th meeting.

Mr. Mangin stated that the Wastewater Committee met today. He reviewed the discussion and options available to the township in regards to financing. He pointed out that the township has a proposal from Omni Environmental who could prepare the paperwork that is needed. In terms of doing an ordinance to pursue that, where we could actually see funding through the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Fund, which I understand has a program with a 20% principal forgiveness. The application deadline for that is October 1st. The proposal that we have from OMNI basically is broken up into two sections. He reviewed the proposal. Should you choose to pursue this we would have to do introduce a bond ordinance at the next Committee meeting to be able to adopt it at the September 27th meeting to be able to have the application in by October 1st. What we talked about at the meeting this morning, which I followed up this afternoon with the Township Engineer, if this is what you decide to pursue we would need authorization for OMNI Environmental to start preparing the paperwork needed for the bond ordinance. The proposal that we have from OMNI shows a total amount for the portion that is needed for the work for the bond ordinance to be \$58,000. That is the design work for the I&I as well as the plant maintenance. Our Engineer had a conversation with OMNI today because we were concerned about the deadline. The NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Fund Applications are cumbersome but OMNI said that they would be able to have the paperwork in place to meet that deadline. Not all the design specifications have to be done by October 1st but what is needed will be prepared. The problem is that it will cost money for us to apply. We are looking for an authorization to let OMNI begin that process.

Mr. Pidgeon asked if there were funds that you can certify that contract to. Mr. Mangin said that they did.

The Committee along with Mr. Mangin reviewed the proposal and what it includes.

Mr. Aroneo voiced his concern with the amount of money for the paper work and felt a couple of good lawyers could blow through that for about \$5,000.

Mr. Pidgeon pointed out that it depended on how much technical detail has to be in the application. He said they had done this once before when it was called the Wastewater Trust Fund and he did not recall who prepared that application. You would need bond counsel involved.

Mr. Aroneo said he knew grants have a lot of detail and expertise that need to go into it. I have experienced that with open space grants that we have done as well as historical grants from

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Morris County. It seems \$22,000 is a lot of money for someone to fill out a grant application. Mr. Mangin commented that in 2010 we did get a \$2,000,000 grant application. From what I understand of this program it also takes a while to get the funds. What we are talking about is 2014 funding.

Mr. Pidgeon pointed out that it had been done once before then.

The Committee along with Mr. Mangin reviewed the financing options, OMNI proposal and application details. Mr. Mangin pointed out that the approval tonight is for the \$58,000.

Mr. Schuler said the \$58,000 would give the township the design specifications to do the bond ordinance for the next meeting. The \$22,000 is for the application which isn't due until October 1st.

Mr. Aroneo suggested that the township do a bond ordinance for the amount that we know from the proposal and then have OMNI come back and explain the \$22,000 at the next meeting. We can save the \$58,000 for now. We may have to spend it at some point in the future.

Mr. Schuler reviewed the proposal. Mr. Mangin commented that the way he understood it the process takes a long time. It may not happen until the spring. Mr. Pidgeon asked if there was a written proposal for the \$58,000. The resolution should be authorizing the work as set forth in their proposal.

The Committee along with Mr. Mangin reviewed the proposed contract and bond ordinance. Mr. Mangin commented that what we are looking for tonight is an authorization for OMNI to proceed with what we need which is to get the bond ordinance introduced at the next meeting.

Mr. Mangin commented that when they had met with the Engineer this afternoon they said what had been done in 2010 needed to be upgraded. Pump number 4 would need to be included and there was something that had to be removed. At the very least OMNI would have to take that 2010 estimate and revise it.

Mr. Aroneo asked if it was required. He would rather just use their numbers rather than pay them. We are probably going to pay them an amount which is greater than the increase in the project.

Mr. Mangin said he needed something to give the bond counsel to prepare the bond ordinance. It would be a general scope of work.

The Committee discussed the proposed figures. Mr. Schuler stated that we could put an ordinance together taking the numbers for 2010 and re-price them for 2013. The flow tank should be removed as well as one pump which has been replaced.

Mr. Mangin pointed out that assuming we get a bond ordinance for September 12th looking to the 27th for adoption. In my review of the existing capital ordinances we may be able to cancel balances at the same time that we may be authorizing debt on one hand and actually reducing debt in the other. It is not going to be a complete wash. We will try to get it as close as we can.

Mr. Aroneo mentioned that we received correspondence from Morris County regarding flood grant and they are doing a buyout program. I do not know all of the details but for people that

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may have interest in that they should contact Flood Plain Advisory Committee or Mrs. Gatti. You can also see it on the County website.

Meeting Open to the Public

No members of the public wished to be heard.

Executive Session

Mayor Mazzucco pointed out that the Committee will be going back into executive session and commented that they do not plan on coming back out for action.

A motion was made by Mr. Schuler; seconded by Mr. Aroneo to reconvene to Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

Regular Open Session

The Township Committee reconvened to Regular Session at 10:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Schuler and seconded by Mr. Aroneo to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 p.m. Vote: All Ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Gatti
Township Clerk
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Approved: November 7, 2012